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Strengths and flaws of Act 13 assessed

Law's co-sponsor calls report by groups affiliated with Wilkes University "opinion."

By STEVE MOCARSKY
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WILKES-BARRE – A recent report by two local institutes points out strengths and weaknesses in the state's new regulations for the natural gas industry, but a co-sponsor of the legislation dismissed the report as "an opinion piece."

The Institute for Public Policy and Economic Development, in collaboration with the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research for Northeastern Pennsylvania, jointly released a 20-page report that comments on key provisions of Act 13, which was signed into law by Gov. Tom Corbett on Feb. 14.

Both institutes are affiliated with Wilkes University.

Stephen Miskin, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Mike Turzai, who co-sponsored the House version of the bill, said the report seems like "more of an opinion piece than a study or a report by a university."

"They should read (or re-read) the local ordinance provisions

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Area native's hip-hop song scores fans

Subject for Tommy Mula tune is NHL player with a charity and a good sense of humor.

By SARA POKORNY
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Hockey and hip-hop – an unlikely pairing, right? Not for Tommy Mula, who found a way to meld two of his life's passions together, and help others in the process.

The 34-year-old Scranton native has been a recording hip-hop artist since 2003, but just recently one of his tracks grabbed a lot of attention. The lifelong Philadelphia Flyers fan has provided NHL All-Star Scott Hartnell with a song that has all proceeds going to Hartnell's charity.

From the very beginning, Mula knew he wanted to do a song about hockey.

"Hip-hop and hockey have always been my passions. I wanted

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High court joins health law battle

People raise rosaries in the air during prayers as part of Encircle the Court in Prayer, an event led by Christian faith organizations.



AP PHOTO

Arguments begin today on divisive issue

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The monumental fight over a health care law that touches all Americans and divides them sharply comes before the Supreme Court today. The justices will decide whether to kill or keep the largest expansion in the nation's social safety net in more than four decades.

Two years and three days after President Barack Obama signed into law a health care overhaul aimed at extending medical insurance to

more than 30 million Americans, the high court begins three days of hearings over the law's validity.

The challenge from 26 states and a small business group puts the court smack in the middle of a heavily partisan fight over the president's major domestic accomplishment and a presidential election campaign in which all his Republican challengers oppose the law.

If upheld, the law will force dramatic changes

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BODIES IN MOTION IN W-B



PETE G. WILCOX/THE TIMES LEADER

It's not as easy as it looks, so don't try this at home. Leave it up to the performers with the Cirque D'Or show who tumble, balance and contort themselves for a living. The troupe brought its show to the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday afternoon. For the story, see Page 3A.

PENN STATE ABUSE

Key focus on probe's victim No. 2

Allegation that led to Paterno's ouster raises questions in Sandusky case.

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — The case is highly emotional, with accusations delving deep back in time and numerous alleged victims. But for all its breadth, one chapter in the Penn State abuse saga outpaces the others: the alleged sexual assault in a team shower by former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky of a boy known only as Victim 2.

It's the allegation that Penn State acknowledged ended Joe Paterno's distinguished football coaching career and spawned criminal charges against two school officials.

But the only person who says he saw it happen is another assistant. Prosecutors don't know who the boy is, while Sandusky says he believes he does know, and that the now-grown man, referred to in court papers only as Victim 2, could exonerate him.

Even the timing of the allegation is in question, as is the age of the boy a decade ago.

All the conflicting information presents tough challenges for prosecutors — not just at the sex abuse trial beginning in mid-May, at which the defense does not plan to call the man, but also in the court of public opinion.

"I'm not trying to make light of the sit-

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK

- FIDDLIN' AROUND:** Ahhh. Country music. Back in the day, it seemed like every song was about heartbreak and drinking, pickup trucks, dogs, tractors ... and drinking. The genre's sure changed, but there's still plenty of funny song titles to pass around. And there's even a day to celebrate them. "Quirky Country Music Song Titles Day" is Tuesday, so get out your copy of Johnny Cash's "Every Time I Itch I Wind Up Scratching You," Kenny Chesney's "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy," or Toby Keith's "Beer for My Horses," and enjoy.
- BATTLE FOR OLYMPUS:** First they clashed. And

apparently all that clashing made them angry, because now the Titans are peeved. So much so that they made a movie about it called "Wrath of the Titans." A sequel to the 2010 "Clash of the Titans" (itself a remake of a 1981 flick), "Wrath" promises a no-holds-barred Greek rugby scrum featuring gods, demi-gods, heroes, titans and British actors. The film opens Friday in theaters near you and farther away.

- ALL THAT JAZZ:** Looking for a good story? How about a nice juicy tale of celebrity, scandal, corruption and murder mixed in with a little singing and dancing? If that sounds good, then the Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre has just the ticket for you. And you can buy said ticket for the musical "Chicago" this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the playhouse on North Main Street. Shows Friday and Saturday are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.
- ENDGAME:** In the beginning, there is madness. Wall-to-wall basketball action with upsets, surprises, tension, dra-

ma and more. Then the cream begins to rise to the top as college basketball's best keep advancing. With Cinderella long gone home, it all culminates this Saturday with the NCAA Final Four. In a matchup guaranteed to be on every TV set in The Bluegrass State, Kentucky takes on Louisville at 6:09 p.m. Later on, about 8:50-ish or so, Ohio St. and Kansas take the court. CBS has all the action.

- APRIL 1ST IS NEXT SUNDAY:** It is a little known fact that the sock was invented in the year 935 by a tailor named Gumdard the Emboldened. In 950, to honor this feat, Pope Agapetus II decreed the first Sunday of April would be known as "Sock Day." On Sock Day, the people would wear socks on their heads and hands and parade around the village in a ceremony called, "Sockittoomee." This went on for a few years before people realized it was just plain silly. It's true. Really. You could look it up. :)



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POLICE BLOTTER

HAZLETON – Two people were injured Sunday in a one-car crash on Stockton Mountain Road, state police said.

Passengers Morgan Kevenaar, 22, and a 5-year-old boy, both of Summit Hill, were taken to Hazleton General Hospital for treatment of moderate injuries, state police. Their conditions were unavailable.

Unspecified charges were filed against Michael Ruckhardt, 30, of Nesquehoning, the driver of the 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix, state police said.

Ruckhardt was traveling south on the roadway around 1:20 p.m. and lost control of the car while trying to negotiate a right turn, state police said. The car crossed over the north lane and struck a utility pole, shearing it at its base, state police said. The car was towed from the scene.

HAZLETON – State police on Saturday said driving under the influence charges will be filed against Dennis Malloy, 42, of Leesport.

Malloy showed signs of intoxication after he was stopped for traffic violations at 2:43 a.m. at the intersection of East Hemlock and Wyoming streets, state police said. He was taken into custody and transported to the Hazleton state police barracks for a breath test, state police said.

HAZLETON – Police said they cited Josephine Lubish, 40, of Hazleton with public drunkenness after she was found intoxicated in the area of Laurel and Chestnut streets around 11:30 p.m. Friday.

HAZLETON – Police are investigating a break-in at a residence in the area of Carson Street and Samuels Avenue between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday.

It is unknown if anything was stolen. Anyone with information about the burglary is asked to contact city police at 570 459-4940.

HANOVER TWP. – Township police reported the following:

- Richard Thomas of Lyndwood Avenue reported his 2010 Hanover Area High School class ring was stolen from his resi-

dence sometime between Thursday and Sunday.

- David Price of East Liberty Street reported a laptop, cologne and wallet were stolen from his bedroom during a burglary sometime between Friday and Sunday.
- Three teenage males fled the China House Buffet on Carey Avenue without paying for their meals on Sunday.
- James Gilmore, 21, of Lee Park Avenue, was cited with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of a man with a handgun in the area of Dexter and Oxford streets at 4:46 p.m. Saturday.

Police said they found Gilmore walking with two friends, and a black handgun was visible in his waist band around 4:45. Gilmore had been drinking and was confused, unsteady on his feet and had bruises and abrasions, police said.

Police determined the weapon was a pellet gun. Gilmore said he took it from an unidentified person to prevent a fight and fell, causing his injuries. He was taken to the police station and later released to the custody of his mother. Police took custody of the pellet gun.

- A man stole an X-box 360 from The Game Station on Lee Park Avenue Saturday afternoon.

The man twice came into the store and looked at the X-box. The second time he asked the owner to see it and was handed the X-box. The man then walked out of the store and got into the passenger side of a waiting dull, black Chevrolet pickup truck.

The owner ran from behind the counter and tried to get the license plate, but it was covered. The pickup went north on Lee Park Avenue toward Wilkes-Barre. The pickup had 4x4 in red lettering on the back.

- Police are investigating the theft of money during a break-in reported Saturday at Shmoopy's Bar & Grill on Main Road.

The owner discovered the business was entered through a basement window. The jukebox was broken open and coins were removed. The cash register also had been entered and money stolen. Stock items were knocked off shelves in the kitchen area. The owner said he would take an inventory to determine what was missing.



AP PHOTO

In this image released by Lionsgate, Jennifer Lawrence portrays Katniss Everdeen in a scene from 'The Hunger Games,' based on the first of a best-selling book series.

'Hunger' like no other

"The Hunger Games" sets a revenue mark for non-sequel with \$155M opening weekend.

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — "The Hunger Games" has filled fan appetites with a \$155 million opening weekend that puts it near the top of the domestic record book.

The huge haul marks the third-best debut ever in terms of revenue, behind the \$169.2 million opening for last year's "Harry Potter" finale and the \$158.4 million opening of 2008's "The Dark Knight."

"Harry Potter" and "Batman" were well-established franchises. "The Hunger Games" set a revenue record for a non-sequel, taking in more than twice what the first "Twilight" movie did with its \$69.6 million opening weekend.

"This is the birth of a franchise. To launch in this fashion is mindboggling," said David Spitz, head of distribution at Lionsgate, which now also owns the "Twilight" franchise after its purchase of Summit Entertainment.

While it's already a blockbuster on its North American home turf, "The Hunger Games" had a much slower start overseas. The film took in a modest \$59.3 million in 67 markets, including Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Australia.

The "Harry Potter" finale took in a record \$314 million overseas

in its debut last summer, and half a dozen other films have opened with more than \$200 million outside the United States.

Even "John Carter," a dud domestically, managed to take in more than "The Hunger Games" overseas, launching with \$70.6 million in 55 international markets two weekends ago.

Still, "The Hunger Games" amassed a worldwide total of \$214.3 million in just a few days.

Domestically, it also was by far the biggest start for a film opening outside the busy summer and holiday seasons. According to Sunday studio estimates, "The Hunger Games" came in nearly \$40 million ahead of the previous March record-holder, 2010's "Alice in Wonderland" at \$116.1 million.

"The Hunger Games" slid into the No. 3 spot on the domestic revenue chart ahead of "Spider-Man 3," which opened with \$151.1 million in 2007. Factoring in today's higher tickets prices, "The Hunger Games" sold fewer tickets over opening weekend than "Spider-Man 3," though.

Fans camped out for the first screenings of "The Hunger Games," which began just after midnight Friday. Many fans showed up dressed as favorite characters from the story.

"That type of behavior puts it on the level of the 'Star Treks' and 'Star Wars,'" Spitz said. "I was so excited to see how everyone was responding to the material and how ecstatic they were to be a part of it."

With a broader fan base than the "Twilight" franchise, "The Hunger Games" pulled in bigger crowds than the top-grossing installment of that series. "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" leads that franchise with a \$142.8 million opening weekend in 2009.

Women and girls have made up as much as 80 percent of the audience for the "Twilight" flicks. Though it features a female lead, "The Hunger Games" drew more balanced crowds, with girls and women accounting for 61 percent of audiences, according to distributor Lionsgate.

Despite its teen fan base, "The Hunger Games" also did well among older moviegoers. Fans 25 and older made up 56 percent of the crowds.

"The Hunger Games" stars Jennifer Lawrence as a teen who is one of 24 youths forced to compete in a televised death match in a post-apocalyptic North American society.

"The Hunger Games" gave Hollywood a huge lift during a normally quiet time at theaters, with the start of the summer movie season still a month and a half away. Business has soared this year, with domestic receipts now at \$2.4 billion, 19 percent ahead of last year's.

The previous No. 1 movie, Sony's action comedy "21 Jump Street," dropped to a distant No. 2 but held up well in its second weekend with \$21.3 million. That raised its domestic total to \$71.1 million.

French judge files charges against gunman's brother

Investigators believe Mohamed Merah's brother had a role in the killings.

By NICOLAS GARRIGA and SAMANTHA BORDES
Associated Press

PARIS — A French judge filed preliminary murder and terrorism charges Sunday against the brother of a gunman who killed Jewish schoolchildren and paratroopers in attacks that stunned the country.

Investigators looking into France's worst terror attacks in years believe Mohamed Merah's brother helped prepare for the killings and are trying to find out how deeply he was involved. They are also investigating whether they were linked to an international network or worked on their own.

Mohamed Merah, 23, claimed responsibility for killing three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers earlier this month. After a 32-hour standoff with police, he died Thursday in a hail of gunfire as he jumped out a window of his apartment in the southern city of Toulouse.

Since then, attention has focused on his older brother, Abdelkader Merah, who was handed preliminary charges on Sunday of complicity to murder and theft, and involvement in a terrorist enterprise, prosecutors said. Detained last week, he will remain

in custody pending further investigation.

Preliminary charges under French law mean there is strong reason to believe a crime was committed, but allow magistrates more time to investigate.

Authorities suspect Abdelkader had a role in acquiring his younger brother's arsenal and financing his trips to Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Middle East. Mohamed Merah claimed allegiance to al-Qaida and told police he traveled to Afghanistan and Pakistan for training.

Abdelkader was questioned several years ago about alleged links to a network sending Toulouse-area youths to Iraq, but no action was brought against him at the time.

Prosecutor Francois Molins said the inquiry is also looking at anyone else who could have been involved in planning the attacks.

The brother's girlfriend, Yamina Mesbah, was held, then released early Sunday without being charged. The Merah brothers' mother was released Friday night.

The girlfriend denied any involvement in what happened and said she was shocked by the killings, her lawyer Guy Debuissou said, adding that Abdelkader Merah appeared to have led a double life.

"This woman was unaware of anything about her husband's accessory, complementary or secret life," the lawyer said.



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Rose Monseur of Wilkes-Barre, left, joins more than 200 faithful in singing hymns in Polish during the Polish Lenten service 'Gorzkie Zale,' or Bitter Lamentations, at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church in Hanover Township on Sunday afternoon. The service, which dates back to 1707, incorporates prose and verse, chants and readings, and prayer and meditation reflecting on Christ's Passion and death on the cross. The service was conducted by the Rev. John Albosta of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Plains Township, the Rev. Richard Zavacki, formerly of St. Hedwig Church in Kingston, and the Rev. James McGahagan of St. Andrew Parish in Wilkes-Barre.

DETAILS

LOTTERY

MIDDAY DRAWING
DAILY NUMBER - **3-2-6**
BIG 4 - **6-3-6-0**
QUINTO - **1-7-0-9-6**
TREASURE HUNT
08-11-17-20-29

NIGHTLY DRAWING
DAILY NUMBER - **7-2-3**
BIG 4 - **6-8-8-7**
QUINTO - **1-7-1-0-7**
CASH 5
06-15-32-34-38

HARRISBURG - No player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game so the jackpot will be worth \$225,000.

Lottery officials said 46 players matched four numbers and won \$303 each; 1,439 players matched three numbers and won \$16 each; and 19,733 players matched two numbers and won \$1 each.

The winning numbers in Saturday evening's drawing of the "Powerball" game were:

01-15-35-37-47
Powerball: **8**

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LOCAL

NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON TWP.

Area man victim at P&G

A Luzerne man died Saturday as the result of an industrial accident at the Procter & Gamble Co. plant in Wyoming County.

Jason Slavish, 36, of Charles Street, was critically injured in the accident around 1:30 p.m. when



Slavish

production was down and a regularly scheduled maintenance program was in progress, according to Alex Fried, a P&G spokesman.

Slavish died at 3 p.m. at Tyler Memorial Hospital near Tunkhannock, said Fried.

"Jason was a 14-year employee of P&G and manufacturing process coach, and will be deeply missed. Our hearts go out to Jason's family, friends and co-workers," said Louay Mishu, P&G Mehoopany Family Care plant manager in a prepared statement Sunday.

The company and authorities are investigating how the accident occurred, said Fried.

Grief counselors will be on site at the plant this week.

To read Slavish's obituary, see page 8A.

ELYSBURG

Boy had heart condition

Last summer's death of a 6-year-old Wilkes-Barre boy pulled from the Crystal Pool at Knoebels Amusement Park has been attributed to a previously undiagnosed heart condition, The Patriot-News in Harrisburg reported Saturday.

Montour County Coroner Scott E. Lynn released the results of the investigation into the July 6 death of George Samuel Roberts III. The boy was discovered at the bottom of the pool and he died less than five hours later at Geisinger in Danville.

It took months to determine the cause of death because the boy was breathing when taken to the hospital and an autopsy showed no evidence of traumatic injuries, Lynn said.

The boy's mother and stepfather, Ann Marie and Daniel Howey, who were in the pool area when he died, posted messages on Facebook at the time saying they did not hold Knoebels responsible for the death.

The boy's condition is associated with Noonan syndrome, a genetic disorder that prevents normal development of parts of the body.

PLAINS TWP.

Fire damages family home

Fire heavily damaged a house at 18 Price St. early Sunday morning.

There were no injuries as two people in the house got out safely, said Mark Ritsick, Plains Township deputy fire chief.

The fire is not suspicious, but it is under investigation. It started in the sunroom and spread to the first and second floors, said Ritsick.

SCRANTON

Police look for driver

State police are looking for the driver and vehicle involved in a hit-and-run crash Saturday night on Interstate 81 northbound at mile marker 182.8.

Derin Spector, 24, of Scranton was northbound in a 1997 Honda Accord around 8:35 p.m. when a Subaru Outback changed lanes and struck the rear of his car, causing him to lose control and strike a guide rail along the right side of the roadway.

Spector was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to contact state police at Dunmore at 570 963-3156.

NANTICOKE

Historical Society speaker

The Nanticoke Historical Society will host Anthony T.P. Brooks, director of the Luzerne County Historical Society, as a guest speaker Thursday on architectural influences in the Wyoming Valley over the last 250 years.

Brooks also will present slides in his presentation at 7 p.m. in the Samantha Mill House, adjacent to the Mill Library at 495 E. Main St.

Seating is limited and the public is urged to arrive early.

Trial in stabbing homicide begins today

Jury selection begins for Rodolfo Perez and Angel Sanchez, both of Hazleton.

By SHEENA DELAZIO
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WILKES-BARRE – Investigators say they have it all on surveillance video: two men assaulting and stabbing 21-year-old Vladimir Ruiz to death.

Beginning this morning with jury selection, prosecutors will try to prove Rodolfo Hiraldo Perez, 25, and Angel Sanchez, 21, both of Hazleton, are those two men in a trial on homicide and



Perez



Sanchez

other related charges.

Luzerne County Judge David Lupas is presiding over the case, which is being prosecuted by assistant district attorneys Daniel Zola and Shannon Crake.

Perez, who requires an interpreter at court proceedings, is represented by attorneys John Pike and David Lampman,

while Sanchez is represented by attorney Demetrius Fannick.

The trial is expected to last throughout the week.

Perez and Sanchez were charged after Hazleton police responded to West Green Street on January 16, 2011, for the report of two men lying on the sidewalk near Penn Palace, a local tavern.

Police found Ruiz with several injuries and stab wounds, as well as 23-year-old Juda Hope, of Hazleton, who suffered gunshot wounds and was airlifted to Lehigh Valley Hospital, where he later died.

Prosecutors say that surveil-

lance video of the area shows a fight between Ruiz, Sanchez and Perez, and that the fight may have been gang-related.

According to court papers, Sanchez can be seen punching, kicking and stomping Ruiz, while Perez can be seen preventing people from helping Ruiz.

Perez is then seen allegedly taking a knife and stabbing Ruiz as he is being assaulted by Sanchez.

The two men then fled the scene, police said.

In another altercation in the area, police said Willis Gonzalez, of Hazleton, shot and killed

Hope.

Gonzalez, who is facing homicide and a firearms charge, remains at large, according to prosecutors.

Prosecutors say Sanchez and Perez were involved in a fight with Ruiz on Jan. 15, ending with Sanchez getting the better of Ruiz.

The men were charged with disorderly conduct in connection with that fight and allegedly decided to settle the dispute with a handshake or a fight without weapons.

The men met on Jan. 16 and a fight erupted outside of Penn Palace, leaving two men dead.

Cirque D'Or fascinates Kirby Center audience with acrobats, contortionists and aerial artists performing in unison



PETE G. WILCOX/THE TIMES LEADER

Members of Cirque D'Or perform acrobatic routines on stage at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday. Some performers begin their training as young as 4 for the demanding routines.

Astonishing feats

By RALPH NARDONE
Times Leader Correspondent

WILKES-BARRE – Lithe performers astonished and amazed an F.M. Kirby Center audience Sunday with 30 world-champion acrobats, contortionists and aerial artists exhibiting synchronized feats of strength, balance and coordination set to powerful background music.

Those seated in the grand old downtown theater alternated between silent awe and enthusiastic applause for what they saw from the acts in the Cirque D'Or.

Joe Zappia and Matt Hufnagel, promoters for the show, said it has similarly entertained audiences all over the Midwest and Northeast, establishing itself as "one of the hottest tickets in show business."

Zappia said everywhere the show went

it was "well received."

One performer balanced himself on an elevated platform using one hand to hold himself up while he stretched and bent his legs; he then switched hands in mid-air.

Another balanced a chandelier with lighted candles on her head and tossed it about with precision.

A group of young men catapulted through jump ropes doing flips, high jumps and rolls. One jumped rope while doing the "worm."

Grace Zhao, one of the show's organizers, said most of the performers are trained from a very young age in China to develop the strength and discipline necessary for the stunts they do.

Some will start as early as the age of 4 and train for eight to 10 years, she said. Once they achieve the proper physical

fitness, the performers are then categorized in the training centers by a specific skill, whether it's juggling, balancing or climbing, Zhao said.

And, the training doesn't stop once they start traveling around the world performing, Zhao added. Even on show days, the artists will work through their routines for several hours to maintain the necessary precision to stay safe while entertaining.

Zappia said the Cirque D'Or is a "new generation of cirque with performers from all around the world."

Though he is involved in the show, he said he is still amazed at what he sees.

Hufnagel said the show is best for families with young children who will be astonished at what people can do with their bodies.

Church on Square delivers message to downtown

Nondenominational church's inaugural service attended by a nearly full house.

By SARA POKORNY
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WILKES-BARRE – The faith is strong at the heart of downtown Wilkes-Barre, as evidenced by the turnout the Church on the Square saw for its first service on Sunday morning.

"We are truly blessed," Pastor Vince O'Boyle said. "We just want to express our gratitude to everyone that helped make it possible, that got it going."

The nondenominational church is located at 52 Public Square, next to the Leo Matus newsstand. The first Mass was met with an almost-packed house.

It's a simple setup, a 700-square-foot area complete with 50 chairs, a keyboard and drums. O'Boyle's co-pastor is Louis Smyth, who first envisioned the church where it is today.

"He comes from New Jersey; he has an incredible passion for ministering," O'Boyle said. "When he came up this way, he looked at the square and thought that maybe one day

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Pastor Vince O'Boyle, right, greets people entering the Church on the Square for its inaugural service on Sunday morning on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

Rise in deadly crashes in county

Statistics from PennDOT show statewide decrease in number of people killed.

By EDWARD LEWIS
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While statewide statistics from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation showed a decrease in the number of people killed in crashes in 2011, there was a significant rise in deadly wrecks in Luzerne County last year.

According to the Luzerne County Coroner's Office, there were 50 people killed in motor vehicle crashes in the county in 2011, compared to 36 fatalities in 2010. Six people who died in crashes in 2011 were ruled homicide due to alcohol impairment by other drivers, county statistics say.

At least two crashes that involved the deaths of three people in 2011 remain open investigations.

Barbara Carbohn, 70, of Lehman Township, was ejected from a Chevrolet when it collided with a Subaru driven by Geoffrey Presley at U.S. Route 11 and the Carey Avenue Bridge on July 11.

An autopsy showed Carbohn died from multiple traumatic injuries as a result of the crash. The manner of her death has not been made pending the on-going investigation.

No charges have been filed.

Edward A. Skwirut, 89, and his wife Dorothy, 86, of Nanticoke, died at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center after their Chevrolet Impala was struck head-on by a Chevrolet pickup driven by Kevin Allen on the Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township, on Aug. 4.

Allen was treated at a hospital.

The manner of deaths for Skwirut and his wife have not been ruled.

State police recently shut down the Sans Souci Parkway to reconstruct the deadly crash.

No charges have been filed.

Coroner statistics show there were 44 fatal crashes in 2009 and 33 in 2008 in the county.

There was one homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence in each of the years 2010, 2009 and 2008.

Statewide, there were 1,291 killed in crashes in Pennsylvania in 2011, the second-lowest number on record and 33 fewer than in 2010, according to PennDOT.

Fatalities in crashes involving a drinking driver decreased from 417 in 2010 to 379 in 2011, the lowest number in more than 10 years, PennDOT said.

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A lucky day for a soaking leap

Bagpiper John Mistler from the Atlantic City Fire Department SandPipers leads the swimmers to the water Sunday to start the Polar bear swim at the 2nd annual Leprechaun Leap benefiting the South Jersey Cancer Fund in Brigantine, N.J.

EATONVILLE, FLA.

Justice sought for shooting

African-American community churches around the nation on Sunday amplified the cries for justice in the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, with the increasingly loud calls coming to the pulpits of what have been cultural and often political institutions in America.

The one-month anniversary of the black teen's death is today. He was shot while wearing a hooded sweatshirt as he walked home on a rainy night in a gated community. The neighborhood watch volunteer who shot him, 28-year-old George Zimmerman, is the son of a white father and Hispanic mother, and the demands to charge him in Martin's slaying have grown ever louder. He had called police to report the hooded figure as suspicious; Martin was carrying a bag of Skittles and a can of iced tea, talking to his girlfriend on his cellphone.

In religious centers from Florida to Atlanta, New York and Chicago, there were messages from pulpits about the case.

BEIRUT

Syrian forces, rebels clash

Syrian forces attacked flashpoint areas Sunday, carrying out raids and clashing with rebels as President Bashar Assad's allies in Russia said the country may be facing its last chance for peace.

Syrian activists reported clashes in Daraa, the southern province where the uprising began last March.

A spokesman for the rebel Free Syrian Army, Muneef al-Za'em, said government troops invaded the town of Nawa, with a population of 100,000.

International condemnation and high-level diplomacy have failed to stop the year-old Syria crisis. The U.N. says more than 8,000 people have been killed, many of them civilians. In recent months, the uprising has transformed into an armed insurgency as army defectors and others say they want to bring down the regime by force.

CHICAGO

Doctors: Cheney on list

Doctors say it is unlikely that former Vice President Dick Cheney got special treatment when he was given a new heart that thousands of younger people also were in line to receive.

After spending nearly two years on a waiting list, Cheney received a transplant Saturday. The 71-year-old underwent surgery at the same Virginia hospital where doctors implanted a small heart pump that has kept him alive the past few years.

Cheney was recovering Sunday at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va. He had severe congestive heart failure and had suffered five heart attacks over the past 25 years.

HONOLULU

'Titanic' figure dives deep

Director James Cameron has begun his journey to someplace only two men have gone before — to the Earth's deepest point.

The director of "Titanic" and other films is using a specially designed submarine called "Deepsea Challenger" to dive nearly seven miles. He began his deep dive at 5:50 a.m. Monday local time, according to Stephanie Montgomery of the National Geographic Society.

He plans to spend about six hours exploring and filming the Mariana Trench, about 200 miles southwest of the Pacific island of Guam.

Swiss engineer Jacques Piccard and Don Walsh, a U.S. Navy captain, are the only other men to reach the spot.

Obama presses N. Korea

President seeks Chinese help in warning Communist country.

By **BEN FELLER**
AP White House Correspondent

SEOUL, South Korea — Trying to muscle North Korea toward peace over provocation, President Barack Obama is broadening his squeeze play from the heart of this tensely divided peninsula, pressuring China to show more influence and warning North Korea that it is headed toward a crippling "dead end" of isolation.

From this capital teeming with pride, Obama sought for a second day today to contrast the success of the South to the impoverished North, whose nuclear and missile tests have kept its neighbor on edge and itself on the wrong side of the world community. Already, he said, looking into the North from near the border was like witnessing a "time warp" of despair.

In a speech at Hankuk University, one

of Seoul's top-ranked schools, Obama was to campaign against the spread of nuclear material and weaponry with North Korea's shadow figuring large. The North plans to launch a satellite with a long-range rocket next month against fierce objections from world powers, as the same technology could be used to fire a missile.

Obama will also try to build diplomatic force by turning to China, North Korea's main ally, when he meets with Chinese President Hu Jintao. That conversation is among a flurry of engagements for Obama, including a final meeting with departing Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, on the sidelines of a major Nuclear Security Summit.

In a news conference here Sunday, Obama challenged North Korea's pride and its plans, questioning whether its new, young leader, Kim Jong Un, was even truly in charge. Obama's trip comes as North Koreans mark the end of the 100-



AP PHOTO

President Barack Obama is with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday.

day mourning period for longtime leader Kim Jong Il, who died of a heart attack in December.

Obama then set some blunt expectations for China, questioning how much it was helping to ease tensions with North Korea by turning a "blind eye to deliberate provocations."

National enthusiasm builds during Benedict's first visit to Mexico



AP PHOTO

Pope Benedict XVI waves from the popemobile wearing a Mexican sombrero Sunday as he arrives to celebrate a Mass in Bicentennial Park near Silao, Mexico.

Pope stays away from politics

By **TIM JOHNSON**
McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — Pope Benedict XVI donned a sombrero Sunday and stayed away from politics in his first open-air Mass in Latin America, urging Roman Catholics in Mexico to seek a pure heart and avoid "superficial and routine temptation."

A crowd estimated by the quasi-official Notimex news agency at 400,000 people gathered under a blazing sun for the Mass in Guanajuato state.

On the third day of a six-day trip that also will take him to Cuba, the pontiff only tangentially touched on the violence roiling Mexico, saying he was aware of the "moments of both pain and hope" coursing through the region's people.

Mustering strength limited by his age but walking without a cane, the 84-year-old Benedict sought to uplift Mexicans,

saying the power of Christ is based on the ability to reach out to people's hearts, not in the power of armies "to make others submit to force or violence."

Before the homily, Archbishop Jose Martin Rabago of Leon told the pontiff that Mexicans have passed through years "of violence and death that have generated a feeling of fear."

Enthusiasm for Benedict's visit was low before his arrival. But excitement grew with wall-to-wall television coverage, building even to rapturous levels.

The outpouring of faith seemed to melt the pontiff's staid demeanor, leading to several apparently unscripted and light-hearted moments.

One came early Sunday as Benedict's white Popemobile approached the soaring outdoor altar. Someone handed a black sombrero of the type used by mariachis through a window to the pope. He

good-naturedly put it on.

A day earlier, the pontiff briefly took an infant passed to him for a blessing through the window of his vehicle, and chuckled lightly when excited shrieks from youths interrupted his message from a colonial balcony in the city of Guanajuato.

Mexico remains the most Catholic country in the world after Brazil. In the 2010 census, 83 percent of Mexicans identified themselves as Catholic.

Shouts of "Long live the Pope!" and "Benedict, brother, you are now Mexican!" rang out as the Mass — the highlight of the visit to Mexico — ended and throngs streamed from Bicentennial Park between the cities of Leon and Guanajuato.

Afterward, Benedict boarded a Mexican army Super Puma helicopter for an aerial view of the Christ the King statue atop Cu-bilete hill, one of Mexico's revered shrines.

Santorum ready for Wisconsin after Louisiana victory

Former Pa. senator is still badly trailing rival Mitt Romney for GOP nomination.

By **PHILIP ELLIOTT**
and **KASIE HUNT**
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Another victory in hand but still badly trailing rival Mitt Romney, Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum vowed to continue his campaign despite an increasingly steep climb to the nomination.

Santorum, buoyed by Saturday's win in Louisiana's primary that boosted his spirit but did little to narrow the delegate gap, urged his supporters to stick with him even as much of the GOP establish-

ment has coalesced around Romney's increasingly inevitable coronation. Even in the face of the political headwinds, the former Pennsylvania senator seemed unwilling to acknowledge it would take a dramatic change in momentum to deny Romney his turn as the GOP nominee.

"Even though a lot of folks are saying this race is over, the people in Louisiana said, 'No, it's not.' They still want to see someone who they can trust, someone who's not running an Etch a Sketch campaign, but one who has their principals written on their heart, not on an erasable tablet," Santorum said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation". "And I think that's what helped us deliver the win in Louisiana, and I think we're



AP PHOTO

Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum addresses supporters at a campaign rally in Fond du Lac, Wis., Sunday.

going to do very well up here in Wisconsin, too."

But it's going to be a tough fight, for sure.

Romney remains far ahead

with 568 delegates to Santorum's 273, according to an Associated Press tally. Newt Gingrich follows with 135 and Ron Paul has 50.

Afghans: U.S. pays families of victims

\$50,000 given if someone killed, \$11,000 if someone wounded, Afghan officials say.

Times Leader wire services

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The U.S. paid \$50,000 in compensation for each villager killed and \$11,000 for each person wounded in a shooting rampage allegedly carried out by a rogue American soldier in southern Afghanistan, Afghan officials said Sunday.

The families were told that the money came from President Barack Obama. The payouts were the latest move by the White House to mend relations with the Afghan people after the killings threatened to shatter already tense relations.

Meanwhile, a roadside bomb exploded in Kandahar province on Saturday night, killing a U.S. soldier, seven Afghan police officers and an Afghan translator, local officials said.

The blast occurred while Afghan security personnel and U.S.-led coalition forces were about to defuse an improvised explosive device at Kohak village in Arghandab district, said Shah Mohammad, the district governor.

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales is accused of sneaking off his base on March 11, then creeping into houses in two nearby villages and opening fire on families as they slept.

The killings came as tensions between the U.S. and Afghanistan were strained following the burning of Qurans at a U.S. base in February. That act — which U.S. officials have acknowledged was a mistake — sparked riots and attacks that killed more than 30 people, including six American soldiers.

There have been no violent protests after the March 11 shootings in Kandahar province's Panjwai district, but demands for justice on Afghan terms have been getting louder since Bales was flown out of the country to a U.S. military prison. Many Afghans in Kandahar have continued to argue that there must have been multiple gunmen and accused the U.S. government of using Bales as a scapegoat.

U.S. investigators believe the gunman returned to his base after the first attack and later slipped away to kill again.

That would seem to support the U.S. government's assertion that the shooter acted alone, because the killings would have been perpetrated over a longer period of time than assumed when Bales was detained outside his base in Kandahar province's Panjwai district.

But it also raises new questions about how the suspect could have carried out the pre-dawn attacks without drawing attention from any Americans on the base.

Short the 1,144 delegates it will take to clinch the nomination ahead of the convention this summer in Tampa, Fla., Romney enjoys an organizational and fundraising advantage over his closest rival. For instance, Santorum isn't even on the ballot for the primary in the District of Columbia, for its April 3.

Earlier Saturday, Santorum said he wanted to debate Romney without trailing competitors former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Rep. Ron Paul of Texas on stage.

"This race has clearly gotten down to two candidates that can win the nomination," Santorum said.

Romney's team, increasingly confident, dismissed the idea and the win.

Priest-abuse trial opening today

Philly pastor is first ever charged with endangerment for failing to oust predators.

By MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A landmark priest-abuse trial opening today in Philadelphia may unveil the cryptic operations of a Roman Catholic archdiocese and detail how child sex-abuse complaints were buried for decades in secret archives adjacent to a soaring cathedral as the priests they named went unpunished.

Monsignor William Lynn is the first U.S. church official ever charged with endangering children for allegedly failing to oust accused predators from ministry. But he may not be the last.

Philadelphia prosecutors say he helped carry out “an archdiocesan-wide policy ... (that) was criminal in nature.” And they’ve hinted they could charge others when the trial ends.

Civil lawyers believe the trial will help them refile priest-abuse lawsuits that were thrown out in Pennsylvania because of legal time limits, or persuade the state legislature to open a window for filing child sex-abuse claims.

“The evidence that has come out about the conspiracy and the cover-up and the level of officialdom involved in it is going to

help us,” said lawyer Jay Abramowitz, whose priest-abuse lawsuit involving 18 accusers was thrown out by the state Supreme Court in 2005.

Also on trial is the Rev. James Brennan who, like Lynn, pleaded not guilty. Last week, a third man, defrocked priest Edward Avery, 69, pleaded guilty to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and conspiracy to endanger the welfare of a child. He was sentenced to 2½ to five years in prison and ordered to surrender within 10 days.

Lynn remains the focal point of the trial because the 61-year-old was the secretary for clergy at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1992 to 2004.

Lynn argues that he prepared a list of 37 accused priests in 1994, and sent it up the chain to Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua — only to have Bevilacqua have it shredded. The cardinal died this year, but his videotaped deposition could be played at trial.

The trial will be followed by concerned Catholics across the country, including some who say their lives were destroyed.

“It gives me hope that it’s going to raise public awareness, and it’s going to expose the church — what they knew, when they knew it,” said Art Baselice Jr. of Mantua, N.J., a retired Philadelphia homicide detective.



AP PHOTO

Arthur Baselice Jr. shows a picture of his son Arthur Baselice III, in Mantua, N.J. The son overdosed in 2006.

His son, Arthur III, overdosed in 2006, after his civil suit accusing a Philadelphia priest of abuse was thrown out.

Philadelphia prosecutors, too,

blasted Bevilacqua, Lynn and other church officials for looking away as scores of accusers streamed into the archdiocese over several decades.

Case against Mo. bishop could mean precedent for hierarchy

By BILL DRAPER
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The charge is only a misdemeanor, but if prosecutors are able to win a conviction against Kansas City Roman Catholic Bishop Robert Finn, they could be opening up a whole new front in the national priest abuse crisis.

Finn is accused of violating Missouri’s mandatory reporter law by failing to tell state officials about hundreds of images of suspected child pornography found on the computer of a priest in his diocese.

Experts say a criminal conviction against Finn, the highest-ranking church official charged with shielding an abusive priest, could embolden prosecutors elsewhere to more aggressively pursue members of the church hierarchy who try to protect offending clergy.

Finn and the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph each were charged last year with one count of failing to report. The



Finn

case involves the Rev. Shawn Ratigan, who remains jailed on state and federal charges accusing him of producing and possessing

child pornography. Both have pleaded not guilty, and a judge is scheduled to hear multiple motions in the case Tuesday, including one to dismiss the charges.

“We do not believe that either the facts or the law support a finding of guilt on the misdemeanor charges, and we look forward to a just and fair resolution of them,” the diocese told The Associated Press in an e-mailed statement.

“From the church’s perspective, having your bishop declared a criminal is a big deal, even if it’s only a misdemeanor,” said Douglas Laycock, a religious liberty specialist at the University of Virginia School of Law. “For them, it’s not about the fine, it’s about the statement being made.”

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WALTER J. DEININGER SR., age 73, of Taylor, passed away Saturday evening, March 24, 2012, at home. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Drusbosky Deininger, on January 23, 2008. He is survived by two children, his daughter, Suzi Taylor, and husband William, of Taylor, and Walter Deininger Jr. and wife Shana, of Lansdale; and four grandchildren, Tyler and Ryan Deininger, and Emily and Will Taylor.

Funeral services are scheduled to begin on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. from the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge, with a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis St., Scranton. Relatives and friends may pay their respects on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

SEAN PATRICK ANGERSON, age 33, of Old Forge, passed away unexpectedly Friday morning. Born in Wilkes Barre on August 18, 1978, he was a son of Patricia Nagle Angerson of Moosic and the late Patrick Peter Angerson. He is also survived by daughters, Juliana and Angelina Angerson and their mother, Melissa Faatz, of Moosic, and Gabriella Angerson and her mother and Sean's fiancée, Jennifer Callis of Old Forge; brothers, Eric Angerson of Pittston and Nathan and Miles Angerson, both of Moosic; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home, Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge. Public viewing for relatives and friends will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

WILLIAM J. UNGUREIT, 51, formerly of New York, died Saturday, March 24, 2012 at home. Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late George F. and Elizabeth May Ayers Ungureit. William was formerly employed as a taxi driver for City Limousine. He was preceded in death by brother George. Surviving are his step-mother, Dolores Ungureit, Wilkes-Barre; brother Christopher and wife Brenda, Harveys Lake; sisters, Georgia Salazar and Cynthia Churry, husband Adam, both of Wilkes-Barre; Susan Kochinski, husband Gary, Plymouth; Theresa La Motta, husband Robert, Hanover; nieces and nephews.

Christian Wake Service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Yeosock Funeral Home, 40 S. Main St., Plains Township. Friends may call 1 to 2 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

WASIL BARNO, 91, former resident of Kingston, passed away Friday night, March 23, 2012, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Friends may call at the Karl E. Blight Funeral Home, 392 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, on Tuesday from 9 to 9:45 a.m., followed by Office of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's (Pokrova) Byzantine Catholic Church on Chestnut Avenue in Kingston. Interment will be in Holy Transfiguration Cemetery in Nanticoke.

JOHN ROY MURRAY SR., 65, of Kingston, died Friday, March 23, 2012 at home. Born in New York City, he was the son of the late James and Elizabeth Alexander Murray. He was formerly employed in the restaurant and transportation industries. Surviving are two daughters; two sons; four sisters; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Church of Christ Uniting, 190 Sprague Ave., Kingston, with the Rev. Carol Fleming officiating. Relatives and friends may call at the church on Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. Arrangements are by Yeosock Funeral Home, 40 S. Main St., Plains.

DENISE WILSON, 57, of Academy Street, Plymouth, passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Hospice Care of the VNA, St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 N. Main St., Ashley.

THEODOSIA "TEDDY" WARGO, of Coal Street, Glen Lyon, passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending from the George A. Strish, Inc. Funeral Home, 211 West Main St., Glen Lyon.

LEONARD ENDZA, 78, of Harding, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Commonwealth Hospice of Wilkes-Barre, St. Luke's Villa.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the Gubbiotti Funeral Home, 1030 Wyoming Ave., Exeter. Please visit www.gubbiottifh.com for more information.

FRANK LOCH, 91, a longtime resident of Wilkes-Barre died Sunday, March 25, 2012, at Regional Hospital of Scranton.

Arrangements are pending from McLaughlin's - The Family Funeral Service. Full obituary information will be published in Tuesday's edition of this newspaper and later today at www.celbratheslife.com.

Jason C. Slavish

March 24, 2012



Mr. Jason C. Slavish, of Charles Street, Luzerne, formerly of the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre, passed into Eternal Life unexpectedly Saturday afternoon as a result of an industrial accident at the Procter & Gamble Corporation, Mehoopany. He was 36 years of age.

Born October 12, 1975, in Kingston, he was the son of Andrew J. and Carol A. (Wasinda) Slavish of Wilkes-Barre.

Educated in the city schools, Jay was a 1994 graduate of the GAR Memorial High School, Wilkes-Barre. He furthered his education by attending the Lackawanna Junior College and later graduated from Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke. During his high school and college years, he was quite active in athletics, excelling in both baseball and football. He also enjoyed playing golf.

He was employed as a machine operator for the past 15 years by Procter & Gamble, prior to his accident.

Jay was an avid fan of the New York Mets baseball and San Francisco 49ers football organizations. He attended Holy Assumption of Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by both his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, Carol and Andy, are his sister, Melissa Remakus, and her husband, Michael, of Luzerne; niece Alexa and nephew Zander; his companion, Joy Harris of Wilkes-Barre; Uncle Dr. John Wasind, and his wife, Beverly, of Parrish, Fla.; Aunt Cindy Price of Dallas; and Uncle Thomas Slavish and his wife, Kim, of Mos-

cow, several cousins and his two beloved dogs, Nikita and Natasha.

Funeral services with Panachida will be conducted on Wednesday at 10 a.m. from the John V. Morris Funeral Home, 625 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, followed by the Office of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Assumption of Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 695 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. The Very Reverend James G. Hayer, pastor, will officiate.

Procession will follow to the parish cemetery, Lake Street, Dallas, where interment with Rites of Committal will take place.

In lieu of floral tributes, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Jason's name to the GAR Memorial High School Football Booster Club, 250 South Grant Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Relatives and friends may join his family for visitation and remembrances from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

To send his family online words of comfort and support, please visit our family's website at www.JohnV-MorrisFuneralHomes.com.

Reverend Henry Medd III

March 25, 2012



Reverend Henry Medd III, age 89, of Jenkins Township, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the United Methodist Homes Wesley Village Campus, Jenkins Township.

Born in Philadelphia, Reverend Medd was the son of the late Henry, Jr. and Grace Ida McAuley Medd.

Reverend Medd was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he earned his B.A. from Temple University and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Crozer Theological Seminary. Reverend Medd returned to Temple University for his Master's degree and attended the San Francisco Theological Seminary for his Doctor of Divinity degree.

Reverend Medd was a former Protestant Chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, for many years. Among his many charges were the Baptist Tabernacle, Wilkes-Barre, and First Baptist Church, Wilkes-Barre, from which he retired.

He was a founding member of the Wyoming Valley Meals on Wheels program and remained active within the organization throughout his life. He was also active with Habitat for Humanity, Planned Parenthood, Interfaith Council and was instrumental in establishing homeless shelters at various churches throughout the area.

Reverend Medd was a member of Second Presbyterian Church, Pittston.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents, were sons, Do-

nald John and Kenneth Paul Medd; brother, George Elmer Medd.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, the former Virginia Siegel; son, Steven Keith Medd and wife, Dawn, Philadelphia; granddaughter, Lisa Spilner and husband, Robin; grandsons, Benjamin Medd and wife, Diana and Te Yin Medd; great-grandson, Henry, who is expected in June.

A memorial funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 11 a.m. in Second Presbyterian Church, 143 Parsonage Street, Pittston. Reverend David S. Brague will officiate. Friends may call at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to any of the worthy causes Reverend Medd had dedicated himself to throughout his life.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harold C. Snowdon Home for Funerals, Inc., 420 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704.

FUNERALS

BELLANCO - Rosina, funeral 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Graziano Funeral Home Inc., Pittston Township. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Mareello Parish (Our Lady Mt. Carmel R.C. Church), Pittston. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

CERZA - Irene, Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Church (St. Barbara Parish), 28 Memorial St., Exeter. Friends may call 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the Gubbiotti Funeral Home, 1030 Wyoming Ave. Exeter.

DICALOGERO - Marion, funeral 9:30 a.m. today in the Wroblewski Funeral Home Inc., 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Office of Christian Burial with Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. in St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Swoyersville.

DORRIS - Marjorie, funeral 10 a.m. today in the Victor M. Ferri Funeral Home, 522 Fallon St., Old Forge. Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Church at the Parish of St. Monica, West Wyoming.

EICHMULLER - Ernest Sr., funeral 5 p.m. Wednesday in the H. Merritt Hughes Funeral Home Inc., 451 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Friends may call 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

FRONCEK - John, funeral 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Charles V. Sherbin Funeral Home, 630 Main Road, Hanover Green, Hanover Township. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, Buttonwood. Friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

LASKOWSKI - Mary, funeral 11 a.m. today in the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of routes 29 & 118, Pikes Creek.

LYNADY - Robert, funeral 9:30 a.m. today in the Hugh B. Hughes & Son Inc. Funeral Home, 1044

Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Holy Family Parish Church, Luzerne.

MORACA - Attilio, funeral 9:30 a.m. today in the Graziano Funeral Home Inc., 700 S. Township Blvd., Pittston Township. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Mareello Parish (St. Rocco's R.C. Church).

OLEKSY - Louis, funeral 9:30 a.m. today in Kiesinger Funeral Services Inc., 255 McAlpine St., Duryea. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont.

O'MELKO - Josephine, funeral 9:30 a.m. today in the E. Blake Collins Funeral Home, 159 George Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Benedict's Church, Wilkes-Barre.

OWENS - William, funeral 11 a.m. Tuesday in the William A. Reese Funeral Chapel, rear 56 Gaylord Ave., Plymouth. Friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. today.

PALENCAR - Rose, graveside services 10 a.m. today in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Dallas.

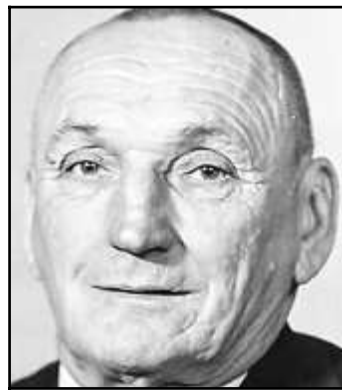
RICE - Walter Jr., funeral 10:30 a.m. today in the H. Merritt Hughes Funeral Home Inc., 451 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Services at 11 a.m. in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre. Friends may call 10 a.m. until funeral time at the funeral home.

SHUPP - Harlan, funeral 11 a.m. today in the Harding-Litwin Funeral Home, 123 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock.



Henry S. "Lutzy" Litchkofski

March 24, 2012



Henry S. "Lutzy" Litchkofski, 93, a lifelong resident of the Honey Pot section of Nanticoke, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, March 24, 2012 at his residence.

Born on September 2, 1918, in the Honey Pot section of Nanticoke, Henry was the son of the late Joseph and Martha (Shemanski) Litchkofski.

A United States Army veteran, Henry honorably served his country during World War II with Battery A of the 757th Field Artillery Battalion. During his time of service, he was decorated with the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Theater Service Medal with one Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal. Upon his honorable discharge on January 7, 1946, Henry attained the rank of Technician 5th Grade.

Prior to his retirement, Henry was employed for many years by PennDOT as an equipment operator. In his earlier years, he was employed in the local coal mining industry.

A man of faith, Henry was a member of Saint Faustina Parish, Holy Trinity Church, Nanticoke. For many years, he was a member of the former Saint Francis Church, Nanticoke.

Henry had served as a councilman and controller for the City of Nanticoke. Additionally, he held membership with the Honey Pot Fireman's Club and the Nanticoke American Legion, Post 350.

A self-proclaimed jack of all trades, Henry was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, never asking for anything but friendship in return.

He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Henry was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Litchkofski, who passed away in 1990; his brothers, Stanley and Edward Litchkofski; his sister, Veronica Gogla.

John A. Sansevere Sr.

March 23, 2012



John A. Sansevere Sr., 70, of Harveys Lake, passed away Friday, March 23, 2012 at home.

Born in Hoboken, N.J., on August 28, 1941, he was the son of the late John and Helen Snyder Sansevere. He was a high school graduate, served in the U.S. Army and had been employed as a truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances May Sansevere, in 1986.

Surviving are his son, John Jr., Harveys Lake; grandson, Kyle Memory, Exeter; and sister, Cathy Seymour, Phoenix, Arizona.

A Blessing Service will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 10 a.m. in Pittston Cemetery, Swallow Street, Pittston.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Peter J. Adonizio Funeral Home, 251 William Street, Pittston.

Online condolences may be made at www.peterjdoniziofuneralhome.com.

Madge K. Benovitz

March 24, 2012

Madge K. Benovitz, of Key Largo, Fla., and Dallas, died late Saturday evening in the Baptist Hospital, Miami.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Nathan and Esther Miller Klein and was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, attended Cornell University, University of Pennsylvania and graduated from Wilkes College. She was an Eternal Light member of Temple Israel and its sisterhood, a member of the JCC, an emeritus member of the Board of Directors of King's College, a member of the PA State Board of Education, Board of Directors of the National Association of State Boards of Education and many other civic, educational and religious organizations.

Madge spent her life volunteering and was Past Vice President of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of Hadasah, Past President of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, Past President of the League of Women Voters of PA and was chairman of Temple Israel's 70th Anniversary Celebration.

She is survived by her husband of

57 years, Dr. Burton Benovitz; daughter, Jane, and her husband, Dr. Peter Feinstein, Shavertown; three grandsons, Andrew Feinstein, Boston; Eric Feinstein, Philadelphia; and Ross Feinstein, New York; and brother, Harvey Klein, and his wife, Judy, Key Largo, Fla., and Dallas.

Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Rosenberg Funeral Chapel Inc., 348 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre, with Rabbi Larry Kaplan and Cantor Ahron Abraham officiating. Interment will be in Temple Israel Cemetery, Swoyersville.

Shiva will be observed at the home of Jane and Peter Feinstein, Shavertown, today from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Esther and Nathan Klein Passover Endowment Fund, c/o of Temple Israel Synagogue, 236 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre.

Condolences may be sent, by visiting Madge's obituary at www.rosenbergfuneralchapel.com.

Sylvia Kramer

March 22, 2012

Sylvia Kramer, 94, of North Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of Forty Fort, died Thursday in Hospice of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida.

She was born February 10, 1918, in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of the late Louis Rosenberg and Hilda Berent Rosenberg. Having resided in Scranton since her childhood, she was a 1936 graduate of Scranton High School. She and her husband were proud, founding members of the Beacons Club, Scranton. Prior to their relocation to Florida, they were members of Temple Israel, Wilkes-Barre.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert Kramer, and by sisters, Jeannette Rosenberg and Roslyn Hassen.

Surviving are her son, Richard

Kramer (wife Ruth) of Edwardsville; daughter, Karen Winters (husband Ted) of North Palm Beach, Florida; grandchildren, Bennett Winters of Moosic; Sloan Winters of Lititz; Rebecca Stitzer of Kingston; Allison Kramer of Wayne; eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and interment were held at Star of David Cemetery & Funeral Chapel, North Lauderdale, Florida, on Friday, March 23.

Shiva will be observed in the home of her son, Richard, 121 South Thomas Avenue, Edwardsville, Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jewish Family Service of Greater Wilkes-Barre, 71 W. Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

Cataldo (Tally) Piccarreta

March 22, 2012

Cataldo (Tally) Piccarreta passed away on March 22, 2012 at the age of 89 years old at Hospice of Arizona.

Tally was born in Wilkes-Barre on August 23, 1922 and retired to Sun City, Ariz., 18 years ago. He graduated from GAR High School, class of 1941.

He was a World War II veteran, serving four years in the Army in the Pacific Theater. He retired from Pitney Bowes in 1984.

Tally was preceded in death by his first wife, Lucy Orlando Piccarreta; his son, Gary Piccarreta Sr.; siblings Filomena (May) Piccarreta, Savino (Sam) Piccarreta; his parents, Michael and Concetta Piccarreta.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Emma Stackhouse Piccarreta; daughter, Debbie Devries (Terry); grandchildren, Terry Devries II, Brianne Antelo (Jose), Melanie Bobb Piccarreta (Rich), Gary Piccarreta Jr., Jolene Piccarreta, Tasha Piccarreta and Jason Britt (Brandy); great-grandchildren, Gianna and Gage Howell; Shelby, Benny Carter and Anna Britt; siblings Rose Ondish (Pete), Josephine Ashby, Concetta (Connie) Piccarreta, Louise Laine; Michael, John, Pete (Enida), Richard Piccarreta; along with many other nieces and nephews.

Tally was a warrior who fought a hard battle with cancer. We will miss his jokes and his love of life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Arizona in Phoenix, Ariz., and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Gilbert, Ariz.

Mark T. Scott

March 23, 2012

Mark T. Scott, 59, of Shickshinny, died March 23, 2012 in Manor-Care North, Williamsport.

Born June 2, 1952, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of Rosemary (Bonn) Scott, Shickshinny, and the late Dr. Alvin J. Scott, who died March 31, 2010.

He graduated from Northwest Area High School in 1970 and from Williamsport Area Community College in 1977. He first worked for Brodard in Williamsport and last worked for International Paper in Mill Hall.

He was a member of Ascension Catholic Church, Williamsport.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a son, Travis M. Scott and his wife Jillian, Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, Bryan D. Scott and his wife JoAnne, Liberty, Mo., and Dr. William S. Scott and his wife Jacqueline, Champagne, Ill.; a sister, Dr. Paula M. Scott, Corpus Christi, Texas; six nieces; and one great-niece.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Mayo Funeral Home Inc., Shickshinny. For additional information, or to send condolences, please visit www.mayofh.com.

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Court for veterans under consideration

The Associated Press

HOLLIDAYSBURG — A western Pennsylvania county is considering setting up a new specialty court for veterans.

Tom Shea, director of Blair County's Adult Parole and Probation Office, told The Altoona Mirror that officials are trying to determine if such a court is needed to help veterans deal with issues that land them in the criminal justice system.

State Supreme Court Justice Seamus McCaffery testified last week in favor of a U.S. House bill to provide money for such courts.

He and Justice Ronald Castille note that the commonwealth has more than 1 million veterans.

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Facebook password inquiries to be probed

Focus is whether employers making requests during job interviews are breaking law.

By MANUEL VALDES
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Two U.S. senators are asking Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate whether employers asking for Facebook passwords during job interviews are violating federal law, their offices announced Sunday.

Troubled by reports of the practice, Democratic Sens.



Schumer



Blumenthal

Chuck Schumer of New York and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said they are calling on the Department of Justice and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to launch investigations. The senators are sending letters to the heads of the agencies.

The Associated Press reported last week that some private and public agencies around the country are asking job seekers for their social media credentials. The practice has alarmed privacy advocates, but the legality of it remains murky.

On Friday, Facebook warned employers not to ask job applicants for their passwords to the site so they can poke around on their profiles. The company threatened legal action against applications that violate its long-standing policy against sharing passwords.

A Facebook executive cautioned that if an employer discovers that a job applicant is a member of a protected group, the employer may be vulnerable to claims of discrimination if it doesn't hire that person.

Personal information such as gender, race, religion and age are often displayed on a Facebook profile — all details that are protected by federal employment law.

"We don't think employers should be asking prospective employees to provide their passwords because we don't think it's the right thing to do. While we do not have any immediate plans to take legal action against any specific employers, we look forward to engaging with policy makers and other stakeholders, to help better safeguard the privacy of our users," Facebook said in a statement.

Not sharing passwords is a basic tenet of online conduct. Aside from the privacy concerns, Facebook considers the practice a security risk.

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Is Vegas rail gamble or good bet?

DesertXpress is on the verge of landing \$4.9 billion loan from White House.

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

VICTORVILLE, Calif. — On a dusty, rock-strewn expanse at the edge of the Mojave Desert, a company linked to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid wants to build a bullet train that would rocket tourists from the middle of nowhere to the gambling palaces of Las Vegas.

Privately held DesertXpress is on the verge of landing a \$4.9 billion loan from the Obama administration to build the 150 mph train, which could be a lifeline for a region devastated by the housing crash or a crap shoot for taxpayers weary of Washington spending.

The vast park-and-ride project hinges on the untested idea that car-loving Californians will drive about 100 miles from the Los Angeles area, pull off busy Interstate 15 and board a train for the final leg to the famous Strip.

Planners imagine that millions of travelers a year will one day flock to a station outside down-on-its-luck Victorville, a small city where shuttered storefronts pock the historic downtown.

An alliance of business and political rainmakers from The Strip to Capitol Hill is backing the project that could become the first high-speed system to break ground under President Barack Obama's push to modernize the U.S. rail network — and give the Democratic president's re-election prospects a lift in battleground Nevada.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has publicly blessed the train — it means jobs, he says — and it's cleared several regulatory hurdles in Washington.

Yet even as the Federal Railroad Administration considers awarding what would be, by far, the largest loan of its type, its own research warns it's difficult to predict how many people will ride the train, a critical measure of financial survival, an Associated Press review found.

There are other skeptics, as well.

"It's insanity," says Thomas Finkbiner of the Intermodal Transportation Institute at the University of Denver. "People won't drive to a train to go someplace. If you are going to drive, why not drive all the way and leave when you want?"

Construction cost projections have soared to as much as \$6.5 billion, not including interest on the loan. Some fear taxpayer subsidies are inevitable.

Reid and other supporters point to research that shows 80,000 new jobs, but FRA documents show virtually all those would be temporary — no more than 722 would be permanent.

Victorville Mayor Ryan



AP PHOTO

This artist's rendering provided by DesertXpress shows the proposed DesertXpress high-speed train that would whisk gamblers from Victorville, Calif., to Las Vegas.



AP PHOTO

Victorville Mayor Ryan McEachron stands on a plot of land that is proposed for a station for the high-speed rail line to Las Vegas.

McEachron envisions a bustling transportation oasis with a hotel, restaurants, maybe even homes, on the proposed station site. He believes drivers can be enticed out of their cars, even in a region where the notion of rail travel can seem as distant as a New York subway.

The company is "going to have to market and market hard in order to get the ridership they need to support paying back the loan," the mayor says. "I think you can change the thinking."

Along with Reid, the president's most influential Democratic ally in Congress, the plan is being advanced by casino developer and contractor Anthony Marnell II, whose credits include building the Bellagio and Wynn Las Vegas and who heads Marnell Companies, the majority shareholder in DesertXpress; project consultant Sig Rogich, a Republican adviser to two presidential campaigns who founded Nevada's most influential lobbying and advertising company;

and Canadian transportation giant Bombardier, a DesertXpress strategic adviser that wants to supply its rail cars.

A decision on the loan is not expected until mid-year, but the company has spent about \$30 million sharpening its plan and refining ridership projections. Rising gas prices and increasing traffic congestion could help ticket sales, and the company is touting reduced air pollution from fewer cars on the road.

"It's Victorville that makes the project work," says chief executive Andrew Mack.

Far from being a train from nowhere, company planners see the struggling city of 115,000, once a stop on storied Route 66, as a col-

lection point for millions of drivers heading north to Las Vegas. Bringing the line deeper into the populous Los Angeles area would raise formidable challenges, Mack said, from crossing numerous freeways to finding space for track.

The lot now dotted with spindly creosote bushes has room for 15,000 parking spaces. Bags would be checked through to hotel rooms. At peak hours, trains would depart every 20 minutes. Mack says an average round-trip fare could be as low as \$75, though documents estimate \$100.

Mack says the train will deliver convenience — and for a price, luxury — that studies show passengers want.

DesertXpress officials once boasted they would build the line with private dollars, but they now plan to rely on FRA financing to cover the bulk of the cost. Mack didn't directly answer if the company turned to the FRA because private investors were unwilling to take the risk, but said the loan terms are attractive.

"When somebody comes and tells me I will build a system that pays for itself, I'm suspicious," said Hasan Ikhata, executive director of the Southern California Association of Governments, which questioned ridership potential in a report last year. "There is no high-speed rail system in the world that operates without subsidies."

Victim of chimp is suing state

Woman mauled by primate says Connecticut governor knew animal was dangerous.

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A Connecticut woman who was mauled and severely injured by an out-of-control chimpanzee and is now suing the state says Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, as then-mayor of Stamford, knew the animal was dangerous.

In an interview with The Hartford Courant, Charla Nash said the chimpanzee got loose and roamed Stamford in 2003. She says Malloy knew the chimp's owner, Sandra Herold, and allowed her to take him home and warned that he should be locked up. She was attacked by the animal in February 2009.

"I know he was the mayor when Travis was running loose that time in 2003. (Herold) knew him. And she said he allowed her to take Travis home and said (to) keep him locked up," she said. "I think it was said that if he got loose again, they were going to shoot him. That's what Sandra told me."

Malloy's senior adviser, Roy Occhiogrosso, said Friday the governor may have met and spoken with Herold when she attended one or more of his periodic meetings with the public. But he said it was "never about the chimp" and not about the incident Nash mentioned.

Nash's lawyers say state environmental officials received reports and complaints about the danger and that the state was required by law to remove Travis, but did nothing.

She said the chimpanzee was "a known danger" in a residential area.

A spokesman for the state environmental agency would not comment because Nash's case is before the state claims commission.

Nash has a \$50 million lawsuit against the estate of Herold, who died in May 2010. She also has a request before the state's claims commissioner for permission to pursue a \$150 million lawsuit against the state.

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W.Va. fire prompts local support

Saturday house fire kills nine people in all after birthday party guests had left.

By JOHN RABY
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — As Talma Isabell coped with the crushing heartache of losing her daughter and five grandchildren in a house fire that killed nine people in all, several dozen people surrounded the woman and her family at church Sunday with their arms raised and their heads bowed in prayer.

Seven children and two adults died in the early Saturday blaze in Charleston, about 11 miles east of the church. Isabell's daughter, 26-year-old Alisha Carter-Camp, had celebrated her birthday at the home the night before her death.

Isabell and several relatives gathered at Maranatha Fellowship Church in St. Albans on Sunday, getting hugs and prayers from fellow worshippers. Just a few hours before, the fire claimed its ninth victim, a 7-year-old boy who died after being removed from life support at a hospital.

Pastor Darren Powell described how he went to the hospital a few hours after the fire to be with Isabell. He said there was little he could do or say, but told her he wanted to let her know the family was in the church's prayers.

"She said, 'Pastor, I'm standing on my foundation, Jesus Christ,'" Powell said. "I'm telling you, I went there trying to be a help and encouragement, and instead, she encouraged me."

Powell then thanked Isabell for her strength, courage and faith.

"In the midst of tragedy and turmoil, you are being a great witness for your king and your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ," Powell said.

Later, Powell quoted Bible verses dealing with challenges and adversity.

Powell also asked parishioners for donations to help with fun



AP PHOTO

Investigators sift through debris after a fatal house fire on Saturday in Charleston, W.Va. The cause is under investigation.

neral costs. And at the Charleston hotel where Carter-Camp worked at the front desk for six months, hotel administrative assistant Kathy Mullins said donations are being collected that will be given to the family.

The blaze tore through the two-story home hours after the last guest had left Carter-Camp's 26th birthday party.

Jason Bausley said Carter-Camp was his niece and that she rented the home. Her sister, Latasha Jones Isabell, lived there along with the sisters' children.

Neighbors say Latasha Jones Isabell was smoking a cigarette outside, noticed the fire and raced to a nearby home to summon help.

The cause remains under investigation.

Police released the names of the victims Saturday but didn't know how they were related. On Sunday, Bausley identified the victims as Carter-Camp and two of her children, Keahna Camp, 8; and Jeremiah Camp, 3; Carter-Camp's boyfriend, Alex Seal, age unknown; and Seal's 3-year-old daughters, Kiki and Gigi.

Also killed were Latasha Isabell's children, Elijah Scott, 3, and Emanuel Jones, 18 months, Bausley said.

On Sunday, there was more reason to grieve: Carter-Camp's

7-year-old son, Bryan Timothy Camp, was removed from life support between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday, said Charleston Police Sgt. Bobby Eggleton.

With two years separating the sisters, Bausley said the pair had been virtually inseparable since they were children. Lisa, as Carter-Camp was known, always was teased about having her younger sister with her.

"Lisa's just always felt obligated to look out for Tasha," Bausley said.

But Carter-Camp had plans to start a new chapter in her life. Carter-Camp told neighbors she planned to get married in June and move to Pittsburgh.

Eggleton said police had talked to Latasha Isabell once and plan to do so again about what happened. Bausley said she has yet to talk about it with the family.

"Tasha is devastated, I can't even describe it," Bausley said. "I haven't heard her say a word since this happened. She's just been staring off into space."

"I haven't heard her voice."

Bausley said Carter-Camp was recently divorced. Her ex-husband is a city transportation driver who spent the weekend watching over his son. "He's devastated like everybody else," Bausley said.

House GOP budget becomes issue

Proposal's architect sparred with top Democrats over its political fallout.

By STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new debt-slashing budget plan pushed by House Republicans heated up as a presidential campaign issue Sunday as the proposal's architect, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, sparred with top Democrats over its political fallout and economic consequences.

Senior White House adviser David Plouffe dismissed the GOP plan Sunday as "a lot of candy, not a lot of vegetables," and charged that it would be "rubber-stamped" as law if leading Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney is elected.

"This is really the Romney-Ryan plan," Plouffe said, adding that its mix of across-the-board tax cuts and stiff budget cuts "showers huge tax cuts on millionaires and billionaires paid for by senior and veterans."

The House GOP debt-reduction plan, unveiled last week with



Ryan

minimal Democratic congressional support, is quickly sharpening as a line of division for the fall campaign, pitting GOP and tea party pressure for a reined-in budget against White House and Democratic Party alarms about a weakened Medicare system and tax relief for the wealthy.

"This is a sharp, clear difference with two different futures," Ryan said. Despite growing signs that the U.S. economy is struggling back to life, Ryan threw down a marker for the fall national election, saying that the GOP plan is the only alternative to a looming debt crisis versus Obama's "path of debt and decline."

The GOP proposal — endorsed by Romney last week during a meeting with GOP congressional leaders — would slice \$5.3 trillion from President Barack Obama's budget over the coming decade through tax reforms and sweeping program cuts. The plan aims to shrink U.S. deficits by \$3.1 trillion over the next decade, reducing tax burdens while cut-

ting Medicaid payments and shifting oversight to states and sharply cutting other domestic programs.

House Budget Committee Chairman Ryan, who authored a similar plan last year sunk by White House and Democratic congressional opposition, agreed that Romney backed his plan generally. But he said the former Massachusetts governor might not be in complete lockstep with his vision.

"I'm not expecting everyone to enact every little piece," Ryan said, adding that he expects Romney will back the plan's main planks.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., cautioned his party would blunt the Ryan plan again as it did last year, also noting the election year "contrast with Democrats." He said Senate Democrats would offer up a rival tax reform plan on tax day, April 15, calling for increased taxes on wealthy Americans along the lines of the "Buffett Rule" acclaimed by billionaire Nebraska investor Warren Buffett.

"Let's be fair, you should pay more than your secretary," Schumer said.

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WORLD OPINION

Apple should take lead to protect copyrighting

APPLE IS IN hot water yet again after 22 Chinese authors accused the U.S. tech-behemoth of selling unlicensed versions of their books via its on-line store and demanded millions of dollars in compensation.

This is not the first time the big-A has been accused of such copyright violations. A Chinese writer and several publishing agencies filed a similar suit in August, and in September six writers demanded 6.5 million yuan (\$1 million) in compensation for copyright infringement of 23 books.

According to its guidelines Apple requires the developers to secure the rights to any material, and certainly the finger of blame should first be pointed at the independent software developers in China who pirated the books in the first place. Yet it remains to be seen whether Apple will successfully be able to totally pass the

buck their way.

Apple likes to portray itself as a lifestyle leader, but it also should play a leading role in promoting copyright protection in China. Unfortunately at times like this, it seems it is focused solely on the ends rather than the means.

If Apple had conducted stricter examination regarding copyright affairs before purchasing the independent developers' applications, the dispute would never have arisen.

If Apple had conducted stricter examination regarding copyright affairs ... the dispute would never have arisen.

To fulfill its commitment to protecting intellectual property rights, Apple needs to take timely and effective measures to root out the pirated products in its online store and should use its undoubted clout to be a role model safeguarding intellectual property rights in the digital era.

China Today, Beijing

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"These teens are at risk, not due to their lifestyle or sexual orientation. They're at risk because of the cultural perception of their lifestyle and sexual orientation ..."

John Dawe

The NEPA Rainbow Alliance spokesman last week outlined the reason for newly instituted Safe Zone meetings, which offer emotional support, education and a social outlet for the area's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youths.

A little justice at last

IN 1986, JOHN "Ivan" Demjanjuk was deported from the United States to Israel to stand trial for committing murder and acts of extraordinary violence against humanity during 1942 and 1943. Dozens of Israeli Holocaust survivors identified Demjanjuk as "Ivan the Terrible," a notorious prison guard at the Treblinka extermination camp.

Clearly, an effort was made to publicize the proceedings, which, like the 1962 Adolf Eichmann trial, was used as a means of confronting the horrors – and the moral lessons – of the Holocaust.

Like Eichmann, Demjanjuk was found guilty under the Nazis and Nazi Collaborators (Punishment) Law of 1950 and sentenced to death by hanging – the second case of capital punishment in Israel's history.

But Demjanjuk appealed and in 1993 the Supreme Court overturned the lower court's decision. The justices – basing themselves in part on new evidence that became available after the disintegration of the Soviet Union – ruled that a reasonable doubt remained as to whether or not Demjanjuk was in fact Ivan the Terrible.



Demjanjuk

for lesser war crimes while serving as a guard in other concentration camps.

While the Jewish state passed on the opportunity to convict Demjanjuk, it was Germany of all places that decided to pursue the matter, eventually convicting the Ukrainian in May 2011 for helping to murder 28,000 Jews as a guard at the Sobibor extermination camp.

Demjanjuk died March 17 outside prison walls in a German retirement home while waiting for his appeal to be heard. Understandably, many – particularly Holocaust survivors – were disappointed by Demjanjuk's ability to avoid justice.

But even within the framework of justice all is not lost. According to Germany's Demjanjuk decision, even serving as an accessory to murder is a punishable crime.

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Weak impact fee on drilling could impact your wallet



OVER THE next few weeks, counties across the state – including Luzerne County – must decide whether to adopt a limited impact fee on the Marcellus Shale natural gas industry. For counties with little drilling – such as Luzerne – the embarrassingly low impact fee, loss of local control and weak environmental protections is a terrible deal. With another year of deep state budget cuts likely, local taxpayers could feel it, too.

Luzerne County has only two nongas-producing wells and would get only about \$22,600 this year from the impact fee. Every dollar helps, but that will not address the industry's real impacts on our communities.

When Gov. Tom Corbett and Republicans controlling the Legislature negotiated the bill – now Act 13 – they focused almost entirely on the counties with extensive drilling. They ignored the consequences to Luzerne County, where pipelines and natural gas compressor stations will be built and the damage to our roads and bridges from thousands of industry trucks will be realized.

The law actually makes the impacts here worse by stripping most of the zoning power from local officials to place reasonable limits on the industry. That means municipalities have little ability to determine where pipelines and natural gas compressor stations, such as one proposed by Chief Gathering LLC near a Dallas School District complex, are built.

COMMENTARY

STATE REP. EDDIE DAY PASHINSKI

When Gov. Corbett signed Act 13 in February, oil and gas company executives must have been popping champagne bottles. The industry's lobbying in Harrisburg paid off with an ineffective tax rate of less than 1 percent per well, the lowest rate of every major gas-producing state in the country.

Hardworking Pennsylvanians pay more than double the tax rate in personal income tax and the same companies, including Exxon, Chevron and BP, pay a severance tax of 7.5 percent in Texas, 7 percent in Oklahoma and 5.8 percent in West Virginia.

This law isn't in the best interests of taxpayers. We should have passed a severance tax that's competitive with other states and used the additional revenue for needs statewide. Instead, the law basically gave corporate welfare to some of the most profitable companies in the world at the same time the Corbett administration is proposing more cuts to schools, higher education and the health safety net.

If the governor's latest budget proposal is enacted, state funding for the average classroom of 25 students in the Wilkes-Barre Area and Hanover Area school districts will have been cut by \$13,000 over the last two years. Our state universities and state-related

schools, such as Penn State University and Temple University, would be cut 40 to 50 percent over that time.

Continuing those tremendous budget cuts could force more local property tax hikes, teacher layoffs and more students paying fees for sports and other activities. Higher tuition bills would leave thousands of college students to choose between racking up more debt and ending their dreams of a college education.

Counties and local taxpayers should never have been put in this position. The governor and Republicans controlling the Legislature should have passed a reasonable tax that is fair to the industry and public. The industry can afford it.

When Exxon announced a \$9.4 billion profit in just the fourth-quarter last year, a company vice president said, "We remain bullish on the future of natural gas as an energy source," adding that natural gas "will play the dominant role going forward."

I guess that's little comfort when a senior citizen gets a property tax bill, a second-grade classroom gets more crowded or a college student won't be able to afford to finish school this year. This Marcellus Shale law is a wasted opportunity. The people of Pennsylvania deserved better and they should demand that the governor change this law to make it fair to the people and the gas industry.

State Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, of Wilkes-Barre, is a Democrat representing the 121st District in Luzerne County.

MAIL BAG | LETTERS FROM READERS

Church will dearly miss disabled veteran's dog

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ray for the tragic loss of his friend, Dudley.

Ray, a disabled veteran and a devoted parishioner of the Resurrection of the Lord Polish National Catholic Church of Edwardsville, brought Dudley to Mass every Sunday and any other time he came to church.

Dudley was truly an outstanding dog that loved everyone, and everyone loved him. Ray would open the door to his van and Dudley would jump out and run up the church steps. I would open the door, and he would dash right in and go to my purse looking for his treats.

Dudley greeted everyone as they came into our church. During Mass he would sit on Ray's lap, and you never heard a peep from him. Yes, we will truly miss our dear friend, Dudley. Again, we extend our prayers and our deepest sympathy to Ray.

Margaret Garvin
Edwardsville

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Pennsylvania must plan for impact of Alzheimer's

This month the Alzheimer's Association released new facts and figures on the scope of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the United States.

Someone develops Alzheimer's every 68 seconds, and today an estimated 5.4 million Americans have the disease. Within Pennsylvania, there are an estimated 400,000 individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. By 2025, there will be as many as 6.7 million people with Alzheimer's and up to 16 million by midcentury.

Alzheimer's has profound implications for the nation. As baby boomers age, prevalence will continue to soar and costs to the nation, particularly Medicare and Medicaid, will grow. This includes an estimated 500 percent increase in combined Medicare and Medicaid spending and a 400 percent increase in out-of-pocket costs for families.

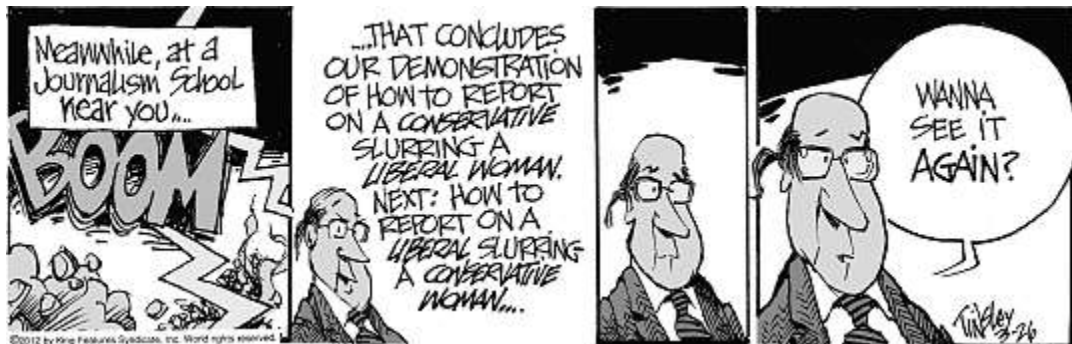
Efforts must be made now to address the multiple, complex challenges of the disease on individuals, families and government.

I applaud recent federal efforts toward drafting a National Alzheimer's Plan and hope that efforts are continued to increase education and resources for those individuals and families affected by a dementia diagnosis. While these efforts are ongoing nationally, it is vital that Pennsylvania also develop a state plan to address dementia-capable home and community-based services, public safety issues, quality residential care services and support services for families.

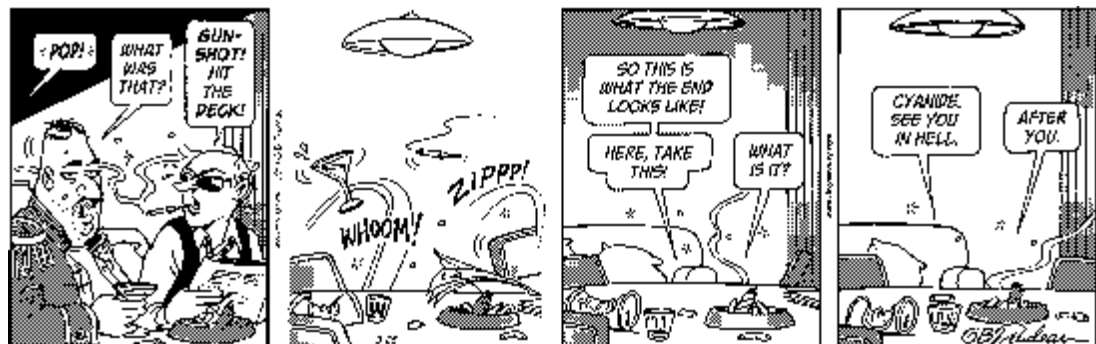
With the devastating impact on individuals, families and the nation's health care system, solving the Alzheimer's crisis is urgent and more pressing than ever. Alzheimer's can't wait and neither can families.

Linda Martin
Harveys Lake

MALLARD FILLMORE



DOONESBURY: FLASHBACK



HIP-HOP

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to put them together, but how?" He saw an opportunity in Hartnell.

"He's always falling down when he plays, and it's because he tries so hard. It became a sort of inside joke. People would Tweet the hashtag '#HartnellDown' while he was playing. He eventually got a Twitter, endorsed that tag, and turned it into the #HartnellDown Foundation."

"I like that he took something everyone was making fun of him for and turned it into something positive."

#HartnellDown provides support to charities that support hockey and children and communities around the United States and Canada.

Mula takes trips to California to record songs with his brother, Dorian. It was on his most recent trip that he decided this was it; it was time for the hockey song.

"I recorded it, brought it to my agent for a listen and she loved it. She got in touch with Scott's



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Scranton native Tommy Mula points a hockey stick and wears hockey gear to promote his hip-hop song about a hockey player.

agent, and he loved it. Within three hours it was up on the website, Hartnell was Tweeting about it, it was his cell phone ring tone. Then other Flyers started Tweeting it and it took off. It was like wildfire."

The song continues to grow in popularity, with much thanks to Mula's favorite sports team.

"Not only are these guys listening to it, they've been Tweeting about it. They've been encouraging people to check me out as an

artist. This whole thing has been surreal."

The song is endorsed by the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team and Hartnell himself. It can be purchased for \$1 at both www.hartnelldown.com and www.tommymulamusic.com.

Mula was a fan of the hip-hop culture from an early age.

"I grew up listening to hip-hop. My brother was break dancing on cardboard boxes when I was 8. He started rapping, his friends start rapping and I caught on to it."

"I love the sampling in hip-hop," Mula said. "It's a way to discover new music. 'Oh, where did they sample that beat from?' For me, it was a way to learn about music that was before my time."

Mula, now a Phoenix, Ariz., resident, and his brother used to perform in the area known as the Black Lung Brothers.

He currently has three solo albums out, the latest called "Go With The Flow." He has a fourth one in the works.

"This just goes to show that if you follow your dreams, follow your instincts, you really can do anything. It's great to be able to say that I'm doing this."

SANDUSKY

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uation, but how can you say it's murder if there's no body?" said 1982 Penn State alumna Wendy Silverwood, a saleswoman from West Chester, Pa., who said she believes Paterno was not given a fair shake. "If you don't know who the victim is, and you can't identify and speak with them, how can you bring charges?"

As recently as Thursday, Sandusky's lawyer argued in court filings that there wasn't enough evidence to support the charges relating to Victim 2. Sandusky, 68, faces 52 criminal counts involving 10 boys dating to the late 1990s and denies all the allegations.

The lawyer, Joe Amendola, told The Associated Press that a young man contacted him after Sandusky's November arrest to say he believed he might be the person referred to as Victim 2. After meeting with him, along with his mother and adult brother, Amendola was left with doubts.

"I wasn't sure he was," Amendola said. "I'm still not sure. I haven't been able to verify it. Jerry's very sure."

Amendola said that the young man told him Sandusky had not abused him, but that he later obtained a lawyer and cut off contact. Amendola does not plan to subpoena the young man and declined to identify him or his lawyer.

"I don't want to put someone on the stand who might say something completely different," Amendola said. "And quite honestly, now that he's got a lawyer, he might say something different."

Records supplied by prosecutors indicate some purported victims have changed their stories, the lawyer said.

"Several of the kids, who are so-called victims now, initially said nothing happened," Amendola said. "And now they're victims."

Mike McQueary, who in 2002 was a graduate assistant for the football team, testified at the December preliminary hearing that he saw Sandusky and the boy, both naked, after hearing skin-on-skin slapping sounds. He called it "extremely sexual" and "some kind of intercourse."

McQueary said he reported what he saw in the locker room shower to Paterno and Penn State administrators Tim Curley and Gary Schultz. Exactly what he saw and what he told them are both certain to be hotly contested at Sandusky's trial, as well as at the pending trials of Curley and Schultz on charges they failed to properly report suspected abuse.

Penn State trustees have said Paterno's lack of follow-up after McQueary's report was behind their decision to summarily fire him in November, before the end of the football season. The dismissal of Paterno, who died in January of lung cancer, has rankled alumni and other supporters.

Even the year of the shower incident is in dispute.

Sandusky's lawyer said that his client is convinced it was in 2001, not 2002 as the prosecution has said, and that Sandusky offered to help Curley find the boy when the administrator asked him about McQueary's complaint. Amendola said Curley never mentioned McQueary's name, and Sandusky does not recall seeing McQueary.

Sandusky told Curley at the time that he knew the young man in question but they had been only horsing around, sliding around inside the wet shower, the lawyer said.

Sandusky said back then that

"if Tim Curley wanted to verify that, Jerry offered to give him the name and number of the young kid," Amendola said. "Curley seemed satisfied with that," he said, and did not get the boy's name from Sandusky.

"The reason he remembers is that Jerry contacted him after that shower situation and said someone from Penn State may contact him," Amendola said. "He said nothing sexual occurred at that time between him and Jerry. In fact, the mother said Jerry was a godsend to the family."

Caroline Roberto, a lawyer for Curley, said only that Curley acted appropriately judging by what he knew at the time. Curley and Schultz have both denied the allegations and are asking a judge to dismiss the charges.

Prosecutors said this month in a court filing that they still did not know the boy's identity, raising questions about whether the man's lawyer contacted the attorney general's office.

Victim 2 is not the only mystery in the case.

There is a second alleged victim who has not been identified by investigators and is being called Victim 8. A grand jury report alleged he was seen by Penn State janitor Jim Calhoun in fall 2000 in athletic department showers with Sandusky, pinned against the wall as Sandusky performed oral sex on him.

Calhoun told another janitor and a supervisor what he saw, the grand jury said, but as of November suffered from dementia and was described as incompetent to testify.

Amendola considers the charges related to Victim 2 and Victim 8 the weakest part of the government's case.

"I think that creates a problem for the commonwealth," he said. "And the commonsensical reaction would be, if the stuff really occurred, why didn't they come forward and say, 'I'm the guy?'"

State prosecutors, who need to be able to prove the ages of victims, declined to discuss the issue of the two identities.

"This case has been the result of an extensive investigation and an extensive grand jury investigation," said Nils Frederiksen, a spokesman for the attorney general's office. "We have a high degree of confidence in the case, but we're not going to discuss the strategy of how our prosecutors plan to present the case in court. It's just not appropriate."

To establish the age of anonymous children in child pornography cases, prosecutors sometimes have pediatric specialists apply standard measures of development, a technique that might be used in the Sandusky case.

"It's a little bit unusual to prove a child rape case this way, but it's also unusual to have an eyewitness to child rape," said Christopher Mallios, a former Philadelphia deputy district attorney who helps train police and prosecutors in sexual violence cases.

Jurors may wonder why the young men have not stepped forward, despite the detailed reports of abuse and the extensive publicity surrounding Sandusky's arrest. But that would not be surprising, Mallios said, given what he saw during investigations in Philadelphia of abuse allegations against Roman Catholic clergy members.

"A lot of the victims did not tell anyone about what had happened to them until well into their 50s," he said. "They just couldn't talk about it. Even when the investigators were able to piece together their identities by talking to other victims, some just wouldn't talk about it."

for worship, and keep what we have now as an outreach center."

"We're here so that people of all types, Christian and non-Christian, can come into the Kingdom of God and know that they don't have to stay in the condition that they're in, thanks to what Jesus has done for us."

In addition to Sunday services, the church will hold prayer services on Tuesday nights at 6:30. Ladies Bible study will take place Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and family Bible study will go on Friday nights at 6:30.

HEALTH

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in the way insurance companies do business, including forbidding them from denying coverage due to pre-existing medical conditions and limiting how much they can charge older people.

The law envisions that insurers will be able to accommodate older and sicker people without facing financial ruin because of its most disputed element, the requirement that Americans have insurance or pay a penalty.

Another major piece of the law is an expansion of the Medicaid program for low-income Americans that will provide coverage to more than 15 million people who currently earn too much to qualify.

By 2019, about 95 percent of the country will have health insurance if the law is allowed to take full effect, the Congressional Budget Office estimates.

Reams of court filings attest that the changes are being counted on by people with chronic diseases, touted by women who have been denied coverage for their pregnancies, and backed by Americans over 50 but not yet old enough to qualify for Medicare, who face age-inflated insurance premiums.

Republicans are leading the fight to kill the law either by the court or through congressional repeal. They say the worst fears about what they derisively call "Obamacare" already have come to pass in the form of higher costs and regulations, claims that the law's supporters dispute. GOP presidential candidates all promise to repeal it if elected.

"Obamacare has already proven unpopular and unaffordable," House Speaker John Boehner, an Ohio Republican, said on the law's second anniversary.

Polls have consistently shown the public is at best ambivalent about the benefits of the health care law, and that a majority of Americans believe the insurance requirement is unconstitutional.

The administration's public education campaign has come under strong criticism from its allies who say the White House has been timid in the face of relentless Republican attacks.

Washington lawyer Walter



AP PHOTO

A woman adds a flower to the sidewalk around the Supreme Court on the eve of the Supreme Court arguments on President Obama's health care legislation.

Dellinger, who served in the Clinton administration Justice Department, said opponents have succeeded in keeping the focus on the insurance requirement instead of two provisions that will keep insurers from discriminating against sicker and older people. "The other two are very popular, and no one discusses them," Dellinger said.

The White House has belatedly begun touting parts of the law already in effect, including allowing offspring to stay on their parents' insurance until age 26 and reducing older Americans' prescription drug costs by closing the so-called "donut hole."

Having rarely talked about the law since he signed it, Obama issued a brief statement Friday. "The law has made a difference for millions of Americans, and over time, it will help give even more working and middle-class families the security they deserve."

The main event before the court is Tuesday's argument over the constitutionality of the individual insurance requirement.

The states and the National Federation of Independent Business say Congress lacked authority under the Constitution for its unprecedented step of forcing Americans to buy insurance whether they want it or not.

The administration argues Congress has ample authority to do what it did. If its action was rare, it is only because Congress was dealing with a problem that has stymied Democratic and Republican administrations for many decades: How to get adequate health care to as many people as possible, and at a reasonable cost.

The justices also will take up whether the rest of the law can remain in place if the insurance mandate falls and, separately, whether Congress lacked the power to expand the Medicaid program.

The court also will consider whether the challenge is premature under a 19th-century tax law because the insurance requirement doesn't kick in until 2014 and people who remain uninsured wouldn't have to pay a penalty until they file their 2014 income taxes in early 2015.

Taking this way out of the case would relieve the justices of rendering a decision in political high season, just months before the presidential election.

The justices like to say they give the same attention to the small cases as the big ones. But everything about the court's handling of health care suggests there is no doubt among the court's six men and three women

about the significance of what they are about to decide.

The six hours of argument time is the most scheduled since the mid-1960s. The court will release audio recordings of the arguments on the same day they take place. The first time that happened was when the court heard argument in the Bush v. Gore case that settled the 2000 presidential election. The last occasion was the argument in the Citizens United case that wound up freeing businesses from longstanding limits on political spending.

Outside groups filed a record 136 briefs dealing with the four issues the court will take up over the next three days.

Justice Clarence Thomas, remarking on the sheer volume of the health care filings, noted they filled a large mail bin. "I said, 'Oh my goodness, look at all that work,'" Thomas told law students at Wake Forest University. The school posted a video of his talk.

The case arrives at a high court in which ideology and political affiliation align for the first time in generations. The four Democratic appointees make up the liberal wing, while the five justices named by Republican presidents form a cohesive conservative majority on several key issues.

economic uncertainty and provides no recourse to mitigate impacts in non-drilling counties," the report states.

Teri Ooms, executive director of the Institute for Public Policy and Economic Development, said the report is significant "because it traces the evolution of both the House and Senate bills as well as provides the analysis of the final provisions and is presented in a way that everyone can understand it."

Kenneth Klemow, associate director of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research for Northeastern Pennsylvania, concurred, adding that the report provides "a unique and timely analysis. We hope that it will prove useful to decision-makers and the public still trying to understand and deal with the complexities of Act 13."

non-drilling communities that can be impacted by increased traffic and congestion, placement of pipelines and compressor stations, and population and cost of living increases related to drilling. The law provides no revenue to enhance the quality of life for those communities' residents.

And it notes that Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming all have natural gas drilling taxes or fees that benefit all of residents either through education, community programs or tax reductions.

"Based on this analysis, our Institutes do not support Act 13, as it falls short of its objective of providing local governments with revenue to mitigate the negative impacts of drilling and actually increases the potential for

the oil and gas industry.

The report also notes that 30 percent of the state portion of impact fee revenue will go toward environmental uses such as conservation districts, additional money for enforcement of water and air regulations, open space and heritage parks.

But the law also runs counter to many principles supported by the institutes, the study notes.

"For example, it strips municipalities of their power of local zoning and land use planning. It makes the tax optional and puts the burden of collecting, enforcing and allocation on the local government. This has the ability to create an uneven playing field with counties opting in or out and assessing the tax at different levels," the report states.

The report also contends that the law discriminates against

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because they're totally mischaracterized in the report," Miskin said.

Among the strengths noted in the report are provisions that allow counties and municipalities in which gas drilling occurs to receive revenue from the industry to offset impacts.

The proceeds can be spent on infrastructure improvement and repair and can fund numerous programs and community enhancements such as environmental programs, trails, parks, recreation, open space, flood plain management, conservation districts, tax reductions, affordable housing, social services and schools for training workers in

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SPECIAL K SUNDAY

Kentucky, Kansas advance to Final Four



AP PHOTO

Kentucky's Darius Miller holds the net after cutting it down after an his team's South Regional victory over Baylor in Atlanta. The Wildcats won, 82-70.

'Cats make it look easy; Louisville looms next

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Kentucky could've cut the nets down at halftime. Actually, the Wildcats probably would've been good skipping the ceremony altogether. A South Regional title is fine, but what matters to this bunch of future NBA stars is breaking out the scissors in the Big Easy. Top-seeded Kentucky advanced to the Final Four for the second year in a row with a 82-70 blitzing of Baylor, setting up a Bluegrass showdown

with rival Louisville in the national semifinals Saturday at New Orleans. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist scored 19 points, Anthony Davis added 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Terrence Jones dazzled in all the over-looked areas to lead the Wildcats (36-2) on Sunday. For all the hoopla sure to surround the next game in its basketball-crazed state, Kentucky won't consider the season a success unless it wins two more games — culminating in a national title.

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AP PHOTO

Kansas coach Bill Self celebrates with guard Elijah Johnson (15) during the second half of the Midwest Regional final against North Carolina on Sunday in St. Louis. Kansas won, 80-67.

Jayhawks get the best of their former coach

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

ST. LOUIS — Nothing personal, Roy. Tyshawn Taylor broke out of his slump in a big way Sunday, scoring 22 points and leading Kansas back to the Final Four with an 80-67 victory over former coach Roy Williams and top-seeded North Carolina. The second-seeded Jayhawks (31-6) will play Ohio State on Saturday in their first Final Four appearance since winning the 2008 national championship.

"It's awesome," center Jeff Withey said. "There's no better feeling than this right now." And how's this for symmetry? Kansas began this year's tournament in Omaha, Neb., the same place as four years ago. As the game ended, Taylor — much maligned for his shooting struggles during the first three games of the NCAA tournament — ran to Kansas fans and raised both arms in the air. Travis Releford tossed

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AP PHOTO

New York Yankees designated hitter Raul Ibanez has struggled at the plate this spring.

Yankee DH Ibanez left searching for answers

Former Philadelphia Phillie can't seem to get on track at the plate with his new team.

By PAUL SOKOLOSKI
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TAMPA, Fla. — A couple of high choppers, a strikeout, a few lazy fly balls. This is what passes for accomplishment when hitting a baseball becomes the monumental struggle that it has for Raul Ibanez this spring. "Progressing," is the way Ibanez described his struggling swing. The former Phillies fan favorite-turned Yankees designated hitter would take anything resembling a hit these days. He entered Sunday's game with Detroit batting just .075. And although he blasted his first home run of spring training Saturday, it was just his third hit in 40 at-bats through 14 spring games. So Ibanez spent Sunday morning honing his stroke with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, now known as the Empire State Yankees, during a minor league camp day - when Yankees minor leaguers squared off in exhibition games against each other. His final four trips to the plate during the session were telling. Ibanez showed he still has the hustle and desire, barely beating out a bounder

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H.S. GIRLS SOCCER

Spring season gets one final go around

The girls season kicks off on Monday. Starting in September, both girls and boys will play in the fall.

By JOHN ERZAR
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After 22 years, there end is just a few months away. Once the Wyoming Valley Conference girls soccer season is over, so is soccer in the spring. The PIAA has mandated that all girls soccer moves to the fall starting in September. So that means a quick turnaround for the teams and some significant changes for the fall of 2012. Here's a look at them as well as other items as the season kickoffs Monday.

FALL EFFECT

The girls soccer league will be reduced from 20 to 17 teams in the fall as Delaware Valley, Honesdale and North Pocono join the Lackawanna Conference. It could be whittled down even more. A few schools might not have enough players to field teams. Some teams have struggled with small ros-

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SATURDAY'S GAMES



Louisville Cardinals vs. Kentucky Wildcats, 6:09 p.m.
Ohio State Buckeyes vs. Kansas Jayhawks, 8:49 p.m.
TV: CBS

PRO GOLF

Woods flashes his old form in ending Tour winless skid

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods finally brought the buzz back to the very thing that made him famous — winning. Two weeks after another injury scare, Woods looked dominant as ever in that red shirt on Sunday to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational. It was his first PGA Tour victory since a sex scandal at the end of 2009 led to one of the greatest downfalls in sports. And with the Masters only two weeks away, Woods looks more capable than ever of resuming his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus in the majors.

Woods closed with a 2-under 70 for a five-shot win over Graeme McDowell. The question two weeks ago was when he could play again. Now, it's whether he can get back to being the player who once ruled golf. Woods refused to acknowledge this as his first PGA Tour win in 923 days, dating to Sept. 13, 2009, at the BMW Championship. He counts the unofficial Chevron World Challenge last December. Even so, this was significant — a full tour event against a strong field, and a performance

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AP PHOTO

Tiger Woods, rear, embraces his caddie Joe LaCava after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla., Sunday. It was Woods' first victory on the PGA Tour in 30 months.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Stepinak pitches Dallas to victory

The Associated Press

NANTICOKE — Brian Stepinak pitched four innings, allowing just two unearned runs, to lead Dallas to a 6-2 victory over Nanticoke in the championship game of the Trojan Classic Sunday.

Stepinak also went 1 for 3 from the plate with two runs scored and an RBI in the championship game. He was named tournament MVP.

In the consolation game earlier in the day, Old Forge defeated Northwest, 5-3.

Dallas 6, Nanticoke 2									
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Petel ss	3	2	2	0	Briggs 2b	4	1	2	0
Ivoska cf	4	2	2	0	Yudichak c	2	1	1	0
					Meyers				
Narcum c	3	0	1	2	3b-rf	0	0	0	0
Stepinak p-1b	3	2	1	1	Joanna DH	4	0	0	0
					Jezevski				
Petorak 2b	4	0	2	1	1b-lf	3	0	0	0
Schilling lf	0	0	0	0	1b-p	3	0	0	0
Saba 3b	3	0	0	1	Higgs ss	2	0	1	0
Gately 1b	2	0	0	0	Valenti ph	1	0	0	0
Oliveri p	1	0	0	0	Decker p	1	0	0	0
Pilger rf	0	0	0	0	Scott rf	0	0	0	0
Goode rf	0	0	0	0	Seiwel 3b	0	0	0	0
Shaver DH	2	0	0	0	Mauli r-p	0	0	0	0
Brokrowski									
DH	1	0	0	0	Boyle ph	1	0	0	0
Stearns DH	1	0	0	0	Malshefski lf	2	0	0	0
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Oliveri S.....	3	2	0	0	0	2			
Nanticoke									
Decker L.....	5	5	4	2	5	4			
Mauli.....	1.2	3	0	2	1	0			
Ivan.....	.1	0	0	0	0	0			

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Misericordia 7, Lycoming 3
Misericordia 7, Lycoming 4

The Misericordia University softball team swept a double-header from Lycoming, 7-3, 7-4, Sunday afternoon at Anderson Field.

Mallory Getts had six hits and drove in seven runs, and Caitlin Cromley picked up both wins on the mound as the Cougars won for the ninth time in 10 games to improve to 12-8.

Misericordia will host Lebanon Valley on Thursday.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Elmira 16, Misericordia 8

Misericordia dropped a non-conference decision to Elmira Sunday afternoon at Mangelsdorf Field.

Kate Pagnotta led the Cougars with three goals and Emily Foley added two scores.

Misericordia, 3-4, will host Lebanon Valley on Thursday.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Misericordia 10, Delaware Valley 1

Misericordia defeated conference opponent Delaware Valley Sunday afternoon at Roosevelt Field.

Kenny Durling went 2 for 4 with two RBI and one run while Ron Guido pitched seven innings allowing one run on five hits.

MEN'S TENNIS
Wilkes 5, Elizabethtown 4

Brandon Helfrich scored a three-set win for the Colonies at No. 6 singles to clinch the match.

With the win, Wilkes improves to 5-2 overall, while Elizabethtown drops to 3-4 on the year.

Also winning singles matches for Wilkes were Alex Makos, Zack Telljohann and Clarke Freeman.

Freeman and Brandon Blachowski combined to win at No. 3 doubles for the Colonies.

Elizabethtown 8, King's 1

BobbyButtafoglio scored the lone win for the Monarchs as King's fell to Elizabethtown.

H.S. GIRLS LACROSSE
Selinsgrove 27, Lehman 15

Alysa Adams had eight goals in a losing effort as the Black Knights fell to Selinsgrove.

Amelia Jenkins had four goals and Mallory Wilson added 3 for the Lehman.

Lydai Forster had 15 saves in goal for Lehman.

LOCAL CALENDAR

TODAY
H.S. BASEBALL
Delaware Valley at Crestwood, 4:15 p.m.
Coughlin at Meyers, 4:15 p.m.
Turkhnrock at Valley View, 4:30 p.m.
H.S. GIRLS SOCCER
Coughlin at Berwick, 4:15 p.m.
Holy Redeemer at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Delaware Valley at Nanticoke, 4:15 p.m.
Wyoming Valley West at Hazleton Area, 4:15 p.m.
H.S. SOFTBALL
Crestwood at Marian Catholic, 4 p.m.
Berwick at Holy Redeemer, 4:15 p.m.
Wyoming Seminary at Coughlin, 4:15 p.m.
H.S. BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Hazleton Area at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Crestwood at Berwick, 4:30 p.m.
H.S. BOYS TENNIS
MMI Prep at Berwick, 4 p.m.

WHAT'S ON TV

r blackouts.
Monday, March 26
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason, Boston vs. Philadelphia, at Clearwater, Fla.

NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Tampa Bay at Philadelphia 10 p.m.
NBCSN — Los Angeles at Vancouver

PREP BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Powerade Jam Fest, at Chicago

SOCCER
2:55 p.m.
ESPN2 — Premier League, Fulham at Manchester United

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, Tennessee vs. Baylor, at Des Moines, Iowa

NCAA Division I tournament, regional final
9 p.m.
ESPN — Duke vs. Stanford, at Fresno, Calif.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Options RHP Vin Mazzaro, INF Johnny Givortella and OF Jarrod Dyson to Omaha (PCL). Assigned RHP Zach Miner, C Cody Clark, INF Tony Abreu, INF Irving Falu and OF Greg Golson to minor league camp. Traded Golson to the Chicago White Sox for cash considerations.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Options INF Ramiro Pena to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reassigned OF Colin Curtis, RHP Manny Delcarm, OF Cole Garner, C Jose Gil and RHP Kevin Whelan to minor league camp.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Options RHP Andrew Brackman, OF Denis Phipps and IF Chris Valaika to Louisville (IL). Reassigned RHP Carlos Fisher, LHP Ron Mahay, LHP Clayton Tanner, RHP Keneos Texeira and LHP Clay Zavada to minor league camp.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Released INF Alex Cora and C Koyie Hill unconditionally. Options 1B Mark Hamilton and RHP Eduardo Sanchez to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned 1B Matt Adams to minor league camp.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reassigned RHP Miles Mikolas, RHP Matt Palmer, INF Jedd Gyorko and OF Jeff Keedy to minor league camp. Options INF Jedd Gyorko and RHP Matt Palmer to San Antonio (TLC).

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Denver G Aaron Afflalo one game for throwing an elbow to the head of Utah F Gordon Hayward during Friday's game.

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Recalled G Reggie Jackson from Tulsa (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with CB William Gay on a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Phoenix F Alexandre Bolduc \$2,500 for slow-footing San Jose F Ryane Clowe and Colorado F Chuck Kobasew \$2,500 for charging Vancouver F Aaron Rohrer during Saturday's games.

BOSTON BRUINS — Signed F Justin Florek and D Zach Trotman to entry-level contracts and assigned them to Providence (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Signed F Reilly Smith to a three-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed D Xavier Ouellet and D Ryan Sprout to three-year, entry-level contracts. Reassigned D Brendan Smith to Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Activated C Travis Zajac from injured reserve.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Activated F Alex Steen from injured reserve.

American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Recalled G Peter Delmas from Wheeling (ECHL).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Tournament Glance

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At TD Garden
Boston
Thursday, March 22
Syracuse 64, Wisconsin 63
Ohio State 81, Cincinnati 66

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Ohio State 77, Syracuse 70

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Friday, March 23
Baylor 75, Xavier 70
Kentucky 102, Indiana 90

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Kentucky 82, Baylor 75

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Friday, March 23
North Carolina 73, Ohio 65, OT
Kansas 60, N.C. State 57

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Kansas 80, North Carolina 67

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Louisville 72, Florida 68

FINAL FOUR
At The Superdome
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
Kentucky (36-2) vs. Louisville (30-9), 6:09 p.m.
Ohio State (31-7) vs. Kansas (31-6), 8:49 p.m.

National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

AUTORACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup-
Auto Club 400 Results
Sunday
At Auto Club Speedway
Fontana, Calif.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (9) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 129 laps, 133.5 rating, 47 points, \$323,450.
2. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 129, 137.5, 44, \$259,698.
3. (14) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 129, 104.3, 41, \$170,165.
4. (7) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 129, 103.9, 40, \$181,551.
5. (12) Carl Edwards, Ford, 129, 100.7, 39, \$161,056.

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	NBA	
Favorite	Points	Underdog
Magic	[7]	RAPTORS
Heat	3	PACERS
Pistons	1	WIZARDS
Celtics	7	BOCATS
KNICKS	6	Bucks
Jazz	2.5	NETS
BULLS	NL	Nuggets
ROCKETS	6.5	Kings
CLIPPERS	9.5	Hornets

[.] denotes a circle game.

	College Basketball	
Favorite	Points	Underdog
	Saturday	
	NCAA Tournament	
	Final Four	
	(New Orleans, LA)	
Ohio St	2.5	Kansas
Kentucky	9	Louisville
	CBI Tournament	
	Championship	
WASHINGTON ST	1.5	Pittsburgh
Favorite	NHL	Underdog
FLYERS	-\$230/+\$190	Lightning
RED WINGS	-\$260/+\$220	Blue Jackets
JETS	-\$130/+\$110	Senators
FLAMES	-\$120/even	Stars
CANUCKS	-\$145/+\$125	Kings
SHARKS	-\$160/+\$140	Avalanche

6. (4) Greg Biffle, Ford, 129, 104.9, 38, \$119,590.
7. (6) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 129, 104.5, 37, \$146,448.
8. (13) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 129, 89.3, 36, \$131,594.
9. (23) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 129, 79.9, 35, \$138,898.
10. (10) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 129, 112.5, 35, \$142,201.
11. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 129, 115.1, 34, \$149,771.
12. (3) Mark Martin, Toyota, 129, 90.8, 32, \$96,355.
13. (4) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 129, 85.4, 31, \$122,469.
14. (5) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 129, 89.9, 30, \$102,105.
15. (4) J. Allmendinger, Dodge, 129, 76.5, 29, \$134,330.
16. (15) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 129, 79.2, 28, \$138,866.
17. (24) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 128, 66.1, 27, \$122,069.
18. (17) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 128, 61.7, 26, \$125,250.
19. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 128, 58.1, 25, \$105,486.
20. (22) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 128, 63.3, 24, \$114,163.
21. (29) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 128, 67.3, 23, \$138,988.
22. (19) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 128, 72, 22, \$127,180.
23. (3) Casey Mears, Ford, 128, 65.21, \$102,163.
24. (8) Joey Logano, Toyota, 128, 68.6, 20, \$95,280.
25. (28) Aric Almirola, Ford, 128, 56.2, 19, \$124,016.
26. (21) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 128, 94.7, 19, \$134,330.
27. (18) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 127, 59, 17, \$85,230.
28. (26) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 127, 54.9, 16, \$104,188.
29. (40) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 127, 48, 15, \$101,777.
30. (41) David Gilliland, Ford, 127, 41.4, 14, \$104,505.
31. (38) Mike Ragan, Ford, 127, 48, 13, \$83,280.
32. (16) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 126, 68.2, 12, \$111,613.
33. (4) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 126, 37.7, 11, \$80,355.
34. (2) Ken Schrader, Ford, 125, 32, 10, \$88,155.
35. (36) J. J. Leyke, Chevrolet, 125, 35.5, 9, \$104,505.
36. (31) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 124, 46.2, 8, \$106,125.
37. (30) Josh Wise, Ford, vibration, 51, 32.9, 7, \$84,505.
38. (32) Michael McDowell, Ford, vibration, 40, 39.1, 6, \$79,307.
39. (20) David Stremme, Toyota, rear gear, 36, 34.1, 5, \$75,855.
40. (39) Mike Bliss, Toyota, transmission, 18, 33.8, 0, \$75,675.
41. (35) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, vibration, 17, 30, 3, \$84,505.
42. (43) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, vibration, 6, 28.9, 0, \$75,415.
43. (37) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, engine, 1, 27.8, 1, \$83,769.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 160.166 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 36 minutes, 39 seconds.
Margin of Victory: Under Caution.
Caution Flags: 1 for 5 laps.
Lead Changes: 9 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D. Hamlin 1; Ky. Busch 2-67; D. Hamlin 68-84; Gordon 85-104; J. Johnson 105; J. Gordon 106-107; T. Stewart 108-129.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): Ky. Busch, 2 times for 80 laps; T. Stewart, 2 times for 42 laps; J. Gordon, 2 times for 3 laps; J. Johnson, 2 times for 2 laps; D. Hamlin, 2 times for 2 laps.
Top 12 in points: 1. G. Biffle, 195.2; K. Harvick, 188.3; D. Earnhardt Jr., 178.4; T. Stewart, 177.5; M. Truex Jr., 175.8; M. Kenseth, 173.7; D. Hamlin, 171.8; C. Bowyer, 157.9; J. Johnson, 156.10; R. Newman, 155.11; P. Menard, 148.12; C. Edwards, 146.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race. The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position Within on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

IndyCar

Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg Results
Sunday
At St. Petersburg street course
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Lap length: 1.8 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)
All cars Dallara chassis
1. (5) Hello Castroneves, Chevrolet, 100 laps.
2. (6) Scott Dixon, Honda, 100.
3. (3) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Chevrolet, 100.
4. (11) Mike Conway, Honda, 73, mechanical.
5. (2) Ryan Briscoe, Chevrolet, 100.
6. (16) Simon Pagenaud, Honda, 100.
7. (1) Will Power, Chevrolet, 100.
8. (12) EJ Viso, Chevrolet, 100.
9. (22) Charlie Kimball, Honda, 100.
10. (15) Justin Wilson, Honda, 100.
11. (19) Josef Newgarden, Honda, 100.
12. (10) Graham Rahal, Honda, 100.
13. (9) Dario Franchitti, Honda, 100.
14. (7) Marco Andretti, Chevrolet, 99.
15. (17) Alex Tagliani, Lotus, 99.
16. (23) Oriol Servia, Lotus, 99.
17. (13) Rubens Barrichello, Chevrolet, 98.
18. (24) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet, 98.
19. (18) JR Hildebrand, Chevrolet, 96, mechanical.
20. (11) Mike Conway, Honda, 73, mechanical.
21. (26) Sebastian Bourdais, Lotus, 73, mechanical.
22. (14) Takuma Sato, Honda, 73, mechanical.
23. (25) Katherine Legge, Lotus, 59, mechanical.
24. (21) Simona de Silvestro, Lotus, 22, mechanical.
25. (8) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 21, mechanical.
26. (20) James Jakes, Honda, 19, contact.
Winners average speed: 90.113 mph.
Margin of Victory: 5.5292 seconds.
Cautions: 3 for 15 laps.
Lead Changes: 9 among 7 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Power 1-11, Briscoe 12-20, Dixon 21-36, Sato 37-46, Franchitti 47, Dixon 48-68, Castroneves 69-70, Sato 71, Hildebrand 72-74, Castroneves 75-100.
Points: Castroneves 50, Dixon 42, Hunter-Reay 35, Hinchcliffe 32, Briscoe 30, Pagenaud 28, Power 27, Viso 24, Kimball 22, Wilson 20.

NHL

At A Glance
All Times EDT
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
x-N.Y. Rangers..... 75 47 21 7 101 206 168
Detroit..... 75 47 22 6 100 253 195
x-Philadelphia..... 75 43 23 8 96 238 208
New Jersey..... 76 42 28 6 90 206 200
N.Y. Islanders..... 75 31 33 11 73 180 224

Northwest Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Boston..... 74 43 28 3 89 241 182
Ottawa..... 76 38 28 10 86 230 223
Buffalo..... 76 37 29 10 84 197 209
Toronto..... 76 33 34 9 75 217 239
Montreal..... 76 29 34 13 71 197 211

Southeast Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Florida..... 75 38 24 5 87 186 208
Washington..... 76 38 30 8 84 205 214
Winnipeg..... 75 35 32 8 78 201 217
Tampa Bay..... 74 34 33 7 75 209 252
Carolina..... 76 30 31 15 75 189 208

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
x-St. Louis..... 75 46 20 9 101 192 147
Kitt Hawks (38), \$27,650..... 71-72-73-74—289 +2
Nashville..... 75 43 24 8 94 213 198
Chicago..... 75 42 25 8 92 219 181
Columbus..... 75 24 44 7 55 175 243

Northwest Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
y-Vancouver..... 75 45 21 9 99 229 187
Colorado..... 77 40 31 6 86 200 202
Calgary..... 76 34 34 5 83 186 208
Minnesota..... 76 31 34 10 72 199 207
Edmonton..... 76 31 36 9 71 206 223

Pacific Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Dallas..... 76 41 29 5 87 198 198
Phoenix..... 76 37 26 13 87 200 198
Los Angeles..... 75 37 26 12 86 175 164
San Jose.....

AHL

MacIntyre makes the Falcons pay once again

By TOM VENESKY
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WILKES-BARRE TWP. – Wilkes-Barre/Penguins forward Steve MacIntyre expected the Springfield Falcons to seek him out in response to his actions the last time the two teams met on March 11.

That when MacIntyre pummeled several Falcon players, including goaltender Paul Dainton, and was suspended for four games.

But during Sunday's rematch, it was MacIntyre that made the Falcons pay, and he didn't do it with his fists or even by getting on the scoresheet - he did it by becoming immovable in front of the net.

With MacIntyre posted in front of Falcons' goaltender Mike Clemente during the third period, Alex Grant sent a slapshot into the back of the net that gave the Penguins their first lead of the night and a 5-3 win.

The Penguins are now 39-22-2-5 on the season and they keep their hold on fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

While the Falcons didn't come after MacIntyre at any point in the game, he never let the possibility of retribution get him off his game.

"I was ready," MacIntyre admitted. "But ultimately you have to go out there and play hockey."

That's what he did from the first shift, establishing himself in



the offensive zone, particularly in front of the Springfield net. MacIntyre's effective play earned him a regular shift in the third period while the Penguins were down by one.

The move paid dividends less than halfway through the final frame.

The Penguins scored three unanswered goals in the third period to erase a Springfield's lead, and it all began with Brian Gibbons, who buried a Ryan Craig cross-crease pass at 2:11.

That made it 3-3, and Grant's slapshot five minutes later gave the Penguins a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

They play began when Zach Sill and Paul Thompson forechecked deep in the Falcons' end, forcing a turnover. Sill collected the puck and dished a pass that went by MacIntyre as he headed toward the net.

"I was calling for it but I had a guy right on me," MacIntyre said. "I'd like to say I planned to let it go by, but it worked out."

When Sill's pass went to Grant on the point, MacIntyre skated to

the crease and brought a Springfield player with him, providing a perfect screen for Grant's slapshot goal that gave the Penguins a 4-3 edge.

"That's was one of the things (head coach John Hynes) wanted me to do – use my big body in front of the net," MacIntyre said.

Rookie goaltender Patrick Killeen also played big in the third period after a rocky start. He allowed three Springfield goals on nine shots in the first two periods, although Hynes said the goals weren't necessarily Killeen's fault.

The Falcons first period goal came off a three-on-two rush, while the pair of tallies in the second period resulted from defensive breakdowns.

"The first three goals we left him out to dry," Hynes said.

Headed into the third period, Killeen wasn't rattled.

"I still felt good," he said. "It's all mental. You just have to get yourself ready. We were still in a position to win the game."

Killeen stopped all 17 shots he faced in the third period, including several shots from in close from wide open shooters, along with scrums in front as Springfield crashed the net.

Killeen's play, especially during the final 12 minutes as the Penguins clung to a one-goal lead, impressed Hynes.

"To his credit, when we needed him to make a couple stops in re-

alistic he did a good job," Hynes said. "His battle level was high at the end when they were pressing."

The Penguins iced the game with an empty net goal from Brian Strait in the last minute to make it 5-3. The win halts a two-game skid during which the Penguins were shutout both Friday and Saturday.

"We went out there and showed some heart," MacIntyre said. "Coming off subpar performances the last couple of nights, this win was huge for us."

NOTES

- D Carl Sneeep (injury), D Philip Samuelsson, D Cody Wild, C Matt Rust and LW Brandon DeFazio were scratched for the Penguins.

- The Penguins dodged a bullet early in the second period when Springfield's Maksim Mayorov was awarded shot after being pulled down from behind by Strait. Mayorov lifted a shot over Killeen that hit the crossbar. Killeen said the play was a little bit of luck and skill. "I thought I played it pretty well. I was square to the shooter and at the top of my crease when he shot," Killeen said. "He made a great shot, and I got a little bit lucky."

- Jason Williams' goal at 9:40 of the first period ended a Penguins scoreless streak that spanned 136 minutes and 12 seconds, dating back to March 18



PETE G. WILCOX/THE TIMES LEADER

Several Penguins players celebrate Brian Gibbons third period goal in Sunday's AHL game at Mohegan Sun Arena.

against Binghamton.

Springfield..... 1 2 0 - 3
Penguins..... 1 1 3 - 5

First Period: Scoring – 1. SPR, Matt Calvert 16 (MacLeod, Cullity) 6:13. 2. WBS, Jason Williams 11 (Lerg, Despres) 8:40. Penalties – SPR, Amadio (fighting) :02; WBS, Walker (fighting) :02; WBS, Grant (tripping) 15:22; SPR, Prout (diving) 17:17.

Second Period: Scoring – 3. SPR, Alexandre Giroux 14 (Mayorov, St. Pierre) 2:33. 4. SPR, Dane Biers 15 (Garlock, Calvert) 6:50. 5. WBS, Bryan Lerg 24 (Williams, Strait) 11:55. Penalties – SPR, Amadio (interference) 8:42; SPR, Cullity (boarding) 15:23; WBS, Williams (hooking) 16:23.

Penalty Shot – SPR, Maksim Mayorov, 3:56 of the second period – NG

Third Period: Scoring – 6. WBS, Brian Gibbons 11 (Craig, Bortuzzo) 2:11. 7. WBS, Alex Grant 8 (Sill) 7:39. 8. WBS, Brian Strait 4 (Sill, McDonald) empty net 19:33. Penalties – WBS, Petersen (slashing) 10:31.

Shots on goal: Springfield – 4-5-17-26. Penguins – 13-12-6-31.

Power-play Opportunities: Springfield – 0 of 3. Penguins – 0 of 3.

Goaltenders: Springfield – Mike Clemente 2-1-0 (26 saves-30 shots). Penguins – Patrick Killeen 2-2-0 (23-28).

Referee – Jarrod Ragusin. Linesmen – Chris Allman, Jud Ritter

Attendance – 4,908

BOXING

Writer Bert Sugar dies

The Associated Press

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. — Bert Sugar, an iconic boxing writer and sports historian who was known for his trademark fedora and ever-present cigar, died Sunday of cardiac arrest. He was 75.

Jennifer Frawley, Sugar's daughter, said his wife, Suzanne, was by his side when he died at Northern Westchester Hospital. Sugar also had been battling lung cancer.

"Just his intelligence and his wit and his sense of humor," Frawley said when asked what she will remember about her father. "He was always worried about people. He was always helping people."

Sugar was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2005. According to the hall's website, Sugar wrote more than 80 books, including "The 100 Greatest Boxers Of All Time." He also appeared in a handful of films, including "The Great White Hype" starring Samuel Jackson.

"Around ringside, it's not going to be the same with Bert not there," said Jack Hirsch, the president of the Boxing Writers Association of America.

Sugar was born in Washington, D.C., in 1936. He graduated from Maryland and went to law school at Michigan. He passed the bar in his hometown and worked in advertising in New York City before he got into writing in the 1970s.

"Bert was obviously a showman in the way he did things outwardly, very flamboyant, but in quiet moments I found him to be an extremely modest individual," Hirsch said.



AP FILE PHOTO

Boxing historian Bert Sugar known for his fedora and cigar, has died of cardiac arrest.



AP PHOTO

North Carolina guard Justin Watts, left, and guard P.J. Hairston react in the final moments of the Midwest Regional final against Kansas on Sunday in St. Louis. Kansas won, 80-67.

JAYHAWKS

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his sweatbands into the crowd.

"This is what you come to Kansas for," Taylor said. "It's a great feeling, but it's just one step."

Taylor led five Jayhawks in double figures. Player of the year candidate Thomas Robinson added 18 points and nine rebounds, and Elijah Johnson kept up his blistering pace in the tournament with 10 points, including a 3-pointer with 3:07 to play that sparked Kansas' 12-0 run to end the game. Withey made two monster blocks to deny the Tar Heels during the final run — including one that set up a big three-point play by Taylor.

Taylor came up with the rebound after Withey swatted away a shot by John Henson and streaked downcourt for a layup, getting fouled by Stilman White in the process. As the Kansas-heavy crowd roared, Taylor butted his head into Robinson's chest. He made the free throw to give Kansas a 74-67 lead with 1:59 left, and the Jayhawks cruised from there.

"There's no way to put into words the way we feel," Williams said. "There's no way to put into words the way I feel. ... It's the NCAA tournament. One team wins and one team loses, and that's what we have to understand."

James Michael McAdoo scored 15 for the Tar Heels (32-6), who played better in their second game without injured star point guard Kendall Marshall. But North Carolina couldn't overcome a 5:46 field

goal drought to end the Midwest Regional final.

It was only the third defeat in 12 regional final appearances for the Tar Heels, but their second straight after losing to Kentucky last year.

"It was a game of runs," Williams said. "And we didn't answer the last one."

This was only the second time Williams had faced Kansas since leaving the school where he spent his first 15 years as a head coach, taking the Jayhawks to the NCAA title game twice — they lost in both 1991 and 2003 — and two other Final Fours. Though Kansas fans have softened some — Williams was still greeted with a chorus of boos, and one fan held up a sign that said, "Roy Down, 2 to Go" — Williams said Saturday that facing his old team will always be unpleasant.

"Too emotional for me. That's the bottom line," Williams said, calling Kansas his "second-favorite" team. "I don't think it'll ever feel good for me, regardless of the outcome. I don't think I'll ever feel comfortable with it."

At least this one went better than the first meeting, at the 2008 Final Four, where the Jayhawks walloped North Carolina on the way to winning the title Williams never could at Kansas.

"I enjoyed coaching these kids, and you hate it for them. That's what it's all about," Williams said. "This is college basketball. It's not about the coaches, it's about the players."

North Carolina was playing a second straight game without the dazzling Marshall, who Williams called "our engine, our driver, the head of the thing." But unlike Friday, when the Tar Heels turned the ball over a sea-

son-high 24 times and looked surprisingly disheveled against No. 13 seed Ohio, they had things back under control Sunday.

White, a freshman, may be a "wacko," as Williams has said affectionately several times the last few days, but the kid knows how to run an offense. He had seven assists Sunday, giving him 13 for the two games without a single turnover, and North Carolina shot almost 64 percent in the first half.

But the Jayhawks cranked up the pressure defensively in the second half, and North Carolina buckled. The Tar Heels shot just 7 of 31 after halftime and had six turnovers.

"We had an opportunity to win that game and we didn't come through," said Harrison Barnes, who slumped in a locker room chair after the game, a towel covering his head. "I missed a lot of shots I usually make. Big-time players come through in big-time games, and it just wasn't there tonight."

The Jayhawks seemed on the verge of pulling away several times, only to have Carolina reel them back in. But just before the midway point of the second half, Kansas established some breathing room when Releford scored on a jumper to start an 8-2 run. Taylor capped the spurt with a swirl-in jumper and a dunk off a turnover by Henson to give the Jayhawks a 66-61 lead.

Tyler Zeller pulled the Tar Heels within two on a putback, and Barnes hit the first of two free throws to make it 68-67 with 3:58 to play. But Johnson, shooting almost 52 percent in the tournament, drained that 3 from NBA range to start the decisive run.

KENTUCKY

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"I'm not satisfied yet," Kidd-Gilchrist said.

This group sure has the look of a champion, shaking off an early blow by the Bears (30-8) — a very good team with a daring fashion sense that was simply no match for coach John Calipari's latest group of Fab Freshmen. Kentucky took control with an early 16-0 run and led by 20 at halftime.

"This team is better than I thought," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "This is the best team we faced all year ... probably in a couple of years."

Two years ago, Baylor lost to eventual national champion Duke in another regional final.

"Duke was a good team," Drew said, "but Kentucky is better."

The Wildcats beat Louisville 69-62 on New Year's Eve, but now they'll meet with the highest stakes ever. Kidd-Gilchrist shrugged when someone asked about playing the Cardinals.

"I'm just worried about it," he said. "That's it. I don't worry about anybody else."

Calipari, in his third season at Kentucky, just keeps recruiting the best high school players in the land, molds them into a top team, then sends most of 'em on to the NBA.

Then he starts the whole process over again.

"There are some opinions that will never change," Calipari said. "All I'm trying to do is coach these young people. I'm trying to do the best job for these kids and their families."

Two years ago, John Wall led Kentucky to the regional final. Last season, Brandon Knight helped guide the Wildcats to the Final Four. Now, with those guys in the NBA and Kidd-Gilchrist and Davis stopping off for what could be their only season in Lexington, Big Blue

has a shot at what those last two teams failed to do — bringing Kentucky its first national title since 1998.

But for all the talk about Calipari's one-and-done tactics, he's getting plenty of contributions from those who hung around beyond their freshmen year. Take Jones, a sophomore forward who passed up the draft. He scored just one point in the opening half, but his fingerprints were all over Kentucky's dominating performance: nine rebounds, six assists, three blocks and two steals and — most in the first 10 minutes.

"I was just trying to be aggressive early," Jones said. "That allowed me to get in great position for rebounds and to lead the fast break."

Then there's Darius Miller, one of only two seniors on the roster. He gave up his starting role to Kidd-Gilchrist in this one — Kentucky essentially has six starters — but added four points, two assists and two steals in the first-half blowout.

At one point, Kidd-Gilchrist had as many points as Baylor's entire team: 17 apiece. Kentucky led 42-22 at the break and Baylor never got any closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

"It's kind of hard to play us," Davis said. "We're very long and very athletic. It makes it tough on the other team."

The Wildcats left New Orleans earlier this month disappointed with a loss in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

That one's long forgotten.

A national championship has been the goal all along.

"It's a great feeling to be part of something special," Davis said.

Quincy Acy led Baylor with 22 points, and Pierre Jackson added 21. Not enough. Not nearly enough.

"They're a great team," Acy said. "They've got some good dudes down there."



AP PHOTO

Baylor players sit in the locker room after an NCAA tournament South Regional final against Kentucky Sunday in Atlanta. Kentucky won, 82-70.

AUTO RACING

Tony Stewart takes rain-shortened race in Fontana

The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — When dark clouds ominously obscured majestic Mount Baldy north of Auto Club Speedway early in Sunday's race, NASCAR's drivers all realized they were probably in for a short day on a long track. Nobody did a better job racing until the raindrops fell than Tony Stewart.

Stewart got his second NASCAR victory of the season when rain shortened the race at Auto Club Speedway by 71 laps, extending the defending Sprint Cup champion's unusually



Stewart

"You hate to have it end with rain like that," Stewart said. "But we've lost some that way, and we didn't back into the lead."

Stewart has won seven of the last 15 races, including Las Vegas last month, in a remarkable stretch of dominance for a driver

strong start.

Kyle Busch finished second, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. added to his good start to the season in third.

"It's been nice to get off to a good start this year the way we have," said Stewart, who has been even more impressive this year despite firing crew chief

who rarely gets rolling until summer.

Although Stewart sees nothing special about his approach to the new season, he's clearly focused. Stewart and new crew chief Steve Addington didn't mention the rain to each other until moments before it hit one end of the 2-mile oval, but they had already done the work necessary to win.

"It's been nice to get off to a good start this year the way we have," said Stewart, who has been even more impressive this year despite firing crew chief

Darian Grubb last December. "The history shows the last 13 years, we haven't had the strongest start the first third of the year, but I'm really excited about the start we've got going. Daytona was probably our weakest race, and I know I made decisions trying to make things happen and it didn't work out. I'm really proud of what Steve and all our guys have done."

Stewart's Chevrolet passed Busch 44 laps before the race was stopped when the looming rain clouds finally burst and halted a race run entirely on green flags

to that point. Although a few drivers weren't happy when the race was called off after a delay of just over 30 minutes amid steadily worsening rain, Stewart collected his 46th career win and his second at Fontana.

"Playing to the weather, everybody is trying to get everything they can get toward the midway point of that race," Stewart said.

Defending race winner Kevin Harvick was fourth, and Carl Edwards was fifth. Greg Biffle, Edwards' Roush Fenway Racing teammate, finished sixth and kept a seven-point lead on Har-

vick atop the points standings.

"We had a great race car there from the start of the race," said Busch, who started second alongside teammate Denny Hamlin and took the lead on the second lap. "We led a lot of laps. I just wish we led 30 more."

The drivers saw only blue skies at their meeting two hours before the race began, but the weather steadily worsened. The resulting drop in temperature threw off many teams' calculations on air pressure and other decisions, forcing adjustments on their first pit stops.

NHL

Sid scores again as Pens win

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby scored in his second straight game and added an assist to help the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New Jersey Devils 5-2 on Sunday night.

Crosby, who snapped out of a career-long 12-game goal drought Saturday, gave the Penguins some breathing room with a wrist shot by goalie Martin Brodeur early in the third period. It was Crosby's first goal at home since scoring twice in his season debut against the New York Islanders on Nov. 21.

Evgeni Malkin also had a goal and an assist for the Penguins to push his points total to 97, tops in the NHL. Pittsburgh has won 10 straight at Consol Energy Center and moved back within a point of the New York Rangers for the top stop in the Eastern Conference.

Chris Kunitz, Jordan Staal and Pascal Dupuis added goals. Dupuis extended his points streak to a career-best 10 games, the longest active streak in the league.

Bruins 3, Ducks 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Marty Turco won for the first time in the NHL in more than 13 months with the help of a disallowed goal that would have tied it, and Boston got second-period goals from Zdeno Chara and Benoit Pouliot less than 1 1/2 minutes apart to beat Anaheim.

Capitals 3, Wild 0

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin scored his ninth goal in seven games, and Washington pulled back into the final Eastern Conference playoff spot with victory over Minnesota.

Predators 6, Blackhawks 1

CHICAGO — Pekka Rinne made 24 saves and Nashville ended Chicago winning streak at five games.

Matt Halischuk, Andrei Kostitsyn, Patric Hornqvist, Francis Bouillon, Shea Weber and Mike Fisher scored for the Predators, who matched their season high with the six goals. Viktor Stalberg had Chicago's lone score.

The victory sends the Predators into fourth place in the Western Conference with 96 points, one ahead of Detroit and four more than the sixth-place Blackhawks. Nashville is now 4-0-1 against Chicago this season.

Islanders 3, Panthers 2

SUNRISE, Fla. — Frans Nielsen scored the only goal to lift New York past Florida.

Kyle Okposo and Matt Moulson scored in regulation, and Evgeni Nabokov stopped 33 shots.

Oilers 6, Blue Jackets 3

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ryan Jones had a goal and two assists, Chris VandeVelde scored his first NHL goal and Edmonton beat Columbus in a matchup of the NHL's worst teams.

NBA ROUNDUP



AP PHOTO

The Philadelphia 76ers' Lou Williams (23) and San Antonio Spurs' DeJuan Blair vie for control of a loose ball during the first quarter of an NBA game Sunday in San Antonio.

Parker scores 21; Spurs beat 76ers

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 21 points and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Philadelphia 76ers 93-76 on Sunday night in a match-up of short-handed teams.

DeJuan Blair added 19 points for the Spurs, who won for the seventh time in eight games and swept the season series with the 76ers despite being without Tim Duncan. With the Spurs playing three games in three nights, coach Gregg Popovich gave the 35-year-old Duncan his second day off this season.

Philadelphia lost for the second time in its last four games as it played without Andre Iguodala, who was out due to left patella tendonitis.

Elton Brand led the 76ers with 12 points. Jodie Meeks,

starting for Iguodala, added 11 points. Evan Turner and Jrue Holiday each added 10.

Hawks 139, Jazz 133

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 37 points, Josh Smith added 22 and the Atlanta Hawks ended Utah's six-game winning streak with a victory in the NBA's first quadruple-overtime game since 1997.

The four overtimes tied for the third-longest game in NBA history. It was the ninth NBA game to go four OTs and the first since Phoenix beat Portland 140-139 on Nov. 14, 1997.

Celtics 88, Wizards 76

BOSTON — Avery Bradley scored a career-high 23 points, and Paul Pierce added 21 points and eight rebounds to help short-handed Boston

beat Washington.

Timberwolves 117, Nuggets 100

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love followed up his 51-point game with 30 points and 21 rebounds to lead Minnesota over Denver.

Suns 108, Cavaliers 83

CLEVELAND — Marcin Gortat and Markieff Morris scored 22 points apiece, and Phoenix never trailed against Cleveland.

Steve Nash added 13 assists for the Suns, who have won six of eight to get back into the Western Conference play-off race. Phoenix, which improved to 11-4 since the All-Star break, trail Denver and Houston by 1 1/2 games in the race for the final playoff spot in the conference.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Lions no problem for Huskies

The Associated Press

KINGSTON, R.I. — Bria Hartley scored 20 points to lead a balanced Connecticut offense and help the top-seeded Huskies beat fourth-seeded Penn State 77-59 on Sunday in the Kingston Regional semifinals.

The Huskies' stellar defense stymied a high-powered Nittany Lions offense that averaged 87.5 points in the first two games of the NCAA women's tournament. It's the seventh straight season that Connecticut has advanced to the regional finals. The Huskies will face No. 2 seed Kentucky on Tuesday night with a berth in the Final Four on the line.

Leading 36-27 late in the first half, UConn (32-4) used a 17-2 run spanning halftime to break the game open.

Mia Nickson scored 19 points and Maggie Lucas added 15 to lead Penn State (26-7), which was making its first appearance in the round of 16 since 2004.

Kentucky 79, Gonzaga 62

Keyla Snowden made five 3-pointers for Kentucky, hitting a pair of them to turn back Gonzaga's last charge.

Snowden had 17 points, going 5 of 9 from 3-point range, and Samarie Walker scored 16 with 12 rebounds for the Wildcats. It's the second trip to the regional finals for Kentucky (28-6) in three years.

Kayla Standish scored 25 for Gonzaga (28-6), which reached the round of 16 for the third consecutive year.

RALEIGH REGIONAL Notre Dame 79, St. Bonaventure 35

RALEIGH, N.C. — Natalie Novosel scored 16 points and Notre Dame advanced to the regional finals by routing St. Bonaventure.

Kalia Turner scored 14 points and Kayla McBride added 10 for the Irish (33-3).

They shot 52.5 percent, never trailed and led by 45 before matching a 22-year-old record for scoring margin in the regional round while cruising into the finals for the second straight year.

Notre Dame will play second-seeded Maryland on Tuesday night with a spot in the Final Four on the line.

CeCe Dixon had 13 points and Doris Ortega added 11 for

the Bonnies (31-4).

They shot a season-low 19 percent, allowed a season-high point total and finished with a season-worst 21 turnovers. Leading scorer Jessica Jenkins was scoreless — she entered averaging 14 points — and missed all six of her shots.

Maryland 81, Texas A&M 74

RALEIGH, N.C. — Laurin Mincy had 21 points and 12 rebounds to help Maryland rally past Texas A&M in the regional semifinals.

Alyssa Thomas added 21 points and nine rebounds for the Terrapins (31-4), who trailed by 18 in the first half and 11 midway through the second. But Maryland fought its way back and held the reigning national champion Aggies (24-11) to one basket in the final 7½ minutes.

The Terrapins have won 10 straight and 13 of 14 since a home loss to Virginia Tech on Jan. 26. They're back in a regional final for the first time since 2009, when they were in Raleigh as a No. 1 seed. Freshman Alexia Standish scored 19 points to lead Texas A&M.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Phillies give Thome some time in field

The Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Jim Thome played five innings at first base and hit a two-run double for a Philadelphia Phillies' split squad Sunday in a 3-3, 10-inning tie against the Baltimore Orioles.

The 41-year-old, who has not played the field in the regular season since eight innings for the Chicago White Sox at the Phillies on June 13, 2007, did not have any grounders hit to him.

He hit a two-run double to deep center in a three-run third against Brian Matusz.

Philadelphia's Roy Halladay struck out nine and walked two in 6 1-3 innings, allowing two runs and seven hits. Matusz gave up three runs and six hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Tigers (ss) 6, Phillies (ss) 3

LAKELAND, Fla. — AL Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander overcame a rocky first to allow two runs and seven hits in six solid innings in his next-to-last start of spring training.

Hunter Pence singled in a run for the Phillies in the first, then scored on an RBI double by Ty Wigginton.

Tigers (ss) 1, Yankees 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Michael Pineda allowed one run and five hits over five innings as he competes with Phil Hughes, Ivan Nova and Freddy Garcia for three rotation spots behind opening-day starter CC Sabathia and Hiroki Kuroda.

Derek Jeter hit a leadoff homer in the first and also had a double.

Nationals 12, Mets 0

VIERA, Fla. — Ian Desmond, Jayson Werth and Roger Bernadina hit first-inning home runs off Matt Harvey to back Stephen Strasburg as Washington stopped an 11-game winless streak.

Marlins 5, Rays 1

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Josh Johnson allowed three hits in five scoreless innings as he prepared for Miami's opener but walked five. He also hit an RBI double in the second.

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 5

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Daniel Bard, competing for a spot in Boston's starting rotation, gave up five runs and six hits in six innings, struck out five and walked three.

Bard allowed Adam Lind's second home run of spring training and his double. He also gave up Edwin Encarnacion tying RBI double in a two-run sixth.

Cardinals 9, Twins 2

JUPITER, Fla. — Kyle Lohse allowed two runs and five hits in six innings and Matt Holliday homered. Lohse, projected to start the Cardinals' opener, struck out six and walked one.

Astros (ss) 9, Pirates 7

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jed Lowrie and Chris Snyder homered, and Yamaico Navarro had four of Pittsburgh's 20 hits.

Pirates starter Brad Lincoln gave up three runs and four hit in four innings. Houston starter J.A. Happ gave up nine hits and

Utley to miss opener

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Chase Utley will miss the entire exhibition schedule for the second straight year and will not be in the Philadelphia Phillies' opening-day lineup due to his injured knees.

The five-time All-Star, limited to 103 games last year when he didn't play his first game until May 23, said Sunday he will not have season-ending surgery and does not have plans to retire. He says he feels better than he did at this point last year. Says Utley: "I'm not going to be ready for opening day. I don't really have a timeline on when I will be available. I will take this process fairly slow because I think it's important to get everything around my knees working correctly. And I think it's going to take a little bit of time."

three runs in five innings.

Braves 11, Astros (ss) 1

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jair Jurrjens allowed one run and three hits in six innings and struck out seven in lowering his ERA from 10.13 to 7.45, and struck out seven. He was also 2 for 3 at the plate.

Angels 6, Rangers 5

TEMPE, Ariz. — Albert Pujols hit his fourth homer and Trevor Bell allowed three hits and two walks in 4 1-3 scoreless innings in a bid to earn the Angels' No. 5 starter role.

Brewers (ss), 7 Royals 4

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Scooter Gennett hit a two-run homer in the eighth to complete a cycle, leading

Brewers (ss) 7, Dodgers 1

PHOENIX — Shaun Marcum allowed one hit in three scoreless innings in his spring training debut.

White Sox 5, Giants 2

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Philip Humber allowed an unearned run and one hit in seven innings, struck out five and walked two.

Cubs 6, Indians 2

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Cleveland's Jeanmar Gomez, who had pitched shutout ball in his first four outings, gave up three runs and seven hits in five innings. He is competing with Kevin Slowey and David Huff for the Indians' final rotation spot.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 3

PEORIA, Ariz. — Dustin Moseley induced four double plays in six innings, limiting Arizona to a run and seven hits.

Arizona pitcher Josh Collmenter allowed two runs, five hits and two walks in five innings.

Rockies 7, Reds 3

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Todd Helton hit his first two home runs of spring training and Casey Blake hit his first, all drives off Johnny Cueto.

Rockies starter Jhoulys Chacin allowed two runs and six hits in five innings.

Joey Votto, in a 5-for-31 slide coming in, had an RBI single in the third and added a single in the fifth.

WYOMING VALLEY CONFERENCE GIRLS SOCCER CAPSULES

Teams are listed in predicted order of finish.

DIVISION 1

1. Berwick
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 11-11, 1st Div. 1
2011 postseason: Won D2 championship; lost 4-0 to Manheim Twp. in first round of states
Coach: Paul DiPippa
Home field: Crispin Field
Players to watch: Seniors - Abby Takacs, MF; Jade Welsh, F; Sarah Wilczynski, K. Juniors - Caty Davenport, MF; Karleigh Hartman, F; Alex Lorson, FB; Bridget Orlando, FB; Kelly Sheptock, FB.
Outlook: Despite losing four-time all-star Bella Jaffin, Berwick remains the team to beat. The Dawgs return eight starters - including Times Leader All-WVC selections Davenport (12 g, 8 a), Orlando and Sheptock on defense. Takacs (5 g, 10 a) and Welsh (4 g, 2 a) are proven scorers and Wilczynski is among the WVC's most experienced keepers.

2. Coughlin 2011 WVC Record/Finish: 11-1, 2nd, Div. 1
2011 postseason: Lost 2-0 to Berwick in D2 championship game
Coach: Joe Spagnuolo
Home field: Dan Flood School
Players to watch: Seniors - Jess Bella, F/MF; Grace Fazzi, MF/F; Lindsey Humanik, MF/F; Marissa Lercara, FB/F; Bailey Novak, FB; Ivy Nulton, Utl; Amanda Sax, K. Sophomore - Nora Fazzi, MF.
Outlook: The Crusaders were hit fairly hard by graduation, but once again should be a divisional power with Times Leader All-WVC players Lercara (4 g, 3 a) and Nulton (9 g, 3 a) back. The defense will be very strong, but the offense will be a work in progress and could prevent the Crusaders from overtaking Berwick.

3. Dallas
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 8-3-2, 3rd, Div. 1
2011 postseason: Lost 2-0 to Coughlin in D2 semifinals
Coach: Chris Scharff
Home field: School district campus
Players to watch: Senior - Colleen McDonald, MF/F. Junior - Ashley Dunbar, F. Sophomore - Vanessa Parsons, MF/F.
Outlook: Drexel recruit McDonald (8 g, 5 a), Parsons (7 g, 2 a) and Dunbar (7 g, 1a) give Dallas a very balanced and talented scoring attack. The big question will be on defense. There are many holes to fill as three three-year starters have graduated. Still, the Mountaineers should be in the thick of the divisional race.

4. Crestwood
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 5-7-1, 5th Div. 1
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Russ Kile
Home field: Football stadium
Players to watch: Seniors - Sarah Andrews, F; Hannah Coffin, MF; Hannah Lee, FB; Sam Pruce, FB. Sophomore - Morgan Kile, F; Gabby Termini, F; Meg White, K.
Outlook: The Comets are a very good team, although being stuck in the toughest division could distort their final record. Termini (13 g, 3 a) and White were Times Leader All-WVC selections. Coffin is heading to Division I Alabama-Birmingham in the fall. There are also a few more returning starters.

5. Holy Redeemer
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 6-7, 4th Div. 1
2011 postseason: Lost 4-0 to Berwick in D2 semifinals
Coach: Bob Hughes
Home field: Eddie White Field
Players to watch: Seniors - Allie Banks, MF; Shaina Dougherty, F; Erin Gruber, MF; Hallie Rexer, MF; Olivia Zurad, MF. Sophomore - Nina Paoloni, FB.
Outlook: Redeemer will be missing Rexer (15 g, 8 a) to start the season due to an injury. Despite the St. Francis recruit being absent, the Royals should still be strong at midfield with Dougherty (8 g, 3 a) and others back. It's at both end of the field where some questions need to be answered.

DIVISION 2

1. Lake-Lehman
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 5-6-2, 1st Div. 2
2011 postseason: Lost 2-1 to Holy Redeemer in D2 quarterfinals
Home field: Football stadium
Coach: Kelly Adamshick
Players to watch: Seniors - Tori Frederick, FB; Nikki Sutliff, MF, Juniors - Ashley Jackson, K; Katie Heindel, FB; Karen Yamrick, FB. Sophomores - Kaylee Hillard, MF; Shoshana Mahoney, F; Emily Sutton, MF. Freshmen - Aleaha Blazick, F; Morgan Goodrich, F; Denae Sutliff, Utl; Hannah Stull, Utl.
Outlook: The Black Knights have a very good chance of repeating as divisional champs. Times Leader All-WVC selection Sutliff leads a veteran midfield. Frederick and Yamerick are back on the outside of the defense, and Mahoney is coming off a very strong rookie season. They'll need some newcomers to step up.

2. Delaware Valley
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 5-6-2, 2nd Div. 2
2011 postseason: Lost 3-0 to Dallas in D2 quarterfinals
Coach: Donnel Leiva-Vazquez
Home field: High school
Players to watch: Seniors - Amy Ahlers, MF; Kelly Cappello MF; Kyrsten Brockmann, F. Juniors - Jackie Ueber,



BILL TARUTIS FILE PHOTO/FOR THE TIMES LEADER

Berwick's Kelly Sheptock, right, is expected to be one of the top players in the Wyoming Valley Conference this year. Ivy Nulton, left, returns for Coughlin.



Rexer



McDonald



Sheptock

the roster. The defense and midfield should be solid and once the offense catches up the Trojans could be right back in the postseason.

FB; Darian Walter, FB. Sophomores - Anna Chamberlin, F; Taryn Ficken, K.
Outlook: Although DelVal lost some key players to graduation, it also returns a solid core that includes leading scorers Brockmann (6 g) and Chamberlin (5 g, 1a). Ficken is a veteran in goal. The Warriors have enough back to contend for the divisional title once again.

3. Wyoming Valley West
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 3-9-1, 3rd Div. 2
2011 postseason: Lost 2-0 to North Pocono in D2 first round
Coach: Mike Davitt
Home field: Spartan Stadium
Players to watch: Seniors - Cathy Byrnes, F; Alex Lecce, MF; Juliet Schmid, MF; Steph Serafin, FB. Junior - Elizabeth Hoffman, MF.
Outlook: Although Valley West will be relying on a solid group of seniors, it will still be somewhat of a rebuilding season. The offense lost most of its firepower, while the defense took some hits as well. Should improve as the season goes on.

4. Hazleton Area
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 3-10, 4th Div. 2
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Dan Matriccino
Home field: Football stadium
Players to watch: Seniors - Megan Baranko, K; Krista Leitner, MF/FB; Nicole Semenza, MF/FB. Juniors - Ally Brennan, FB; Mariah LaPorte, MF.
Outlook: Baranko, Leitner and Semenza will be in the starting lineup for a fourth consecutive year, but after that the Cougars are relatively young and inexperienced. The roster consists of mainly freshmen and sophomores who will gain valuable experience heading into the fall season.

5. Nanticoke
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 2-9-2, 5th Div. 2
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Andrea Cannavale
Home field: Football stadium
Players to watch: Seniors - Mallory Markowski, FB; Cassie Yalch, MF; Morgan Yohey, FB. Junior - Brittany Sugalski, MF.
Outlook: Yalch (4 g, 2 a) returns as the team's leading scorer from last season. There is also some experience on defense. But the Trojans will have a tough time improving much on last season's mark due to the high level of competition. Finishing in the upper part of the division will be very tough.

DIVISION 2-A

1. North Pocono
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 7-4-2, 2nd Div. 3
2011 postseason: Lost 4-0 to Coughlin in D2 quarterfinals
Coach: Hosiah "Dave" Davis
Home field: New high school, Covington Twp.
Players to watch: Seniors - Kaylee Banfield, MF; Alyssa Hamill, FB; Lizzy Lisiecki, FB; Desirae Santarsiero, F; Michelle Stefanelli, MF; Meghan Utter, K. Junior - Carly Mischello. Sophomore - Alissa Kincel, F.
Outlook: Although North Pocono will be counting upon many seniors, the team is inexperienced overall. However, numbers are up with 33 players on

2. Honesdale
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 11-2, 1st Div. 3
2011 postseason: Lost 1-0 to Meyers in D2 first round
Coach: Eric Eisele
Home field: Stourbridge Elementary
Players to watch: Juniors - Alexis Burkavage, FB; Bridget Fennell, FB; Rhea Fowler, MF; Ally Hicks, F; Seneca Propst, MF.
Outlook: The Hornets lost a big chunk of their offense to graduation, but should still remain competitive. The midfield and defense should be strong and be able to hold the fort until the offense comes around. If that happens, Honesdale's could win the division in its final WVC season.

3. Pittston Area
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 6-6-1, 3rd Div. 3
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Nicole Tieso
Home field: Primary Center, Rock St., Hughestown
Players to watch: Seniors - Danielle Fereck, MF; Sarah Kosik, FB; Mallory Yozwiak, FB. Juniors - Jordan Cumbo, K; Liz Mikitish, MF/F. Sophomore - Sara Ruby, F.
Outlook: The Patriots bring more experience and depth into the season than last year, so both could lead to an improved record. Ruby (11 g, 3 a), Mikitish (10 g, 3 a) and Fereck (4 g, 4 a) bring punch back to the offense, while there is a nice blend of veterans on defense. Could challenge for the division.

4. Wyoming Seminary
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 5-7-1, 4th Div. 3
2011 postseason: none
Coach: John Hannigan
Home field: Forty Fort Soccer Fields
Players to watch: Juniors - Christine Harris, F/MF; Bridget McMullan, MF; Anna Warriner, FB/F; Lindsay Warriner, MF/F; Lily Williams, FB. Sophomores - Julie Groseck, MF/FB; Molly Turner, MF; Margi Wiles, F.
Outlook: The Blue Knights were hit hard by graduation, so they'll be relying on several newcomers to fill the ranks. The lineup has been shuffled in hopes of accelerating the progress. Whether it will work, or more switches are needed, will be determined in the opening games.

5. Hanover Area
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 4-8-1, 5th Div. 3
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Brian Bannon
Home field: Football stadium
Players to watch: Senior - Gabby Murphy, MF. Juniors - Ciera Gensel, K; Kayla Keating, MF; Samantha Masher, FB.
Outlook: Although the Hawkeys are young and lack experience, they've been coming along well in the preseason. Murphy (12 g, 2 a) is proven scorer, but there is a drop-off after her. The defense has some experience back and should be a strong suit early on.

DIVISION 4

1. Tunkhannock
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 9-3-1, 2nd Div. 4
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Kaaron Yablonski
Home field: Roslund Elem., Rte. 29

Players to watch:
Seniors - Ameila Ayers, FB; Spencer Corby, K; Janel Kalmanowicz, Mara Sickler, MF; Vicki Williams, F. Juniors - Anna Boecker, FB; Mackenzie Drungell, MF/FB; Katie Proulx, FB.
Sophomore - Cheyenne Brown, F.
Outlook: The Tigers just missed the postseason in 2011, but that could change this year. Nine starters return, including leading scorer Brown (8 g, 5 a). Crossover games will be key as two of last season's losses were to Honesdale and North Pocono.

2. Meyers
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 9-2-2, 1st Div. 4
2011 postseason: Lost 4-0 to Berwick in D2 quarterfinal
Coach: Jason Nolan
Home field: Gordon Avenue
Players to watch: Seniors - Katie Flannery, FB; Leanne McManus, F; Ingrid Ritchie, F/MF; Amanda Tredinick, MF; Alivia Weidler, K.
Outlook: The Mohawks lost some quality players to graduation. However, a solid group of seniors should be able to keep Meyers near the top of the division. McManus (10 g, 7 a) led the team in scoring, while three veterans return to the defense. Getting past Tunkhannock, though, will be tough.

3. Wyoming Area
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 6-6-1, 3rd Div. 4
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Mike Sokolas
Home field: 10th St., Wyoming
Players to watch: Seniors - Habibah Njajui, F; Shannon Ritts, FB; Jenna Skirnak, F. Juniors - Jennifer Bone, MF; Valerie Bott, F.
Outlook: The Warriors lost their top scorer but the return of Bott, who missed last season with a knee injury, should help the offense. Njajui and Skirnak also return to the attack. There is a lot of experience back and another good sign is the roster size, which is strong for a second consecutive season.

4. GAR
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 3-9-1, 4th Div. 4
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Stephanie Frank
Home field: old Wilkes-Barre Twp. H.S.
Players to watch: Seniors - Kaleigh Bubblo, MF; Caitlyn Kovach, FB; Bri Majikes, FB. Sophomore - Jilliana Leco, K/Utl. Freshmen - Paige Elmy, K; Brea Seabrook, MF.
Outlook: The Grenadiers have 15 players, which isn't much but is up from 12 last year. They're an athletic group, but not all have the necessary experience on the soccer field. The defense has some veterans back, but unless a few scorers could be found that unit could be overwhelmed.

5. MMI Prep
2011 WVC Record/Finish: 0-13, 5th Div. 4
2011 postseason: none
Coach: Guillermo Lara
Home field: Cedar Street field, Freeland
Players to watch: Seniors - Taylor Farrell, F; Andrea Lara, FB. Juniors - Katlyn Frey, F; Lindsey Joseph, F; Alex Haupt, MF; Cassie Caldwell, FB.
Outlook: The Preppers have a new coach and new home field, but one old problem - being competitive on a consistent basis. The WVC smallest school had troubles at both ends of the field last season and is looking for its first victory since the 2009 season. There might be a few more opportunities for a victory this season.

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ters and the field hockey could impact them even further.

"I do think we're going to get some softball players," said GAR coach Stephanie Frank, who has 15 girls on the roster, up from 12 last season. "To my knowledge, we have only three field hockey players. But time will tell."

Hanover Area has also struggled with low numbers, but coach Brian Bannon doesn't see the shift to the fall having an adverse effect.

"Actually, it benefits us to move to the fall," Bannon said. "Right now, we have four other kids playing other sports and we'll get them back. And we have five or six coming up and will lose only two."

The uncertainty made the WVC athletic directors scrap the power alignment for the fall of 2012. Instead, all teams will be grouped into one division and play each other once. A multi-divisional alignment could have meant teams losing a significant number of games should too many divisional opponents drop girls soccer.

The arrangement is for only one year. The WVC will revisit the topic for fall 2013 once things settle in.

TOP PLAYERS

Here are four standouts to watch, listed alphabetically.

Hannah Coffin, Crestwood: The energetic playmaker, who will play at Alabama-Birmingham in the fall, will start out at midfield where her skills and quickness should set up opportunities for her teammates.

Colleen McDonald, Dallas: Although knee injuries have popped up at times, McDonald will be heading to Drexel to

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to first base for an infield hit.

But does he still have the pop in his bat?

Ibanez followed that single by topping another pitch just foul of first base before taking a called third strike. He then finished out his minor league session by poking two easy flies to left and center field.

"It's all right," Ibanez insisted afterwards. "As long as your progressing and getting better. I'm getting the barrell of the bat on balls."

His words expressed hope, but his actions revealed frustration.

After each easy out, Ibanez shook his head, solicited advice from coaches and teammates and went back to practice his swing - trying to straighten it out on his own in the dugout.

"I'm on top of the ball and under the ball," Ibanez said. "But I'm hitting it on the barrell. That's what you want."

What the Yankees want is the guy who spent most of the past three years as a formidable force in the middle of a Phillies lineup

WOODS

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so clean that he was never seriously challenged on the back nine.

The final hole was a mere formality, and Woods tapped his putter on the ground waiting for his turn, knowing that 30 months without a win on the PGA Tour was about to end. He walked off the green with his arm extended, waving his cap to a raucous gallery.

"It does feel good. It feels really good," Woods said before signing his card. "It's been a lot of hard work."

The only thing missing was the host himself.

Palmer's blood pressure increased during the final round from new medications, and he was taken to the hospital about 15 minutes before the tournament ended as a precaution. Alastair Johnston, vice chairman at IMG and his longtime business manager, said Palmer would be kept overnight. "Nobody is overly concerned," he said.

play in the fall. Her stats were modest last season - eight goals and five assists - but she can control a game like few others.

Hallie Rexer, Holy Redeemer: A steady and always reliable performer, Rexer led the Royals with 15 goals and eight assists last season. She is also a Division I recruit and will be playing at St. Francis. But as of now, she'll be sidelined with an injury.

Kelly Sheptock, Berwick: A chip off the old block. Like her dad, Wilkes football coach Frank Sheptock who was an All-American linebacker in college, Kelly plays with a toughness and grit that has made her the premier defender in the WVC.

DISTRICT PLAYOFF FORMAT

The top four teams from Division 1, the top three from Division 2, the top two from Division 3 and the top team from Division 4 make the playoffs.

The district soccer committee will seed the teams, but rest assured the Division 1 champion and the runner-up will be the top-two seeds as usual.

Only the district champion moves to the state playoffs.

TOP GAMES

The WVC's best rivalry is in the first week when Dallas travels to Coughlin on Wednesday. The teams play at Dallas on May 3.

Meyers at Tunkhannock on April 30 could decide the Division 4 title.

The Division 1 title could come down to the final week when defending champion Berwick is at Dallas on May 7. That same day Lake-Lehman takes a long drive to Delaware Valley for what should be a key Division 2 contest.

that won three consecutive National League East titles, played in two National League Championship Series' and went to a World Series while he was there.

Ibanez hit a combined .274 with 50 home runs and 176 RBI during his first two seasons with the Phillies. His batting average dipped to .245 last season, but he also slugged 20 homers and drove home 84 runs after overcoming a slow start to 2011.

Now he's looking forward to a new start, after joining the Yankees as a free agent.

Ibanez carries a .280 batting average over his consistent 16-year career, with 252 lifetime homers and 1,054 RBI.

That's the type of production the Yankees are expecting, after signing Ibanez to be their left-handed-hitting designated hitter and part-time platoon player in the outfield.

Ibanez said they've gone out of their way to make him feel accepted.

"It's been great, a great place, great people," said Ibanez, who will turn 40 in June. "I'm really excited about playing for this organization."

If only his bat would start showing the same kind of enthusiasm.

Woods goes to No. 6 in the world, returning to the top 10 for the first time since May 22.

He finished at 13-under 275 for his 72nd PGA Tour win, one short of Nicklaus for second place on the career list. But that's not the record Woods wants. He has 14 majors, four short of the Nicklaus standard, and he tries to end a four-year drought at the Masters, which starts April 5.

"I am excited, no doubt," Woods said. "I'm looking forward to the momentum I've built here."

It was the first time Woods had all four rounds under par since he returned from his personal crisis at the 2010 Masters.

McDowell made a 45-foot birdie putt and a 50-foot eagle putt in the round to try to stay close, though he was never closer than two shots after starting with a double bogey. He closed with a 74.

"I think he really just kind of nailed home his comeback," McDowell said. "Great to have a front-row seat watching maybe the greatest of all time doing what he does best - winning golf tournaments."

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7-DAY FORECAST

TODAY 45°
Mostly sunny
38°

TUESDAY Sunny
48°
22°

WEDNESDAY Partly sunny, p.m. rain
60°
32°

THURSDAY Partly sunny, showers
55°
44°

FRIDAY Mostly sunny
55°
34°

SATURDAY Partly sunny
55°
35°

SUNDAY Partly sunny
55°
35°

REGIONAL FORECAST

TODAY'S SUMMARY

The Poconos
Highs: 44-50. Lows: 23-27. Sunny and breezy.

The Jersey Shore
Highs: 53-59. Lows: 31-38. Sunny and windy today.

The Finger Lakes
Highs: 38-47. Lows: 15-25. Mostly sunny skies.

Brandywine Valley
Highs: 54-58. Lows: 29-33. Mostly sunny skies.

Delmarva/Ocean City
Highs: 61-65. Lows: 32-43. Mostly sunny today.

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Recorded at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Int'l Airport

Temperatures

Yesterday 62/43
Average 50/31
Record High 76 in 1913
Record Low 10 in 1974
Heating Degree Days*
Yesterday 12
Month to date 366
Year to date 4215
Last year to date 5387
Normal year to date 5351
*Index of fuel consumption, how far the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Precipitation

Yesterday trace
Month to date 2.23"
Normal month to date 1.99"
Year to date 5.16"
Normal year to date 6.39"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise
Today 6:56a
Tomorrow 6:54a

Sunset
Today 7:23p
Tomorrow 7:24p

Moonrise
Today 8:42a
Tomorrow 9:21a

Moonset
Today 11:34p
Tomorrow none

River Levels, from 12 p.m. yesterday.

Susquehanna	Stage	Chg.	Fld.	Stg.
Wilkes-Barre	3.85	-0.31	22.0	
Towanda	2.52	-0.14	21.0	

Lehigh
Bethlehem 3.07 0.75 16.0
Delaware
Port Jervis 3.12 -0.14 18.0

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST: Low pressure moving across the West will be responsible for scattered rain and even a few higher elevation snow showers throughout the Northwest and Intermountain West today. Showers and thunderstorms associated with this system will extend into the northern Plains and even portions of the Upper Midwest.

Very cold air will be moving into our region for most of this week. Today will start off colder than what we've been used to the past few weeks, and warm up only to 45. It will be mostly sunny but much colder with winds around 15 mph. Temperatures will be below freezing Tuesday morning, so cover any pipes or plants you may have. It will warm to 48 with sunny skies. On Wednesday, we will warm up to 60 with partly cloudy skies and showers in the afternoon. Thursday will be partly cloudy with showers on and off throughout the day with a high of 55. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be partly cloudy with a high of 55 each day.

- Michelle Rotella

City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow	City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Anchorage	29/17/00	33/24/sf	40/27/c	Myrtle Beach	72/57/00	74/52/s	65/51/s
Atlanta	74/49/trace	80/52/s	77/57/pc	Nashville	72/45/00	75/48/s	81/57/pc
Baltimore	61/51/02	62/37/s	55/42/s	New Orleans	81/56/00	81/64/s	83/64/s
Boston	48/43/01	49/24/s	41/33/s	Norfolk	65/57/02	69/42/s	55/42/s
Buffalo	48/42/06	39/25/s	44/39/pc	Oklahoma City	79/49/00	84/59/s	81/59/pc
Charlotte	66/52/00	79/46/s	70/49/s	Omaha	81/46/00	81/59/w	79/48/pc
Chicago	71/52/00	45/38/pc	66/52/pc	Orlando	83/70/00	82/63/s	82/60/s
Cleveland	60/44/00	45/28/s	52/44/pc	Phoenix	84/60/00	77/51/s	84/55/s
Dallas	84/59/00	85/61/s	82/62/pc	Pittsburgh	61/54/00	49/26/s	53/44/pc
Denver	74/37/00	77/43/w	73/41/s	Portland, Ore.	55/42/00	55/42/sh	53/43/sh
Detroit	72/48/00	45/29/s	46/42/pc	St. Louis	75/55/00	70/52/pc	83/60/pc
Honolulu	80/70/00	81/67/s	81/66/s	Salt Lake City	71/50/00	56/44/sh	66/48/pc
Houston	85/59/00	85/61/s	83/65/pc	San Antonio	81/58/00	82/60/pc	80/63/c
Indianapolis	70/55/00	58/39/pc	66/55/pc	San Diego	63/52/00	62/54/pc	63/54/s
Las Vegas	76/58/00	65/54/pc	73/56/s	San Francisco	55/44/21	57/48/pc	58/49/sh
Los Angeles	56/50/69	61/48/pc	62/51/pc	Seattle	56/36/00	52/44/sh	53/46/r
Miami	85/69/00	83/68/s	81/70/t	Tampa	82/72/02	83/62/s	83/62/t
Milwaukee	61/45/00	43/36/pc	63/48/pc	Tucson	85/53/00	75/48/s	79/50/s
Minneapolis	56/38/00	49/44/pc	69/43/t	Washington, DC	61/51/20	64/37/s	57/41/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow	City	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Amsterdam	61/41/00	64/39/s	55/42/s	Mexico City	77/46/00	72/49/t	72/50/sh
Baghdad	82/55/00	84/62/pc	80/53/t	Montreal	48/37/00	35/23/pc	42/29/pc
Beijing	59/34/00	65/45/s	67/48/s	Moscow	28/15/00	29/19/pc	32/14/sf
Berlin	59/34/00	59/39/s	64/45/pc	Paris	72/46/00	69/43/s	65/46/pc
Buenos Aires	73/55/00	69/48/sh	63/47/pc	Rio de Janeiro	88/77/00	87/75/sh	91/73/pc
Dublin	64/43/00	62/46/s	57/49/s	Riyadh	75/55/00	86/65/sh	91/64/c
Frankfurt	70/43/00	65/40/s	65/43/s	Rome	70/45/00	70/50/s	65/46/s
Hong Kong	73/63/00	70/63/pc	71/65/pc	San Juan	82/73/09	84/74/sh	84/74/pc
Jerusalem	79/52/00	63/46/s	57/45/sh	Tokyo	53/41/00	50/39/pc	52/34/s
London	59/41/00	65/37/s	63/40/pc	Warsaw	55/34/00	50/38/c	60/38/c

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National Guard team reads to Hanover Green students

Soldiers from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) recently read to students at Hanover Green Elementary School in honor of Dr. Suess' birthday and Read Across America week. Each soldier visited with students and read a separate book to two classrooms. Participants, from left: SFC David Zadzura, HQ 109th Infantry; SGT Matthew Lipo, HQ 109th Field Artillery; MSG John Paul Karpovich, HQ 55th HBCT; Nancy Karpovich, school secretary and mother of MSG Karpovich; SFC Daniel Stella, HQ 109th Field Artillery; SSG Christopher Keen, Btry A 109th Field Artillery; and SPC Adam Fisher, HQ 109th Field Artillery.

NAMES IN THE MILITARY

Pvt. Anthony Christopher Walsh, Lake-Lehman High School Class of 2009, recently



Walsh

graduated from basic training and Initial Entry Training (IET) at Fort Benning, Ga., with Fox trot Company, second battalion, 19 infantry, 198th infantry brigade. Upon completion of IET, he received the coveted Infantry Blue Cord. His company was the first to receive the 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar. Walsh is stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., with Bravo Company, second brigade.

Navy Seaman Kyle M. Volciak, son of Linda M. and Walter A. Volciak, McAdoo, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Volciak completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Volciak is a 2011 graduate of Hazleton Area High School.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

HUDSON: Lani VFW Post 6325, 35 Cleveland St., will hold nominations and election of officers 7:30 p.m. April 10. All regular members are urged to attend and vote.

KINGSTON: The VFW Post 283, 757 Wyoming Ave., will hold election of post officers for the 2012-13 term at 7:30 p.m. April 4. All members are requested to attend this important meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold election of officers at 7 p.m. April 4.

MOUNTAIN TOP: American Legion Mountain Post 781, 1550 Henry Drive, will hold its annual spring ham shoot at the upper grove on Sunday. The public is invited. Sign up starts at 11 a.m. and the shoot starts at noon. Food and refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

The Executive Committee and board members will meet 7:30 p.m. April 2 at the post. All officers are asked to attend.

A Home Association and Legion meeting will take place 7:30 p.m. April 9. All officers are asked to attend both meetings.

IN BRIEF

HUGHESTOWN: The Hughestown Police Department, along with the Hughestown Lions Club, will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt 1 p.m. April 7 at the pavilion in Hughestown. All borough children and their families are invited. Two bicycles will be raffled and there will be candy and prizes for everyone. The Easter bunny will also be present.

MOUNTAIN TOP: The Mountain Top Area Knights of Columbus will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus home. The council will observe the 39th anniversary of receiving the council's charter. A brief

program will be presented and light refreshments will be served. Grand Knight Drew Zavada requests all Knights and their guests to attend this social meeting.

PITTSTON: The Pittston City Easter Egg Hunt will take place 11 a.m. Saturday at Jefferson Park, New Street. Any Pittston children up to age 12 are welcome. The hunt is sponsored by the Pittston City Fire Department, Pittston City Police Department, Greater Pittston Ambulance and Chris Latona.

PLYMOUTH: The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association of Wyoming Valley will meet 6:30 p.m. April 5 at Happy

Pizza, 40 W. Main Street. President Marge Swanek will preside.

There will be a dinner meeting with a program to follow. The meeting will be hosted by Marge Swanek and Wilkes-Barre Chapter 90.

There will be no meeting in the month of May. New members from Junior Past Matrons and Junior Past Patrons of District 12A will be welcomed at the June meeting. Reservations are needed. Call one of the following chapter reservation chairpersons: Deb Koch, Wyoming 1; Jane Thomas, Harmony 58; Marge Swanek, Wilkes-Barre 90; Mary Ellen Heinz, Mayflower 170; Lois Dunn, Nanticoke 174; Hope Beisel, Dallas 396.

Editor's note: A complete list of Volunteer Opportunities can be viewed at www.timesleader.com by clicking Community News under the People tab. To have your organization listed, visit the United Way of Wyoming Valley's volunteer page at www.unitedwaywb.org. For more information, contact Kathy Sweetra at 970-7250 or ksweetra@timesleader.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Nathan R. Gutkowski
Nathan Richard Gutkowski, son of Janelle and Daniel Gutkowski, Mountain Top, is celebrating his fourth birthday today, March 26. Nathan is a grandson of Dariel and Richard Stolpe and Stanley and Lois Gutkowski, all of Mountain Top. He is a great-grandson of Jeanne Micklo, Forty Fort. Nathan has a brother, Nicholas, 8.



Nikolas W. Natt
Nikolas William Natt, son of Michelle Huhn and Ronald Natt, West Wyoming, is celebrating his third birthday today, March 26. Nikolas is a grandson of William Huhn, Ashley, Rose and Bob Reese, Wilkes-Barre; Sharon Natt, West Pittston; and Andrew Natt. He is a great-grandson of Gert Huhn, Wilkes-Barre.



Mackenzie P. Reese
Mackenzie Priscilla Reese, daughter of Amanda Perschau and Mark Reese Jr., Dallas, celebrated her third birthday March 24. Mackenzie is a granddaughter of Gayle and Robert Perschau Jr., Dallas, and Colleen and Mark Reese Sr., Harding. She is a great-granddaughter of Robert Perschau Sr., Kingston; Ruth Reese, West Pittston; Elmer Reese, Pittston; and the late Priscilla Perry Lavallee, Patricia Perschau; William Booth Sr.; and Ed and Audrey Avery. Mackenzie has a sister, Amy, 10.



Violet O. Rosencrance
Violet Olivia Rosencrance, daughter of Dana and Seth Rosencrance, Pottstown, is celebrating her fourth birthday today, March 26. Violet is a granddaughter of MaryRose and James Giambrone, Perkiomenville, and Karla and Howard Rosencrance, Shickshinny. She is a great-granddaughter of Ann Amato, Bridgeport; Mildred and Pasquale Giambrone, Perkiomenville; and Nancy Fritz, Benton. Violet has two sisters, Cece-lia, 5, and Fiona, 21 months.



Retired Hanover Twp. roadsman honored

Ron Krushnowski was honored with a proclamation upon his retirement from the Hanover Township road department effective March 30. Krushnowski dedicated 25 years of service to the residents of Hanover Township. At the award ceremony, from left, first row: George Andrejko, supervisor, road department; Russell P. Davis and Albert J. Bagusky, commissioners; Krushnowski; Culin King; and Jeffrey P. Lewis and Frank J. Ciavarella, commissioners. Second row: Robert V. Davison, township solicitor; William L. Howatt, Michael D. Mazur and George W. Bowers, commissioners; John J. Sipper, township manager; Donna M. Makarczyk, township secretary.



Girl Scout Ambassadors to host emergency preparedness forum

An emergency preparedness forum, 'Disaster Psychology,' will be presented 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, Mountain Top. The forum will be hosted and presented by Karisa McCormick and Nadia Gentilesco, Ambassador Girl Scouts, as part of their Gold Award project. The PowerPoint presentation will address family emergency plans, post disaster psychological stress and community involvement. The event is free and open to all ages. No registration is needed. Refreshments will be served. Contact Karisa and Nadia at me-pa33321@yahoo.com for more information. From left, are Gentilesco and McCormick.

MEETINGS

- Today**
DUPONT: The Dupont Lions Club, 6:30 p.m. at the VFW on Main Street.
- Tuesday**
MOUNTAIN TOP: Crestwood High School PTA, 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Details of the Senior Lock-In will be discussed. Purchases of Gertrude Hawk candy or Daily Lottery Number calendars for the month of April can be made by calling Michele at 881-7981. Seniors and their parents are urged to attend the meeting. Membership is \$8. Call Michele Cronauer at 881-7981 with any questions.



Hospital observes Girl Scouts 100th anniversary

The Girl Scouts observed their 100th anniversary on March 12. In honor of this milestone, the Hazleton General Hospital presented a gift bag to the family of every baby girl born on March 12. The gift bags, provided by local Girl Scouts, included a variety of Girl Scout items. Approximately 350 girls throughout the greater Hazleton area participate in Girl Scouts. From left: Kelly Swope, membership associate, Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, and Marfy Yanac, obstetrics nurse manager, Hazleton General Hospital.



Edwardsville Police Department receives 2011 service award

The Edwardsville Police Department recently received the 2011 Community Education and Prevention Service Award from the Parent Coach & Education Consultants of NEPA. The award was presented to the police department for its continued commitment and dedication in ensuring that families and children live in a safe and health community. At the presentation, from left: Gary Mack, councilman, Edwardsville; David Souchick, police chief, Edwardsville; and Gary F. Smith, executive director, Parent Coach & Education Consultants of NEPA.



Wells Fargo donates to Habitat for Humanity

Wells Fargo recently donated \$5,000 to Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity's Square Foot Appeal. Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds simple, decent homes to sell to families in need. Wells Fargo has chosen to partner with Habitat to help build a home that will be affordable to low income families who otherwise would not have had the opportunity for homeownership. At the check presentation, from left: Kevin Engelman, district manager of the Wilkes-Barre market, Wells Fargo; Karen Evans Kaufer, executive director, Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity (WVHFH); Greg Collins, community bank president of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Wells Fargo; Malcolm Williams, president, WVHFH; and Dawn Hapeman, volunteer coordinator, WVHFH.



LCCC truck driving program, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collect aid for area flood victims

Members of the Luzerne County Community College truck driving program recently assisted Boy Scout Troop 434 and Cub Scout Pack 433 with a collection to aid area flood victims. The scouts, based out of Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Dorrance, collected donations, including clothing and furniture, for flood victims in the Shickshinny area. The college donated a tractor-trailer and a driver to transport the donations from the church in Dorrance to Shickshinny. Participants, from left, first row: Aaron Kleger, Troop 434; Samuel Daniel, Pack 433; Mike Phillips, Pack 433; and Bret Phillips, Pack 433. Second row: Leah Majdic, volunteer; Kelly Madigan, volunteer; Matt Dopp, Troop 434; Justin Lukashewski, Troop 434; Hunter Rinehimer, Troop 434; David Havard, Troop 434; and Donald Havard, assistant to scout master, Troop 434 with Dusty, the golden retriever. Third row: John Walko, instructor, truck driving program; Harold Fisher, coordinator and instructor, truck driving program; Ken Phillips, cub master, Pack 433; and Ron Rinehimer, committee chair, Troop 434.

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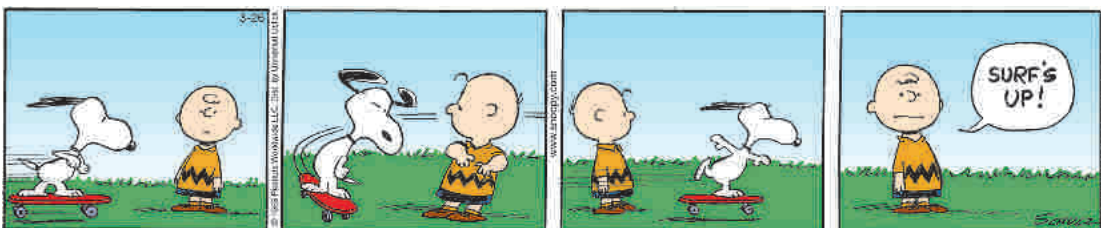
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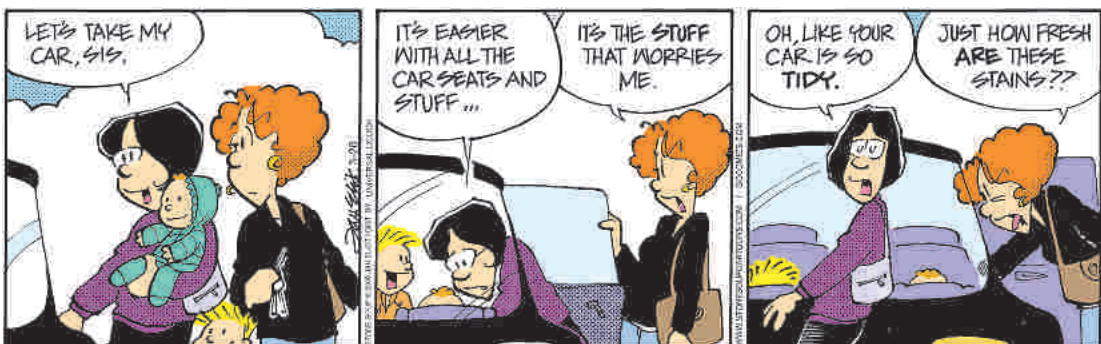
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16	News	World News	News-watch 16	Inside Edition	Dancing With the Stars (N) (Live) (CC) (TVPG)				(C)1 Castle "47 Seconds" (TVPG)	News	(C)35 Nightline	
16.2	Dragnet (TVPG)	Dragnet (TVPG)	Good Times	Good Times	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	All in the Family	All in the Family	News-watch 16	Seinfeld (TVPG)	Close Comfort	Close Comfort
22	Judge Judy	Evening News	The Insider	Entertainment	How I Met 2 Broke Girls	Two and a Half Men	Mike & Molly	Hawaii Five-0 (CC) (TV14)	Smash "The Coup" (N) (CC) (TV14)	Access Hollywood	Letterman	
23	News	Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Voice "The Final Battles" Team members perform dueling duets. (TVPG)						Jay Leno	
33	30 Rock (TV14)	Family Guy (CC)	Simpsons	Family Guy (CC)	Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG, '09) ★★ Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy.	Antiques Roadshow (N) (TVG)	Antiques Roadshow (CC) (TVG)	Inside Fenway Park: An Icon	Excused (TV14)	TMZ (N) (TVPG)	Extra (N) (TVPG)	Always Sunny
44	PBS NewsHour (N) (CC)	Gertrude Hawk				Operation Smile (CC) (TVG)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Charlie Rose (N)	Old Christine
53	The People's Court (N) (CC) (TVPG)	The Doctors (N) (CC) (TVPG)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Alcatraz (Season Finale) (TVG)	Hauser makes an important discovery. (N) (CC) (TV14)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News First Ten	News 10:30	Love-Raymond	How I Met
56	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Alcatraz (Season Finale) (TVG)	Hauser makes an important discovery. (N) (CC) (TV14)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News First Ten	News 10:30	Love-Raymond	How I Met
64	A Time to Kill (4:00) (R, '96) ★★	Cold Case "The Hitchhiker" (TVPG)	Cold Case "Spring Break" (CC) (TV14)	Cold Case "Spring Break" (CC) (TV14)	CSI: Miami "Tinder Box" (CC) (TV14)	Mad Men "A Little Kiss" Pete and Roger butt heads. (CC) (TV14)	Mad Men "A Little Kiss" Pete and Roger butt heads. (CC) (TV14)	Mad Men "A Little Kiss" Pete and Roger butt heads. (CC) (TV14)	Phil17 News (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Big Bang Theory	30 Rock (TV14)
3	News	Evening News	Entertainment	The Insider	How I Met 2 Broke Girls	Two and a Half Men	Mike & Molly	Hawaii Five-0 (CC) (TV14)			News	Letterman
9	King of Queens	How I Met	How I Met	King of Queens	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	The 10 News	(C)35 The Office	(C)5 TMZ (N)	(C)35 Excused	
11	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG, '09) ★★ Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy.	Antiques Roadshow (N) (TVG)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Phil17 News (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Big Bang Theory	30 Rock (TV14)
17	CSI: Miami "Grave Young Men" (TV14)	CSI: Miami "Spring Break" (CC) (TV14)	CSI: Miami "Spring Break" (CC) (TV14)	CSI: Miami "Spring Break" (CC) (TV14)	Pit Boss (CC) (TVPG)	Pit Boss "Cross-roads" (CC) (TVPG)	Pit Boss "Cross-roads" (CC) (TVPG)	Pit Boss "Cross-roads" (CC) (TVPG)	North Woods Law (CC) (TVPG)	Pit Boss (CC) (TVPG)		
AP	River Monsters: Unhooked (TVPG)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	The First 48 (CC) (TV14)	Intervention "Katelyne" (N) (TV14)	Intervention "Brittany" (TV14)		
ARTS	Mad Money (N)	The Kudlow Report (N)	60 Minutes on CNBC	60 Minutes on CNBC	Cuba: Forbid.	Gold	Wikileaks: Secrets and Lies	Mad Money				
CNBC	John King, USA (N)	Erin Burnett Out-Front (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)	Piers Morgan Tonight (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Erin Burnett OutFront				
CNN	Daily Show	Colbert Report	30 Rock (TV14)	30 Rock (TV14)	South Park	South Park	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Daily Show	Colbert Report
COM	SportsNite Orange Line	MLS Soccer Philadelphia Union at Chicago Fire. (Taped)	MLS Soccer Philadelphia Union at Chicago Fire. (Taped)	MLS Soccer Philadelphia Union at Chicago Fire. (Taped)	We Got This	Walk the Plank	SportsNite (CC)	Phillies Focus	Orange Line			
CS	Pope in Mexico and Cuba	Daily Mass	The Holy Rosary	Pope Benedict XVI in Mexico and Cuba (N)	Solemn Novena	World Over Live	Vaticano	Women of Grace				
CTV	American Chopper: Senior vs. Junior	American Chopper: Senior vs. Junior	American Chopper: Senior vs. Junior	American Chopper: Senior vs. Junior	American Chopper: Senior vs. Junior	"PJD Muscle Car" (TV14)	Sons of Guns (CC) (TV14)	American Chopper "PJD Muscle Car" (TV14)				
DSC	Shake It Up! (CC) (TVG)	Good Luck Charlie (TVG)	Austin & Ally (CC) (TVG)	Shake It Up! (CC) (TVG)	So Random! (TVG)	Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas! (11) Bridgit Mendler. (CC)	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck Charlie	Austin & Ally (CC) (TVG)	Shake It Up! (CC) (TVG)		
DSY	Shallow Hal (5:00) (PG-13, '01) ★★	El News (N)	Fashion Police (N) (TV14)	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Khloe & Lamar	Khloe & Lamar	Chelsea Lately	El News			
EI	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)	Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.	Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.	Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.	Women's College Basketball NCAA Tournament, Regional Final: Teams TBA.	NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live) (CC)	Dunks of the Year (N) (CC)					
ESPN	NFL32 (N) (Live) (CC)	NASCAR High School Basketball Powerade Jam Fest. (N) (Live)	NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live) (CC)	Dunks of the Year (N) (CC)								
ESPN2	Secret Life of the American Teenager	Secret Life of the American Teenager	Secret Life of the American Teenager	Secret Life of the American Teenager	Make It or Break It (N) (CC) (TV14)	Secret Life of the American Teenager	The 700 Club (CC) (TVG)					
FAM	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners	Heat Seekers	Heat Seekers	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners	Diners, Drive, Diners
FOOD	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)	FOX Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (N) (CC)	Hannity (N)	On Record, Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)						
FNC	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)	Little House on the Prairie (CC) (TVPG)
HALL	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	Price This Place	Love It or List It (CC) (TVG)	Love It or List It (CC) (TVG)	Love It or List It (CC) (TVG)	The Exorcism of Emily Rose (05) ★★ Laura Linney, Tom Wilkinson, Campbell Scott. (CC)	Dance Moms (CC) (TVPG)	Reba (TVPG)					
H&G	Medium "A Couple of Choices" (TV14)	Medium "Night of the Wolf" (TV14)	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness
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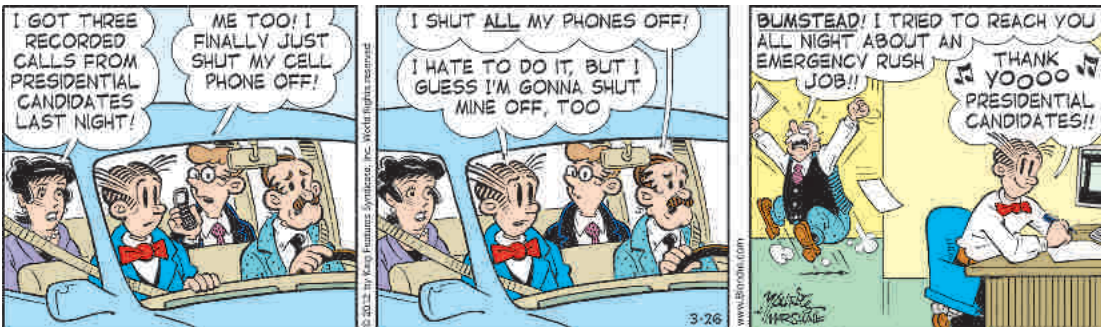
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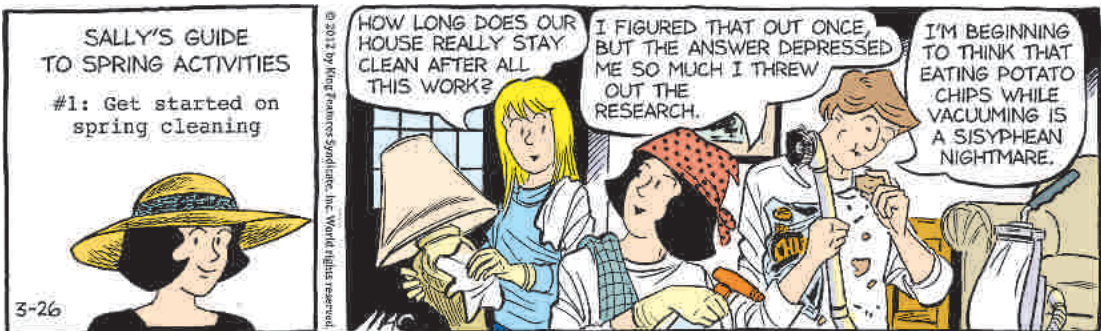
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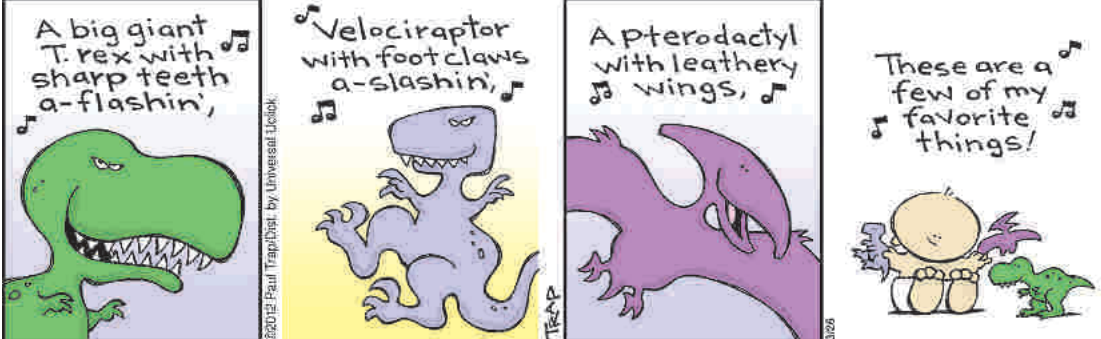
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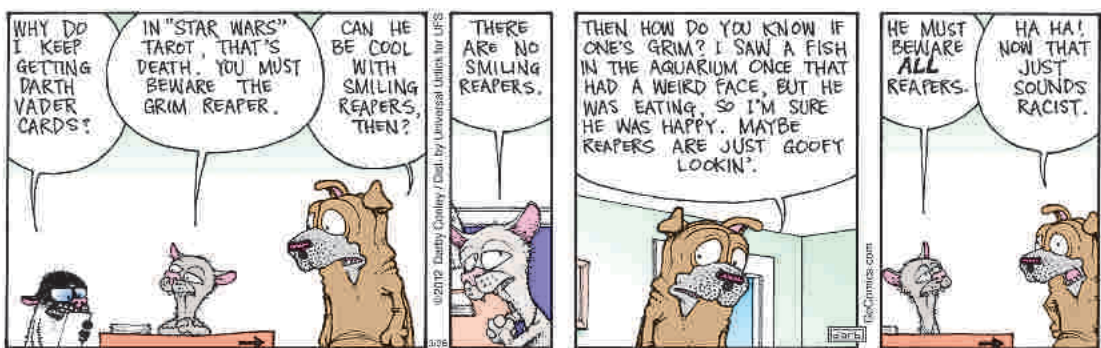
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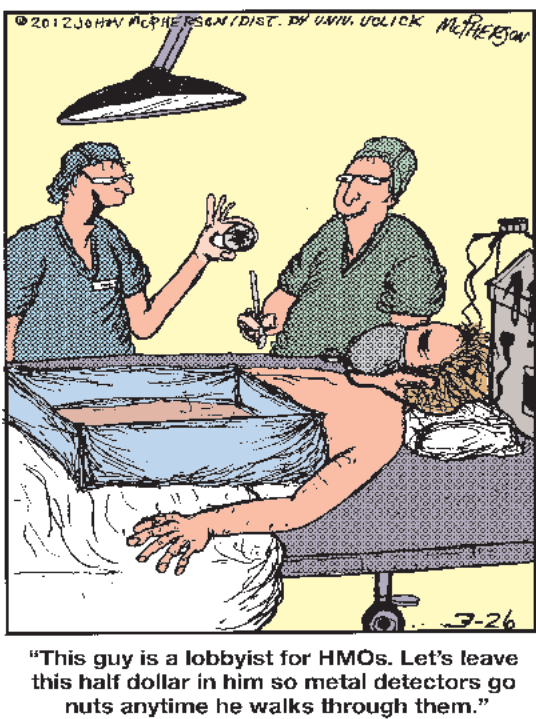
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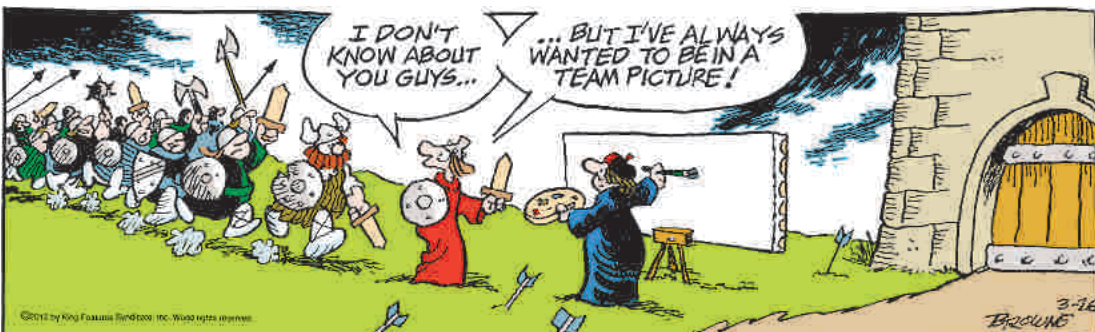
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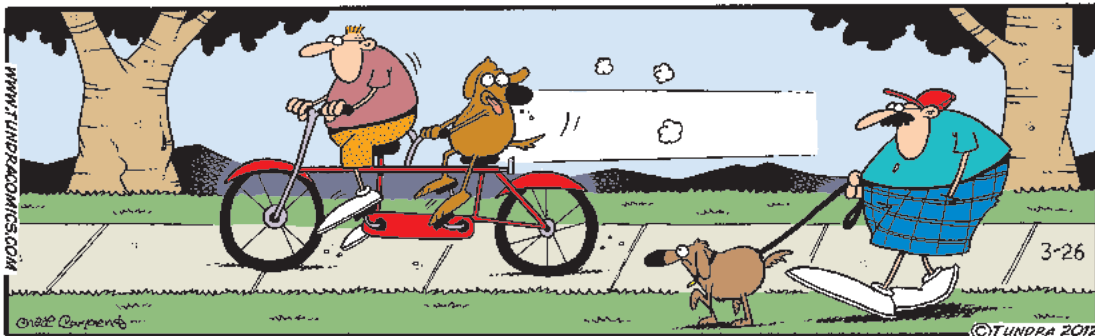
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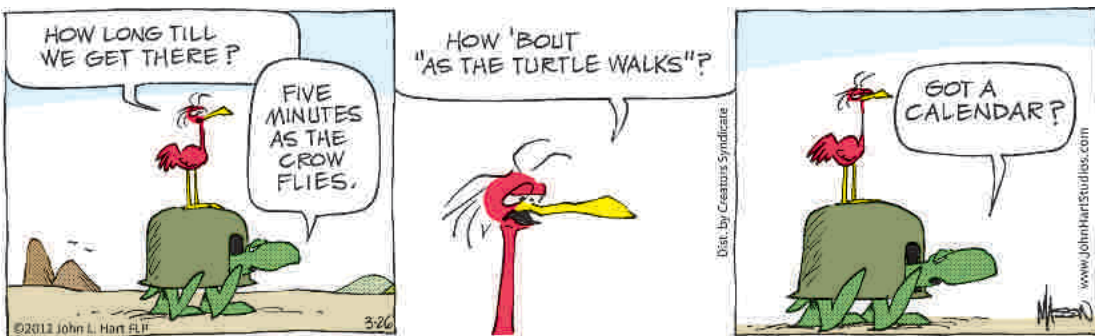
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