## STAR GAZETTE BUSINESS BITS — FEBRUARY, 2025

## February 14 Meeting, 7:30 PM – Glenview Library or Zoom

Details here: https://www.skokievalleyastronomers.org/meetings.htm#m20250214

## **Online Goodies**

https://www.newsweek.com/nebulae-space-valentines-day-806738

https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-news/black-hole-sprouts-jets-in-unprecedented-event/

https://www.neafexpo.com/

https://www.astroleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Whats-Up-with-Astro-League-January-11-2025.pdf

## Just for fun – meet the crabby astronomer:



(from xkcd.com)

THAT STAR IS VEGA.
AT MAGNITUDE 0.03,
IT'S THE BRIGHTEST
STAR I'M CURRENTLY
TALKING ABOUT.
THAT ONE IS POLARIS,
IT'S OVER THE NORTH
POLE, WHICH IS ALL
IT HAS GOING FOR IT.

THAT'S A COMET. SOME OF THEM COME BACK EVERY FEW DECADES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I YELL AT THEM. BUT STARGAZING ISN'T ALL FUN YELLING. WE FACE A PROBLEM EVEN WORSE THAN COMETS: LIGHT POLLUTION.



THE SKY IS GOING AWAY BECAUSE PEOPLE KEEP SHINING LIGHTS AT IT.
THE NEW LED'S ARE EVEN WORSE—THEY'RE TOO BLUE, AND YOU CAN'T TURN THEM OFF BY THROWING ROCKS AT THEM LIKE WITH THE OLD ONES.

LUCKILY, I BROUGHT THESE ASTRONOMY CROSSBOWS.