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**WEATHER**  
FORECAST, 6B

Partly sunny  
**36** high  
**26** low



**GET READY**

3 things that will help you start your week



**1 More disaster ahead for Japan**

Japanese officials warned of a possible second explosion at a nuclear plant crippled by the earthquake and tsunami. Four nuclear plants in northeastern Japan have reported damage, but the danger today appears to be greatest at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex.  
**Up Close, 3A**

**2 Check out a rare event**

A pair of peregrine falcons has been hanging out on Erie's bayfront and could become the first to nest here. Find out where most people look to spot them.  
**City&Region, 1B**

**3 Do something for others**

Your Appointment Book tells you where you can donate blood this week.  
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Pennsylvania's Newspaper of the Year, 2003 and 2009

# Census reaction mixed

Millcreek may appeal; others not surprised by population changes

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Millcreek Township was one of the region's big gainers when the U.S. Census Bureau released local and statewide population counts on Wednesday.

But township officials believe the second largest community in Erie

County was more of a winner than the bureau reported.

Millcreek will likely challenge the 2010 census, possibly as early as Tuesday, when the township's Board of Supervisors holds its next public meeting.

Supervisor Brian McGrath said the township was "shortened" in terms of how much Millcreek's population

increased from 2000, when the last census was conducted, to 2010.

Census data released last week showed Millcreek's 2010 population count at 53,515, an increase of 2.6 percent from the 2000 total of 52,129. The gain of 1,386 people was the largest of any municipality in northwestern Pennsylvania.

But McGrath said the township be-

lieves the 2010 data is short by about 2,000 people, and said officials had anticipated Millcreek's population total to surpass 55,000.

"We're looking into it pretty seriously," McGrath said about a potential challenge. The census challenge period begins on June 1 and lasts

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**PENCILS UP**



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McDowell High School junior Ariane Kramer, 16, does a practice math problem while studying for the PSSA exam in Millcreek Township. Kramer and her junior classmates watched a video example and were given 10 minutes to complete the problem.

# Students prepare

Focus in region's schools shifts to PSSAs, which begin today

**SUBJECTS AND GRADE LEVELS**

- Math and reading tests are given to grades 3-8 and 11.
- Writing tests are given to grades 5, 8 and 11.
- Science tests are given to grades 4, 8 and 11.

By SEAN McCracken  
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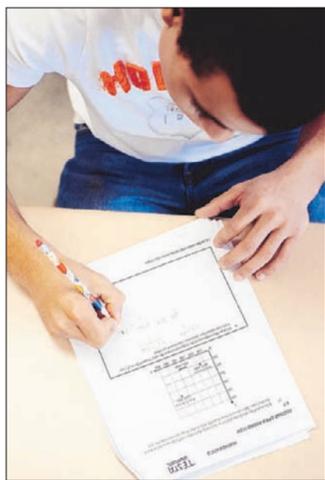
Dante Battles hasn't had a regular school day for the past two weeks.

Instead of doing homework or just relaxing during his tutorial period, as he usually does, Battles, a 16-year-old Junior at McDowell High School, has been stuck taking practice tests.

Battles is one of several thousand students in the region getting ready to take this year's Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests, better known as the PSSAs. The exams begin today and end in two weeks.

In Pennsylvania, all students in third through

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See it: Watch a video of a school administrator discussing PSSA exams.  
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McDowell High School junior Dante Battles, 16, does a practice math problem.

# Frozen Four skates into Tullio

Organizers hope for 3 sellouts

By VICTOR FERNANDES  
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Women's college hockey leaves its comfort zone and heads to Erie this week.

New England and the Upper Midwest have been home to the Division I Women's Frozen Four, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's national championship event, each year since its inception in 2001.

Aaron Kemp, Mercyhurst College's associate athletic director and tournament director, said NCAA officials "took a bit of a chance" in bringing their annual event to Erie.

"We're not exactly the hotbed of college hockey," Kemp said. "Erie is a great little hockey town. But it's not like Boston or Minneapolis."

But it's not necessarily the major cities the NCAA is targeting when awarding host rights. Given the event's success in smaller cities such as Duluth, Minn., Durham, N.H., and Lake Placid, N.Y., the NCAA wants to put on the Frozen Four in new towns, like Erie, in hopes of extending the popularity of this growing sport and event.

In larger cities, the Frozen Four competes for fans' attention with higher-profile events. This season's tournament will be Erie's showcase event Friday

► Please see **FROZEN, 7A**



Special coverage:  
Find out what's coming this week, in print and online. **7A**

# Q&A

with Bryan Williamson

**Taps across town will flow green for St. Patrick's Day**

On a typical day at Erie Beer Co.'s warehouse, on Liberty Street, forklifts are busy transporting pallets of kegs and cases across the floor.

But for the next few days, warehouse manager Bryan Williamson will be adding a little green to the beer for more festive suds on Thursday.

Erie Beer dyes about 100 kegs of libations each year for St. Patrick's Day, which is one of

the busiest times of the year for any beer distributor. The kegs are delivered to local bars that special order the green-colored beer.

So how many leprechauns does it take to dye all the beer in Erie green for St. Patrick's Day? Williamson just laughs and shares the real secret for green beer: No leprechauns — just a keg, food color and a little Irish pride.

**5 QUESTIONS, 7A**



CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/Erie Times-News

**FAST FACTS:** Age: 43. Years at Erie Beer Co.: 17. Favorite beer: Bud or Bud Light. Number of years he's been dyeing beer: 10. Hobbies: Hunter, sports fan, youth baseball coach.