

# Seneca now seeks court injunction against Highland Twp.

By Ted Lutz  
Staff Writer

JAMES CITY – Seneca Resources last month initiated a federal lawsuit against Highland Township over Seneca's proposed injection well.

Seneca now is seeking a "preliminary injunction" to prevent the township from stopping the injection well plan-- the conversion of a natural gas well into an underground disposal site for drilling wastes.

In a motion, Seneca is asking the federal court in Erie to issue an order to "immediately" block the township from "directly or indirectly interfering with



Jim Wolfe



Joe Milstead

Seneca's operations in conjunction with its planned" injection well.

Seneca points out in its motion that the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a permit for the proposed injection well off Lamont Road between Route 66 and the Highland Road.

The township two years

ago adopted a community "Bill of Rights" that, in part, rules out waste disposal injection wells.

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) drafted the ordinance and its providing free legal services to the township in its battle in federal court.

Thomas Linzey of Mercersburg is the CELDF attorney who is representing Highland.

Acting at a special meeting Tuesday, the township Board of Supervisors voted 2-0 to adopt a revised CELDF-drafted ordinance. The revised document still rules out injection wells for the disposal of drilling

waste fluids.

Supervisors Jim Wolfe and Joe Milstead approved the revised ordinance. Supervisor Paul Burton Sr. reportedly is vacationing in Florida. Wolfe said Burton has agreed to sign the revised documents when he returns.

Preliminary action in the legal case began Tuesday in federal court in Erie with Magistrate Judge Susan Paradise Baxter presiding.

After a 20-minute proceeding, Baxter granted a motion by Seneca for a "status conference." This forum is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday in federal court in Erie.

The township supervisors plan to speak with Linzey in

a "conference call" at 6 p.m. Friday to receive an update on the federal case. Wolfe said the supervisors would brief residents at a later date. The Board of Supervisors meets in public session on Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the township building in James City.

In a letter read Tuesday by Wolfe, Linzy speculated that Baxter would not immediately rule on Seneca's motion for a preliminary injunction.

He said the "worse case scenario" would be for Baxter to grant the motion "thus freezing the enforcement of the ordinance" banning injection wells for brine disposal.

According to Linzy's letter, Seneca still does not possess a permit from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the injection well even though it has the EPA permit.

In its motion for a preliminary injunction, Seneca is asking for a court order to "immediately" block Highland Township from "directly or indirectly enforcing the ordinance or any revised version."

In its motion, Seneca claims:

\*"The issuance of the preliminary injunction is in the public interest and will not cause harm to others, in-

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## Martin trial to begin Wednesday

By Jim Meyer  
Staff Writer

RIDGWAY – With jury selection completed Tuesday afternoon, the trial of Nicholas Martin, 24, of Johnsonburg is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. today at the Elk County Courthouse.

Martin is charged in connection with the March 2013 stabbing death of 18-year-old Alyssa Forsyth.

He is alleged to have stabbed Forsyth, his then-



Nicholas Martin

girlfriend, inside his Johnsonburg apartment and then dumped her body in an area park where she was found two days later. He is charged with criminal homicide, two felony counts of aggravated assault and a misdemeanor count of abuse of a corpse.

The case will be prosecuted by Laura Ann Ditka from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. Attorney George Nejm "Jim" Dagher is Nicholas Martin's court appointed defense attorney.

The trial gets underway on the two-year anniversary of police getting the tip that led to the discovery of Forsyth's body in a wooded area of Sandy Beach Recreational Park in Ridgway Township.

### Performing at Talent Show



Photo by Ted Lutz  
Wearing a hat and jacket covered with replicas of paper money, senior Adam Hickey plays the piano and sings at the recent Talent Show at the Kane High School auditorium. His musical selection: "If I Had A Million Dollars."

## Dim hope for end to Israeli-Palestinian conflict

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Tuesday that the U.S. is weighing whether to back Palestinian efforts to seek U.N. recognition for an independent state and that recent remarks by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dim hope for a negotiated two-state solution.

Obama's comments at

the White House did little to repair rocky U.S.-Israeli relations, which were aggravated by a Wall Street Journal report Tuesday alleging Israel spied on sensitive negotiations about Iran's nuclear program. The report said Israel acquired information from confidential U.S. briefings and other means and shared it with members of

Congress to build a case against making a deal with Iran, which has threatened to destroy Israel.

Netanyahu is feuding with the White House over an emerging deal with Iran and also has come under fire for comments he made in the final days of Israel's election last week. Netan-

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## Street sweeping to begin

The Kane Borough Streets Department will begin street sweeping operations next week, weather permitting.

The sweeper will first sweep Fraley Street in the Uptown Business District. Sweeping will take place between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. when parking is banned on Fraley Street.

Kane Borough Manager Don Payne is asking businesses and residents to cooperate by sweeping anti-skid material and dirt from sidewalks into the streets. This action will enable the sweeper to sweep up the debris, he said.

For more information, contact Payne at 837-9240, Ext. 1.

## Tennis courts to open in Kane

The tennis courts and basketball court at Evergreen Park in Kane will open as soon as weather permits, according to Kane

Borough Manager Don Payne.

For more information, contact Payne at 837-9240, Ext. 1.

### Donating blood in Kane



Photo by Ted Lutz  
Clara Paul (left) of Hutchins prepares to donate another pint of blood Tuesday at the Community Blood Bank Blood Drive at the Kane Area Community Center. Brooke Yurchisin (right) of Pittsfield is a phlebotomist with the Erie-based Blood Bank that supplies Kane Community Hospital with blood. Paul, a regular blood donor, already has donated 18 gallons of blood and is one pint shy of reaching the 19-gallon plateau. The next Community Blood Bank Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 26 from noon to 5 p.m. at the community center in Kane.

## President Obama agrees to slow U.S. pullout from Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama agreed Tuesday to slow the U.S. military pullout from Afghanistan at the request of its new government but insisted the delay won't jeopardize his commitment to end America's longest war before leaving office.

In a shift from his previous plan, Obama said the U.S. would leave its 9,800 troops currently in Afghanistan in place rather than downsizing to 5,500 by year's end. The size of the U.S. footprint for next year is still to be decided, he said, but he brushed aside any speculation the withdrawal will bleed into 2017 when the next president takes over.

"The date for us to have



Barack Obama

completed our drawdown will not change," Obama declared.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's inaugural visit to the White House offered a stark contrast to visits by his predecessor, Hamid Karzai, who was viewed by U.S. officials as prickly and unreliable. Ghani went out of his way to thank the U.S. for its sacrifices in his country, offering a window into the efforts by Obama and him to rehabilitate the U.S.-Afghan relationship.

"This visit is an opportunity to begin a new chapter between our two

nations," Obama said during a joint news conference in the East Room.

As for the delayed drawdown of U.S. troops, Obama said he and his military leaders believe "that providing this additional time frame during this fighting season for us to be able to help the Afghan security forces succeed is well worth it."

He acknowledged the change of plans will prevent some U.S. troops from coming home when they expected, but he suggested the danger will be minimized because they won't be in combat. The U.S. combat role in Afghanistan officially ended late last year, a down payment

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### KVFD Auxiliary officers



Photo by Ted Lutz  
The Kane Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) Auxiliary has elected officers for the year. The group includes, left to right: Denise Klaiber, treasurer; Toni Kane, chaplain; Becky Gullifer, vice president; and Sue Snyder, president. Secretary Karen Smith was not present when the photo was taken. The Auxiliary holds events to benefit the fire department. The Auxiliary earlier this month presented a check of \$1,500 to the fire department.



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# Kane Troop 422 basic life support training



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From left to right Brayden Mallery, Jesse miller, Alex Rezzelle, Mr. Wayne Steele (Facilitator), Robert Bish, Cody Pontious, Kieran Pierotti, Sawyer Snyder, and Zachary Hilyer.

On March 23, eight Boy Scouts from Kane Troop 422 working towards their First Aid merit badge participated in a Basic Life Support(BLS) familiarization class hosted by the Kane Community Hospital. Wayne Steele, the hospital's emergency management coordinator facilitat-

ed the class. The Boy Scouts learned about the causes, symptoms and emergency treatment of strokes and heart attacks. The class included hands-on training in how to properly open an airway, perform chest compressions, and the basic operation of Automated Emergency Defibrillator

(AED). This class was beneficial in helping the Scouts working towards completing the over 60 required elements of the merit badge. The Scouts were grateful that Mr. Steele made time to teach them. The Scouts came away with a better appreciation of effort that

is needed to perform BLS to save a life. Scout Masters Bob Ishman and John Rezzelle accompanied the Scouts, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, to the event.

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*Submitted by Michael Bish, Troop 422 Committee Chairman.*

## OBAMA

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ment on Obama's re-election pledge to wind down the war the U.S. launched in the days after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The policy shift followed weeks of White House deliberations about whether to fulfill Ghani's requests to keep more troops in Afghanistan longer — particularly as the tough spring fighting season approaches. Afghan security forces are still struggling to gain the strength needed to protect the volatile country and to fend off Islamic State fighters whose attempts to recruit in Afghanistan have been cause for regional concern.

"Afghanistan remains a very dangerous place," Obama said, noting that insurgents still launch attacks and plot suicide bombings to target civilians. Yet he declared his confidence in Ghani, who he said had "taken on the mantle of commander in

chief in a way that we have not seen in the past from an Afghan president."

Obama's foreign policy critics, including some hawkish Republicans, have long urged him to leave more forces in the country and have accused him of setting artificial, politically driven deadlines for withdrawal. House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio said he was reviewing Obama's proposal and hoped it would "meet the requests of our Afghan partners, our commanders on the ground and bipartisan members of Congress."

For Obama, Ghani represents a last, best hope to make good on a key component of his foreign policy legacy: his promise to end the war before leaving office, keeping a thousand or so troops at the embassy to coordinate security.

Ghani, who lived in the U.S. for more than a decade, has been a welcome

change for the U.S. administration. Frustration with his predecessor reached a boiling point when Karzai refused to sign the security agreements needed for the U.S. to leave troops in his country. Ghani signed them within days of taking office and has sought to differentiate himself by showing deep appreciation for U.S. investment in his military — more than \$60 billion so far.

After hotly contested election results, Ghani and chief rival Abdullah Abdullah agreed to share power, with Abdullah assuming the new role of chief executive. The two traveled together to Washington in a display of unity. Yet political tensions have prevented the leaders from putting together a full cabinet, half a year into their term.

Ghani is clearly aware that many Americans are exhausted by 14 years of

# Veterans Affairs says it will relax 40-mile rule for private medical care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to pressure from Congress and veterans groups, the Department of Veterans Affairs said Tuesday it is relaxing a rule that makes it hard for some veterans in rural areas to prove they live at least 40 miles from a VA health site.

The change comes amid complaints from lawmakers and advocates who said the VA's current policy has prevented thousands of veterans from taking advantage of a new law intended to allow veterans in remote areas to gain access to federally paid medical care from local doctors. The VA said it will now measure the 40-mile trip by driving miles as calculated by Google maps or other sites, rather than as the crow flies, as currently interpreted. The rule change is expected to roughly double the number of veterans eligible for the VA's new "Choice Card" program. The change could add billions of dollars in annual costs as tens of thousands of new veterans receive private medical care, which typically costs more than traditional care at VA hospitals and clinics.

"We've determined that changing the distance calculation will help ensure more veterans have access to care when and where they want it," Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald said in a statement. Lawmakers from both parties had pressed for the

change in recent months as it became clear that far fewer veterans than expected were taking advantage of a landmark law adopted last year to make it easier for veterans to get private care paid for by the government. The law was passed in response to a scandal over long wait times for veterans seeking health care and falsified records covering up the delays.

"Veterans deserve the highest-quality health care and should not be denied this right simply because of where they live," Sens. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., said in a joint statement. "We are pleased that Secretary McDonald is responding directly to concerns voiced by the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and other members of Congress to ensure those reforms are working for all veterans."

Isakson chairs the Senate veterans panel, while Blumenthal is the panel's top Democrat.

Deputy VA Secretary Sloan Gibson said the 40-mile rule was implemented to comply with what officials believed was the intent of Congress in adopting the VA overhaul last year. "Based on feedback from veterans and members (of Congress), we believe we need to change it," he told the Senate panel. "If you are looking for someone to hold account-

able for the driving distance (rule), I'm the guy," Gibson said.

Moments later, however, Gibson read aloud from the law, which says that in calculating the distance from a nearest VA medical facility, Congress expected that "VA will use geodesic distance, or the shortest distance between two points."

Despite that language, Gibson said VA officials believe the rule change "will still be in the spirit of the law and allow improved access for veterans."

Blumenthal agreed, saying the change "relies on common sense rather than flying crows."

Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said the plan did not go far enough. The VA policy applies to any VA medical facility within 40 miles of a veteran's home, even if the veteran needs specialized care that is farther away.

"The VA is denying access the law was intended to offer and forcing veterans to choose between traveling hours to a VA medical facility, paying out of pocket or going without care altogether," Moran told Gibson. "Veterans are not being put first." Gibson said he was sympathetic to Moran's concern, but said VA officials believe that allowing mileage calculations based on specialized care would require a change in the law. He cautioned that such a change could cost the VA tens of billions of dollars.

# Cruz wants to scrap IRS, but that's easier said than done

WASHINGTON (AP) — Promising to abolish the Internal Revenue Service is a good talking point for political candidates who are looking to fire up the Republicans' most conservative voters. It's also unlikely to ever happen, no matter how easy folks such as Sen. Ted Cruz like to make it sound.

The Texas Republican is pledging to scrap the tax-collecting agency as he runs for the GOP presidential nomination in 2016. He joins potential contenders and the Republican National Committee itself in the decidedly longshot push to dismantle the unquestionably unpopular IRS.

"Imagine abolishing the IRS," Cruz told college students during his campaign launch Monday. Compared with America's history of fighting communism, wars and economic calamities, he said, "abolishing the IRS ain't all that tough."

Actually, it could be pretty difficult.

The IRS collects more than \$2.4 trillion every year — money that picks up the tab for the military, Social Security, Medicare, all those projects that lawmakers love to bring home to constituents and so much more. The roughly 90,000-employee agency inside the Treasury Department also enforces the tax code for individual taxpayers and corporations.

It can be hard to imagine abolishing the IRS even if you are a down-with-big-government libertarian.

"If you're going to have federal taxes, you need an agency to collect them," said Chris Edwards, who leads the libertarian Cato Institute's tax policy studies and was a senior economist with Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

Cruz is not the first candidate to propose eliminating the agency, nor the only one among the likely 2016 contenders.

"It's our time to exercise

our right to abolish the IRS and preserve our liberty," Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said in a 2013 television ad for the conservative advocacy group Citizens United.

In South Carolina, conservative darling Ben Carson told activists earlier this year that the next president should simplify the tax code and that however it's done, "it needs to eliminate the IRS."

Republican National Committee Chairman Rince Priebus has proposed ditching the IRS because "tax collection should be simple, not scandalous." He said government could collect taxes without "an agency that had already lived out its usefulness and we shouldn't be forced to put up with it any longer."

To be sure, the IRS invites criticism, and not just for taking workers' money. In 2013, an IRS internal watchdog set off a firestorm with an audit that said agents improperly singled out tea party and other conservative groups for extra scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status during the 2010 and 2012 elections.

Several hundred groups had their applications delayed for a year or more. Some were asked inappropriate questions about donors and group activities, the inspector general's report said.

The scandal forced an upheaval at the agency, and the Justice Department and several congressional committees launched investigations. But governing without the IRS would shape up as a nightmare for the next president.

"It's not a proposal anyone should take seriously," said Bill Galston, a domestic policy adviser to Bill Clinton's White House, now at the centrist Brookings Institution. "There's no way to administer a modern tax system without an agency to enforce the tax code."

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## Three Deceptive Myths of the BDS Movement

**Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) advocates use inspiring human rights language to condemn Israel—but are their accusations accurate?**

Supporters of BDS make three stirring demands: Stop Israel's colonization, occupation and apartheid in Palestine. But how valid are these three accusations, and what are the real goals of the BDS movement—for Israel and the Palestinian people? Above all, does BDS really seek peace?

### What are the facts?

Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions advocates shrewdly use human rights rhetoric to inspire followers. But anyone tempted by this appeal must ask two questions: 1) How true are BDS's accusations against Israel, and 2) what is BDS's political agenda? If we examine the hard facts, we see that BDS is actually based on false myths and a disguised purpose.

**Myth #1: Israel is colonizing Palestine.** While BDS paints the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in polarized terms, in fact it is one of the world's most complex, emotionally fraught disputes. BDS portrays Palestinians as the region's sole "indigenous" people, while in truth Palestine has two indigenous peoples—Jews and Arabs. Jews have lived uninterruptedly in the Holy Land for more than 3,000 years, since the time of biblical Abraham. Israel does not insist it is the only heir to Palestine, but BDS advocates assert Jews have no right to a state there. This denies the Jewish people the right to national liberation. Since colonialism is "the control of one nation by *transplanted* people of another nation," and Jews are natives to Palestine, Israel cannot be termed a colonial force.

**Myth #2: Israel is occupying Palestinian territories.** It's simplistic to argue that Palestine "belongs" entirely to either Jews or Arabs. Ownership of these territories is *disputed*—it can only be determined by negotiations. While Israel does not deny Arab rights to a state in Palestine, BDS opposes Jewish self-determination. When Israel declared a state in 1948, it was attacked by five Arab armies whose intention was to expel the Jews. In 1967, Arab armies again attacked Israel, but Jordan, Egypt and Syria actually lost to Israel territory they had controlled. In fact, none of the land Israel currently "occupies" in Israel or its ancient lands of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) was ever part of an Arab state. While Israel maintains security in parts of the West Bank, it is to protect Israelis from terror attacks that have killed thousands. More pointedly: As late as 2007 Israel offered Palestinians 95% of the West Bank, as well as a capital in Jerusalem, as an incentive for peace, but the Palestinians rejected this offer.

*For all its emotive appeals, the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions effort is based on falsehoods—a hijacking of human rights values. Even Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has acknowledged that BDS is counterproductive, proclaiming, "We do not support the boycott of Israel." Indeed, anyone who truly desires peace between Israelis and Palestinians must oppose this pernicious movement.*

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While smart diplomacy will surely be needed to resolve the territorial issues that divide Arabs and Israelis, it is intellectually dishonest to declare Israel an occupier.

**Myth #3: Israel is an apartheid state.** Apartheid was "an official policy of racial segregation, involving political, legal, and economic discrimination in South Africa against nonwhites." In fact, Israel is by far the most diverse nation in the Middle East—one whose population is 21% Arab and includes the region's largest Christian population. Israel's Jews hail from Ethiopia, Yemen, Morocco, Iran, Iraq, and Syria, as well as every European nation and Latin America. Unlike any other Middle Eastern nation, equal civil rights of all ethnic groups in Israel are protected—and they include freedom of speech, assembly, suffrage and sexual orientation. *No ethnic group is segregated.* Political office is open to every ethnicity: Israeli Arabs are members of the parliament and supreme court. Economic discrimination is forbidden, and when it occurs, as in the U.S., the courts oppose it. In short, Israel bears no resemblance to South Africa. It is an exemplar of liberty for minorities.

**What do the BDS leaders really want?** While the U.S., Western European powers, Israel and the U.N. Security Council have embraced a "two-state solution" as the basis for peace between Israel and the Palestinians, BDS leaders, like Ali Abuminah, argue for a one-state solution in which Arabs outnumber Jews. When BDS talks about occupation, it refers not to disputed West Bank territories, but to all of Israel. BDS has consistently opposed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, calling them "collaborationist." In fact, the leaders of BDS openly confess their goal is not peace, but conquest. No wonder BDS founder Omar Barghouti admits, "If the occupation ends . . . would that end support for BDS? No, it wouldn't—no." This explains why BDS insists on the "right of return" not for the estimated 50,000 living Palestinian refugees of Israel's 1948 War of Independence, but for their *five million descendants*—a bizarre definition of "refugee" applied to no other people. Of course, such an influx of foreign Arabs into Israel would swamp the Jewish state, conquering it demographically.

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# Social work added to CARE roster of services

BRADFORD – CARE for Children has hired Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Chris Gible, LCSW, to lead family support efforts and to add social work to CARE's roster of services for children with delays, disabilities, and special health care needs.

"A Family Support Program was started at CARE in 2005; the program aimed to identify needed services and gaps in services and provide families access to additional supports," said Tina Martin, executive director. "With the recent addition of an experienced social worker, CARE will be able to expand and improve the quality of those efforts."

Gible earned a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh Bradford and was licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in 2012. She most recently worked at Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems and has 13 years experience working with children.

"Meeting the needs of a young child who has special health care needs often places hardships on a family's emotional, physical and financial resources," said Martin. "No child lives in a vacuum and if we are going to help children reach their full potential, we need to focus on what we can do to bolster family stability."

Gible's role at CARE



Chris Gible, left, talks with CARE for Children board president Karen Gelston about the new Social Work program at CARE. Celebrated each March, National Professional Social Work Month is an opportunity to spotlight the profession and highlight the important contributions social workers make to society. This year's theme is "Social Work Paves the Way for Change."

will include: completing pediatric social/emotional assessments, developing interventions to support the positive social and emotional growth of children who receive service, and promoting positive parent-child interactions.

Gible is also able to provide individual, family, or group counseling to the parent and other family members of a child, as well as appropriate social skill-building activities to the child and parents. She is able to work with families to address problems in the living situation that impede the maximum use of Early Intervention and therapeutic services and

provide emotional support to the child and family in times of crisis.

Gible will also work to identify family needs, and community services and resources which will help meet those needs; make referrals and help connect the family to those resources; help coordinate services; and advocate on behalf of the child and family.

"CARE has a longstanding and well known positive impact in the community, due to the numerous therapeutic services it provides to children, which are aimed at helping them succeed though the challenges they face," said Gible.

"I am anticipating that my role as part of the CARE team will help pull together and enhance those supportive and intervention services, and build a more comprehensive, effective, and cohesive delivery of services to the children and families with whom we work."

CARE for Children is a non-profit organization in Bradford which provides pediatric therapy services, early learning programs, child safety and injury prevention initiatives, and community outreach services for children of all abilities in McKean County and the surrounding region.

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yahu has voiced opposition to Palestinian statehood and warned his supporters that Arab voters were heading to the polls "in droves."

Netanyahu has since backtracked on his campaign statements, but the White House has reacted with skepticism.

"Netanyahu, in the election run-up, stated that a Palestinian state would not occur while he was prime minister," Obama said. "And I took him at his word that that's what he meant."

"Afterwards, he (Netanyahu) pointed out that he didn't say 'never,' but that there would be a series of conditions in which a Palestinian state could potentially be created," Obama said. "But, of course, the conditions were such that they would be impossible to meet any time soon."

Obama said he is evaluating U.S. policy on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But he said that in light of Netanyahu's comments, the "possibility seems very dim" for the Israelis and the Palestinians to agree to live side-by-side in peace and security.

"We can't continue to premise our public diplomacy on something that everybody knows is not going to happen, at least in the next several years," the president said.

Obama also said his disagreements with Netanyahu over Iran and the Palestinians shouldn't be framed as a personal issue. He said he has a "business-

like relationship" with Netanyahu and has met with him more than any other world leader.

"This can't be reduced to a matter of somehow let's all, you know, hold hands and sing 'Kumbaya,'" Obama said. "This is a matter of figuring out how do we get through a real knotty policy difference that has great consequences for both countries and for the region."

Fractures in the U.S.-Israeli relationship recently have been played out at the U.S. Capitol.

Obama was upset when House Speaker John Boehner didn't consult with the White House before inviting Netanyahu to give a speech to Congress just as the Iran nuclear talks were approaching a critical juncture. Some Democrats skipped the speech in which Netanyahu boldly warned that an emerging nuclear deal with Iran would not prevent it from developing nuclear weapons, but pave Tehran's path to the bomb.

The U.S. has been leading world powers in negotiations aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear program. The so-called P5+1 group — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States plus Germany — is rushing to craft a framework for a deal to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons in exchange for relief from sanctions before a deadline expires at the end of the month.

Netanyahu's office called the spying report "utterly

false," saying Israel "does not conduct espionage against the United States or Israel's other allies."

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said Israel obtained information through other participants.

"All the information we obtained is from a different side and not through the United States," Lieberman told Army Radio.

At a news conference on Afghanistan, Obama said he didn't want to comment on other nations' intelligence, but said, "We have not just briefed Congress about the progress, or lack thereof, but we also briefed the Israelis and our other partners in the region."

When asked about the allegations that Israel spied on the nuclear talks, senior senators said they never gleaned any details from the Israelis that they didn't already know or hadn't learned in briefings by the Obama administration.

According to The Wall Street Journal, the Israeli officials did not spy directly on American negotiators, but obtained details through other means, including close surveillance of Iranian leaders who were being told the latest deals being offered by U.S. and European officials. The paper said European officials, particularly the French, have been more transparent with Israel about the closed-door discussions than the Americans.

Lawmakers denied

knowing anything about it. Boehner, R-Ohio, said he was "baffled" by the report and was not aware of any spying.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he did not remember anyone from Israel ever sharing information with him that he didn't already know or had surmised from news accounts.

"One of my reactions was, why haven't they (the Israelis) been coming up here sharing information with me?" Corker said, smiling. "I haven't had any of them coming up and talking with me about where the deal is. So I was kind of wondering who it was they were meeting with. I kind of felt left out."

Asked whether he was ever briefed in greater detail by Israeli officials, Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., said: "Never. Oh no. I have talked to Israeli officials here and in Israel."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a critic of Obama's foreign policy, said the same thing.

"No one from Israel has ever briefed me about the agreement. A bunch of us met with Mossad (Israel's intelligence service). That was a bipartisan exercise," Graham said, adding that he didn't learn anything new except that the Israelis thought that legislation calling for imposing new sanctions could hurt the negotiations.

"I hope somebody is spying on Iran," Graham said.

larger airplane body sections with windows. A helicopter crew that landed briefly in the area saw no signs of life, French officials said.

"Everything is pulverized. The largest pieces of debris are the size of a small car. No one can access the site from the ground," Gilbert Sauvan, president of the general council, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, told The Associated Press.

"This is pretty much the worst thing you can imagine," said Bodo Klimpel, mayor of the German town of Haltern, rent with sorrow after losing 16 tenth graders and their two teachers.

# Penn Highlands receives awards from hospital association

Penn Highlands Healthcare is committed to the safety of its patients and to the highest-quality patient care. Those efforts were recognized at a meeting of the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania last week.

The "Safety Across the Board" Excellence Award was presented by the Pennsylvania Hospital Engagement Network (PA-HEN) to directors from Penn Highlands Brookville, Penn Highlands DuBois and Penn Highlands Elk. The award was created to recognize participating hospitals' achievement of exceptional performance and participation in the PA-HEN and with the overall goals of reducing preventable harm and readmissions.

The PA-HEN brings hospitals together, voluntarily, to learn and share best practices. Audits are conducted of each hospital's safety procedures with opportunities for improvement. Hospitals must meet both the performance and participation criteria in order to be eligible for the "Safety Across the Board" Excellence Award. This is the second consecutive year the hospitals have won the award.

"This process really keeps patient safety forefront in our minds," states Susan Dixon, Patient Safety Officer at Penn Highlands Elk. "Working with PA-HEN assists hospitals in sharing best practices and collaboration. Every day we think about avoiding things like bed sores or infections. Patient safety is our number one goal."

In addition to the Excellence Award, PH Elk also received awards for being in the top percentile for preventable readmissions

and pressure ulcers.

Dixon explains a new procedure implemented because of things learned through PA-HEN's program. Follow-up phone calls are made to any patient discharged from the hospital with COPD or congestive heart failure. This ensures each patient understands his or her medications and follows up with a family physician.

Christine Garner, Director of Quality, Risk Management and Infection Control, adds, "We have had zero ventilator-associated pneumonia cases, central line infections and catheter-associated urinary tract infections. This is an outstanding accomplishment for our organization and is a reflection of our dedicated hospital staff."

Penn Highlands Brookville was also a recipient of the "Readmissions Project" award.

The patient safety efforts at Penn Highlands Brookville are directed by Amy Fraccola, Performance Improvement Manager. "This reward is tangible evidence of our hard-working nurses. It takes great effort to participate in PA-HEN's initiatives, and we couldn't be happier to receive this honor."

Sherry McKee, Director of Performance Improvement at Penn Highlands DuBois adds, "We have reduced many of our measurable indicators to zero in the past year."

Penn Highlands DuBois had no central line infections and no cases of ventilator-associated pneumonia for the period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

"This is a great achievement, and we are extremely proud of our healthcare team," states McKee.

## Emotional Nicklaus awarded congressional gold medal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Golden Bear got a gold medal.

Congress on Tuesday awarded its highest civilian honor to golfing great Jack Nicklaus, who accepted the medal with a few tears, humility and humor. In a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, the House and Senate leadership bestowed the award on Nicklaus, winner of 18 major championships, including six Masters titles, five PGA championships and four U.S. Opens.

"Few transcend their sport to achieve that kind of moment, or this kind of honor," said House Speak-

er John Boehner, an avid golfer who grew emotional at times during the ceremony. "With Arnie (Palmer), it was how he brought an audience to the game - an army. With Jack, it's how he gave the game a gold standard - a ladder to climb."

The 75-year-old Nicklaus, dubbed the Golden Bear, recalled the hard work of his parents, praised his family and paid tribute to his wife, Barbara. He recalled that when his son Jack was six, he was asked what his father did for a living. The younger Nicklaus said, "Nothing, he just plays golf."

## Plane crash kills 150 people in French Alps; black box found

SEYNE-LES-ALPES, France (AP) — A black box recovered from the scene and pulverized pieces of debris strewn across Alpine mountainsides held clues to what caused a German jetliner to take an unexplained eight-minute dive Tuesday midway through a flight from Spain to Germany, apparently killing all 150 people on board.

The victims included two babies, two opera singers and 16 German high school students and their teachers returning from an exchange trip to Spain. It was the deadliest crash in France in decades.

The Airbus A320 operated by Germanwings, a budget subsidiary of

Lufthansa, was less than an hour from landing in Duesseldorf on a flight from Barcelona when it unexpectedly went into a rapid descent. The pilots sent out no distress call and had lost radio contact with their control center, France's aviation authority said, deepening the mystery.

While investigators searched through debris from Flight 9525 on steep and desolate slopes, families across Europe reeled with shock and grief. Sobbing relatives at both airports were led away by airport workers and crisis counselors.

"The site is a picture of horror. The grief of the

families and friends is immeasurable," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said after being flown over the crash scene. "We must now stand together. We are united in our great grief."

It took investigators hours to reach the site, led by mountain guides to the craggy ravine in the southern French Alps, not far from the Italian border and the French Riviera.

Video shot from a helicopter and aired by BFM TV showed rescuers walking in the crevices of a rocky mountainside scattered with plane parts. Photos of the crash site showed white flecks of debris across a mountain and



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# Letters & OPINION

## Guest Commentary On “Real Women”

I am an unreal woman, evidently. A fake, a fraud, an alien-woman of sorts. At least that’s what I keep hearing and reading. Because evidently, real women have “curves,” “back fat,” “bass,” and “booty.” Real women struggle to lose weight after childbirth. They have droopy bits and wrinkles, so I am told.

I am 42 years old. I am 5’10 and weigh 110 pounds. I do not have an eating disorder, I am just naturally tall and thin, I eat generally healthy foods, and I am a lifelong runner who paid for most of my college by competing in Division 1 track and cross country. I lost all the weight I gained with my healthy (7.1 pounds, 20 inch) baby within one week of delivery. According to popular culture, this makes me not “real” at best, and, if you listen to popular music, it might make me a “silicone Barbie doll” or a “skinny bitch.”

This focus on so-called “real women” may sound nice, but in actuality is as divisive as the excessive emphasis on being model thin. When former super model Cindy Crawford released an untouched photograph showing her beauty but also her flaws, people went crazy, claiming that this made them love her even more because she is now more “real.” Dove has lead the “real” women movement with its “Campaign for Real Beauty,” featuring several supposedly “real” women in their bras and panties. While these women definitely don’t have typical celebrity or model bodies, it was revealed in 2008 that these photos were also photoshopped, hence not actually real at all.

People magazine recently featured the photography of Jade Beall, who captured “real” women after pregnancy. The focus, of course, is on those who struggled to lose their baby weight. Because that’s what “real” women do.

When pregnant model Sarah Stage released

pictures of her small and still muscular stomach, she suffered from skinny-shaming, with many asserting that somehow she was delinquent because she didn’t gain enough weight.

Yet Stage’s baby is by all measures so far completely healthy. Maria Kang, now known as “fit mom” ignited an online war when she photographed her very fit body asking women “What’s your excuse?” Kang is the mother of three children under the age of three, and has argued that many women use children, work or other obligations as an excuse not to take care of their personal fitness and health.

Women accused her of fat-shaming, of bullying, and demanded that she apologize.

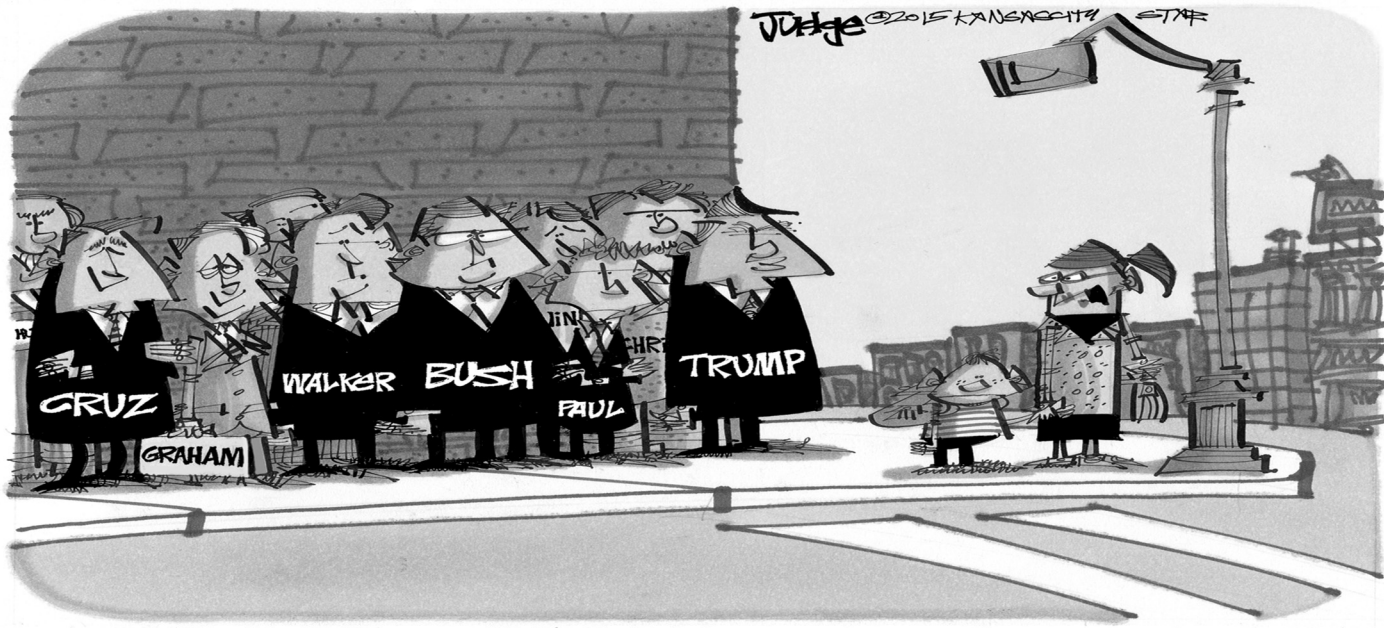
Don’t get me wrong—I appreciate any chance to open up a conversation about women’s many body types and the strange and oppressive pressures placed on us (and that we place on ourselves) to meet these socially constructed standards.

I fail to see, however, how skinny-shaming is any better than fat-shaming. It is unclear to me how poking fun of women who are thin and fit serves to challenge the excessive focus on women’s bodies.

Film star Maggie Gyllenhaal offered a more nuanced understanding of the complexities of women in her commentary about the roles for which females were being considered for Oscars. She noted that “these women who are sometimes powerful and sometimes not. Sometimes sexy, sometimes not. Sometimes honorable, sometimes not.”

In sum, not “real” or “unreal” by some visual criteria but instead different from one another in many ways, physical and otherwise.

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"NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, CLOWNS SCARE ME, TOO."

## Guest Commentary Whistleblowers and the Prosecution Loophole

When facing the prospect of criminal prosecution for leaking highly classified material to his mistress and later lying about it to the FBI, General David Petraeus found unlikely allies on Capitol Hill. Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and Diane Feinstein (D-CA) have all spoken out against criminally prosecuting the four-star general, in part because they feel he has “suffered enough.” This is not the first time that a high-ranking individual may skirt punishment for infractions that would land a subordinate in jail for years. Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and Undersecretary of Defense Michael Vickers were also recently allegedly involved in highly classified leaks to the film producers of Zero Dark Thirty and treated with near impunity.

According to media reports Petraeus plead guilty to one count of unauthorized removal and retention of classified material for which he may face up to a year in prison. His paltry sentence is a far cry from the many years of prison time that many whistleblowers face when they disclose protected information in an attempt to further the public interest. Petraeus claimed no such motive. He seems only to have wanted to help his mistress and biographer, and Panetta and Vickers shared it with a producer from Hollywood – the common thread

between the three stories is that these men both leaked information for purely personal gain and each received little more than a slap on the wrist.

The hypocritical dichotomy between the treatments of high-level politically connected officials versus lower level whistleblowers has never been more pronounced. Petraeus, Panetta and Vickers (who continues to serve in a top job at the Pentagon) could count on the support of their former colleagues, despite leaking highly classified material for reasons unrelated to the exposure of wrongdoing or other high-minded motives. This kid-gloves treatment is not something afforded whistleblowers, even when sharing information to further the public interest through official channels. Former NSA contractor Edward Loomis reported government waste on an ineffective and illegal domestic surveillance program up the proper chain of command, yet he was the target of a retaliatory criminal investigation that cost him his career. His colleague Thomas Drake faced 35 years in prison under the Espionage Act, after he legally provided an unclassified briefing on the surveillance program to a reporter. Former CIA agent Jeffrey Sterling disclosed concerns to Congress about an allegedly mismanaged operation to obstruct Iran’s nuclear program, and he was accused of sharing

this same information with journalists. In January he became the first civilian to be convicted of Espionage Act.

Intelligence Community (IC) contractor whistleblowers such as Loomis are at a double disadvantage. In addition to threat of being criminalized, they have no statutory protection against workplace reprisal actions – such as demotions or blacklisting – when they disclose government misconduct.

That was not always the case, however. From 2008 through 2012, all Pentagon and then stimulus funded IC contractors enjoyed best-practice whistleblower protections. This included Intelligence Community agencies like NSA. The law maintained a steady track record and there were not even allegations that it harmed national security. The whistleblower shield was so effective in deterring taxpayer waste that the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency proposed its permanent expansion, and the Senate approved it with bipartisan support. Notwithstanding its widespread support, in an Orwellian maneuver during the 11th hour of negotiations, the closing conference committee stripped all whistleblower rights for IC contractors from the bill.

Six months later, NSA contractor Edward Snowden disclosed the U.S. government’s mass

surveillance programs. He later explained the circumstances that led to his course of action, “There are no proper channels for making this information available when the system fails comprehensively.” Currently, IC contractors have two alternatives to almost certain retaliation: 1) remain silent observers of wrongdoing; or 2) make anonymous revelations to the media.

Whistleblowers must have safe channels to report abuses of power that betray the public trust, and Congress has a responsibility to fill these accountability loopholes. Fortunately, as demonstrated by Senator Grassley and Senator Wyden’s newly launched Senate Whistleblower Caucus, protecting the nation’s truth-tellers transcends congressional partisanship. Instead of offering support to disgraced former officials, Congress should follow the caucus’ lead and focus on the heroic whistleblowers who risk their jobs and their freedom to expose government fraud, waste, and abuse.

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## Today in History

lost its first commissioned submarine as the USS F-4 sank off Hawaii, claiming the lives of all 21 crew members.

In 1924, the Second Hellenic Republic was proclaimed in Greece.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Illinois, claimed 111 lives.

In 1954, RCA announced it had begun producing color television sets at its plant in Bloomington, Indiana.

In 1975, King Faisal (FY-suhl) of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded in June 1975.)

In 1985, "Amadeus" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture, best director for Milos (MEE'-lohsh) Forman and best actor for F. Murray Abraham.

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raged through an illegal social club in New York City.

Ten years ago: Losing still more legal appeals, Terri Schiavo's father, Bob Schindler, said his severely brain-damaged daughter was "down to her last hours" as she entered her second week without the feeding tube that had sustained her life for 15 years. An ailing, silent Pope John Paul II appeared to the

faithful via video for Good Friday services at the Vatican.

Five years ago: Osama bin Laden threatened in a new message to kill any Americans al-Qaida captured if the U.S. executed Khalid Sheik Mohammed (HAH'-leed shayk moh-HAH'-med), the self-professed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, or other al-Qaida suspects. Defense Secretary Robert Gates approved new rules easing enforcement of the "don't ask, don't tell" ban on gays serving openly in the military. Daisuke Takahashi gave Japan its first men's title at the World Figure Skating Championships in Turin, Italy.

One year ago: Following a two-day security summit in The Netherlands, President Barack Obama declared that the gathering had taken "concrete steps" to prevent nuclear material falling into the hands of terrorists even though Russia and China failed to sign an agreement to beef up inspections.

Today's Birthdays: Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 89. Former astronaut James Lovell is 87. Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem is 81. Singer Anita Bryant is 75. Singer Aretha Franklin is 73. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 72. Singer Elton John is 68. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is

67. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 62. Actor James McDaniel is 57. Former Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., is 57. Movie producer Amy Pascal is 57. Rock musician Steve Norman (Spandau Ballet) is 55. Actress Brenda Strong is 55. Actor Fred Goss is 54. Actor-writer-director John Stockwell is 54. Actress Marcia Cross is 53. Author Kate DiCamillo is 51. Actress Lisa Gay Hamilton is 51. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 50. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Tom Glavine is 49. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Debi Thomas, M.D., is 48. Actor Laz Alonso (TV: "The Mysteries of Laura") is 44. Singer Melanie Blatt (All Saints) is 40. Actor Domenick Lombardozzi is 39. Actor Lee Pace is 36. Actor Sean Farris is 33. Auto racer Danica Patrick is 33. Actress-singer Katharine McPhee is 31. Singer Jason Castro ("American Idol") is 28. Rapper Big Sean is 27. Rap DJ/producer Ryan Lewis is 27. Actor Matthew Beard (Film: "The Imitation Game") is 26. Actress-singer Aly (AKA Alyson) Michalka (mish-AL'-kah) is 26. Actor Kiowa Gordon is 25. Actress Seychelle Gabriel is 24.

Thought for Today: "Scratch a pessimist, and you find often a defender of privilege." — Lord Beveridge, British economist (1879-1963).

### Letters to the Editor

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# Republican REGISTER

## POLICEReport

### State Police at Kane Crash

FOSTER TWP. – The Kane-based state place is investigating a crash that occurred on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. on the state Route 219 ramp from Bolivar Drive in Foster Township.

According to reports, unit 1 was a 2007 Chevrolet HHR driven by Megan Jemiola, 25, of N. Ridgerville, Ohio. Passenger was Jonathan Demetzky, 29, of N. Ridgerville, Ohio. This crash occurred as

unit 1 was traveling north on the on ramp to SR 219 from Boliver Drive. Unit 1 failed to maintain its appropriate lane of travel and left the west side of the roadway striking the guide rail, according to PSP Kane.

Unit 1 then continued in a northerly direction to where it came to final rest off the east shoulder of the ramp. Unit 1 had disabling damage. No one was injured and all occupants were wearing their seatbelts.

## Student injured after school

A male student at Kane Area High School suffered a wrist injury Tuesday while walking home after classes along Route 321 near the First Baptist Church.

Kane Police Chief Heath Boyer, who responded to

the scene about 3 p.m., said the youth was injured during apparent "horseplay."

EmergCare ambulance of Kane transported the youth to Kane Community Hospital, the police chief said.

## HOSPITALReport

### Kane Community Hospital

#### Tuesday Admisisions

Tanner Quackenbush, Kane  
3 undisclosed

#### Discharges

None

### Discharges

Debbora Fay, Bradford  
Carolyn Flint, Bradford  
Cecelia Rimer, Bradford  
Robert McIntyre, Bradford  
Steven Mahon, Bradford  
Priscilla Bond, Bradford  
Marjorie Parrett, Bradford  
Linda Gilbert, Rew

### Births

A son was born to Ashley Card and Shane Hulburt of Kane on March 24, 2015.

### Bradford Regional Medical Center

#### Tuesday Admissions

Gary Silsby, Rixford  
Debbora Fay, Bradford  
Ashley Card, Kane

## Trooper arrested after wedding brawl sues Pittsburgh cops

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A state trooper sued Pittsburgh police on Tuesday, saying they arrested him on false charges and used excessive force — including a kick to the groin — when he tried to calm a rowdy groomsman following a brawl after his brother's wedding.

Trooper David Williams, 35, of Plum, contends city officers falsely claimed he attacked them when, instead, they pushed and punched him for no reason, escalating a situation he was trying to help defuse after the Sept. 1 melee.

Williams spent 17 hours in jail and was suspended by state police for 10 days without pay before Allegheny County prosecutors dropped charges including rioting and aggravated assault, both felonies.

"It's just not true, everything they filed against me," Williams told The Associated Press. "All these charges, they just don't exist."

His lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, seeks unspecified monetary damages.

His attorney, Timothy O'Brien, said the lawsuit targets the "unnecessary escalation of otherwise manageable situations. It's a problem within the Pittsburgh Police Department and it's a problem across the country."

City police have a history of excessive force complaints. A class-action lawsuit brought by 66 people alleging rough treatment, false arrest or both resulted in a 1997 consent decree with the U.S. Justice Department requiring the city to better train its officers and monitor complaints against them.

More recently, a federal jury last year awarded \$119,000 to a young black man after finding police wrongly arrested him for prowling while walking to his grandmother's house in January 2009. The jury rejected claims that three white officers used excessive

force during the arrest.

O'Brien said the case of Williams, who is white, proves nobody is safe from such abuses.

"If it can happen to Mr. Williams — a police officer, a state trooper — then who amongst us is not in danger of having it happen to them?" O'Brien said.

Public Safety Director Stephen Bucar said an internal investigation would be requested through the Office of Municipal Investigations.

"As in all cases involving allegations of excessive force by members of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, an objective, impartial and thorough investigation will be conducted to identify and determine the facts, circumstances and evidence," Bucar said in a statement.

He said an internal preliminary review would determine whether the officers involved would remain on duty, be assigned to administrative duty or suspended pending the outcome of the investigation.

Bucar also said state police and city officers have "a longstanding professional and positive working relationship."






"As I caution the public not to draw broad conclusions about all members of the Pittsburgh Police Bureau when a complaint about specific officers is filed, I also caution the officers from both agencies not to draw those same broad conclusions about all members of their partner agency as a result of this allegation," he said.

Williams' arrest, captured on surveillance video, occurred after a fight broke out among the wedding party in a parking lot after they got off a riverboat.

The groom was handcuffed and seated, but a groomsman was mouthing off to police and claiming to have HIV, Williams said, apparently hoping in his drunken state that would discourage police from arresting him, too.

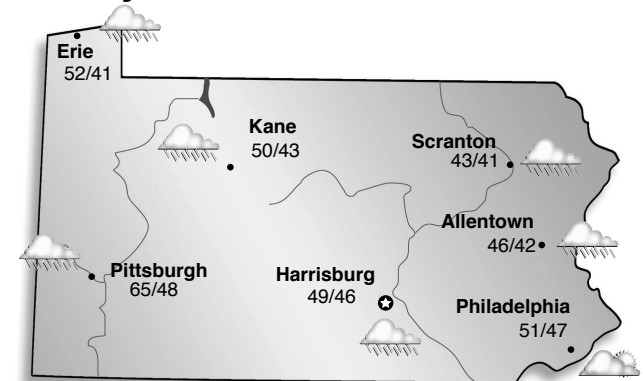
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/25	Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29
				
<b>46/38</b> Showers early, becoming a steady rain later in the day. High 46F.	<b>45/29</b> Cloudy with rain. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	<b>33/10</b> Snow showers early. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the low teens.	<b>29/11</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the low teens.	<b>41/30</b> Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:09 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:31 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:06 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:34 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:04 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:35 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:02 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:36 PM



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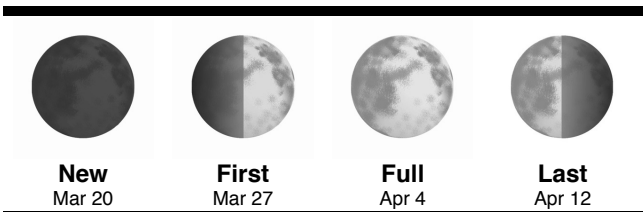
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Allentown	46	42	rain	Meadville	47	43	rain
Altoona	47	44	rain	New Castle	61	42	rain
Bedford	54	46	rain	Oil City	58	40	rain
Bloomsburg	46	43	rain	Philadelphia	51	47	cloudy
Bradford	50	39	rain	Pittsburgh	65	48	rain
Chambersburg	50	46	rain	Reading	47	44	rain
Du Bois	51	43	rain	Scranton	43	41	rain
Erie	52	41	rain	St. Marys	49	42	rain
Harrisburg	49	46	rain	State College	47	42	rain
Huntingdon	51	43	rain	Towanda	44	41	rain
Johnstown	66	50	rain	Uniontown	67	53	rain
Lancaster	48	44	cloudy	Warren	50	38	rain
Latrobe	63	49	rain	Wilkes-Barre	46	41	rain
Lehighton	45	40	rain	Williamsport	47	42	rain
Lewistown	50	44	rain	York	50	47	cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	57	pt sunny	Minneapolis	42	26	windy
Boston	47	38	mst sunny	New York	45	43	rain
Chicago	54	35	cloudy	Phoenix	84	58	pt sunny
Dallas	80	53	sunny	San Francisco	71	53	mst sunny
Denver	46	30	cloudy	Seattle	57	49	rain
Houston	79	64	pt sunny	St. Louis	70	43	pt sunny
Los Angeles	82	63	sunny	Washington, DC	57	52	cloudy
Miami	86	74	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 3/25	Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28	Sun 3/29
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## PENNSYLVANIA Lottery

### Tuesday's drawings

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Pick 3	Treasure Hunt
Midday 8 7 1 Evening 5 1 4	05 13 14 15 30
Pick 4	Cash 5
Midday 6 4 3 4 Evening 1 6 5 1	05 27 29 36 39
	Match 6
	01 08 10 14 30 41

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River - 34

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## WEATHER STATS

March 2015					Snow on Ground
Date	High	Low	Snow	Prec.	
1.	26	-24	1.7	.17	20
2.	31	16	3.3	.29	23
3.	28	-4	+	.02	22
4.	37	8	2.7	.62	21
5.	33	9	0	0	20
6.	13	-17	0	0	19
7.	23	-16	0	0	19
8.	33	13	.3	.04	20
9.	41	20	0	0	18
10.	48	20	0	0	17
11.	44	22	0	.15	15
12.	50	20	0	0	12
13.	44	18	0	0	11
14.	49	18	0	.28	10
15.	44	30	+	.18	8
16.	30	24	+	.02	8
17.	54	26	0	+	6
18.	41	18	0	0	6
19.	35	12	0	0	5
20.	40	12	+	-	4
21.	35	26	0	.09	4
22.	39	17	0	0	4
23.	30	6	0	0	2

+ indicates trace amount

## Kane Area Food Pantry

The Kane Area Food Pantry distribution of food for this month is Friday, March 27, from noon to 4 p.m. Recipients should come to the basement entrance of the St. Callistus Church rectory at the corner of Haines and Chase Streets according to the following time and alphabetical schedule based on the first letter of their last name.

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. L-R  
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. S-Z  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. A-E  
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. F-K

All who come to receive food must certify their income in order to qualify for food items and all recipients must bring food boxes for receiving and transporting their food. Come only when scheduled, or send a substitute with your written and signed permission slip.

Volunteer staff will be on hand to direct the distribution and assist recipients as needed.

Continuing financial contributions and donations of food items to the food pantry help insure the future of this vital service. Please address financial contributions to the Kane Area Food Pantry, Box #744, Kane, Pa. 16735.

## EVENTS&Announcements

■The comedy Troupe "In All Seriouseness" will be at the Kane Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, April 11 for a hilarious game show from the 70s. Doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m. at the KVFD on Poplar Street in Kane. There is a cost for admission. Tickets available at KADC (54 Fraley St.), SMP Rx, Photo & Sound Shoppe and Zanadu.

■The McKean County Republican Committee will hold its Spring Dinner on Wednesday, April 8 at the Pennhills Club in Bradford.

Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Mike Turzai will deliver the keynote address. Turzai will discuss a number of issues and challenges facing the Commonwealth, including the state budget proposal and efforts to cut state spending, as well as government reform and job creation initiatives.

The event begins with a meet-the-candidates social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. There is a cost per person.

RSVP no later than April 1 by calling Brad Mangel at 814-368-8311 or by e-mailing bman47@verizon.net.

## SENECA

FROM PAGE I

cluding (the) defendants."

Much of the opposition to the injection well is linked with its location. The site is near the top of James City Hill on Route 66. Crystal Springs-- the source of drinking water for James City-- is near the base of the hill.

"A preliminary injunction is necessary to preclude (the) defendants from further interference with Seneca's legal and federally-permitted operations.

It is also necessary to preclude (the) defendants from continued infringement of Seneca's basic constitutional rights."

"Seneca has suffered and continues to suffer irreparable harm for which it cannot be adequately compensated by monetary damages if preliminary injunctive relief is not granted."

"The (township) ordinance is pre-empted by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act."

"The ordinance is illegal exclusionary zoning and an impermissible exercise of legislative authority by (the) defendants."

"Seneca believes and therefore avers that it has a reasonable probability of success on the merits (of the lawsuit). Federal courts have on at least three occasions reviewed similar ordinances and found them to be unconstitutional."

Megan Haines of the Har-

risburg law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney is listed as an attorney for Seneca.

Chad Nicholson, the Pennsylvania Community Organizer for CELDF, has been keeping the supervisors updated on the legal action in federal court in Erie.

In a letter, he said Grant Township in Indiana County is facing a similar federal lawsuit filed by Pennsylvania General Energy (PGE) of Warren. Nicholson said Grant Township also adopted the CELDF-drafted community "bill of rights" ordinance that also will face a legal test in federal court in Erie.

Nicholson said a hearing in this case is scheduled for April 14 at 1 p.m. He said Grant Township officials are seeking public support at the hearing.

"The people of Grant Township will be sending around an invitation to all of you who would like to stand in solidarity with them to protect their rights," Nicholson said. "They'd like to pack the court with supporters."

Wolfe last month said the Seneca lawsuit has the potential to "bankrupt" Highland Township.

Nevertheless, township residents have been urging the supervisors to move ahead and challenge Seneca in federal court.

"Fight it until we can't fight any more," Bill Edinger of James City said Tuesday at the supervisors' meeting.

## Penn State president panned for anti-war activist's visit

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania State University's president got a raft of criticism on Tuesday at a hearing on the university's budget — not over fiscal issues but from lawmakers angry about on-campus appearances by a co-founder of the violent anti-war group the Weather Underground.

President Eric Barron joined his counterparts from the other state-related universities — Pittsburgh, Temple and Lincoln — before the Senate Appropriations Committee for their annual hearing,

but four Republicans on the panel intermittently brought up William Ayers' involvement in the programs last Thursday and Friday.

The Weather Underground opposed the war in Vietnam and claimed responsibility for several bombings, including non-fatal explosions at the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol. Ayers was a fugitive for years but turned himself in in 1980. Charges were later dropped over issues related to the government's methods of investigating him.



## Pitt-Bradford Highlights

### UPB tennis falls to the Lions, 9-0

ALTOONA – The Pitt-Bradford men's tennis team visited Penn State Altoona and fell to the Lions, 9-0.

Pitt-Bradford (2-3) had a hard time against a very good Penn State Altoona team as they failed to come away with a match victory.

The Panthers started off the day dropping all three doubles matches to the Lions.

Sophomore Kosta Teverovskiy (Plains, N.Y./Harrison) and sophomore Jordan Dugan (Galeton/Galeton) fell to the Lions 8-1 and the team of senior Ian Vaughan (New Kensington/Valley) and senior Dylan Nuzzo (Bradford/Bradford) fell by the score of 8-2.

Freshman Tyler Updyke (Kersey/St. Marys) and senior Mark Torrey (Bradford/Bradford) fell in the final doubles match of the day, 8-0.

The Panthers struggled in the singles competitions as well against Penn State Altoona as they dropped all six matches.

Teverovskiy started out the singles matches for the Panthers and fell by the scores of 6-2, 6-0.

Vaughan and Dugan were able to steal a few games from the Lions but lost their matches with Vaughan losing 6-1, 5-6 and Dugan falling 6-2, 6-3.

Torrey and Updyke shared similar results as they stole a few games but ended up falling to the Lions, 6-4 and 6-2.

Pitt-Bradford head coach Susan Schenfield said, "Half way through the match our confidence had drained out. Our serve was less reliable than usual and our volleys were a class below its former excellence. At times like these we need to remember our skills are still there coupled with our experience and our unflinching competitive will."

The Panthers will resume play in Cresson as they take on Mount Aloysius March 22 at 11 a.m.

### Panthers suffer tough loss to Mount Aloysius, 5-4

CRESSON – The Pitt-Bradford men's tennis team took on Mount Aloy-

sus and fell to the Mounties, 5-4.

Pitt-Bradford (2-4) started off the day taking two out of the three doubles matches with excellent play from the team of sophomore Kosta Terverovskiy (Plains, N.Y./Harrison) and senior Jordan Dugan (Galeton/Galeton) and the team of senior Dylan Nuzzo (Bradford/Bradford) and senior Ian Vaughan (New Kensington/Valley).

Teverovskiy and Dugan defeated the Mounties by the score of 8-3 in the first game with Nuzzo and Vaughan coming away with a narrow 9-7 victory in the second game.

The Mounties were able to claim victory in the last doubles match of the day as the Panthers' team of senior Mark Torrey (Bradford/Bradford) and freshman Tyler Updyke (Kersey/St. Marys) lost a hard fought match to Mount Aloysius, 8-5.

The singles competition went down to the wire as the two schools had four matches reach a tie-breaker game.

The first of which in-

volved Teverovskiy losing in the tie-breaker game as the scores went 3-6, 6-0, 6-0.

Vaughan found his stroke for the singles matches as he displayed a dominating performance over his opponent taking the win, 6-1, 6-3.

The Panthers would drop the next three singles matches two of which were tie-breaker loses.

The Panthers would not give in as they closed on a high note with Updyke rallying back to come away with the tie-breaker win, 6-1, 4-6, 11-9.

Pitt-Bradford head coach Susan Schenfield said, "This weekend was tough for us on the courts. I thought we represented ourselves and Pitt-Bradford well. Overall, while the outcomes of the road trip might not have been wins at times like these we need to remember our skills are still there coupled with our experience and our unflinching competitive will."

The Panthers will resume play on March 28 against Pitt-Greensburg at 1 p.m. in Bradford.

# Steen's winner in OT lifts Blues over Penguins 3-2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A draining road trip ended with a little redemption and one pretty goal for the St. Louis Blues.

Robert Bortuzzo keyed a two-goal rally against his former team, and Alexander Steen's deft redirect off a feed from Zbynek Michalek — himself a former Penguin — sent St. Louis to a 3-2 overtime victory at Pittsburgh on Tuesday night.

The Central Division-leading Blues stopped a three-game losing streak and finished a 10-day, six-game swing through western Canada and points east with three wins and eight points in all.

One brilliant dart to the net by Steen provided the winner. The forward battled for the puck in the corner, and then slipped it across the ice to Michalek at the right point before beating Pittsburgh defenseman Ben Lovejoy to the middle. The timing was perfect. Pittsburgh goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury had no chance as St. Louis' 35th and final shot of the night slipped by him.

"We almost made eye contact, so I knew it was coming and it was right

down on my stick," Steen said. "It was a great play by (Michalek)."

Jake Allen stopped 22 shots for St. Louis, which received unexpected offensive contributions from two grinders who began the season with Pittsburgh.

The Penguins traded Marcel Goc to the Blues in January for Maxim Lapierre and shipped Bortuzzo to St. Louis at the trade deadline earlier this month. Bortuzzo and Goc combined for just six goals in 168 career games with the Penguins. They scored for St. Louis during a 2:36-span in the second period to tie the game.

"My goal, a lot of credit goes to the forwards getting to the net," Bortuzzo said. "Marc is a fantastic goalie. It's a good feeling if you can contribute against your former squad."

Blake Comeau and Steve Downie scored for Pittsburgh. Nick Spaling added two assists in the Penguins' fifth loss in six games.

Finding the back of the net continues to be a problem. Pittsburgh played its fifth straight game without Evgeni Malkin and fourth

straight without Patric Hornqvist, both out indefinitely with undisclosed injuries. The Penguins have found the back of the net just seven times during their six-game slump.

"There are some things that we did well, and some things we need to clean up," Comeau said. "We got the one point, but definitely we wanted that second one."

Pittsburgh remained two points behind the New York Islanders in the race for second in the Metropolitan Division.

The Penguins decided to go with seven defensemen rather than the usual six after recalling rookie Derrick Pouliot from the minors. The plan lasted all of five minutes.

Christian Ehrhoff, who has struggled to stay healthy all season — and missed Saturday's win over Arizona after being a late pregame scratch — smacked against the boards in the corner behind the Pittsburgh net following a collision with Vladimir Tarasenko. Ehrhoff, who has already missed 24 games with various issues, did not return and coach Mike Johnston

## Ready, set, scramble! Chaos defines end of tourney games

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — In the 2008 national championship, with Kansas trailing Memphis by three and 10.8 seconds left in the game, coach Bill Self called for his team to run a play called "Chop."

The play, designed to provide multiple scoring options in moments of desperation, began with Sherron Collins dribbling up the court. Veering to his right, Collins handed off to Mario Chalmers at the top of the key, and Chalmers took the first of his options: He shot the 3-pointer.

It splashed through the net to force overtime.

Kansas went on to win the title, and that perfectly executed play became known as "Mario's Miracle." And if anybody thinks calling it a miracle is hyperbole, well, chances are they haven't been watching as teams flounder through the final minutes in this year's NCAA Tournament.

Turnovers, missed shots, poor coaching and worse execution. Just call it organized chaos, late-game blunders that have nevertheless produced some memorable finishes.

"First of all, the reason you struggle in games is

because the other team's pretty doggone good," explained North Carolina coach Roy Williams, whose team survived two close games to reach the Sweet 16. "The other thing is the attention, the pressure — they're still 18-, 19-, 20-year-old kids. I mean, they're not going to get it right."

Indeed, many of today's brightest stars are freshmen and sophomore, players unaccustomed to the game's biggest stage. That dearth of veteran leaders, several coaches have argued, is also one of the big reasons that that scoring continued its downward trend this season.

Another reason for the late-game flubs: Low- and mid-majors are often trying to upset a heavyweight, and the talent gap becomes more pronounced when the game is on the line.

That appeared to be the case last Thursday, when UC-Irvine had Louisville on the ropes.

The Anteaters were inbounding the ball near midcourt, trailing 57-55 with about 6 seconds left. Alex Young was promptly stripped by the Cardinals' Terry Rozier, a turnover

40 feet from the hoop that prevented the Big West champs from even attempting a tying shot.

"We had a quick play lined up and unfortunately I lost the ball," Young said. "We couldn't get a timeout, and it just happens. It's basketball."

Speaking of timeouts, Northeastern burned through its allotment in the second half against Notre Dame, leaving coach Bill Coen unable to set up a final play with the Huskies trailing by two in the closing seconds. Instead of getting a tying shot off, Quincy Ford coughed up the ball, and the Fighting Irish added a couple of free throws to seal the victory.

Asked about his timeout dilemma, Coen replied: "I wish we'd had one left."

Irvine and Northeastern weren't the only teams that failed to get shots off with the game on the line, either. The same thing happened to Valparaiso, whose coach Bryce Drew knocked down that infamous 3-pointer that sent the Crusaders past Ole Miss in 1998.

Valpo was trailing Maryland 65-62 with time running out on Friday, and Keith Carter got stuck in

the corner in front of his own bench. He never even got a 3-pointer off.

"I'll take the blame from that," Drew said afterward. "I thought Maryland did a really good job. We tried to do something a little different off one of the plays we usually run."

When the Jayhawks flawlessly ran "Chop" in the 2008 title game, they had practiced that exact play hundreds of times. And the person who took the 3-pointer? Chalmers, a seasoned junior.

"There is a lot of pressure," acknowledged Williams, who whose Tar Heels survived a tense finish against Harvard in their NCAA opener. "You've got to find some kids that can block all that out, and especially if they're really, really talented, you've got a better chance."

North Carolina took a 67-65 lead on the Crimson on a run-out with 23.8 seconds left. But rather than go to the basket for a layup or to draw a foul, Harvard's Wesley Saunders let loose a tightly guard 3-pointer with almost no time left that bounced off the back of the rim.

The Tar Heels advanced. The Crimson headed home.

## Nate Asp

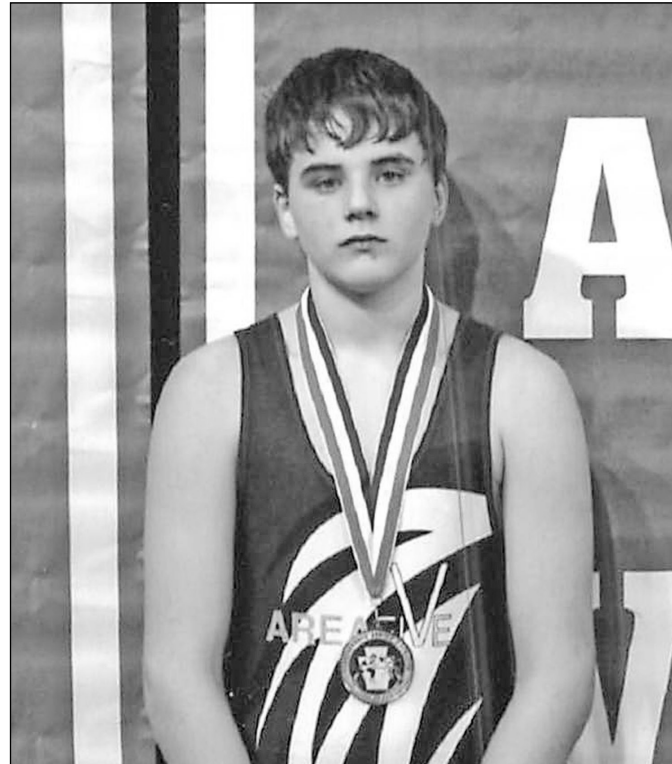


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Area V Champion Nate Asp medaled sixth in the 11-12-year-old 145-pound weight bracket at the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling Championships in Erie over the weekend.

## SPORTSNotes

■The 2nd annual Jarrett Costanzo Memorial 5K race, 2-mile walk and fun run will be held on May 30 at Kane High School.

Registration will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. with the 5K & Walk to begin at 9 a.m. and the Fun Run beginning at 10 a.m.

■The Sparks All Stars Hip/Hop Dance Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. It is open for anyone between the ages of 6 and 18 as of Aug. 31. There is a cost for the clinic per participant. Registrations received by March 26 will receive a T-shirt. Any registrations received after that date will not get a T-shirt but can still participate in the event. This is a fundraiser for the Sparks Junior Dance Team. Additional forms and information can be at [www.sparksallstarcheerleading.com](http://www.sparksallstarcheerleading.com). Anyone with questions should contact Caitlyn Straub at [cstraub342@gmail.com](mailto:cstraub342@gmail.com).

## Bears agree to 1-year deal with former 49ers DE McDonald

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears agreed Tuesday to a one-year contract with former San Francisco 49ers defensive end Ray McDonald despite his having some brushes with the law.

Bringing in McDonald, who played under new Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio in San Francisco, could be controversial in Chicago given his legal troubles.

The 49ers cut McDonald in December after a woman accused him of sexually assaulting her following a night of drinking in which she injured her head in a fall by his swimming pool.

"Those things we've looked into," general man-

ager Ryan Pace said at the NFL meetings in Phoenix. "I can tell you this, we know those are ongoing. But we wouldn't be where we're at right now if we didn't feel comfortable with where that's at. So it's been thorough."

The Bears also announced Tuesday a one-year deal with defensive end Jarvis Jenkins, who spent the past four seasons with the Washington Redskins.

As for McDonald, the woman who accused him of sexual assault told authorities she has no memory of the encounter at his San Jose house. The Santa Clara County district attorney is considering whether to file criminal charges.

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# Browns expect Manziel on field in April

PHOENIX (AP) — Browns coach Mike Pettine expects quarterback Johnny Manziel to take part in the team's practices next month after leaving rehab.

Pettine said the team has received "good" feedback about Manziel, who entered a treatment facility on Jan. 28 for an undisclosed problem. A first-round draft pick in 2014, the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner from Texas A&M backed up Brian Hoyer before playing poorly in two starts. Following the season, Manziel acknowledged he should have taken his job more seriously.

Pettine does not know when Manziel will be discharged from rehab, but he expects the young QB to return to football immediately. The Browns

will work out on April 20.

"When he is back, it will be full speed ahead for him," Pettine said. "I think he's very anxious at this point."

Pettine emphasized Manziel's personal issues outweigh anything related to his profession.

"Football, it's a back seat," Pettine said. "For his football life to get it where it needs to be, he needs to get the personal life where it needs to be. ... This takes precedence, so however long of time he needs, the football will be there when he gets out."

While at the owners' meetings, the Browns have had discussions with HBO about being featured on "Hard Knocks," the cable network's popular reality series that gives viewers and inside

look at an NFL team during training camp. Pettine knows all about "Hard Knocks" from when he was an assistant coach with the New York Jets.

Pettine said Manziel's situation is a factor in the Browns' hesitancy to be on the program.

"When we decided not to volunteer for 'Hard Knocks,' we discussed everything that was involved with it. That (Manziel) was certainly something we needed to consider. I wouldn't say (Manziel) loomed large. You just weigh everything in. Because being a part of 'Hard Knocks,' knowing they're going to look to cover the team's biggest, current story lines — it's obvious that he would be a point of attention."

From his experience,

"Hard Knocks" can be an unnecessary diversion for players and coaches.

"It's hard to be yourself. I know (Arizona Cardinals coach) Bruce Arians spoke to it a year ago. If you have to change, if you have to be different, then it's a distraction. If you're not thinking about your job and you're thinking about something else, for even an instant, then it's a distraction.

"I saw that as a negative, when guys are different, guys that can't handle, they act different, play to the camera. I see that as a potential negative.

And the positives are maybe the same thing. Guys know there's a camera around and something they do can wind up on the show."

# Sun Devils fire coach Herb Sendek after 9 seasons

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Herb Sendek was admired for his intellect, basketball and otherwise, for his straightforward manner and the class with which he treated people.

He was respected within the basketball program, across Arizona State's athletics department and campus, and around the basketball world.

But in a business based upon on-the-court success, he didn't do enough.

Arizona State fired Sendek on Tuesday after nine seasons that included two NCAA Tournaments, four NIT appearances and three seasons with no post-season.

"My opinion of Herb the man won't ever change, but I came to the conclusion over the course of the season, taking into consideration everything, that we weren't going to get better enough in the time frame we expect to be playing at a competitive level," athletic director Ray Anderson said from ASU's Hall of Fame inside Sun Devil Stadium. After a few shaky seasons, Sendek appeared to have the program headed back in the right direction, landing prized local recruit Jahii Carson and leading the Sun Devils to the 2014 NCAA Tournament.

Arizona State rewarded him with a contract exten-

sion through 2019, though it came with success-based expectations; each year added to the deal was based upon benchmarks of winning games.

The Sun Devils failed to live up to those.

Carson and 7-foot center Jordan Bachynski, the cornerstones to Arizona State's NCAA Tournament run, were gone this season, leaving Sendek with a talented but unproven group of athletic players.

Arizona State had some good moments, beating rival Arizona, which was a top-5 team at the time, and finishing the Pac-12 season with six wins in nine games after an 0-4 conference start.

But there were too many glaring setbacks for Anderson to believe the program was still on an upward climb.

One came during the non-conference season, when the Sun Devils lost to Lehigh at home. Another was in the opening round of the Pac-12 tournament, when Arizona State blew a big lead and lost to last-place Southern California.

The Sun Devils won their opening game in the NIT, but lost to Richmond on Sunday to end the season 18-16.

Sendek went 158-137 during his nine seasons in the desert and was fired af-

ter a short morning meeting with Anderson.

"You have to make tough decisions and be able to do it decisively and move on," Anderson said. "We're going to better the program and give it a chance to consistently compete for championships."

Known for his sharp mind, Sendek arrived in Tempe in 2006 after 10 seasons at North Carolina State and a stint at Miami (Ohio).

Sendek and the Sun Devils suffered through an 8-22 first season, but Arizona State reached the NCAA Tournament in 2008-09 after going 25-10.

Sendek was named the Pac-10 coach of the year after the Sun Devils won 22 games the following season, but they were not invited to the NCAA Tournament.

A pair of losing seasons followed before Arizona State won 22 games in 2012-13, yet again found itself snubbed by the NCAA Tournament selection committee.

Sendek pulled off a major coup before that season, landing Carson, the dynamic point guard from nearby Mesa. Carson had to sit out his first season in Tempe due to an academic issue, but flourished once he did hit the court.

Behind Carson and

Bachynski, the Sun Devils had their best home record in 40 years while going 16-1 last season and reaching the NCAA Tournament, where they lost to Texas in the first round on a last-second shot.

Arizona State finished fifth in the Pac-12 this season after being picked ninth, but it wasn't enough to save Sendek's job.

"I respect him and admire him, but the challenge was to improve the performance of the team on the (court)," Anderson said. "We extended him last year, we did so because I thought the recruiting was going well, we had improved our assistant coaches, but I really believed the performance could be elevated. Very frankly, that didn't happen, in my opinion."

Arizona State is reportedly targeting Duke assistant Jeff Capel, a former head coach at Oklahoma, but Anderson said the school will be meticulous but quick in finding a successor.

"It will be thoughtful, it will be deliberate," Anderson said. "We don't have a short list, but we will be putting together a list in short order because we want to make sure we get ourselves reset for recruiting and are retaining (players)."

"I think once I came to terms that probably wasn't going to be the best thing for my arm as well as for the team at that point, it was a little bit easier to sit back and say, 'OK, now let's just let it calm down and when it's ready, it's ready,'" he said.

Pirates: C Chris Stewart began his return to baseball activity today after missing a week with a right hamstring injury. Stewart took infield and batting practice. He is expected to be out of game action for another 10 days.

Up next: Orioles: LHP Wei-Yin Chen gets his fourth Grapefruit League start when he opposes Toronto RHP Aaron Sanchez. Chen has a 2.16 ERA in 8 1-3 innings this spring.

Pirates: After an off day, RHP Vance Worley is the planned starter Thursday against Atlanta's Wandy Rodriguez at McKechnie Field in Bradenton. Rodriguez made 30 starts for the Pirates over the past three years before being released last May.

starter this season, said everything is progressing well. "We wanted to get the pitch count up," McHugh said. "We got over 75 pitches, which is good. It's what we were working for. I think I have one more start to get up to that 100 plateau before the season starts. Getting five innings under my belt, getting through the lineup two-and-a-half times — things I haven't done this spring — it's good."

# McCutchen hitless, Pearce homers; Orioles down Pirates

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Andrew McCutchen was hitless in two at-bats in his return to the Pirates' lineup, and Steve Pearce homered against his former team to lead the Baltimore Orioles over Pittsburgh 9-2 Tuesday.

McCutchen, the 2013 NL MVP, was out 10 days with lower body soreness. He has a .143 batting average in six spring training games.

"Same old same," McCutchen said. "I'm good to go. It's good to be back. I'll be comfortable in no time." Manager Clint Hurdle said he has no concerns about McCutchen, who is batting .143 in six spring training games, will be ready for opening day.

"He's in a good place," Hurdle said. "He'll get the innings he needs, and he'll get the innings in the outfield he needs."

Orioles starter Ubaldo Jimenez had his best outing of spring, striking out three and allowing four hits in five scoreless innings. He struck out Mc-

Cutchen swinging to end the fourth.

"He's one of the greatest hitters in the game right now," Jimenez said. "He battled. It was one of those things that one time it goes your way, one time it doesn't."

The Orioles scored five runs in the fourth inning off reliever Jared Hughes.

Pearce led off with a long home run to left field, Jimmy Paredes doubled, and Delmon Young, Chris Davis, Everth Cabrera and Ryan Flaherty singled to chase Hughes after seven batters and just one out.

Right-hander Radhames Liz, who the Pirates intend to use as a long reliever this season, allowed four hits in three innings. He induced three double-play grounders.

The Orioles had 16 hits. Davis and Flaherty had three apiece, Davis and Pearce two.

"Guys are starting to get into a little bit of a groove offensively," manager Buck Showalter said. "They're hitting the balls they

spring training and ultimately, statistically speaking, it doesn't mean all that much, you want to get results and do positive things. Confidence-wise, as far as working on things, I feel like I'm having some good at-bats."

Mets starter Dillon Gee allowed four hits in four scoreless innings and struck out one. Houston's Col-

lin McHugh gave up three runs — two earned — and

two hits in five innings with seven strikeouts.

"He was throwing a lot of breaking balls and a lot of off-speed pitches and I wanted to go up there with a plan," Wright said.

Jake Marisnick was 2 for 2 with a solo homer and Luis Valbuena was 2 for 2 with a double and a RBI for the Astros.

Starting time: Astros: McHugh, who likely will be the Astros third or fourth

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<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>	
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>	
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9 p.m.	ESPN2 — NIT, quarterfinal, Louisiana Tech at Temple
<b>NBA</b>	
7 p.m.	ESPN — Chicago at Toronto
9:30 p.m.	ESPN — Oklahoma City at San Antonio
<b>NHL</b>	
8 p.m.	NBCSN — Chicago at Philadelphia
<b>SOCCER</b>	
3 p.m.	ESPN — Men's national teams, exhibition, Denmark vs. United States, at Aarhus, Denmark

NHL Standings	
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>Atlantic Division</b>	
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Detroit	72 39 21 12 90 208 195
Ottawa	72 37 24 11 85 212 190
Boston	73 36 25 12 84 193 190
Florida	73 33 26 14 80 180 201
Toronto	74 27 41 6 60 193 237
Buffalo	73 20 46 7 47 138 245
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Pittsburgh	73 40 22 11 91 202 181
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Philadelphia	74 29 29 16 74 192 215
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Carolina	72 26 36 10 62 165 199
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<b>Central Division</b>	
<b>GP</b>	<b>W L OT Pts GF GA</b>
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Chicago	72 44 22 6 94 206 163
Minnesota	74 42 25 7 91 211 183
Winnipeg	73 38 23 12 88 205 190
Dallas	73 35 28 10 80 228 233
Colorado	72 33 27 12 78 193 201
<b>Pacific Division</b>	
<b>GP</b>	<b>W L OT Pts GF GA</b>
Anaheim	75 46 22 7 99 219 211
Vancouver	72 42 26 4 88 206 193
Calgary	73 40 27 6 86 214 191
Los Angeles	73 36 23 14 86 196 182
San Jose	73 35 30 8 78 201 206
Edmonton	73 20 40 13 53 173 251
Arizona	74 22 44 8 52 154 246
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<b>Monday's Games</b>	
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Chicago 3, Carolina 1	
Minnesota 2, Toronto 1	
Ottawa 5, San Jose 2	
Dallas 4, Buffalo 3	
Calgary 3, Colorado 2	
Winnipeg 4, Edmonton 1	
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Minnesota 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, SO	
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Rangers 2	
St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT	
Columbus 5, Anaheim 3	
Arizona 5, Detroit 4, OT	
Tampa Bay 4, Florida 3	
Nashville 3, Montreal 2, OT	
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>	
Chicago at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.	
Colorado at Edmonton, 8 p.m.	
Dallas at Calgary, 10 p.m.	
<b>Thursday's Games</b>	
Anaheim at Boston, 7 p.m.	
Arizona at Buffalo, 7 p.m.	
Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.	
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.	
Florida at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.	
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.	
San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.	
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.	
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.	

## NBA Standings

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>Atlantic Division</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>L Pct GB</b>
Toronto	42 29 .592 —
Boston	31 39 .443 10½
Brooklyn	29 40 .420 12
Philadelphia	17 53 .243 24½
New York	14 57 .197 28
<b>Southeast Division</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>L Pct GB</b>
y-Atlanta	53 17 .757 —
Washington	40 31 .563 13½
Miami	32 38 .457 21
Charlotte	30 39 .435 22½
Orlando	22 50 .306 32
<b>Central Division</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>L Pct GB</b>
x-Cleveland	46 26 .639 —
x-Chicago	43 29 .597 3
Milwaukee	35 36 .493 10½
Indiana	30 40 .429 15
Detroit	27 44 .380 18½
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>Southwest Division</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>L Pct GB</b>
x-Memphis	50 21 .704 —
Houston	47 23 .671 2½
San Antonio	44 26 .629 5½
Dallas	45 27 .625 5½
New Orleans	37 33 .529 12½
<b>Northwest Division</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>L Pct GB</b>
Portland	44 24 .647 —
Oklahoma City	41 30 .577 4½
Utah	31 39 .443 14
Denver	27 44 .380 18½
Minnesota	16 54 .229 29
<b>Pacific Division</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>L Pct GB</b>
x-Golden State	57 13 .814 —
L.A. Clippers	46 25 .648 11½
Phoenix	38 33 .535 19½
Sacramento	24 45 .348 32½
L.A. Lakers	18 51 .261 38½
x-clinched playoff spot	
y-clinched division	
<b>Monday's Games</b>	
Houston 110, Indiana 100	
Boston 110, Brooklyn 91	
Memphis 103, New York 82	
Chicago 98, Charlotte 86	
Minnesota 106, Utah 104, OT	
Golden State 107, Washington 76	
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>	
Detroit 108, Toronto 104	
Oklahoma City 127, L.A. Lakers 117	
Dallas 101, San Antonio 94	
Milwaukee 89, Miami 88	
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10 p.m.	
Golden State at Portland, 10:30 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>	
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.	
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.	
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.	
Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.	
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.	
Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.	
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.	
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.	
<b>Thursday's Games</b>	
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.	

NCAA Tournament	
<b>EAST REGIONAL</b>	
<b>Round of 32</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	
<b>At CONSOL Energy Center</b>	
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	
N.C. State 71, Villanova 68	
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	
<b>At Time Warner Cable Arena</b>	
<b>Charlotte, N.C.</b>	
Michigan State 60, Virginia 54	
<b>At Nationwide Arena</b>	
<b>Columbus, Ohio</b>	
Oklahoma 72, Dayton 66	
<b>At KeyArena</b>	
<b>Seattle</b>	
Louisville 66, Northern Iowa 53	
<b>At The Carrier Dome</b>	
<b>Syracuse, N.Y.</b>	
<b>Regional Semifinals</b>	
<b>Friday, March 27</b>	
N.C. State (22-13) vs. Louisville (26-8), 7:37 p.m.	
Michigan State (25-11) vs. Oklahoma (24-10), 10:07 p.m.	
<b>Regional Championship</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	
Semifinal winners	
<b>SOUTH REGIONAL</b>	
<b>Round of 32</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	
<b>At KFC Yum! Center</b>	
<b>Louisville, Ky.</b>	
UCLA 92, UAB 75	
<b>At Moda Center</b>	
<b>Portland, Ore.</b>	
Utah 75, Georgetown 64	
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	
<b>At Time Warner Cable Arena</b>	
<b>Charlotte, N.C.</b>	
Duke 68, San Diego State 49	
<b>At KeyArena</b>	
<b>Seattle</b>	
Gonzaga (33-2) vs. Iowa (22-11), 7:10 p.m.	
<b>At NRG Stadium</b>	
<b>Houston</b>	
<b>Regional Semifinals</b>	
<b>Friday, March 27</b>	
UCLA (22-13) vs. Gonzaga (34-2), 7:15 p.m.	
Duke (31-4) vs. Utah (26-8), 9:45 p.m.	
<b>Regional Championship</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 29</b>	
Semifinal winners	
<b>MIDWEST REGIONAL</b>	
<b>Round of 32</b>	



# Beat the clock: Pitchers put on timers in high minors

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh Pirates reliever Rob Scahill thinks his mound mates will do just fine at beating the new 20-second pitch clock that will be used at Triple-A and Double-A this season, one that could lead to balls and strikes as penalties.

"I think it's going to affect the hitters more than the pitchers. They're the ones with all the routines," he said Tuesday in Bradenton, Florida, after the new minor league rules were announced. "Step out of the box, adjust the batting gloves, look for the sign from the third base coach, take a few practice swings.

"Me, I just want to get the ball and throw it. Work fast," added Scahill, who split last season between the Colorado Rockies and Triple-A Colorado Springs.

"That clock wouldn't bother me. There would be times when I'd be ready before the clock counted down."

In an effort to speed games, Minor League Baseball's governing body said a ball will be called in the count starting May 1 when a pitcher fails to start his windup or reach the set position within 20 seconds after having possession of the ball on the mound.

"The goal is to learn more about how effective it is as a tool to speed up the game. We did it in the Arizona Fall League. We think that it showed promise in the fall league, but that was 16 games," said Chris Marinak, MLB's senior vice president of league economics and strategy. "We want to be very thoughtful and careful about understanding the impact of various rule

changes before we expand them on a wide scope."

The clock will be reset when with runners on base a pitcher feints a pickoff or steps off the rubber, or after any action that allows a hitter to leave the batter's box. Depending on the situation, the hitter must be in the batter's box or within the dirt circle surrounding the plate when the countdown begins.

"It definitely is a little weird, especially for guys who take more time," said New York Mets left-hander Jack Leathersich, who split last season between Double-A and Triple-A. "Everybody pitches differently. There's no right way to do it. I think it's good for the game to speed it up a little bit."

The speed-up rules are more radical

than those instituted in the major leagues for 2015, where union approval was needed. Minor league violators in April will be subject to warnings only, the same as in the major leagues.

"It's an experiment," major league umpire crew chief John Hirschbeck said. "Doing it in the minors that way, you can test it. They'll collect all the data and see how it worked out."

Both the major leagues and minors will have clocks timing pitching changes and between-inning breaks: 2 minutes, 25 seconds for most games and 2:45 for big league games on national television.

In the high minors, a ball would be called if a pitcher doesn't start his windup or come to a set during the last 20 seconds.

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suspenders, or at least express a desire to do so? Most recently, it was a younger woman on the staff of a hospital ER while I was waiting for my wife to be treated. I'm fairly certain that if I were to snap their bra straps, they would slap my face and call the police, and rightly so. Why, then, do these ladies believe they have a right to put their hands on me? -- Lost for an Answer  
Dear Lost: We have no clue why anyone, male or female, would think it is OK to treat your suspenders as though they were a child's toy to play with. You likely appear to others as jocular and friendly, which makes them treat you as though you are fa-

miliar and accessible -- their favorite uncle. And there may be something about suspenders that encourages people to touch them, but this doesn't excuse their behavior.  
If someone approaches you a little too closely, feel free to back away or ask them to keep their hands to themselves. Another option, of course, is to cover the suspenders with a jacket or sweater. And, readers, please keep your hands off the merchandise.  
Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Hurting for My Brother-in-Law." She said her brother-in-law's wife died, and her three sons from a previous marriage

put her first husband's name on the headstone. I can understand their reasons.  
My mother remarried when I was 17, and she died 15 months later. Her second husband asked my permission not to use my father's name on the headstone. It seemed reasonable, so I agreed. The headstone only shows her maiden name and that of her second husband.  
Years passed, and I had only minimal contact with my stepfather, who died a long time ago. My grown children never knew him. They worry they will be unable to find their grandmother's burial plot because they don't easily recall my stepfather's last

name. I phoned the cemetery and requested that they cross-reference Mom's married name with my maiden name (my father's name), but they refused.  
In years to come, my children's descendents may wish to know where their grandmother is buried, but her second husband of one year will not be remembered. -- G.  
Dear G.: You should make certain that your papers include your mother's married name so that future generations will have a record of it and can locate her gravesite. You also might find out from the cemetery whether you can add anything to the headstone or who can give you

the authority to do so -- perhaps your stepfather's children, who may not have any objection to your adding your father's name.  
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**Contract Bridge** *By Steve Becker*  
**The Disappearing Trick**

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A J 8 6 4 2  
♥ 4  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ 10 4 3  
**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ Q 8 7 5 2  
♦ A K 6 3  
♣ A 8 6  
**EAST**  
♠ 9  
♥ K 9 6 3  
♦ Q 10 7 4 2  
♣ Q J 9  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 7 3  
♥ A J 10  
♦ 8  
♣ K 7 5 2

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♥ Pass 2♥ 2♠  
Pass 4♠  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
The value of a hand invariably rises and falls as the other players at the table make their bids. Thus, if you try to assess West's hand at the point where he opens the bidding with a heart, it would register as only slightly more than a minimum opening bid.  
This is primarily because the hand contains only 13 high-card points, and there is considerable uncertainty about the trick-taking value of the heart suit. Neither of West's suits is self-sufficient as

trump. But when East raises hearts, the West hand greatly increases in value, so much so that making as many as 10 tricks becomes a realistic prospect.  
West's pass of two spades must therefore be regarded as much too conservative. He should have bid three diamonds instead. This might well have elicited a five-heart bid from East — which goes down only one — after North's leap to four spades. As the bidding went, though, South was allowed to play in four spades and made the contract by careful play.  
West started with the K-A of diamonds, declarer ruffing the ace. South's problem was to avoid losing three club tricks. Had he relied solely on East's having the ace, he would have gone down one. But instead he placed his hopes on an endplay that was virtually certain to succeed.  
After leading a trump to the ace and ruffing dummy's last diamond, South re-entered dummy with a trump and returned a heart, finessing the ten after East followed low. This unusual play rendered the defense helpless.  
West won with the queen, but whether he returned a heart, a diamond or a club, the defense could score only one club trick, and the contract was home.

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J P Y K F F P M J O Z Z P - C Y C K Q H .  
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**CROSSWORD** *By Eugene Sheffer*

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>43</b> Baby's seat, maybe	<b>2</b> "Beetle Bailey" dog	<b>24</b> Greek vowel
<b>1</b> Band in Boston?	<b>45</b> Record sleeve	<b>3</b> Andean land	<b>25</b> Stick-to-itiveness
<b>5</b> Derek and Diddle	<b>47</b> "20 Questions" category	<b>4</b> Urban woes	<b>27</b> Humorist
<b>8</b> Always	<b>51</b> Seed coat	<b>5</b> "Peter Grimes" composer	<b>29</b> Buck's mate
<b>12</b> Couple in a gossip column	<b>52</b> Nerve	<b>6</b> Chic no more	<b>30</b> Hat tub
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<b>15</b> Horrible state	<b>56</b> Smell	<b>9</b> Accuracy	<b>37</b> Noshed
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<b>18</b> Battled	<b>58</b> \$5 bill	<b>11</b> Optimistic	<b>42</b> Employees
<b>19</b> Lengthy list	<b>59</b> Cellphone display	<b>16</b> Chocolate fragment	<b>44</b> Embroidery loop
<b>21</b> Perch	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>20</b> Playwright	<b>45</b> Door-frame part
<b>22</b> Idle or Clapton	<b>1</b> Chan-teuse	<b>23</b> Vagrant	<b>46</b> Met melody
<b>23</b> Wager	Edith		<b>48</b> Certain skirt
<b>26</b> Church seat			<b>49</b> Fermi's concern
<b>28</b> Alkali neutral-izers			<b>50</b> Muse's strings
<b>31</b> Lone Star State sch.			<b>53</b> Spoon-bender
<b>33</b> Siesta			Geller
<b>35</b> On			
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<b>38</b> Wander about			
<b>40</b> Verily			
<b>41</b> Performs			

**Solution time: 23 mins.**  
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**Your Individual Horoscope**



**Frances Drake**

For Thursday, March 26, 2015  
**ARIES**  
(March 21 to April 19)  
Today starts a bit at loose ends but then settles down nicely once you get home. In fact, a chance to cocoon at home will please you the most.  
**TAURUS**  
(April 20 to May 20)  
You might be focused on financial matters and cash flow today; however, this is not a good day for important purchases. Postpone them until this evening or tomorrow.  
**GEMINI**  
(May 21 to June 20)  
Today the Moon is in your sign, but later it moves into Cancer. It's a lovely day to relax and enjoy the company of others. This evening, you might do homework or pay bills.  
**CANCER**  
(June 21 to July 22)  
This afternoon, the Moon moves into your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual. (And you already are an emotional, sensitive person.) Fortunately, this brings you a bit of good luck as well.  
**LEO**  
(July 23 to Aug. 22)  
Enjoy casual conversations with female acquaintances today, because by evening, you will seek out privacy and solitude for yourself. Today has some extremes for you.  
**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
People notice you today, because they're talking about you for some reason. Later in the day, you will get feedback from friends, perhaps in a group.  
**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)  
Do something different today so that you can get a change of scenery. Go someplace you've never been before. Talk to people from different backgrounds. You want to get more out of life.  
**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
Today is a great day to explore new ideas with others, but gently so. Later in the day, red-tape details and finances will capture your attention.  
**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)  
Late today the Moon will move opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. This simply requires courtesy and accommodation.  
**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)  
Conversations with others will be frank and honest today. However, agree to nothing important. Just get information.  
**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)  
Your efficiency and productivity will be challenged today, and by late in the day, you will want to play. And why not? You can work tomorrow.  
**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19 to March 20)  
This is a creative day for you. If you work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry, write down your great ideas. See how they sound tomorrow.  
**YOU BORN TODAY** You like things to be simple, and you like to work at your own pace. You are self-sufficient and responsible. Nevertheless, you also have a childlike spontaneity in life that is open and honest. This is the beginning of a fresh, exciting, new nine-year cycle for you. This means you are at the beginning of things. Therefore, open any door!  
Birthdate of: Keira Knightley, actress; Larry Page, Internet entrepreneur; Jennifer Grey, actress.

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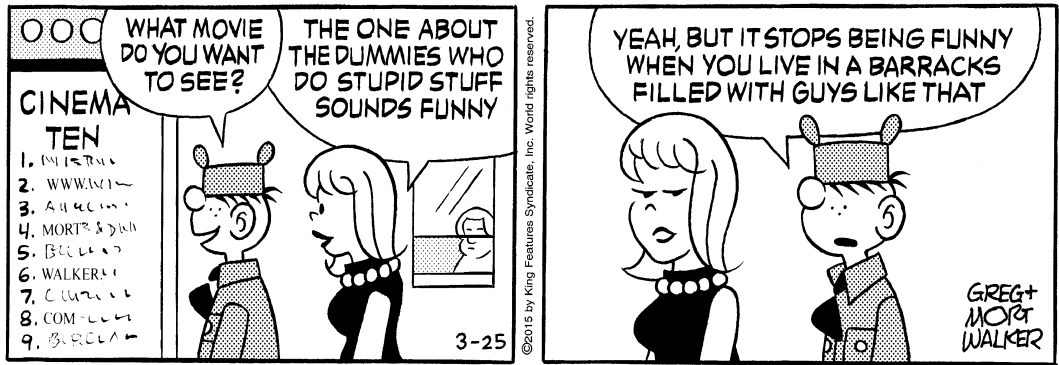
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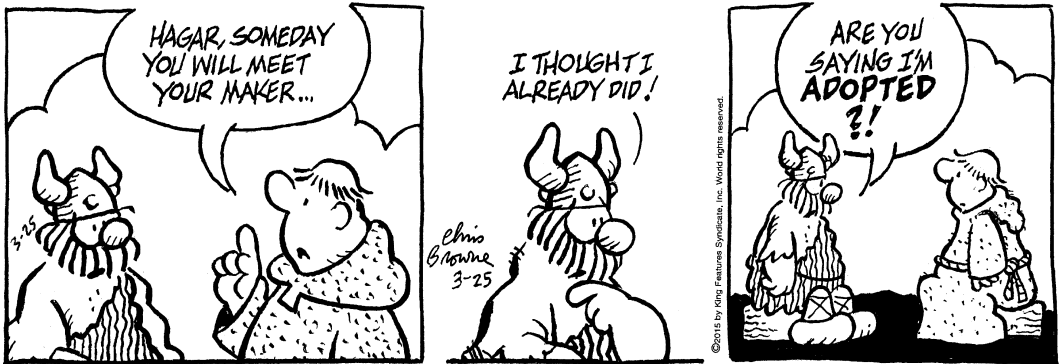
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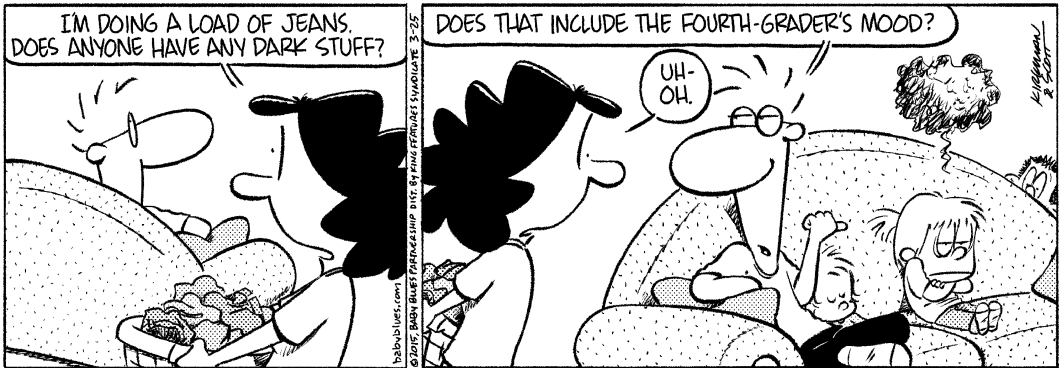
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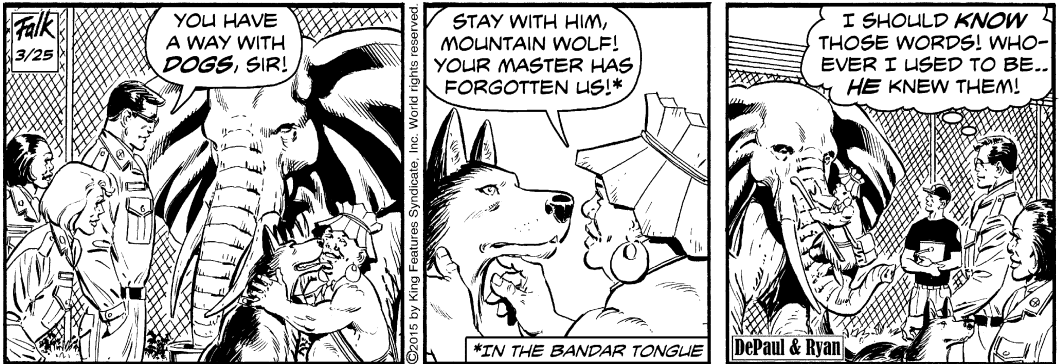
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