




UNIVERSITY PARK FORECAST FOR MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000

Cloudy skies and showers will prevail in Happy Valley today as southerly flow delivers warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico. Rain and cloudy conditions will continue tomorrow, but expect temperatures to gradually drop as winds shift to the northwest. After a cool day Wednesday, look for a warming trend to push high temperatures above average toward the end of the week.

<p>Today</p>  <p>Cloudy with rain High 62</p>	<p>Tonight</p>  <p>Showers continuing Low 50</p>	<p>Tomorrow</p>  <p>Rain, heavy at times High 54</p>
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The extended outlook

- Tomorrow night:** Turning cooler with lingering showers. Low 38.
- Wednesday:** Gradual clearing. High 52, low 36.
- Thursday:** Partly sunny with showers possible late. High 62, low 42.
- Friday:** More clouds than sun with a chance of a shower. High 65, low 44.

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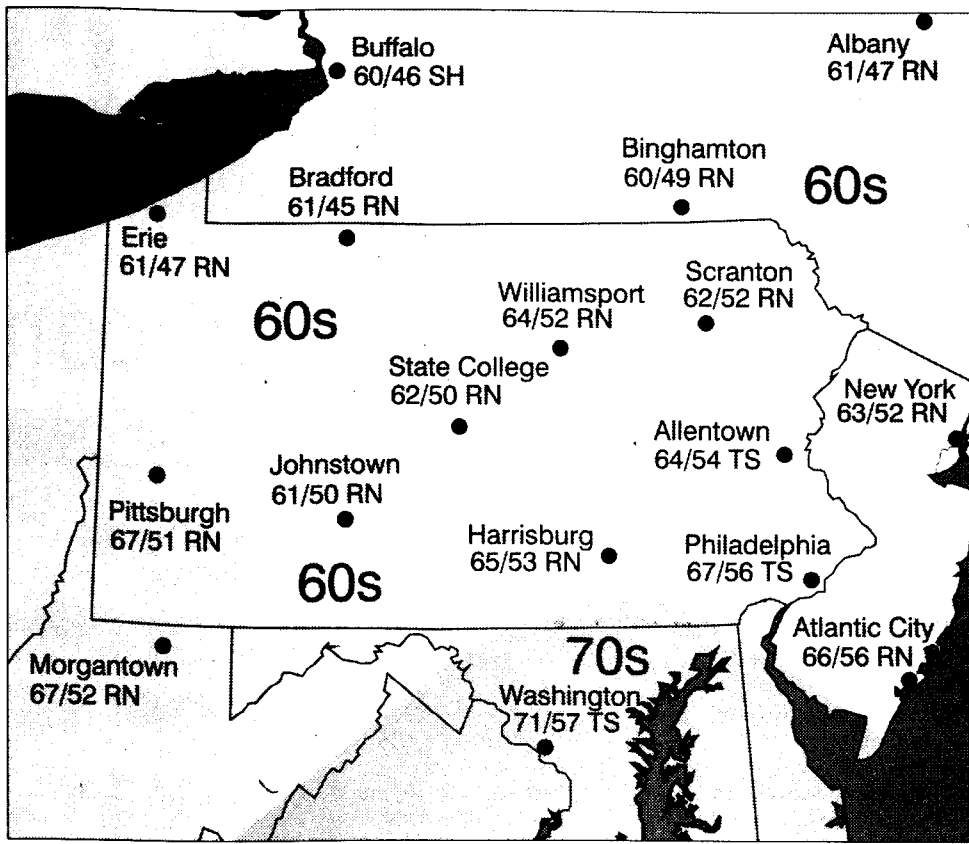
Today	Normal high	53 deg.
	Record high	81 deg. in 1963
	Normal low	33 deg.
	Record low	17 deg. in 1943
Monthly Climate Summary		
(Data valid through 8 am Apr. 2)		
April precipitation	TRACE	
Normal April precip	3.38 inches	
April temp. departure	+5.20 deg.	
Sun Data		
Sunset today	7:38 pm	
Sunrise tomorrow	6:50 am	

BIG TEN FORECAST

University	Today's Weather	HI/Lo	Conditions
Illinois	62/36	62/36	Showers
Indiana	65/41	65/41	Showers
Iowa	48/31	48/31	Showers
Michigan	60/42	60/42	Showers
Michigan St.	62/41	62/41	Showers
Minnesota	44/24	44/24	Rain to Snow
Northwestern	57/33	57/33	Rain to Snow
Ohio State	67/46	67/46	Rain
Purdue	64/39	64/39	Showers
Wisconsin	53/32	53/32	Showers

STATE FORECAST

City	Today HI/Lo	Tomorrow HI/Lo
Allentown	64/54 TS	60/42 RN
Altoona	63/51 RN	57/40 RN
Bradford	61/45 RN	51/35 RN
Erie	61/47 RN	52/38 RN
Harrisburg	65/53 RN	60/40 RN
Johnstown	61/50 RN	53/38 RN
Philadelphia	67/56 TS	64/45 RN
Pittsburgh	67/51 RN	54/37 RN
Scranton	62/52 RN	57/39 RN
Williamsport	64/52 RN	58/40 RN



REGIONAL FORECAST MAP

How to interpret this map: Shades of gray indicate the expected high temperatures for today. Today's forecasted high and tomorrow morning's low are also shown for selected cities.

WEATHER HIGHLIGHT

It is said that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, but March this year was tame the whole way through. This past March tied a 1903 record for the least snowfall in Happy Valley, with only a trace of snow reported. March 2000 was also the seventh warmest ever in State College, with a mean temperature departure of +6.14 degrees.

DID YOU KNOW?

Daylight-saving time began yesterday morning in all of the United States, excluding Hawaii, most of Arizona and eastern Indiana. Studies from the 1970s showed that energy usage decreased 1 percent each day during daylight-saving time because it makes the time between sunset and bedtime one hour shorter.

ADDITIONAL WEATHER

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Petersburg resident hit by car on College Avenue

Bonnie Henninger of Petersburg was hit by a vehicle operated by Michelle Evans of State College Thursday evening as she was walking across East College Avenue at the South Pugh Street intersection, the State College Police Department said. Evans told police she had a green light to turn from Pugh Street onto College Avenue and did not see the pedestrian because the sun was in her eyes. The pedestrian said she did not see the car approaching, police said. The pedestrian hit the front of the car and complained of leg pains. She was treated at Centre Community Hospital and later released, police said. No one was cited in connection with the accident, police said.

— by Amy Leeking

Martina McBride to perform at Bryce Jordan Center

For the first time, Martina McBride and guest Mark Wills will perform in State College at 8 p.m. May 19 at The Bryce Jordan Center. McBride is the Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year and has been nominated for the Academy of Country Music's Female Vocalist of the Year award. Originally from Kansas, this country singer has been interested in music since her childhood by playing with her father's band, The Schifters. Last year, she released two albums, *White Christmas* and *Emotion*. "This collection of songs moves me so much and touches me in ways I haven't experienced with my music before. So, when I was trying to decide on a title, *Emotion* seemed perfect because, to me, that's what this album is all about," McBride said about the album on her Web site (www.martina-mcbride.com). Tickets are \$26.50 for reserved seating and go on sale at 8 a.m. April 10. Tickets can be purchased at the center, Eisenhower Auditorium, selected Uni-Mart ticket outlets, Commonwealth Campus ticket outlets and by calling 865-5555 or (800) 863-3336. Wristbands will be available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday for those wishing to buy tickets at the center.

— by Cheryl Frankenfield

Interactive health fair coming to HUB Alumni Hall

Students interested in improving their physical, mental and spiritual health will have the opportunity to learn how during several workshops at "Roar for Wellness," an interactive health fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in HUB Alumni Hall. "Wellness is an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a more successful existence," said Sandy Bargainnier, instructor of kinesiology, quoting the National Wellness Organization in a press release. The fair is the final project for students taking Kinesiology 492W (Programming for Fitness and Health Businesses). The students are learning how to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate health and fitness programs to use within a corporate setting in the course, Bargainnier said. Bargainnier added the fair would include information, screenings and demonstrations that reflect their class work. The fair is co-sponsored by the Kinesiology Club and the Undergraduate Student Government Health Services Committee.

— by Jill Leonard

Heinz develops cap to solve ketchup ooze conundrum

PITTSBURGH (AP) — In the beginning, there was the octagonal glass bottle. Then came the plastic squeezable bottle, then the recyclable plastic squeeze bottle. Within three months, H.J. Heinz Co. plans to introduce the next rung on ketchup's evolutionary ladder: the "trap cap," which is meant to solve an age-old condiment conundrum — how to reach the ketchup without first enduring a rush of watery ketchup plasma. "We're the ketchup people, and we should be the ones out there first with the newest and the best technology," said Mike McMahon, senior manager for research and development, who oversaw the trap-cap project. McMahon's team spent 18 months researching a way to solve a problem technically known as syneresis, or the natural settling process that causes a watery substance to rise to the top of pureed fruits and vegetables. For years, ketchup lovers have battled the problem by giving the bottle a few shakes before using it or test-firing over a napkin or sink. Heinz figured if it could conquer syneresis, it could win more customers in a market it already dominates. "We're trying to retool our way of doing things," McMahon said. "If you have trouble getting the package open, or getting the product out, people remember that." The company's first idea — to use a pump to pull ketchup from the bottle the same way a liquid soap dispenser works — turned out to be too expensive. Another plan to design a bottle that opened from the bottom was considered too radical a change for the bottle's familiar shape. The new cap, developed in conjunction with Seaquist Closures in Wisconsin, is taller than the old one, allowing space for a stubby straw that extends from the hole in the center. When the bottle is turned upside-down, the water fills the cap while the slower-moving ketchup oozes in the straw and out the hole. When the bottle is turned right-side up, the water mixes with the ketchup and falls back into the bottle.

POLICE LOG

- **Criminal Mischief:** A Penn State student reported early Saturday morning damage to his parked car on the 1000 block of South Pugh Street, the State College Police Department said.
- The windshield was broken and the hood of the car was damaged.
- Police said the damage was caused by some type of explosive device put on the front of the vehicle.
- **Simple Assault:** A male Penn State student was treated with 12 stitches after he reported early Friday morning two men punched him while he waited in line at Acme Pizza, 260 E. Beaver Ave., State College police said.
- One of the men punched the left side of his mouth and split his upper lip. The other assailant hit him on the left side of his forehead, police said.
- The victim could not identify his attackers and said there was no verbal exchange prior to the assault, police said.
- **Theft:** A Penn State student reported Thursday between 40 and 50 CDs were stolen from her vehicle sometime during the day while it was parked in a parking lot on the 400 block of East Calder Way, State College police said.
- She told police she might not have activated the remote-locking device because there was no sign of a forced entry, police said.
- **Theft:** A staff member reported Friday morning the theft of a big screen TV from Ewing Hall Rec Room 1, Penn State Police Services said.
- The estimated value of the TV is \$1,899.
- **Theft:** A State College resident reported yesterday morning the theft of a bicycle from her back patio on the 800 block of Stratford Drive, State College police said.
- The estimated value of the bicycle is \$250.



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FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER: Cissy S. Young of State College pets a goat at a petting zoo set up Saturday afternoon in the North Halls Quad. The petting zoo was a part of the Aloha North Halls program.

Justices against FDA regulation

By Ely Spinweber
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"Congress has traditionally been a good place for tobacco."

Michael B. Berkman
associate professor of political science

While Penn State students are fighting to keep their smoking rights on campus, changes in the government's regulation of the tobacco industry might make the task more difficult. Last month, as the result of a string of Supreme Court cases aimed at regulating the tobacco industry, the court ruled in a 5 to 4 vote against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's authority to regulate nicotine as an addictive drug. Since 1996, the agency has imposed laws, such as limiting vending machine cigarettes, as well as requiring stores to request ID from anyone who appears to be younger than 27. The American Lung Association, a long-time proponent of the FDA case against the tobacco industry, supported the agency throughout trials that began in December 1999. The association, which is not pleased with the Supreme Court ruling, has voiced its concern regarding the decision. "We are very disappointed in the ruling. Tobacco is the only consumer product without FDA regulations, and there is no reason for this," said Stacey M. Walser, American

Lung Association program coordinator for central Pennsylvania. The Clinton administration also has been a consistent supporter of the FDA case. In a statement last year, President Clinton said, "I remain firmly committed to the FDA rule, which will help stop young people from smoking by eliminating advertising aimed at children and curbing minors' access to tobacco products." The new ruling, however, only gives the FDA power to instill regulations with Congress' approval. But the effects of the court's ruling on the tobacco lobby, industry and consumers could vary, said Michael B. Berkman, associate professor of political science at Penn State. "Congress has traditionally been a good place for tobacco," Berkman said. The main regulation that Congress controls concerning the industry is tobacco labeling, he added. The tobacco lobby will now have more of a

chance to influence tobacco legislation while control lies in Congress. Though bureaucracies, such as the FDA, have the potential to ban tobacco outright, Congress does have the power to override such legislation, Berkman said. This overriding power is a concern of the American Lung Association, Walser said. "There is currently legislation in Congress supporting control of the tobacco industry by the FDA," she said. Berkman said controls could, on the other hand, be tightened by Congress, which might result in higher cigarette and cigar taxes. Though the FDA did not release a public statement after the ruling, the Clinton Administration did release one through the organization. The statement indicated the administration's support of both the FDA regulations and the court ruling. "Congress must now enact the provisions of the FDA rule," Clinton said in the release.

Medical Web sites might violate privacy

By Karen Ferrick-Roman
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BEAVER — If you use the Internet to seek medical information, other people might know more about you than you think. A Hopewell Township native, working for a nonprofit group in California, is among those warning Internet users that medical Web sites often share the information they collect about visitors with other companies — even though policies listed online might state otherwise. Sam Karp, chief information officer for the California HealthCare Foundation, said his group is not against companies gathering information but wants users to know, up front, what they're getting into.

"What we found was the practices did not conform to the policies, and that the policies often were incomplete and did not describe accurately what was going on," Karp said. "What consumers said to us in the survey was they didn't mind giving some information to a Web site if it was going to provide quicker access to the information they wanted. Eighty-eight percent said, 'We don't want the site collecting information to anybody else.' Seventy-seven percent said, 'We don't want the site collecting information about us that we don't know they're collecting.'" The Internet has changed how many people get information. The Web has blurred the lines between promotion and advertising and information. It's made people pick and choose which

sites they trust and which information they don't. Internet users must decide whether they're getting quality medical information. More than 17,000 health care sites are available on the Internet, according to the Federal Trade Commission. More than 30 million adults are expected to search the Internet for health care information this year. No laws are currently in place to regulate this information gathering, sharing and profiting. Names, e-mail addresses and street addresses have been made available to advertisers and other companies — at times without the consent or even the knowledge of the user, Karp said.