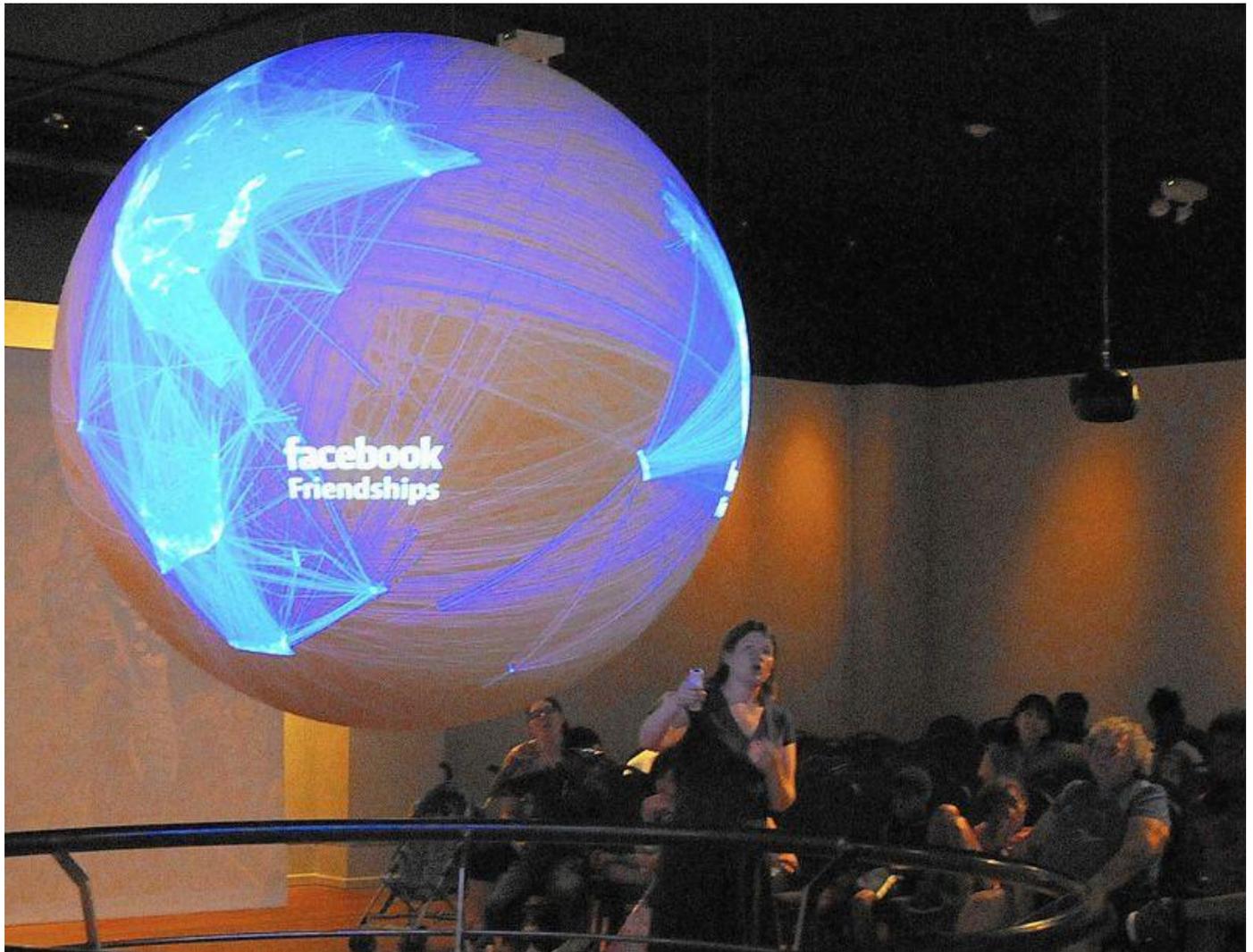


Easton's Nurture Nature Center presents 'Frozen Earth' show

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The Nurture Nature Center of Easton will present a new Science on a Sphere show, 'Frozen Earth: The Cold's Far-Reaching Influence,' at 7 p.m. Thursday and Jan. 7 and 11 a.m. Feb. 27. (MORNING CALL FILE PHOTO)

It may be unseasonably warm outside here but other areas are frigid. You can find out more about the earth's cold weather at a new Science on a Sphere show at The Nurture Nature Center in Easton called "Frozen Earth: The Cold's Far-Reaching Influence."

The center's 6-foot suspended animated globe displays high-resolution video about the earth and planetary science that reveals how influential the earth's poles and snow and ice-covered areas are, and their effects on atmosphere, climate, weather and even the balance of life on earth. The show will explain how cold regions are changing and how that could affect the future.

The show is at 7 p.m. Thursday. It will repeat 7 p.m. Jan. 7 and 11 a.m. Feb. 27. The science education center opened in 2011 to examine the environmental reasons behind flooding after Easton suffered its third major flood in a 22-month period.

The centerpiece of Nurture Nature Center is the Science on a Sphere program, one of a hundred in the world.

Every Saturday, the community can see a general sphere demonstration on the globe, described as a "reverse planetarium," which creates a 360-degree image of natural phenomena like the tsunami, earthquakes, solar flares and the path of the Gulf stream.

The center occupies the second and third floors in a building that was one of Easton's first movie theaters.

Nurture Nature Center is at 518 Northampton St. and is open 6-9 p.m.

Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. A \$5 donation is suggested. Info: 610-253-4432, www.nurturenaturecenter.org.

'Rudolph' in Philadelphia

The "most famous reindeer of all" from the beloved television Christmas special will be live on stage when "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" makes its Philadelphia premiere Thursday at the Merriam Theater as part of the Broadway Philadelphia series.

"Rudolph is a treasured staple in many homes around the holidays and the perfect complement to the many holiday festivities that take over The Kimmel Center campus as the season draws near," says Anne Ewers, president and CEO of The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

Audience members will be transported into the television special with the familiar songs, dialogue and nostalgic set design with projections and costumes. The use of puppets to portray characters like Hermey the Elf, Yukon Cornelius, the Misfit Toys and the Abominable Snowman recall the charming "roughness" from the television show's stop-motion effects.

"We address all of the familiar story elements from the television special with a talented cast and puppeteers who help recreate the magic on stage," says Producing Partner Bob Penola.

The story of Rudolph, who is ostracized because of his red nose, is part of a campaign benefiting PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 11 and 2 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Merriam Theater, 250 S. Broad St. Tickets are \$35.

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