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Wind turbines create windfall for counties, townships

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WORTHINGTON — The wind turbines scattered across southwest Minnesota have made a tremendous economic impact on the region, from construction crews settling in our communities to payments made to landowners for easements. Perhaps the greatest economic impact, however, is now being seen in counties where turbines harness the wind and convert it into kilowatt hours.

Each year, as Minnesotans busily prepare their income tax returns, the wind energy companies who have erected towers here are reporting to

state officials the total number of kilowatt hours the turbines have generated during the previous year.

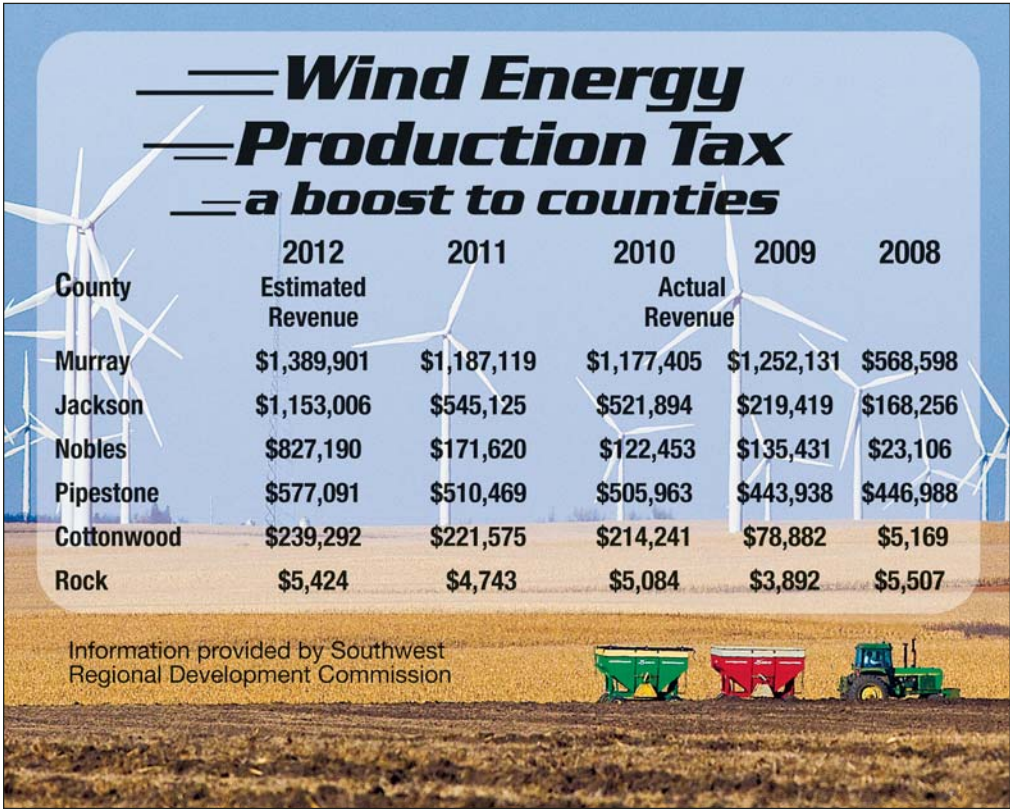
For each kilowatt hour produced, the county where the turbine stands gets 12 cents. That may not sound like much, but it adds up — to \$827,190 for Nobles County alone in 2012. The wind energy tax revenue for the county grew by nearly five-fold just since the year prior, when revenues came in at \$171,620. The added tax revenue is a direct result of significant expansion in wind farms in the county. To date, there are 163 turbines operating here.

Still, Nobles County is far from leading the way in the

region. Our neighbor to the north, Murray County, gets that honor, with \$1,389,901 in wind energy tax payments coming in this spring. Jackson County, to the east, comes in second with \$1,153,006 in wind energy tax collected.

Pipestone County, even though it is home to more wind farms than other counties in southwest Minnesota, will collect \$577,091 this year. Many of their turbines, some of the first to appear in the region, were installed before new technology and larger megawatt towers were developed.

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Avera breaks ground



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Members of Avera Medical Group, Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and Worthington City Council conducted a groundbreaking ceremony Saturday morning at the site of the new Avera facility already under construction in Worthington.

New \$16 million facility to open in spring 2013

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WORTHINGTON — With the wind at their backs and a light drizzle from the morning fog, representatives from Avera Medical Group were joined by the Worthington Chamber Ambassadors Saturday in a ceremonial groundbreaking at the site of a new \$16 million, three-story, 60,000-square-foot facility on Ryan's Road in Worthington.

A gold colored shovel resting at his side, Dr. David Kapaska, regional president of Avera-McKenna Hospital, said the ceremony was obviously a bit late — referring to the towering steel beams in the background — but no one could have pre-

dicted such a mild winter that would allow work crews to begin construction by mid-March.

Kapaska called the day the beginning of a new chapter of health care in the community, and explained that in another year — less if weather allows — the doors will open to the new medical center.

Constructed with future growth in mind, he said the facility will house family practice and internal medicine, as well as specialties including surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and behavioral health.

“With this new building will come exciting new service additions, including an outpatient surgery center,

physical therapy and home medical equipment,” he added. “The clinic will continue to offer on-site lab and diagnostic services, and there’s plenty of room for future growth as needs are identified.”

The new Avera Medical Group Worthington facility will be one of the largest multi-specialty clinics in Avera McKenna’s four-state region.

Avera has had a presence in Worthington for the past 14 years, in a clinic that includes the original portion opened in April 1918 by doctors B.O. Mork and F.G. Watson.

“Part of the older building required major renovation,” Kapaska said. “To be prepared for the future, it was imperative to (build).”

The clinic has served the community for nearly 100 years, and Kapaska said the new facility is a commitment

by Avera Medical Group to remain here for years to come.

“A strong thread running through the decades is a commitment to serve the Worthington community with quality medical care,” he said. “This is a commitment that Avera shares, and so we’re proud to continue our partnership with the physicians and staff of Avera Medical Group Worthington.”

Worthington isn’t the only community where Avera is making improvements to its facilities. New clinics are being constructed in both Flandreau and Miller, S.D., and others are being upgraded in the region. The Avera Medical Group network includes 14 hospitals and 63 clinics in southwest Minnesota, northwest Iowa and South Dakota.

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Mega Millions ticket sold in Nobles County is worth \$250,000

ST. PAUL (AP) — No Mega Millions tickets sold in Minnesota won the grand prize, but four tickets sold here are worth \$250,000 each.

The tickets were sold in Crow Wing, Hennepin, Nobles and Ramsey counties.

Even without a major winner here, lottery fever still paid off for the state: The frenzy generated \$5.2 million, which will be divided among four beneficiaries.

The Minnesota State Lottery said \$2.9 million will go to the state’s general fund, which supports state services such as education and transportation.

Another \$1.7 million goes to the Environment and Natural Resources trust fund. The fund helps maintain state parks and build state trails.

Two other funds, the

Game and Fish Fund and Natural Resources Fund, will each get about \$301,000.

Meanwhile, the Wisconsin Lottery said Saturday that three \$250,000 tickets were sold in Eau Claire, Richfield and Walworth. The state also had 13 tickets worth \$10,000 each.

Wisconsin sold \$9.3 million worth of Mega Millions tickets for this drawing, including \$6.2 million sold on Friday alone.

Americans spent nearly \$1.5 billion for a chance to hit the main jackpot. It amounts to a \$462 million lump sum and around \$347 million after federal taxes are withheld.

Friday night’s winning Mega Millions numbers were 2, 4, 23, 38 and 46, and the Mega Ball was 23.

1940 census records include 21 million still alive

NEW YORK (AP) — When the 1940 census records are released Monday, Verla Morris can consider herself a part of living history.

Morris, who is in her 100th year, will get to experience the novelty of seeing her own name and details about her life in the records being released by the U.S. National Archives online after 72 years of confidentiality expires.

“I’d be happy to see it there,” she said. “I don’t think anything could surprise me, really.”

Morris is one of more than 21 million people alive in the U.S. and Puerto Rico who were counted in the 16th federal decennial census, which documents the tumultuous decade of the 1930s transformed by the Great Depression and black migration from the rural

South.

It’s a distinction she shares with such living celebrities as Clint Eastwood and Morgan Freeman.

Morris, who has been working on her family history since 1969 and has written six books on its branches, said census records were essential for her genealogical work because oftentimes people don’t want to give their personal information.

“Lots of times I just have to wait until maybe they die,” she said.

“Then I’ll have all their information.”

But census records, which include names, addresses and — in the case of the 1940 census, income and employment information — are rich with long-veiled personal details.

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● Fascinating facts

ANOTHER REASON TO GO ORGANIC Lifespans of Chickens

1. Farmed broiler chickens — 6 weeks
2. Free-range chickens — 8 weeks
3. Organic chickens — 23 weeks

Source: “Fifty Animals that Changed the Course of History” (Eric Chaline, Firefly Ltd., 2011)

● Can you believe this?

MILAN (AP) — Hospital pharmacists are threatening to cut Italians off from their Viagra unless the government amends its plans to reform professions that have high entry barriers.

Union official Loredana Vasselli said pharmacists decided to focus the protest on Viagra because it is a sought-after drug whose absence “does not put patients’ health at risk.”

Pharmacists will stage a series of labor actions during April, culminating with the so-called “Viagra strike” if their complaints are not redressed.

One group protested Thursday outside Parliament under the banner “No Viagra, No Party.”

● Outside story



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Today's data

Deaths

Dorothy Vanderheiden
Alexandria
Dorothy Vanderheiden, 95, of Alexandria and formerly of Heron Lake, died Friday, March 30, 2012.
Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, with a 4 p.m. prayer services and 4:30 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Rosary, at Anderson Funeral Home, Alexandria; and from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alexandria.
The service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alexandria. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Wanda Thueson
Worthington
Wanda Thueson, 85, of Worthington, died Friday, March 30, 2012, at Banner Gardens Hospice, Mesa, Ariz.
The service will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First Lutheran Church, Worthington, with the Rev. Richard Ricker officiating. Burial will be in Worthington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.
Benson Funeral Home, Worthington, is handling the arrangements.

Jennie Zeigler
Worthington
Jennie Zeigler, 98, of Worthington, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Sanford Worthington Regional Hospital.
Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Worthington.
The service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Worthington, with the Rev. Gordon Orde officiating. Burial will be in Hope Reformed Cemetery, George, Iowa.
Dingmann Funeral Home, Worthington, is handling the arrangements.

Marion Navara
Luverne
Marion Navara, 93, of Luverne, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Mary Jane Brown Home, Luverne.
Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne.
The service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne, with the Rev. Josh Enderson officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Luverne.
Dingmann Funeral Home, Luverne, is handling the arrangements.

Dorothy Ihrke
Lakefield
Dorothy M. Ihrke, 88, of Lakefield, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Colonial Manor, Lakefield.
Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Osterberg-Hansen Funeral Home, Lakefield, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield.
The service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield, with the Rev. Dean Hanson and the Rev. Ben Rucker officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Lakefield.
In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Charles Johnson
Windom
Charles V. Johnson, 88, of Windom and formerly of Jackson, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Sogge Good Samaritan Center, Windom.
Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. April 9, at Osterberg Funeral Home, Jackson; and from 10 to 11 a.m. April 10, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jackson.
The service will be 11 a.m. April 10, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jackson, with the Rev. Bryan Simmons officiating. Inurnment with military honors will be 10 a.m. April 10, at Riverside Cemetery, Jackson.

Olga Hellwinckel
Luverne
Olga P. Schneekloth Hellwinckel, 92, of Luverne, died Sunday, April 1, 2012, at the Minnesota Veterans Home, Luverne.
Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hartquist Funeral Home, Luverne.
The service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Luverne.

Ardyce Bratrud
Jackson
Ardyce Bratrud, 84, of Jackson, died Friday, March 30, 2012, at the Jackson Good Samaritan Center.
Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Osterberg Funeral Home, Jackson, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jackson.
The service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jackson, with the Rev. Bryan Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Hauge's Cemetery, Belmont Township.

Delores Koehn
Fulda
Delores Koehn, 95, of Fulda, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Maple Lawn Nursing Home, Fulda.
Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Fulda.
The service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Fulda, with the Rev. Rachel Wrenn officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, rural Fulda.

Citations

The following charges have been filed in area district courts:
Cottonwood County:
March 23: Heather Leigh Oldeen, Mankato, issue dishonored check
March 27: Stacia Kay Kruse, Windom, no proof of insurance, driving after revocation
March 29: John Joseph Minessali Jr., St. James, driving while impaired (2)
Jackson County:
March 22: Anthony Alan Anderson, Minneapolis, driving while impaired, speeding
March 26: Steven Eugene Diekmann, Fairmont, issue dishonored check; Christopher Ryan Beaver, Jackson, issue dishonored check; Wesley Alan Gilmore, Jackson, theft; Christopher Jay Simmons, Sherburn, theft
March 27: Jeremy Charles Bleess, Okabena, interfere with 911 call, domestic assault; Cole Robert Gunther, Mankato, offer obscene material, harassing phone calls, allow obscene phone call; Ricky Ybarra, Lakefield, felony domestic assault, domestic assault
March 29: Ny Sayachack, Jackson, driving while impaired
Murray County:
March 23: Michael Larry Grimmius, Sioux Falls, S.D., first-degree assault, third-degree assault, fifth-degree assault, disorderly conduct
March 27: Lance Edward Bruns, Slayton, public nuisance (2)
Nobles County:
March 23: Carmen Martinez Pineda, Worthington, theft; Clement Pierentino Wani, Worthington, reckless driving, driving after revocation; Velma Vallego Matias, Worthington, third-degree riot, fifth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, unlawful assembly; Annastasia Rocell Omelas, Worthington, third-degree riot, fifth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, unlawful assembly
March 26: Elisheba Joy Swett, Worthington, violate no contact order, contempt of court (2), disorderly conduct; Jose Ramon Reyes Villanueva, Piedras Negros Coahuila, Mexico, no IFTA/fuel license in possession; Biel Dieng, Worthington, driving while impaired (2); Angel Marie Casias, Pottsville, Iowa, theft by check, issue dishonored check; Angela Maria Salmon, Spencer, Iowa, theft by check, issue dishonored check; Kayla

Locally

Accidents
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Police Department responded to a crash at 11:26 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of 11th Street and Winifred Street.
Ambulance
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Ambulance was paged at 1:04 a.m. Saturday to A&T Tap for an assault victim who was bleeding.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Ambulance was paged at 3:44 a.m. Saturday to Scholtes Auto World for a man who fell and hurt his left leg.
ADRIAN — The Adrian Ambulance was paged at 6:19 a.m. Saturday to 603 Louisiana Ave.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Ambulance was paged at 10:35 a.m. Saturday to 1801 College Way. A patient was transported.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Ambulance was paged at 3:45 p.m. Saturday to the Meadows of Worthington.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Ambulance was paged at 5:22 p.m. Saturday to the Meadows of Worthington.
ADRIAN — The Adrian Ambulance was paged at 8:38 a.m. Sunday to 603 Louisiana Avenue for a male with breathing problems.
Police
WILMONT — The Nobles County Sheriff's Office investigated a report of trespassing at 5:25 p.m. Friday on King Avenue.

Birthdays

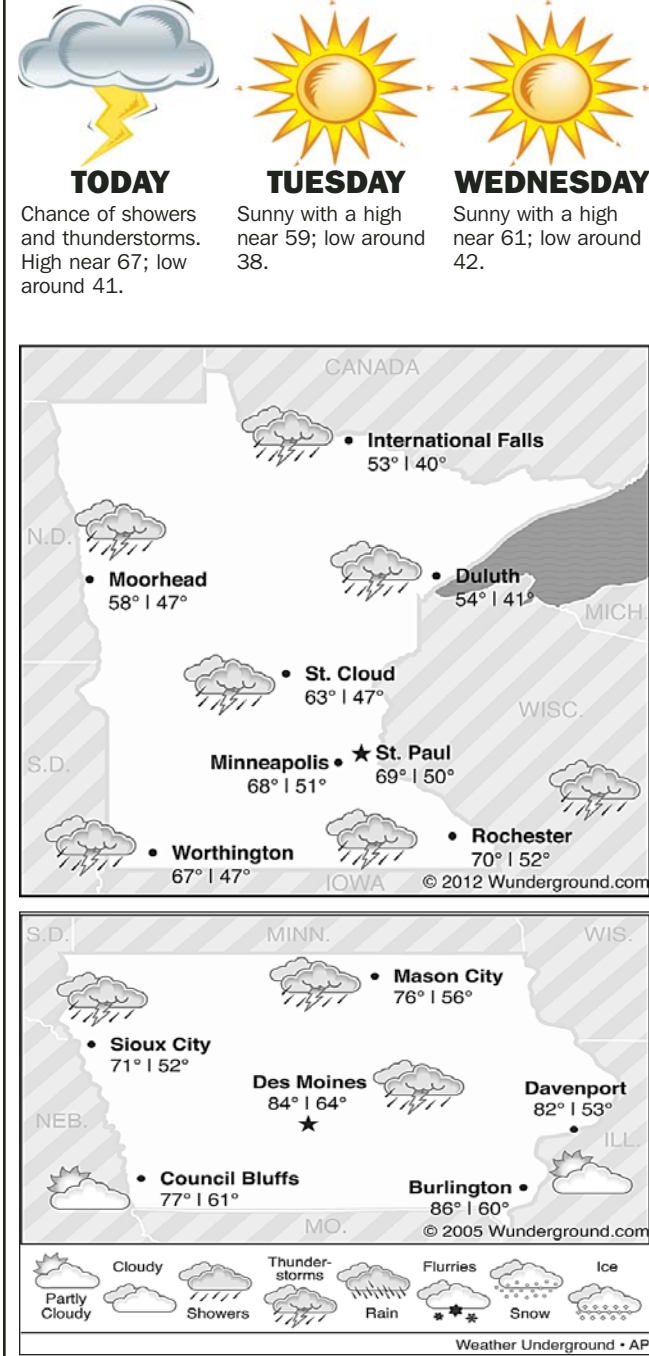
Actress **Rita Gam** is 84.
Actress **Sharon Acker** is 77.
Singer **Leon Russell** is 70.
Jazz musician **Larry Coryell** is 69.
Actress **Linda Hunt** is 67.
Singer **Emmylou Harris** is 65.

WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Police Department investigated a reported theft at 5:31 p.m. Friday on Godfrey Street.
WORTHINGTON — The Nobles County Sheriff's Office investigated a reported theft of hogs at 10:25 a.m. Saturday on 140th Street.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Police Department responded to a fight at 3:06 p.m. Saturday near the Panda House.
ROUND LAKE — The Nobles County Sheriff's Office responded to a complaint at 9:01 p.m. Saturday of juveniles driving four-wheelers through the alleys.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Police Department warned individuals for a loud party at 12:27 a.m. Sunday in the Castlewood Apartments.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Police Department responded to a report of disorderly conduct at 1:28 a.m. Sunday at the A&T Tap.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Police Department responded to an assault at 1:47 a.m. Sunday at the Long Branch Saloon. Worthington Ambulance was also paged and one person was transported from the scene.
WORTHINGTON — The Worthington Police Department responded to an assault at 2:01 a.m. Sunday at the Long Branch Saloon.

Social critic and author **Camille Paglia** is 65.
Actor **Ron Palillo** is 63.
Actress **Pamela Reed** is 63.
Rock musician **Dave Robinson** (The Cars) is 59.
Country singer **Buddy Jewell** is 51.

Netsch, Mountain Lake, possession of synthetic cannabinoid, driving after revocation, no proof of insurance, expired plates; James Cody Jack Mason, Pipestone, test refusal, driving while impaired, disorderly conduct, driving without a valid license, park ordinance
March 20: Allan Martinus Christensen, Tyler, driving while impaired; Darrin Thomas Grogan, Chandler, driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety; Dave K. Jensen, Howard, S.D., issue dishonored check; Kelly Lynn Goddeyne, Pipestone, driving while impaired (2), collision with unattended vehicle
March 26: Wade Holck, Pipestone, domestic assault; Coty Allen Tellinghuisen, Pipestone, fifth-degree controlled substance possession; Jason Jon Kremin, Tyler, test refusal
March 27: Christopher Lee Baldwin, Pipestone, driving while impaired (2), speeding; David Lee Evans, Pipestone, expired medical card
Rock County:
Feb. 29: Misti Sue Hansen, Kanaranzi, issue dishonored check
March 2: Dylan Nicholas Bucher, Luverne, third-degree criminal sexual conduct (2), fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct
March 5: Nicole Mae Halverson, Luverne, driving after suspension, no proof of insurance
March 6: Scott Mitchell Malloy, Luverne, driving after revocation
March 7: Travis Lee Landacre, Ostrander, Ohio, driving while impaired (2), keep to the right
March 9: Jeremia Edward Voetberg, Magnolia, under 21 consumption, under 21 liquor possession, open bottle; Thomas Miller Skager, Luverne, underage drinking and driving, possess over 1.4 grams marijuana in vehicle, under 21 consumption, under 21 liquor possession, marijuana possession, open bottle
March 12: Alexander Gorge Rivas, Luverne, fleeing a peace officer, fifth-degree assault; Troy Allen DeBoer, Adrian, open bottle, driving while impaired
March 14: Damon Lee Randolph, Adrian, driving after suspension, no proof of insurance
March 15: Jason Allen Eaton, Adrian, test refusal, failure to notify police, driving after revocation, reckless driving
March 19: Jerry Wayne Kilts, Rock Rapids, Iowa, driving while impaired, uninsured vehicle
March 20: Tasha Ann Lange, Adrian, driving while impaired, open bottle, failure to obey traffic device, underage drinking and driving

Weather



Worthington: Yesterday and today

Yesterday's high	80	Record high	79 in 2010
Yesterday's low	44	Record low	10 in 1975
Yesterday's precipitation	0	Precipitation	.50 in 2006
T = Trace M = Missing		Snowfall	2" in 1979
High/low temperatures/precipitation as of 5 p.m. yesterday			
Today's sunrise	7:02 a.m.	Today's sunset	7:50 p.m.

Lotteries

Minnesota Sunday Daily 3: 6-9-1 Saturday Daily 3: 3-6-2 Sunday Northstar Cash: 7-16-21-22-26 Saturday Northstar Cash: 2-10-20-24-25	Multi-State Sat. Powerball: 5-14-36-54-58 Powerball is 27 Estimated jackpot: \$70 million Sat. Hot Lotto: 25-27-30-35-38 Hot Lotto is 9
Iowa \$100,000 Cash: 8-9-10-31-33 Saturday Pick 3: 4-9-6 Sunday Pick 3: 8-7-6	

This date in history

Today is Monday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2012. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 2, 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

One year ago: Highly radioactive water leaked into the sea from a crack at Japan's stricken nuclear power plant; meanwhile, earthquake-tsunami survivors complained that the government was not paying enough heed to victims. Connecticut's Geno Auriemma, Miami's Katie Meier and Stanford's Tara VanDerveer were named co-recipients of The Associated Press' coach of the year award. Maya Moore was named player of the year for the second time in three seasons after leading Connecticut to another spectacular year.

Thought for Today: "Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little." — Agnes de Mille, American dancer-choreographer (1905-1993).

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Briefs

Fishing trips offered

RED LAKE — Starting this spring, the casino on the Red Lake Indian Reservation will offer guided fishing trips on some of reservation's smaller lakes.

The Grand Forks Herald reported Sunday the guide service won't include the tribal waters of Red Lake, but will include trips on more than 25 small lakes within reservation boundaries.

Darwin Sumner is outfitters manager at Seven Clans Casino, which is offering the trips.

Sumner said nontribal anglers have been able to fish the reservation's small lakes in the past, as long as they were with a Red Lake band member. But this is the first time package trips are being offered.

The trips will offer opportunities for anglers to catch everything from trout to bluegills to walleye.

Officer shoots, injures man

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minneapolis police officer shot and injured a man who authorities said was threatening the officer with a knife.

Police said at about 9 a.m. Sunday, an officer was called to the intersection of Franklin and Lyndale avenues by a woman who said she was being accosted by a man.

Sgt. Bill Palmer said the man threatened the officer with a knife. The officer backed away and told the man to drop the weapon, but Palmer said the man refused and kept coming at the officer in a threatening way.

The officer shot the man more than once. The man was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center. He's expected to survive.

The officer has been on the police department for 24 years. He was placed on standard administrative leave.

Minn. Senate saga to cost public

ST. PAUL (AP) — Legal costs are mounting at taxpayer expense even before former high-ranking Senate staffer Michael Brodkorb sues over his dismissal.

The Senate has hired an outside attorney to defuse fallout from Brodkorb's admitted affair with former Senate Majority Leader Amy Koch. But so far officials have refused to disclose attorney Dayle Nolan's contract or hourly rate.

Secretary of the Senate Cal Ludeman told *The Associated Press* he believes Nolan's contract is covered by attorney-client privilege and can remain private. He said Nolan hasn't submitted a bill yet, but he expects it will exceed a five-figure threshold that would force disclosure of invoices.

Couple recalls life of son killed in Afghanistan

JANESVILLE, Iowa (AP) — In many ways, it will always be April 13, 2011, for the Nichols family.

That was the day a son, a brother, a friend, a fiancé — and a soldier — became forever young, frozen in time, a precious memory — and a hero.

It was the day Spc. Donny Nichols, a sharpshooting, sharp-witted warrior with the Iowa Army National Guard, lost his life in the war in Afghanistan.

Today, images of the bespectacled, dark-haired kid with the wiry frame and the wry grin smile at Jeff and Jeanie Nichols from many corners of their home.

They reflected last week on Donny's passing publicly for the first time as the anniversary of his death approaches.

They cherish his memory and mourn his passing. They marvel at the support they've received. They support others similarly grieving fallen loved ones.

It doesn't seem like a year since Donny's passing.

"Nope. Yesterday," Jeff said, holding back emotions when talking about his son. He and Jeanie take turns holding each other's hand when it gets too tough to talk.

It was also too tough for Donny's natural mother,

Becky Poock of Evansdale, who declined an interview at this time.

It's easier to talk when Jeff and Jeanie show the gifts they've received and mementoes they've kept in Donny's memory.

There's a sketch of Donny from a celebrity artist in California, who's done more than 3,000 similar portraits of fallen soldiers. And a cherrywood chest full of pins and memorabilia from Donny's comrades, some of whom Jeff and Jeanie may never know, left at a memorial service in Laghman province in Afghanistan.

There are quilts, flags and duffel bags of letters written in pen, pencil and crayon by "Soldiers Angels" — school children from all over the country. There's an art project Donny made at Waverly-Shell Rock High School — an image of a soldier set against a wood carving of his initials.

"This is my favorite," Jeff said. It's a small black-and-white photo of a young Donny with brothers Joe and Nick all lined up in a row, aiming their rifles during target practice at Black Hawk Park north of Cedar Falls.

There's also the cases containing Donny's casket flag, his Bronze Star for valor and his Purple Heart for being

wounded and killed in combat.

There's one souvenir of Donny's service that underscores the dangers he and his comrades faced. It is his laptop computer.

On it, Jeff and Jeanie found a video Donny made shortly before he died, relaxing after a firefight with the enemy.

Only a glimpse of Donny's feet, wearing flip flops, is seen as he pans the camera around the ground. It is strewn with empty shell casings. A spent automatic weapon ammunition clip can be seen. Donny narrates the video.

"Last night we got attacked, backed into a thing called 'getting into a firefight,'" he said. "Needless to say, we shot. We kept shooting. Damn, we shot a lot. I mean, we shot a lot."

"The attack came from over yonder," Donny narrated, panning out to a compound of buildings in the distance. "So we dropped (expletive) on 'em," apparently referring to an air strike.

"You don't wanna play around. We win," Donny said.

Shortly after that, Donny and his buddies in the reconnaissance platoon of the Iowa Guard's 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry regiment —

Task Force Ironman — were on a security mission clearing a transportation route. It was a routine patrol, according to Guard officials. An improvised explosive device hit the mine-resistant all-terrain vehicle Donny was in, killing him and wounding Spc. Timothy Gourd of Prescott.

Brother Joe was serving in Afghanistan at the same time. "When you get that word, when you saw those two soldiers walking up to our door" to deliver the bad news, Jeff said, "for us, we didn't know which one."

"We were so naive" as to the dangers the boys were facing, Jeanie said. "They'd call home, and we'd say 'What are you guys up to? We're hearing all this stuff.' And both of them would say, 'We're not doin' nothing. We're bored, We're sitting here. We're safe. We're just running missions. But we're not seeing anything. We're not doing anything.' And we believed them. And come to find out, Donny's been in over 100 combat missions since he landed over there."

"The ones that were there when Donny was killed, none of them have been able to talk to us yet," Jeff said.

"That's understandable," Jeanie said.

Similarly, neither Jeff or Jeanie attended 1/133 homecoming ceremonies at the UNI-Dome last summer — it was too tough.

A month after Donny's death, his reconnaissance platoon was pinned down by enemy Taliban fighters at the regional center of Do Ab, but emerged from that fight without a single casualty, killing more than 400 of the enemy.

"They were sure they were going to die," Jeanie said. "Nobody got hurt. Nobody got injured."

"They said someone was watching over them," Jeff said.

"A lot of Donny's friends think he still is," Jeanie said.

The Nicholoses have opened their hearts and their home to Donny's hometown friends. Many gather there, and they remain close to his brothers and cousins and extended family, as does his fiancée, Chelsey Bliss of Waverly.

It's been a steady succession of events from Donny's death up through his funeral and beyond, Jeff and Jeanie said. A Guard casualty assistance officer is "a big part of why we got through what we got through," Jeanie said, along with USO workers and other volunteers.

WINDFALL: Most counties use the funds for tax relief

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Cottonwood and Rock counties trail with significantly less wind energy tax revenue, although a major wind project is planned in Rock County this year — a project that will impact their revenue stream in a couple of years.

In each of the counties, the wind energy tax revenue is divided with 80 percent going to the county coffers, and the remaining 20 percent to the townships where the turbines are located.

In Nobles County, Larkin, Worthington, Ransom, Wilmont, Summit Lake, Olney and Dewald townships will share in more than \$34,000 this year — money they can use to improve township roads and lower taxes for residents.

The counties spend the money the same way.

Nobles County Board chair David Benson said while the wind energy production tax revenue goes into the general fund, he'd like to see commissioners direct the money to road improvements. For several years, the county set a portion of its annual levy specifically to build up a road

account.

"This is our first big payment and it will grow," Benson said. "My goal is to emphasize road work."

Still, he's quick to say the money won't go far. The county's 2012 share will be \$661,752 — enough to do just a couple miles worth of road construction, he said.

Benson hopes to plan a work session within the next month so commissioners can decide what they should do with the income. Nobles County Auditor-Treasurer Sharon Balster said the payments won't all be in until mid-May.

In other counties, much of the wind energy tax revenue will be used to offset property taxes.

"Indirectly, it benefits the county in many different ways," said Pipestone County Administrator Sharon Hansen. "It's an indirect benefit to all of our departments. We think it benefits property taxes at the end of the day, and that's what we use it for."

In Murray County, wind energy tax revenue initially was used for capital improvement projects in the years levy limits weren't in place.

The Murray County Fairgrounds was a major benefactor, with a new grandstand and concession stand built there in recent years.

"Some of these projects, probably without that tax, we weren't able to do," said Murray County Auditor Heidi Winter.

This year, Murray County Commissioners decided to use the funds to offset property taxes.

"It hasn't been earmarked for specific purposes," Winter said of the money. "Some of the townships get a hefty amount. We encourage them to continue to levy because, for one, they get a township road allotment from the state and they have to levy a certain value to get this ... allotment."

Townships also have to cover the road maintenance costs, and the trucks that travel the roads to the towers do cause damage.

Jackson County Coordinator Jan Fransen said her county will get approximately \$922,000, with the townships where turbines are located sharing in \$230,000.

"Annually, we designate the first \$350,000 to tax relief,"

Fransen said. "This year, the board, by resolution, increased that to \$450,000 because of the market value exclusion."

As for the rest of the money, she said Jackson County Commissioners are talking about putting it in a capital improvement fund, perhaps for the construction of a new highway maintenance facility.

"There's no official action yet," Fransen cautioned. The current maintenance building was used as a hemp plant during World War II.

"It's pretty old," she said. "It's something we've been looking at for many years. We're looking at a joint facility with the city of Jackson."

The idea being discussed is to issue bonds for construction of a new facility, and then use the wind energy tax revenue to repay the bonds.

Of course, each of the counties making plans for how they might spend the tax revenue still hinges on the Minnesota legislature. If the state decides to impose levy limits on counties again this year, many would have no choice but to use the funds for general operating costs.

In Nobles County, Benson has been a staunch supporter of trying to get the wind energy production tax into freestanding legislation that would ensure the tax payments would continue regardless of other legislation.

If levy limits are placed on counties, they still get the wind energy tax, but they have to reduce their levy by whatever they get in wind energy tax revenue.

Benson has been pushing to get the legislation heard by the state house tax committee, but chairman Greg Davids, R-Preston, has so far refused to hear their request. The Senate tax committee heard the requests last week.

Hansen said she, too, is concerned about levy limits. "(The wind energy tax) is very important to us because of how it assists our property taxes," she said. "We've been working with the SRDC (Southwest Regional Development Commission) to ensure there isn't a loss of revenue in any way, shape or form."

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● **As others see it**

A bipartisan budget

It surfaced Wednesday, and it may already have died Wednesday. At press time, the U.S. House was considering a vote.

But even if that happened, this much is clear: There is a bipartisan way to reduce Washington's deficit and debt.

It's the Simpson-Bowles plan, which was generated by a bipartisan committee in 2010 but never got the full hearing it deserved.

This week, a bipartisan group of U.S. House lawmakers fashioned a budget proposal based on Simpson-Bowles. That's the proposal that seemed likely to be killed Wednesday night.

But even if the "no" vote took place, Simpson-Bowles or something very much like it should and probably will rise again.

Sooner or later, congressmen will tire of spinning their wheels with extremist proposals that get absolutely nowhere. They'll look for an alternative and will find the one that continues to gain significant support, even after a more than a year: Simpson-Bowles.

Simpson-Bowles, of course, was

the end result of the president's bipartisan debt and deficit reduction commission, chaired by former Republican Sen. Alan Simpson and Democratic Gov. Erskine Bowles.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., played a key role in setting the commission up. Conrad served on it and voted for its final report, which called for reducing the deficit via \$3 in spending cuts for every \$1 in tax increases.

Ten commission members — five other Democrats, five Republicans — voted with Conrad in favor of the plan. But four D's and three R's voted against, and that was enough to consign the report to limbo. ...

As support from job-creators such as the Business Roundtable continues to grow, hardcore conservatives and liberals alike are running out of excuses. There is away forward — a bipartisan approach that American leaders by the hundreds or even thousands have been impressed by. It's the Simpson-Bowles plan; Congress should accept its broad outlines and get to work.

Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald



Our appalling-ness

WASHINGTON — There are so many appalling aspects to the Trayvon Martin case that it's hard to find a permanent home for outrage.

Most appalling, obviously, is the fatal shooting of an unarmed 17-year-old who was targeted by a 28-year-old volunteer neighborhood watchman. George Zimmerman seemed "suspicious," and followed him for a while before Martin allegedly attacked him.

What really happened is anyone's guess since Martin isn't here to tell his side of the story, and there were no witnesses to the shooting. There's audio of Zimmerman calling 911 to report his concerns about Martin. There's grainy video of Zimmerman arriving at the police station not looking, by some appraisals, sufficiently battered to corroborate his tale of being attacked.

Also appalling is the presumed racial motivation. Given that Martin was armed only with iced tea and a bag of Skittles — and given that his suspicious behavior seems to have hinged primarily on the fact that he was wearing a "hoodie" — it's easy to see why some have concluded that race was a factor, though not only blacks wear hoodies. How many police sketches have we seen of white suspects wearing hoodies? Plenty.

Would Zimmerman have found a fellow Hispanic suspicious under the same circumstances? A white male? We don't know, but we do know that Zimmerman and his

wife mentored two African-American children, hardly the actions of hardened racists.

Add to the "appalling" roster the growing congregation of usual suspects crowing, profiling and politicizing the case. From movie stars to talk show hosts and then to a congressman who wore a hoodie to the House floor — the tragedy of Trayvon Martin has become a cause celebre. A month later, the hoodie has become a symbol of solidarity against institutional racism. We all wear hoodies now.

That we all want justice for Trayvon Martin should be a foregone assumption. But also assumed should be the understanding that we await all the facts before we convict. Without knowing much of anything, we seem to have reached a consensus that this is a case of racially motivated violence. When President Obama commented on the case, saying that if he had a son, he'd look like Trayvon, he set a narrative in motion from which there seems to be no retreat.

Another appalling feature of this horrific event is the apparent attempt by some to paint a less-than-favorable portrait of Martin. It is true that early photos released of him showed a younger, more apple-cheeked version. More recent images reveal a youngster becoming a man — not quite as cuddly, but certainly no less attractive than other teens as they morph from child to adult.

We've also learned that Martin used the Internet as many his age do. He used rough language and a handle that includes the N-word. He also apparently had been suspended from school for marijuana possession at the time of his

death. It happens, but really, so what?

It isn't wrong to try to learn more about the involved parties in an attempt to imagine how they might have interacted. But I can't fathom what these details have to do with Martin's death. A teen who smokes pot and plays tough guy on the Internet isn't necessarily going to punch a stranger in the nose. Isn't this something like pointing out that a rape victim was flirty and wore short skirts?

What is likely is that both men scared each other for different reasons and one tragically overreacted. It is certainly plausible that Martin was terrified and acted accordingly. When he told his girlfriend by phone that someone was following him, she told him to run. Would that he had, but in his mind, Martin might have considered this a risky option.

Appropos of Martin's less angelic side, parents of boys know that young males say and do dumb things that don't mean anything. They act cocky out of fear or talk trash to deflect. They wear hoodies or backward baseball caps or low-hanging jeans because these innocuous gestures of grandiosity are often the only weapons available to the unarmed. We all have our ways of telegraphing, "Don't mess with me (please)."

That someone would interpret one such symbol or gesture as suspicious or threatening, prompting him ultimately to use lethal force, is the most appalling feature in a case in which outrage has too many homes.

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The essential truth of Trayvon Martin

MIAMI — One month later, some of us fail to understand what this is about. One month later, some of us are using the death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin to advance their own selfish aims or are throwing up smoke to divert our attention from what matters. One month later, a reminder seems sadly necessary.

Though, perhaps it is easier to explain what this is about by explaining what it is not about.

For instance, GOP presidential aspirants have sought to incorporate the tragedy into their Obama Always Does All Things Wrong narrative. As in Rick Santorum blasting a moving statement from the president — "If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon" — as "divisive" and "tragic."

But this is not about the furtherance of Santorum's fading political hopes.

Meantime, an African-American hate group, the so-called New Black Panther Party, has put a price on the head of George Zimmerman, the white Hispanic police wannabe who shot the unarmed teenager.

But this is not about the promotion of some opportunist's extremist agenda.

This week, someone leaked information that Martin had been suspended from school for possessing an empty marijuana baggie. It was also reported that Zimmerman claims Martin attacked him from behind, a version of events supposedly corroborated by witnesses. This would contradict other witnesses (the ones police initially blew off or never even bothered to contact) who paint Zimmerman as the aggressor who followed and shot a black kid he found "suspicious."

And beg pardon, but if some armed, unknown person were stalking you for some unknown reason, might you not choose to hit first and ask questions later?

But this is not about Trayvon Martin being an angel.

Geraldo Rivera of Fox "News" said last week that Martin died because of his choice of clothing. "His hoodie killed Trayvon Martin

as surely as George Zimmerman did," he said, arguing that seeing a "kid of color" wearing a hoodie ignites certain feelings of "scorn" and "menace."

Rivera called the statement, for which he later apologized, "politically incorrect." Actually, it was just cowardly and dumb. Unlike, say, sagging pants, a hooded sweatshirt is a functional garment, (i.e., it provides protection against cold and wet) that is worn by black, white, male, female, young, old, college kids and street kids. Martin wore his against a persistent drizzle as he walked home from 7-Eleven, but apparently, Rivera finds something sinister in black and brown kids wearing what everybody else wears in the rain. Shall we restrict them to umbrellas from now on?

But this is not about a fashion statement.

As to what it is about, consider a passage in Michelle Alexander's book, "The New Jim Crow," in which she argues that "what it means to be a criminal in our collective consciousness has become conflated with what it means to be black, so the term white criminal is confounding, while the term black criminal is nearly redundant."

Nearly redundant.

This, then, is what killed Trayvon Martin, the fact that we are so stubbornly convinced of that redundancy that a boy walking home carrying nothing more threatening than Skittles and iced tea can become a source of terror sufficient for a George Zimmerman to stalk him and to kill him.

It doesn't matter if he wore a hoodie.

It doesn't matter if he punched Zimmerman.

It doesn't matter why he was suspended from school.

What matters is that he is unavailable for comment about those things, and always will be. What matters is that none of them changes the essential truth of what this is about.

Though innocent of any crime, Trayvon Martin was gunned down by George Zimmerman. He was sacrificed for all our fears.

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When the wind blows

When the wind blows, the dust gets in my eyes. When the wind blows, I don’t want to go outside. But then the sun shines and I grab my rod and reel. For when the sun shines, I think “Oh, what a deal!”

When the wind blows while the sun shines, that’s when it gets so tricky ... when the casts fly, the bobbers bob and the lines get oh, so icky.



Julie Buntjer
Reporter

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon when I heard a knock at my back door.

There stood a couple of the neighbor kids, wanting to do something fun. I don’t know why, but they come to my house for inspiration.

That’s the best part about living in town ... the best part about living in a neighborhood with lots of kids. They needn’t beg to get me to put down my book or my needlework for a little outdoor fun.

I knew it was a bit windy, but when I mentioned to the girls that I had a couple of containers of worms in the fridge to use up, they were all excited about going fishing.

They ran next door to get a friend, and we were soon packing up four fishing poles, two tackle boxes, a cooler and a net.

We drove to a spot on Lake Okabena, and that was when the laughter began.

Little did I know I was going to have a trio of girls who screamed and shuddered trying to do the simplest of tasks — to put a squirmy worm on an itty bitty fish hook.

Needless to say, my line

was the first in the water.

That was fine and dandy. The tricky part came when the three girls cast their lines into the wavy waters of Lake Okabena from the same dock.

Before long, it was “Her bobber is too close to my bobber!” and “You hooked my line!”

Then there were my silent comments ... “Dear Lord, grant me patience!”

Never was I so happy to hear the words, “I don’t want to fish anymore!”

The trouble was, while the girls tired quickly of battling the wind and the waves with their rods and reels, they weren’t quite ready to call it a day.

Someone, I think it was Maria, asked if we could go back to my house and bake up some brownies.

It doesn’t need saying, but I’ll say it anyway ... the best part about baking brownies is eating brownies, and the girls could hardly wait the 27 minutes for the ooey gooey chocolate goodness to be pulled from the oven.

As if on cue, the one girl’s older brother showed up just minutes before the timer sounded; and within minutes after that, more than half a pan of hot and tasty brownies had been devoured.

Had I not put a stop to it, the whole pan would have been gone and I would have sent four kids home on a massive sugar high.

Come to think of it, that’s another good thing about living in my neighborhood. The kids can come over to play board games, yard games, go four-wheeling or fishing, and at the end of the day I can send them back home.

Those moments are a reminder to take a little extra pleasure in my quiet house and the time I have to read a good book or complete a few more stitches on my latest needlework project.

Mild winter means good times for some insects

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa’s unusually mild winter and early spring brought the early arrival of insects that could mean trouble for crops and picnics, but also spared many bees, setting up a potentially sweet year for Iowa’s \$3.5 million honey industry.

The early arrivals include pesky backyard gnats loitering in big numbers on cars and houses, and corn and soybean pests that will require farmers to keep insecticides handy.

The fungus gnats are already blackening cars, house siding and compost piles, said Iowa State University Extension entomologist Donald Lewis. One woman feared they were termites, which are similar in appearance.

“They all came out at once because of the 80-degree temperatures last week,” Lewis said.

The little black gnats are difficult to see. They aren’t the ones often seen swarming in a cloud over neighborhood parks. Those actually are midges, he noted.

People shouldn’t necessarily expect an insect explosion this year, though, Lewis added. “Some things will be here sooner than we expect,” Lewis said. “Some will come in greater numbers because of the warm weather. Overall, insects will probably be about average,” and the key is the spring weather, when many of the insects reproduce, he said.

But the mild winter was just what the doctor ordered for one welcome species — bees in commercial hives.

State apiarist Andrew Joseph said queen bees have laid more eggs than usual at the state’s 10 demonstration hives near Bondurant. The past couple of Iowa winters resulted in some of the highest bee mortality rates in the nation, killing off about 66 percent of the hive population last year and 74 percent in 2010. This winter probably only killed 25 percent.

With plenty of pollen already on the landscape, the state’s 2,500 beekeepers are hoping for a big year, Joseph said.

“We are off to a great start,” Joseph said, who works for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. “We are going to have big colonies of



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Robin Praisner, bureau chief of the Entomology & Plant Science Bureau, Iowa Laboratory Facility in Ankeney stands by an Iowa Department of Agriculture honey bee hive north of Bondurant, Iowa. Iowa’s unusually mild winter and early spring brought the early arrival of insects that could mean trouble for crops and picnics, but also spared many bees, setting up a potentially sweet year for Iowa’s \$3.5 million honey industry.

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Joseph said that should result in increased honey production if favorable conditions persist.

More than 30,000 Iowa bee colonies together produce 3.1 million pounds of honey a year, worth an estimated \$3.5 million. But that’s only a small fraction of their overall economic benefit to the state’s economy. The work they do to pollinate soybeans, strawberries and many other plants is worth another \$92 million annually.

Jerald and Cindy Deal are expecting a healthy crop of apples at Deal’s Orchard near Jefferson — if Mother Nature doesn’t throw a cold curveball. Last year, a May cold snap dropped production on their 45-acre orchard to 10,000 bushels, down from the usual 15,000 to 18,000.

The bugs shouldn’t be any more of a problem than usual, Jerald Deal said.

“I’m not as concerned as much with the insects,” said Deal, who plans to apply insecticides in the usual way, as little as possible. “There could be a possibility of greater pressure from insects because we didn’t get quite as cold. But we just hope it doesn’t get cold again.”

On the downside, the warm weather has already produced pests that could cost farmers more time and money. And are bugging homeowners.

ISU also had an unusually early report of a black cutworm moth. The moths mean that their offspring, which begin as caterpillars, will be poised to saw corn plants off at the base unless farmers spray insecticide.

A Muscatine County farmer found one of the moths in a trap on March 19. “This is very early to see migratory moths moving up north,” ISU entomologist Erin Hodgson wrote on her blog, “It’s a Bug’s Life.”

Black cutworm moths don’t stay in Iowa in winter. They fly up from the south. They are a sporadic problem in Iowa’s crop fields, said Adam Sisson, a program assistant at ISU.

Soybeans are in the cross hairs, too. An Iowa winter worth its wind chill typically kills 60 to 90 percent of the dreaded bean leaf beetles, which eat soybean plants. This past winter, which was barely able to frost a windshield, only killed 30 to 53 percent.

That’s the lightest kill-off

of the beetles since ISU began using a new model to predict the mortality rate in 2000.

The good news: the mild winter probably won’t mean an explosion in the number of mosquitoes, flies or other insects nagging us. The spring weather determines those populations, not winter temperatures, said Lewis, the ISU entomologist.

“Populations won’t build until we have standing water and warm temperatures,” he said.

Robin Praisner, an entomologist with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, said the warmth could bring an early burst of bugs. That includes ants, which most likely survived the winter in higher numbers.

“If this warmth continues, some insects may build up their numbers more quickly,” she said.

But the warmer winter actually could have hindered some species, Praisner said. Some rely on snow for insulation, and may have died or become stressed by exposure. Others may have gotten active too early, using energy they had stored for later.

Iowa town serves up support for Beef Products

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — The main producer of the lean beef trimmings that critics call “pink slime” has the support of its home base, but it may have a tougher time with consumers nationwide.

Several thousand people attended a picnic in Sioux City on Saturday to support Beef Products Inc. and dine on hamburgers made with its beef. In addition to that gathering — which was near the company’s headquarters in Dakota Dunes, S.D. — several hundred people gathered near BPI’s Kansas plant, which suspended production last week.

The company’s product made from beef trimmings has drawn public scrutiny because of concerns about the ammonium hydroxide it uses to treat the meat, which the company says kills bacteria. Critics say the “pink slime,” a term coined by a federal microbiologist who was grossed out by the product, is an unappetizing example of industrialized food production.

The product meets federal food safety standards, and

BPI says it is safe and has been used in ground beef for more than two decades.

The company suspended operations at its plants in Texas, Kansas and Iowa last week because of the controversy, affecting 650 jobs. The company’s South Sioux City, Neb., plant continues to produce the beef trimmings.

The company and industry groups have launched a campaign, including the website www.beefisbeef.com, to defend the product that is officially known as “lean, finely textured beef.”

But it’s not clear whether it will be enough to win back consumers. Major grocers, such as Kroger, have stopped selling products that use the beef trimmings. And McDonald’s Corp. announced last year that it would no longer use ammonia-treated beef.

At Saturday’s gathering at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, more than 15,000 people enjoyed hamburgers made with Beef Product’s meat. Many wore t-shirts with the slogan “Dude, it’s beef.”

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Morris, who turns 100 in August and was contacted through the National Centennial Awareness Project, said she was working as a keypunch operator in Fairfield, Ill., when the 1940 census was taken. “I don’t remember them taking my census,” said Morris, who lives in Chandler, Ariz.

While a name index will not be immediately avail-

able to search, tens of thousands of researchers across the country are expected to go on a monumental genealogical hunt this week through the digitized records for details on 132 million people. Access to the records will be free and open to anyone on the Internet.

Every decade since 1942, the National Archives has made available records

from past censuses. Some privacy advocates have opposed releasing such large amounts of personal information about living people.

The American Civil Liberties Union, for instance, has for more than 30 years opposed any unrestricted release of census records.

Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the ACLU, said harm could come from com-

bining the rich 1940 census data with other information.

“Computer technology today allows you to take information from different sources and combine it into a very high resolution image of somebody’s life,” he said. “Each particular piece of information might just be one pixel. But when brought together, they become very intrusive.”

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Lifestyles

Woman who is happily single hesitates before marrying again

Dear Abby: I'm a woman in my early 30s. When I was a teenager, boys never looked my way, but since my early 20s nearly every guy I've had friendly contact with has fallen in love with me. I have been proposed to six times.

I was married twice and hated it both times. I have been single for a few years and love it. I have mostly avoided men during this time because I didn't know if any man would want to just casually date me.



Dear Abby
● Syndicated columnist

I started dating again about six months ago and have been seeing a man who is fantastic. He's the kind of man I have been looking for — kind, even-tempered, well-spoken, etc. He has hinted at marriage, and I'm terrified because I'm afraid that I will "lose" myself. I enjoy my life the way it is, but I'm worried that eventually I will want a partnership, and this would be the man for me.

The idea of going to the next level makes me want to end the relationship. I'm afraid if I can't commit to this man, certainly no other man would have a chance. How do I know if I'm better off single where things are good, or take a chance on another marriage where things may not turn out so well? Is mar-

riage for everyone?

Happily Single ... For Now
Dear Happily Single ... For Now: Because of the number of Americans who are divorced or living together without marriage, I would have to say no, marriage isn't for everyone. But when you get it right and have built a strong, loving, mutually respectful partnership, nothing can beat it.

Have you learned from the failure of your two marriages? If so, then you have matured from the experience. If you're planning to have children, it is to their advantage to live in a two-parent household.

That said, if you truly feel you are happier being single, then single you should remain because there are no

guarantees that a marriage will be successful. Marriage can only be as strong and lasting as the couple entering into it are determined it will be. And that takes love, understanding, empathy and willingness to compromise.

Dear Abby: Our daughter, "Gabi," is 15 — almost 16. She's active and healthy, but for the past few years she has been putting on weight. She's 5-6, weighs more than 160 pounds and has a curvy, feminine body. Despite the fact that my wife and I are both thin, my wife will not encourage her to watch her weight. Actually, she's supportive of our daughter's increasing size. She told me, "Gabi can gain up to 25 more pounds and, combined

with her height, be a pretty plus-size."

My wife has always been thin. As a teen she was late to develop her figure. She keeps buying Gabi new clothes as her weight goes up. The styles are too tight, overly revealing and draw attention to the rolls of fat.

I'm not trying to force my daughter into a model's size, but I am concerned about her health. This problem would be easier to manage now than attempting to lose the weight in the future. Please help me present the importance of being proactive with Gabi in this difficult time of maturity.

Caring, Supportive Dad
Dear Dad: The most qualified person to do that would be your family physician, or

Gabi's pediatrician if she has one. It's common knowledge that there is an obesity epidemic in this country, and if your daughter continues to pack on the pounds, she could be at risk for serious health problems. Your wife may be going to the opposite extreme in trying not to make your daughter self-conscious about her weight. I agree with you that this is a subject that is better addressed now than later, so schedule a consultation.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



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An pork loin roast is brined in rosemary cider for the Easter dinner main course.

This Easter, ditch the ham, but keep the pig

BY ALISON LADMAN
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Instead of cooking ham or lamb this Easter, why not go for something a little bit different?

Pork loin roast has an amazing flavor — and is outrageously tender — when brined. That's because the brining process adds a bit of salt, the flavor of the brine and a whole lot of moisture to the meat. The procedure is relatively simple, though it does require a bit of planning. You'll want to brine the pork for about 24 hours.

Pork not your thing? This same procedure can be used on whole chickens. The main difference is that you'll want to brine a chicken for just four hours, not 24. Of course, the cooking time will depend on how large your chicken is; just cook until the internal temperature of the meat is 160 F.

We've also included some side dish suggestions to help you plan your Easter dinner.

Rosemary-Cider Brined Easter Pork

Start to finish: 26 hours (1 hour active)
Servings: 8
½ cup kosher salt
¼ cup packed brown sugar
2 cups apple cider
1 bunch fresh rosemary
1 bunch fresh thyme
1 teaspoon chili powder
4 pound pork loin roast
1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the salt, brown sugar, cider, rosemary, thyme and chili powder. Stir just until the sugar and salt dissolve. Cool completely.

In a large zip-close plastic bag, combine the pork loin and the brine solution. Squeeze out any air and seal

the bag shut. Place in a bowl in case of any leaks, then refrigerate for 24 hours.

Thirty minutes before you are ready to cook, heat the oven to 350 F. Fit a roasting pan with a rack.

Drain the pork and discard the brine solution. Rinse the pork with cool water; then pat it dry with paper towels. Rub the surface of the pork with the oil and place on the rack. Roast for 45 minutes, or until a thermometer reads 145 F at the center of the pork. Allow to rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 380 calories; 180 calories from fat (50 percent of total calories); 21 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 145 mg cholesterol; 2 g carbohydrate; 44 g protein; 0 g fiber; 570 mg sodium.

Side suggestions:
LEMONY PEAS: Saute 2 cups of English peas and 1 diced red bell pepper with a little butter until just tender. Season with salt and pepper; then stir in the zest of 1 lemon.

QUINOA PILAF: Cook 2 cups of quinoa according to package directions. Saute 2 chopped cloves of garlic, 2 sliced shallots and 1 diced red onion in 3 tablespoons of olive oil until soft. Stir in the quinoa along with 1/3 cup diced dried apricot and 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme.

WARM RADICCHIO SLAW: Cook 4 strips of bacon until crisp. Thinly slice 2 heads of radicchio and saute in the bacon fat with 1 thinly sliced red onion. Season with salt and black pepper, 1 tablespoon brown sugar and 1 tablespoon cider vinegar. Serve topped with crumbled blue cheese and the crumbled bacon.

BY ELIZABETH KARMEL
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — My favorite childhood photograph is of my mother, my sister and me on Easter morning. We are dressed alike in matching spring coats, hats and gloves, holding our Easter baskets. But I remember that as tempting as the candy in the basket was, all I could think of was the luscious coconut cream pie my grandmother had made for dessert.

For me, that pie was magical, with its homemade flaky crust and rich silky custard. It spoke of home, of leisurely enjoying a slice. Pies still inspire me today. Some restaurants have wine programs. Mine has a pie program.

My grandmother's coconut cream pie is made from a cooked custard similar to a creme anglais, which is thickened with egg yolks and corn starch. The thick custard then is poured into a prebaked pie shell, topped with meringue and baked. But as much as I love that pie, I felt the need to tinker: I wanted the same flavors, but with less work.

I kept the prebaked — or properly called blind-baked — pie shell. It's the key to ensuring the crust is flaky, not soggy. The easiest way to do this is to form the pie dough in the pan, then set a sheet of parchment paper on it with dry beans or weights holding it in place. It then is baked until golden, then cooled.

My version of coconut cream pie is perfect for anyone, especially those new to baking pies because the custard is simply stirred together in a bowl, then baked in



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Prebaking the crust for this custard pie ensures it will stay tender and flaky, not soggy.

the shell. I also add a little fresh orange to the custard to complement the coconut and remind me that warmer weather is near.

Orange-Scented Coconut "Cream" Custard Pie

Start to finish: 1 hour 15 minutes, plus cooling (15 minutes active)
Servings: 8

8- or 9-inch prepared raw pie crust
3 large egg yolks
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
½ cup sugar
Pinch of salt
Zest of ½ orange
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ cup fresh orange juice
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut

Chocolate eggs deserve crunchy, edible nests

BY ALISON LADMAN
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — You'll have no trouble enticing the kids to get involved in this easy and tasty part of Easter dinner prep.

We've combined a blend of crunchy cereals and noodles with a deliciously sticky blend of chocolate, marshmallow and peanut butter to create edible "nests" in which the little ones can store their chocolate eggs and jelly beans (assuming those treats stick around long enough to be stored).

The process is simple — just melt together the butter, marshmallows, peanut butter and chocolate, then stir in the dry ingredients. After that, let the children set to work shaping their nests.

Just note — this is a messy project. So you might want to do it before the kids get into

their Easter best. Also, to make it a little less messy, lightly coat the kids' (or your) hands with cooking spray.

The finished nests can be stored in plastic bags at room temperature for up to a week.

Chocolate Bunny Nests

Makes 20 small nests
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
10-ounce package mini marshmallows
½ cup crunchy peanut butter
6 ounces semisweet chocolate bits
2 cups thin chow mein noodles
1 ½ cups square corn cereal, such as Corn Chex
2 cups crispy rice cereal, such as Rice Krispies
Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.
In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the



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Crunchy cereals and noodles are coated with a blend of chocolate, marshmallow and peanut butter to create edible "nests."

butter. Add the marshmallows, peanut butter and chocolate bits. Stir continuously until completely melted and blended.

Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chow mein noodles, corn cereal and rice cereal. Allow the mixture to cool until safe to handle.

For small nests, scoop by the tablespoonful onto the prepared baking sheet. For larger nests, use about ½ cup. Use your thumb or the back of a

spoon (coated with cooking spray) to create an indentation at the center of each mound to form a "nest." Allow to finish cooling until firm.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 180 calories; 80 calories from fat (41 percent of total calories); 9 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 5 mg cholesterol; 25 g carbohydrate; 3 g protein; 1 g fiber; 105 mg sodium.

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Instead of waiting for tomato season, you can make a colorful, sweet and spicy salsa using kiwifruit.

Kiwi packs a punch

I watched with intrigue as a young woman at the next table picked up her teaspoon and expertly slid the edge of it between the emerald green flesh and thin brown skin of half a fuzzy kiwi she held in her other hand.



Sue Doeden
All About Food

I had noticed kiwi amid a rainbow of cut fresh fruit that was part of a lavish Sunday buffet brunch at Madden's Resort on Gull Lake in Brainerd last summer. Guest chefs from The St. Paul Grill, Paz-zaluna, R.J.'s American Grill, Tria, The Saint Paul Hotel and Enjoy! Restaurant along with Madden's chefs had prepared the feast that ended Madden's Food and Wine weekend. This year's event is scheduled for Aug. 24-26.

Although I like the sweet and tart flavor of kiwi, I opted not to add any of the cut halves from the fruit display to my plate. I wasn't sure how I would neatly remove the weird furry brown skin from the juicy flesh. The skin is completely edible – I just don't care for the feel of it in my mouth.

When I began doing some research on kiwi fruit, I discovered there is a word for the technique the young woman masterfully used for skinning her kiwi. The California Kiwifruit Commission found

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the easiest way to get the most fruit from a kiwi is to slice it in half and scoop out the flesh with a spoon. They coined the word "slooping" to describe the process.

I've been slooping my kiwi ever since.

The exterior of kiwifruit may be unappealing, but the inside is bright green speckled with tiny black seeds and an arrangement of white veins that display a sunburst pattern when the fruit is sliced through the middle. The vivid color of the flesh makes it an attractive garnish on a plate and a bright addition to a fruit salad.

Originally discovered in ancient China, the fruit made its way to other countries and became

known as the Chinese gooseberry. In 1962, a California produce dealer imported the fruit from New Zealand and dubbed it kiwifruit because it resembled the funny-looking bird of New Zealand – the fuzzy brown kiwi. In the late 1960s California farmers began growing kiwifruit, and in the 1980s I was seeing the curious-looking fruit in local grocery stores. I used a vegetable peeler to remove the skin before serving the fruit to my family.

Now shoppers are bringing home the familiar kiwi, not only for its sweet refreshing flavor, but also for its nutritional benefits. Kiwi is packed with more vitamin C than an equivalent amount of fresh orange. It's a very good source of dietary fiber and potassium.

Unusually warm days in March fooled my food cells into thinking it was chips and salsa season. Without garden-fresh tomatoes, I used chopped kiwi instead. With the addition of red onion, jalapeno, garlic, some spicy heat and a touch of honey, Kiwi Salsa is a remarkably satisfying substitute for tomato-style salsa.

Mix up some Kiwi Salsa and grab a bag of tortilla chips. It's a spicy surprise rolled up in a tortilla with some brown rice and slices of avocado and anything else you enjoy in a wrap.

Get your family into the kitchen and start slooping some kiwi. You'll have it mastered in no time.

Kiwi Salsa

5 or 6 kiwifruit, firm but ripe
¼ cup finely chopped red onion
1 jalapeno, seeds removed, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced

¼ teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon honey

Remove skin from the kiwifruit, or sloop the kiwis. Chop the fruit and transfer to a medium-sized bowl. Add red onion, jalapeno, garlic, cumin, chili powder and honey. Use a spoon to gently toss the ingredients, being sure seasonings and honey are evenly dispersed throughout. Cover and chill until serving time.

Tips from the cook

- For this recipe, use kiwis that yield slightly to pressure when gently squeezed between your thumb and forefinger.
- I use up to a teaspoon each of the ground cumin and chili powder for extra spicy heat.
- Kiwi Salsa is best eaten the day it is made.
- Find more recipes using kiwi at kiwifruit.org.



You can use Kiwi Salsa with brown rice and sliced avocado to create a sweet and spicy tortilla wrap.

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Time to get on track



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In this file photo, Mubarik Musa (center) runs during the first lap of the boys 4 X 800 relay in Slayton last season.

WHS track and field teams open up season today indoors

BY LES KNUTSON
DAILY GLOBE

WORTHINGTON — Having three full weeks of outdoor practice under their belts, more than 60 Worthington High School track and field athletes will be loading a pair of buses this afternoon and traveling to Mankato for the running of an annual indoor meet at the first-class facility on the campus of Minnesota State University.

Then, weather permitting, the Trojans will be back outside on Tuesday, competing in the annual Murray County Central Early Bird Invitational at Slayton.

"We have had three great weeks of practice, as the weather has just been ideal," exclaimed veteran co-head coach Ken Henkels, who is again — along with Doug Brands — guiding the Trojan runners, jumpers and throw-

ers. "This has been unbelievable. We started outside the first day (March 13) and had all the pits ready to go. We were able to throw, jump and run on the track right away."

The Trojans will join Waseca, Mankato West and maybe one or two other schools in today's opening meet, which allows unlimited participation per event.

"That's the nice thing about this trip," Henkels

explained. "It's a smaller meet in the number of schools competing, but each team can have as many athletes in an event as you want, which gives everyone a chance to participate."

As usual, the Trojans are high in participation numbers for track and field, as 33 boys and 29 girls are scheduled to compete today.

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Wild beat Blackhawks 5-4 in shootout



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Minnesota Wild's Cody Almond (27) fights with Chicago Blackhawks' Andrew Shaw (65) during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Chicago Sunday.

CHICAGO (AP) — Devin Setoguchi and Erik Christensen scored in a shootout to help the Minnesota Wild beat the Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 on Sunday night for their third straight victory.

Setoguchi had a goal and two assists in regulation, then sealed the victory in the third round of the shootout with a quick shot that beat Ray Emery.

Patrick Kane had the lone Chicago goal in the shootout against Josh Harding.

Kane scored his second goal in regulation, during a power play with 2:45 left in the third period, to tie it at 4. Alone in the slot, Kane converted a feed from rookie Andrew Shaw after Patrick Sharp forced Minnesota defenseman Tom Gilbert to

turn over the puck.

Dany Heatley, Kyle Brodziak and defenseman Clayton Stoner also scored Minnesota, which won in a shootout for the second straight night. Sharp and Viktor Stalberg scored for Chicago, which has lost only twice in regulation in its last 16 games (11-2-3).

Harding made 31 saves through overtime, and Emery stopped 26 shots.

Although the Blackhawks dropped their final home game of the regular season, they already had clinched a playoff spot with a 5-4 victory Saturday night in Nashville and can finish no lower than sixth in the Western Conference. They finished 27-8-6 at the United Center.

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Aldridge leads Blazers to 119-106 win over Wolves



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Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Love (42) loses the ball in an NBA basketball game Sunday in Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 26 points in his return after missing one game with a sore left elbow, leading the Portland Trail Blazers to a 119-106 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Sunday night.

Nicolas Batum added 24 points for Portland, which is 5-5 since interim coach Kaleb Canales replaced the fired Nate McMillan.

Oregon native Kevin Love had 26 points and nine

rebounds for the Timberwolves, who have lost eight of their last 10 games. Minnesota used just nine players.

Both teams have been struggling to remain in the playoff picture. The Timberwolves have had injuries, including the loss of rookie Ricky Rubio for the season, while the Blazers have been adjusting to the dismissal of McMillan and the trade of starters Marcus Camby and Gerald Wallace at the deadline.

Red Rock Conference ready to play ball



FILE PHOTO

In this file photo, Murray County Central shortstop Nate Wieneke (top) forces out Adrian's Tyler Hornstein and throws to first to complete a double play in a playoff baseball game in Adrian last season

SWC pairing with Edgerton makes the RRC a little more unpredictable

BY CHRIS MURPHY

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EDGERTON — After playing with the same players for a few years, the first day of varsity practice in any sport generally is not about the team getting a feel for one another.

For Edgerton and Southwest Christian, that's exactly what the first day of baseball practice was, as the Flying Dutchmen and the Eagles have paired up this season for the first time.

"This will definitely make an immediate impact on our program," E/SWC coach Ron Zwart said. "(SWC) basketball standouts Damon Vander Maten, Andrew Top, Dominic Nibelink, Gabe Vanderveen and Nathan Pfieffe are all very athletic and all will likely be in the starting lineup on opening day."

As for any negative effects to the pairing, Zwart is yet to find any.

"We have not experienced any growing pains or a transition period," Zwart said. "Both have been non-existent."

"The players and coaches

have meshed from day one. We have hit the ground running and have received nothing but support from the community."

Coming off a 2-15 campaign and a first-round loss to Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in the playoffs, the Flying Dutchmen will mix the new Eagles with returning starters Devin and Blake Jouvstra, Travis Pierson and D.C. Claar.

Devin (.314 batting average last season) will be called on to pitch with his brother, Blake (.426 batting average last season), either catching or in the middle of the infield.

"We will be looking to Devin and Blake to step up and provide leadership for our ball club," Zwart said.

If the Eagles are anything on the diamond like they were on the basketball court this season, E/SWC could have a huge turnaround.

"The changes brought about by the pairing will give us more run-scoring potential up and down the lineup, more team speed and some depth at the pitching position," Zwart said.

E/SWC will open up the season versus the same team which ended its season last season in R-T-R April 9.

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● Sounding off

Linjured: "This season's been, when you talk about ups and downs, this has been a lot of downs and a lot of ups."

— New York Knick guard

Jeremy Lin said regarding his season-ending surgery to repair his left knee.



● Can you believe this?

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas wide receiver Kane Whitehurst was arrested early Sunday morning for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Whitehurst, a freshman who redshirted last year for the Razorbacks, was arrested by university police and booked into the Washington County Detention Center with a bond of \$1,320. He has a court date set for Monday.

Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino says through a spokesman that he is aware of the situation and that it will be handled appropriately.

Whitehurst's arrest is the second for the Razorbacks in the last two weeks, following offensive lineman Jason Peacock's arrest in March for using a stolen debit card to buy approximately \$35 worth of gas.

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7 p.m. (ESPN2) NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: Oklahoma City Thunder at Miami Heat
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: LA Lakers at LA Clippers



Sports

Briefs

2012 AP boys' basketball awards

WORTHINGTON — Southwest Christian's Zach Huisken earned second team All-State honors from the *Associated Press*. SWC's Dominic Nibbelink and Andrew Top earned honorable mentions.

Mountain Lake/Butterfield-Odin's Beau Herrig and Carter Kirk earned honorable mentions, along with Adrian's Kyle Kilgore, Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton's Brett Peterson, Ellsworth's Casey Schilling, Windom's Jake Holt

Morgan Traylor and Mitch Weg, of Worthington's boys' basketball team, earned All-State honorable mentions as well.

Another award for Cody Schilling

BEAVERTON, Ore. — Augustana's Cody Schilling, of Ellsworth, earned an honorable-mention choice on the 2012 Division II Bulletin All-America basketball squad.

The Vikings' career scoring leader with 1,868 points, Schilling was named to the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference first team for the third time this season. He earned a spot on the Daktronics All-Central Region first team for the second-straight year. The National Association of Basketball Coaches placed him on the All-Central District first team.

Schilling capped a brilliant collegiate career in 2011-12 by leading the Vikings in scoring at 17.0 points a game and rebounding at 4.6 per contest. He was also the team leader in field goals (165), free throws (123) and free-throw percentage (87.2).

As a four-year starter, he helped the Vikings to an 80-37 record.

All Area Hoop Fest April 14

WORTHINGTON — Top area athletes, young and old, will be participating in the second annual All Area Hoop Fest April 14 at Worthington High School.

Registration for a clinic for kids in third through seventh grade is at 2:45 p.m. the day of the event. The clinic will be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A 3-point competition for area players will begin at 5 p.m.

One all area team will take on Southwest Minnesota Star 16's (class of 2014) at 6 p.m. and the other all area team will take on the Southwest Minnesota Stars 17's (class of 2013) at 7:30 p.m.

A dunk contest between all area players will start at halftime of Game 1. Round 2 of the dunk contest will be between Game 1 and Game 2 and the final round will take place at halftime of Game 2.

The third round of the 3-point contest will take place at halftime of Game 1 and the final round will take place at halftime of Game 2.

RRC: Adrian and MCC want to be outright champions this year

from Page B1

RRC co-champs Adrian return 7 lettermen

Adrian finished as co-champs in the Red Rock with a 7-3 conference record and an 11-9 overall record, including going 1-1 in the playoffs.

The Dragons lost six lettermen, including all-stater Justin Wolf along with Dru Strand, Tyler Hornstein, Zach Dingmann, Andrew Lonneman and Dustin Polzine, all of whom were all-conference.

The Dragons do return seven lettermen in Mitchell Sieve, Dalton Jeffers, Anthony Tiesler, Jake Tiede, Tony Reker, Jake Diekmann and Nate Loosbrock to mix with returning prospects Ben Mulder and Adam Garms.

"We are young and we hope to be ready for sections by year end," 18-year Adrian skipper Kevin Nowotny said. "Our strength should be our pitching, as we have a deep staff."

Adrian will take on Luverne Tuesday to open up the season.

MCC looking for deep pitching staff to win conference outright

Murray County Central shared the Red Rock Conference title with Adrian last season, going 7-3 in conference and 12-9 overall. It is not something the Huskies want to share again.

"We were kind of disappointed because we just needed to beat SWU to have the championship, but we didn't," MCC coach Tarry Boelter said. "You want to win it outright."

The Huskies return Sam Erickson, Ryan Erickson and Austin Christensen along with a not-so-new addition of Chris Halbur to the pitching rotation.

Halbur pitched well as a freshman, but required surgery on his arm and has played the last two seasons, but not pitched. In his senior season, Halbur is ready to head back to the rotation.

"Chris is an exceptional athlete, so if he can get his control back, he should be fine," Boelter said. "His velocity is there and his arm is looking good."

Catcher Trent Carlson will be the anchor of the pitching staff behind the plate and the Huskies feel comfortable up the middle with Nate Wieneke at shortstop and Austin Kluis in center field.

"We feel we have a lot of returners back and we should be right in the hunt," Boelter said. "We're really strong up the middle and we have good pitching. If anything, we need to improve on our hitting."

"I feel like we can beat anybody on any given day."

MCC will take on Adrian April 10 to open the season.

SWU proved last season it can compete with the best

Southwestern United was the only team in the Red Rock Conference to defeat both Adrian and Murray County Central last season. The Wildcats fell in the first round to Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 10-7 in the first round of the playoffs. T-M-B went on to finish third in the state.

SWU feels there is no reason why the Wildcats can't compete for a conference crown this season.

"We hope to compete in the always tough Red Rock Conference and we would like to advance to the double elimination portion of the section tournament," SWU coach Tim Owen said.

SWU lost all-section pitcher and outfielder Alex Meyer and two-time all-conference honorable mention second baseman Lukas DeWall to graduation, but return 3-year starter Luke Henkels, all-conference first baseman Austin Liepold (.352 batting average and two errors in 91 attempts last season), ace Riley Place, Jacob Olson, Jacob Post (hit .314 and was 1-1 with a 4.36 ERA last season, earning all-conference honors) and starting catcher Erik Jass.

"We will work in the early season to try and find the right combinations in the field and at the plate and hopefully by the end of the season, we can have it all figured out," Owen said. "We should be solid defensively, but will need to find ways to score runs."

SWU's opener is Tuesday versus Worthington.

ML/B-O brings veteran team to the RRC battle

Mountain Lake/Butterfield-Odin lost just two seniors from a squad that finished 8-10 overall and fourth in conference.

Two-time all-conference pitcher Beau Herrig returns to be the ace of a veteran staff and the power behind the Wolverines offense.

All-conference leadoff man Kaleb Greve also returns to the Wolverines along with all-conference honorable mention



FILE PHOTO

In this file photo, Southwestern United catcher Luke Henkels (right) prepares to throw to first base as teammate Alex Meyer looks on. Henkels returns this season, but Meyer graduated for the Wildcats.

Cody Penner. Pitcher Blake Spinks and catcher Matt Willaby also return.

Basically, the entire Wolverines team returns this season with the big missing piece being all-conference outfielder Isaac Hildebrandt, who graduated.

"We have our entire pitching staff returning," ML/B-O coach Shawn Naas said. "We have all seniors and sophomores and sophomore Carter Kirk has pitched and been a mainstay at third for us."

"Basically we have a couple spots in the outfield that are open, but other than that our lineup is intact from last year."

Not only does this senior group have experience, but it has experience winning.

"The senior group has proven in football and basketball and with Spinks and Willaby in wrestling that they have learned how to win," Naas said. "They've had a great deal of success and they want to end on a high note with a run in the section tournament."

ML/B-O will play Edgerton/SWC April 10 to start the season.

RRC/W-WG a strike zone away from competing

Last season, Red Rock Central/Westbrook-Walnut Grove had six players with batting averages above .300, hit .316 as a team, while stealing 78 bases in 84 attempts. Problem for the Falcons was the team gave up 9.5 runs per game, leading to a 6-14 overall record last season.

"If you go into games and walk five guys and make five errors, you will probably lose," RRC/W-WG coach Derrick Jenniges said. "Those are the things we have to improve on."

RRC/W-WG did not graduate any seniors from the team last season, returning two five-year lettermen in all-conference award winner Dylan Bunting (.376 batting average last season) and all-conference honorable mention Taylor Vollmer.

Daniel Maras returns after hitting .377 and stealing 20 bases last season to lead off for the Falcons.

Jacob Connick, who led the team in innings pitched, wins and extra-base hits, while hit-

ting .378, returns along with two-time all-conference winner Logan Willhite.

There is veteran leadership everywhere on the field with two-year starter at shortstop in Jeff DeCock, senior pitcher Bryan Bierl, power-hitting lefty Henry Rogotzke and center-fielder Andrew Merrick, who stole 17 bases a season ago.

"We got a lot of bodies and a lot of experience," Jenniges said. "The two weeks of the season are going to tell us what we're in store for in terms of getting momentum and confidence."

"We had high expectations last year and we got off to a rough start. "We play six games in the next two weeks and they are going to tell us what we're dealing with. We are going to be able to score some runs, but we need to find guys that are going to consistently throw strikes."

RRC/W-WG open up the season today at Minneota.

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WILD: Minnesota blows 4-2 lead, but gives up one goal in shootout

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Despite the shootout loss, Chicago improved to 98 points, tied with Nashville for third in the Central Division and fifth in the West. The Predators, however, have played one fewer game.

Chicago is in the postseason for the fourth straight season after missing the playoffs in nine of 10 previous years.

The team that finishes sixth in the West will meet the third seed from the conference —this year, the winner of the Pacific Division — in the opening playoff round. The sixth seed — Chicago, Detroit or Nashville — is assured of finishing with a better regular-season record than winner of the Pacific.

Setoguchi opened the scoring at 10:11 of the first on a breakaway after taking Heatley's long feed. Crawford made a pad save on Setoguchi's first shot, but the puck trickled underneath him, and Setoguchi stopped and slammed it in.

Sharp tied it 34 seconds later. He connected from the slot after taking a centering pass from defenseman Nick

Leddy, who had carried the puck in all the way down right wing.

Heatley's tap-in power-play goal, capping a neat cross-ice passing play with Mikko Koivu and Setoguchi, put Minnesota ahead 2-1 just over 3 minutes later.

Stalberg slipped past the Minnesota defense, took a feed from Brent Seabrook, cut to the net and tied it at 2

at 5:28 of the second.

But Stoner pinched in and scored on a rebound of Setoguchi's jam-in attempt 20 seconds later to put Minnesota back in front, 3-2. Then Brodziak added his 22nd goal, sweeping in a rebound while tumbling to the ice, 41 seconds later to make it 4-2. Kane cut it to 4-3 on a shot from the right circle at 8:20.

Kansas, Kentucky to meet in power-program final

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jayhawks or Wildcats, take your pick. Either can make a case for this being "their" year.

For Kansas, a season that started with low expectations keeps getting better, filled with high-wire comebacks and an inescapable feeling that this was simply meant to be.

For Kentucky, a cadre of NBA-caliber players have had the word "champion" practically imprinted on their chests since they gathered at Rupp Arena for the season's first practice.

They meet Monday for the NCAA championship, a history-filled matchup between the two winningest programs in college basketball history. This is the one-and-dones at Kentucky vs. juniors and seniors at Kansas; Anthony Davis vs. Thomas Robinson in a front-court battle of All-Americans; a title-game coaching rematch between John Calipari and Bill Self; a high-stakes meet-

ing between one team whose founder invented the game and another that likes to claim its legendary coach perfected it.

Kentucky (37-2), in search of its eighth national title but its first since 1998, has five, maybe six, players who will be playing in the NBA soon. Most are freshmen and sophomores. None are better than Davis, the 6-foot-10 freshman who had 18 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks in Kentucky's 69-61 win over Louisville in the semifinals.

"Anthony Davis is a great player, but he's not Superman," Self said, clearly ignoring the fact that, only moments earlier, Davis had been walking around the Superdome with his practice jersey slung across his shoulders like a cape.

As he has all year and all tournament, Calipari has not so much defended as explained his coaching philosophy, which is to go after the very best players and not demand they graduate, but only that they play team bas-



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Kentucky head coach John Calipari talks with Kansas head coach Bill Self (right) during a television interview at the NCAA Final Four college basketball tournament Sunday in New Orleans.

ketball for whatever amount of time they spend in the Commonwealth.

"I don't like the rules," Calipari said. "I want Anthony to come back and be my point guard next year. It's really what I want. There's

only two solutions to it. Either I can recruit players who are not as good as the players I'm recruiting or I can try to convince guys who should leave to stay for me."

He won't do either. By pulling no punches, the

coach finds himself working with the most talent — Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist are likely lottery picks, while Terrence Jones, Marquis Teague and Doron Lamb are among the others with first-round potential.

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TRACK: Coriolan returns to lead girls

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“We are really looking forward to the season,” stressed Henkels. “We did graduate a lot of quality performers from last season, but we have a lot of great kids returning and we are excited about the potential of lots of the younger athletes and some first-year track and field kids, too.”

Rodriguez, Spittle, Weg, Musa, Dudley are proven performers for Trojan boys

While graduation took some toll on the Worthington girls, the Trojans boys were really hit hard.

A total of 13 athletes scored more than 100 points for the highly-successful 2011 WHS boys’ track and field team.

Unfortunately, seven of them were seniors and another, Omot Okello — a state meet-qualifier in the 110-meter high hurdles in 2011 as a sophomore — has moved to Austin.

But, five of those 100-point plus scorers are back, including senior sprinter Danny Rodriguez, who racked up 174 points last spring, scoring in both dashes and in the long jump, as well as running on Trojan sprint relay teams.

Junior Ethan Spittle was also a big scorer for the Trojans in 2011, competing in races of all distances. But he and Rodriguez are the only two of Worthington’s top seven scorers returning from last year.

Brandon Berger, O.J. Ojulu, Jeremy Clark and Will Collin finished 1-3-5-6 in scoring, respectively, last spring and ran together at Hamline University in St. Paul as members of the Class A state championship 4x400-meter relay team.

Two-time state-meet shot put placer Jordon Bents was Worthington’s seventh leading point producer last season and he, too, has graduated.

Jalen Voss (discus, shot) and Nathan Mejia (multiple-purpose runner, triple jumper) both also scored more than 100 points last season for the Trojans, who won numerous team titles, including a fourth straight South-west Conference champi-

onship and a repeat Section 3A crown.

Joining Rodriguez and Spittle as proven performers for the 2012 boys are senior Mitch Weg (high jump, triple jump, discus), senior distance ace Mubarik Musa and sophomore pole vaulter Will Dudley.

“Those five all had big seasons last year,” summed up Henkels, who noted that sprinter-hurdler Jordan Balster, middle distance runner Othowo Omot, pole vaulter Junior Nguyen and sprinter Rudy Ramirez were also key performers for the 2011 Trojans who have graduated.

“We had 11 really good seniors last year,” noted Henkels. “That’s why we had such great team success.”

But Henkels is enthusiastic about this year’s prospects, as Rodriquez returns with as much speed as anyone in the area, Spittle’s versatility is a definite positive factor, Weg is a top-flight all-around athlete, Musa is one of the state’s premier distance runners and Dudley is a capable sprinter, as well as being one of the area’s best vaulters.

“Danny had a great season last spring and Ethan can run any distance, which makes him very valuable,” noted Henkels. “We know that Mitch will score points in his field events and Mubarik will win lots of races. Will has already cleared 12 feet and will go higher when the meet competition starts.”

Musa was the Class A state champion in the 1,600-meter run two seasons ago as a sophomore in 2010 and has enjoyed a fabulous career as both a miler and two-miler for the Trojans.

Senior hurdler Tyler Hunt, junior sprinters Dylan Gravenhof, Jon Vorwald and Josh Vander Veen, along with junior high jumper/sprinter Morgan Traylor and sophomore sprinters Jessie Guerra and Marcus Potter were all strong performers for WHS in 2011 and look to be leaders for the Trojans this spring, as the competition for relay positions may be a team strength.

“We have a bunch of good sprinters returning,”

praised Henkels. “Hopefully, that will lead to some competitive relay teams.”

Junior distance runners Nathan Landwehr, Gordy Moore and Ian Stewart are each coming off of fine cross country seasons and should score points for the Trojans this spring in the 1,600 and 3,200. Sophomore Matt Jirele is a top distance-running prospect and juniors Thomas Burns and Caleb Wede, along with sophomore Desalegn Zemenfes and eighth-grader Ammanuel Fissiha will give Henkels lots of depth in the long races.

“We’ve got good depth among our distance runners, which is a plus,” Henkels said. “We have some good prospects among our sprinters and hurdlers, too.”

Joining Hunt in the hurdles will be sophomore Brandon Gray and eighth-grade prospect Gbrown Ochothow, while senior Robert Cambara and juniors Jacob Prins and Peter Scholtes provide additional sprinting depth.

Juniors Randy Traylor, Keith Ailts and Mark Landberg are three of the Trojans’ top throwers, while sophomore Joey Mills is a pole vaulter.

Two prospects with lots of potential are sophomore Spencer Grafiing, who can run middle distance races very well and freshman Oliver Wolyneic, who is coming off a great winter of swimming.

“Oliver lettered last fall in his first season of cross country,” noted Henkels. “He is looking very strong this spring, after swimming all winter. He’s been up front in a lot of our workouts.”

So with a combination of several experienced veterans and a great mix of an abundance of numbers — enough to fill all of the events, the potential for another fine spring season for the Worthington boys’ track and field team is a definite possibility.

Svalland, Coriolan, Keodouangsy, Juber among top WHS girls

While Sarah Cham, a four-time medalist at the state meet in the triple jump, has graduated and five other high-scoring girls — Cassie Landgaard, Ellen



FILE PHOTO

In this file photo, Trojan Tara Svalland clears the bar in the high jump event during track meet in Slayton last season.

Dudley, Samantha Thuringer, Marin Korthals and Chelsea Schmitz — also received WHS diplomas last spring, the Trojans do return several stellar performers from 2011.

High jumper Tara Svalland, a junior who also excels for WHS in volleyball and gymnastics, scored 203 points for the Trojans last spring. Not only is she one of the best high jumpers in the area, she is also a capable sprinter.

Juniors Whitney Coriolan and Alina Keodouangsy are both fast and return with lots of varsity experience. Coriolan, who is “tough in the 300,” according to Henkels, runs both the 100-meter high hurdles and the 300-meter lows, as well as running on Worthington’s 4x400-meter relay.

“I am looking for Whitney to have a good year in both hurdle races,” said Henkels, who noted that the area, which has been loaded with outstanding girl hurdlers the past several springs, graduated many top-flight athletes from those two events in 2011.

Keodouangsy is a sprinter, a fine relay runner and may also compete in the long jump this spring.

Juber, a senior, leads the WHS girls’ distance-running corps. She ran a 5:36 mile last season and will again be one of the premier 1,600-meter runners in the area.

“Megan is in great shape,” praises Henkels of Juber, who has already had stellar volleyball and basketball seasons during her senior campaign.

Joining Juber in the distance races will be a trio of letterwinners — all with cross country experience, as well. Junior Stephanie Jaycox, freshman Alecia Darling and eighth-grader Meredith Moore each scored valuable points for WHS last spring and will likely show improvement as 2012 unfolds.

Freshmen Olivia Ebbers, Jessica Arnt, Katherine Luke and Hope Reeves, along with eighth-graders Emma Gerber and Shelby Kingery, provide additional distance-running depth for the Trojans.

Senior Lexy Teerink heads up the WHS throwers, having scored points in the shot put last spring. She is also a capable discus thrower and will be joined in the rings by and freshman prospects Maer Abella, Achan Alwal, Zalea Ham-

blin, Zory Hamblin and Elyzabeth Coriolan.

Junior Elizabeth Luke and sophomore Sade Potter will bolster the Trojans in sprinting events and challenge for relay positions, as will freshman Carsen Wetzel, who is top hurdling prospect.

“We have quite a good group of freshman,” declares Henkels. “There’s 15 of them and they will get better as they get used to their events and to competition. I am excited about the potential of these younger girls, they are going to help us.”

Kacey Contreras, Adyiam Kimbrough, Brianna Kempema and Meydee Okollo are freshman sprinting candidates for the Trojans.

Henkels will be looking to fill spots on the Trojans relays, “as graduation really took a toll on them,” and is also looking for a top pole vaulter to fill the void left by Dudley, who was one of the area’s best for several seasons.

Sophomores Traci Prins and Ariana Lopez (who can also run distance) are two pole vault prospects for the Trojans, along with juniors Brandi Williams and German foreign-exchange student Sarah Weiser.

Cards win doubles tournament

DAILY GLOBE

ST. PETER — The Luverne boys’ tennis team was crowned the champion of the St. James 2012 doubles tournament Saturday, going 3-0 on the day.

In their first game, the Cardinals defeated St. Peter 3-2.

Joey and Jonny Vajgrt defeated Spencer Gault and Sam Peterson 6-3, 0-6, 10-7 in No. 1 doubles.

Dustin Deutsch and Andrew Jelken defeated Carl Miller and Noah Adamson 3-6, 6-2, 11-9 in No. 4 doubles.

And Austin Stroeh and Hunter Robinson defeated Avery Buchman and Zeke Haugen 7-6, 3-6, 10-6 in No. 5 doubles,

In their second game of the

tournament, the Cardinals shutout Fairbault 5-0.

The Vajgrt’s defeated Dat Truang and Ryder Ross 6-2, 6-1 in No. 1 doubles. Scott Nelson and Blake Ziegler defeat-

ed Matt Welborn and Adam Kern 6-2, 6-2 in No. 2 doubles. Ethan Johnson and Nathan Stensland-Bos defeat-

ed Nick Anderson and Peter Hoppnes 6-2, 6-1 in No. 3 doubles. Deutsch and Jelken defeated Jacob Heppner and Logan Gregerson 6-0, 6-1 in No. 4 doubles. And Stroeh and Zach Gillette defeated Andy Silva and Noah Gregerson 6-0, 6-0 in No. 5 doubles.

In the third game of the tournament, Luverne defeated St. James 4-1.

The Vajgrt’s defeated Taylor Berg and Earl Augst 6-2, 6-2 in No. 1 doubles.

Johnson and Stensland-Bos defeated Brock Mueller and Wille Runge 6-1, 6-3 in No. 3 doubles. Deutsch and Jelken defeated Aldair Trujillo and Michael Hedlund 6-3, 6-0 in No. 4 doubles. And Robinson and Gillette defeated Cole Skow and John Foss 6-1, 6-2 in No. 5 doubles.

“We really played well in our matches, even the ones we lost,” Luverne coach Greg Antoine said. “We were really pleased with the efforts and the outcome. It was really encouraging to see us at this level early in the season.”

Luverne will take on Vermillion (S.D.) on April 10 at home.

Newman wins wild finish at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) —Ryan Newman needed help and was running out of time. Finally, Clint Bowyer provided an opening with two laps to go at Martinsville Speedway.

Bowyer’s aggressive move took out race leaders Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson entering the first turn, allowing Newman to slide into the lead, and he held off A.J. Allmendinger and Dale Earnhardt Jr. on another restart for his first win in 23 races.

“We were not a dominate race car,” Newman said. “Clint kind of cleared out Turn One for us and we were fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time.”

The reverse was true for Gordon, who led 328 laps, and Johnson, who led 112. The Hendrick Motorsports teammates seemed poised to battle it out to see which one would give owner Rick Hendrick

his 200th Sprint Cup victory, and neither had a chance in the end.

“Jeff and I had been the class of the field so I really thought it was going to be a race between the two of us, and it certainly didn’t turn out that way,” Johnson said.

He wound up 12th, and Gordon was 14th.

Of the restart, Johnson said: “That inside lane is awfully inviting at times to dive-bomb on people. The No. 15 (Bowyer) threw a dive-bomb in there. I’m sure once he got in there, he realized it wasn’t the best idea. It turned me around. It turned the No. 24 around.”

Gordon angrily sought out Bowyer after the race, and heard the whole story.

“He said he got hit from behind by the 39 (Newman),” Gordon said. “I had nowhere to go. Jimmie had nowhere to go. It was pretty unfortunate.

... I didn’t want to see that last caution. We had such a great battle with (Johnson). ... It was going to be an interesting race.

“That’s just the way our year’s been going. It can’t go on like this forever.”

Gordon improved three spots in the points standings, but is still just 22nd.

Newman’s performance drew praise from car owner Tony Stewart.

“pI’m ecstatic for Ryan,” the defending series champion said. “I got to see it on the replay during the caution after all the havoc broke loose. Ryan made an awesome move to the bottom. He was heads up to get in the gas and through that hole before it closed up.”

Allmendinger was second, followed by Earnhardt, Matt Kenseth and Martin Truex Jr.

Lady Jays swept in doubleheader vs. St. Cloud Tech

DAILY GLOBE

ST. CLOUD — The Minnesota softball team did not have the weekend it was hoping for.

The Lady Jays dropped each of their games in a Saturday doubleheader against St. Cloud Tech, making their record 3-4 on the season.

The first game was brutal for MW. The Lady Jays lost 20-8 in five innings in that contest.

The game was close entering the fourth inning, with MW trailing 10-8. But a 10-run fourth inning for SCT was enough to end the game.

MW finished the game with 10 hits and seven

errors. Pitcher Erin Ebbers received the loss, tossing 2 1/3 innings. Ebbers and Katherine Kazemba combined for 12 walks in the loss.

“All you have to do is look at the stats of that game to see how it went,” MW coach Rosalie Hayenga-Hostikka said. “You’re not going to win a game at any level, let alone the college level, with 12 walks and seven errors. It’s frustrating because we thought we were getting better each game and we’re disappointed with how these games went. We can’t let games like this happen. We won’t win another game all year if this happens.”

Things turned around somewhat for the Lady Jays in the second game.

MW scored six quick runs in the first two innings to take a 6-0 lead. An additional run in the fourth made the score 7-0.

But SCT stormed right back. The home team scored seven runs in the fourth through sixth innings to tie the score at 7- all.

And SCT scored a final run in the bottom of the seventh on an infield hit to win the ballgame 8-7.

The most disappointing part of that game for MW was that six of SCT’s eight runs were unearned. An error was followed up with

a three-run homerun and a couple more walks and errors led to more unearned runs.

“We jumped out on top early and then held them right to the end,” Hayenga-Hostikka said. “Those unearned runs were disappointing. We had a couple of bad innings and we just stopped getting hits. It was frustrating.”

MW’s next game is at home Tuesday in a doubleheader against Ridgewater.

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Bluejays drop four games Friday and Saturday

DAILY GLOBE

COON RAPIDS — The Minnesota West baseball team dropped the four games it played in the Anoka Tri over the weekend.

On Friday, the Bluejays were shutout by Anoka-Ramsey 5-0 and then lost in extra innings to Mesabi Range 9-5.

In the game against MR, the Bluejays came back from behind to tie the game at 5-all. But MR hit a grand slam in the eighth inning to win the game.

On Saturday, MW lost again to Mesabi Range 6-1 and then lost in extra innings to Anoka-Ramsey 5-4.

The Bluejays were leading the Golden Rams 4-2 in the seventh, but A-R managed to tie the game and then win it in the eighth inning.

In that game, Deshawn Lawrence hit the team’s first homerun of the season when he hit a two-run blast in the third inning.

All in all, though, it was a tough weekend for the Bluejays. MW dropped to 1-9 on the year.

“Our defense was solid and the only time we had to take out a starting pitcher was in the eighth inning against Mesabi on Friday,” MW coach Jeff Linder said. “We just can’t seem to get those timely hits. We didn’t give up any major errors and we didn’t walk that many people. We just need something to go our way.”

“We’ve had some rough losses, but they’re heads are still up. And that’s all you can ask as a coach.”

Briefs

Lutz Pharmacy sells to Astrup Drug

ALTOONA, Iowa — Lutz Pharmacy and Professional Compounding of Altoona has announced that it is selling to Astrup Drug Inc. of Austin. based in Austin.

Since 1974, Lutz Pharmacy has served the needs of Altoona and the Des Moines metro area. In the early 1980s, owners Gene & Susan Lutz began serving long-term care facilities and the needs of their patients. In 2007 they added a second pharmacy (Lutz Long Term Care Pharmacy) to focus on the long-term care side of their business.

The addition of Lutz Pharmacy will become Astrup's 13th location. Astrup has pharmacies in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa, operating under the names of Sterling and Smart Pharmacy including: Adrian, Albert Lea, Austin, Buffalo, Byron, Fairmont, Faribault, Hastings, Owatonna, Worthington (all in Minnesota) and Osage, Iowa. "The acquisition of Lutz Pharmacy and Professional Compounding and Lutz Long Term Care expands our ability to serve long term care facilities and provides us with an opportunity to add a more robust compounding practice," said Tim Gallagher, COO at Astrup Drug Inc., in a press release.

Cooperative Electric meeting set

WORTHINGTON — Nobles Cooperative Electric's 2012 Annual Meeting for members was March 24 at the Worthington High School gymnasium.

Three directors of Nobles Cooperative Electric were elected to the board of directors at the cooperative's annual meeting. Incumbent directors Ronald Schwartzau, Gary Sieve and Lee York were re-elected to three-year terms.

At the organizational meeting immediately after the annual meeting, Ronald Schwartzau was re-elected president, Lee York elected vice president and David Clarke elected secretary/treasurer.

Two nominating committee members were also elected for three-year terms: Lynn Miller and Gary Carlson.

Nobles Cooperative Electric serves approximately 4,900 members in Murray and Nobles Counties with a strong commitment to the communities it serves.

Area businesses have shot at \$5,000

WORTHINGTON — Area businesses each have a chance to win \$5,000.

Through a giveaway with the television program "Our Story: Small town living at its best," 200 regional businesses will have an opportunity for the grand prize.

A few years ago, a simple TV show began.

"We wanted to do something extra to help promote our town and our businesses, so we decided to do a TV show," said Jeff Rouse, executive producer of the show. "We went ahead and did it and we did it in our own community and put it on the

Internet. Much to our surprise, when it hit the Internet, businesses and towns from all over started contacting us saying, 'We love what you're doing for your town, why can't you do it for ours?'"

Five years later, the show has featured 110 towns and is shown in 1.3 million households in a four-state area.

"It's grown by quite a bit," Rouse said.

With their success, the organization wanted to give back to small businesses.

"We wanted to make a difference in their business," he said. "All these small businesses, in my humble opinion, are working very hard to

make a difference in their communities. If there is any way that we can help them, I think it's safe to say everyone wants to do that whenever possible."

Rouse and the volunteer group for the show wanted to make a difference for a small business. Cash was the obvious choice.

So an idea was born. A total of 200 businesses were chosen to participate, including from Worthington, Adrian, Luverne and Windom.

Businesses will be awarded the cash prize based on online voting at www.give-away.ourstorymn.com. The voting opened on

April 1 and will run the entire month, with the money to be presented a few days after the voting is finished.

"When they win, there is no strings attached to their \$5,000," Rouse said. "They can use it for however they see fit. I will say, some of the people in the giveaway have said their plans are to give it to a non-profit or a cause in their own community."

Here is a list of the businesses within the area:

Worthington: Pawn It Inc., McCarthy's Floral, Schafer's Health & Gifts, Johnson Jewelry, Schwalbach Ace Hardware

Adrian: Adrian State

Bank, Sports Page Bar, Country Inn Steakhouse, Closet to Closet.

Luverne: Those Blasted Things & Luverne Monuments, Luverne Area Chamber, Luverne Farm Show, Glenn's Food Store.

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Marco employees receive \$2.1 million in stock

WORTHINGTON — Marco has announced that it distributed \$2.1 million in stock benefits for fiscal 2011 to eligible employees. The 421 employees celebrated last week at the annual shareholders' meeting where they learned about Marco's 17.2 percent stock appreciation and received a certificate

identifying their ownership stake.

Marco increased its market share and employee base last year through two acquisitions. Marco bought the copier and printer sales and service division of Office Enterprises in Eau Claire, Wis. The company further expanded its reach in South

Dakota with the addition of Best Business Products, a Sioux Falls-based copier and print solutions provider with locations throughout South Dakota and Marshall.

Becoming an ESOP has helped Marco attract and retain long-term employees who understand their role in the company's performance.

The company added 99 new jobs last year throughout its 20 locations in the Upper Midwest; 22 of those jobs were added at its corporate headquarters in St. Cloud.

Marco specializes in data networking and security, converged voice applications, print and document management, managed serv-

ices, audio/video for training and meeting rooms, digital signage, and video surveillance solutions. Marco serves customers throughout the Upper Midwest and nationally with offices in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa.

Relief spreads as cruise ship safe in Malaysia

SANDAKAN, Malaysia (AP) — Smiling passengers voiced relief and gratitude after safely leaving a fire-damaged luxury cruise ship that was stranded at sea for 24 hours and limped without air-conditioning into a Malaysian port Sunday.

The Azamara Quest drifted off the southern Philippines with 1,000 people aboard after flames engulfed one of its engine rooms Friday, injuring five crew members. It restored propulsion the next night and reached the harbor of Sandakan city in Malaysia's eastern state of Sabah on Borneo island late Sunday.

Two ambulances came out of the port shortly after the ship docked, followed more than two hours later around midnight by a fleet of buses taking passengers to hotels. Inside the buses, several people appeared tired, but many others smiled and one man waved to reporters waiting outside the port.

Malaysian police and consular officials from countries including the U.S., Britain and Canada were also present.

"I'm glad I'm safe," ship passenger Dorothy Irvine, a retired school principal from Toronto, told reporters at a Sandakan hotel. "The Azamara crew kept us informed all the time and went beyond the call of duty. The captain was phenomenal."

Margaret Whawell, of Melbourne, Australia, said there had been "no panic, no chaos, everything was under control."

It was the latest in a series of accidents hitting luxury cruise liners since January, when the Costa Concordia capsized off the coast of Italy, killing 32 people.

Port officials stopped journalists from approaching the Azamara Quest on Sunday because of what a Malaysian agent for the ship's operator said was part of the company's instructions.

"Everything is normal except that it's very hot here because there is no air conditioning," New Zealand Deputy High Commissioner Brian Smythe told reporters before the passengers disembarked. "The New Zealanders I spoke to are fine. They were well taken care of."

The fire on the Azamara Quest had been extinguished immediately, but five crew members suffered smoke inhalation, including one who was seriously injured and needed hospital care, the ship's operator has said.

A Sandakan hospital staff member said a Guatemalan man was being treated, but could not give other details.

The 11-deck vessel, which features a casino, spa and shopping boutiques, was carrying 590 passengers and 411 crew members. More than one-third, or 201, of the pas-



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In this handout photo taken Saturday and released Sunday by the Philippine Air Force, the stricken cruise ship Azamara Quest is seen in the Sulu Sea, southern Philippines. The cruise ship with 1,000 people on board that had drifted for 24 hours after being disabled by a fire was headed toward Malaysia following repairs and was expected to reach shore Sunday, the ship's company said.

sengers were American, according to lists of passenger and crew nationalities provided by the ship captain to the Philippine coast guard.

The passengers from 25 countries also included 98 from Britain, 89 from Australia, 45 from Canada, 39 from Germany, 32 from Austria, 16 from Belgium, 14 from New Zealand and 14

from Switzerland.

Azamara Club Cruises, the ship's Miami, Fla.-based operator, said in a statement earlier Sunday that the ship was sailing at a top speed of only 6 knots (11 kilometers or 6.9 miles per hour) to reach Sandakan.

Company president Larry Pimentel is expected to meet with the passengers and

crew in Sandakan by Monday.

Engineers on Saturday morning restored electricity in the ship to re-establish essentials including running water, plumbing, refrigeration and food preparation, the company said.

The company said the rest of the cruise would be canceled.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

WEEKLY STOCK EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS				
NYSE				
8,206.93 +26.87				
AMEX				
2,405.92 -1.20				
NASDAQ				
3,091.57 +23.65				
GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
CSVinVNG	95.09	+25.39	+36.4	
XinyuanRE	3.47	+1.81	+51.5	
TrnsRty	2.41	+0.55	+22.6	
ProUSHNG	148.04	+26.19	+23.5	
Pentair	47.61	+8.74	+22.5	
XuedaEd	4.10	+0.73	+21.7	
EPAM SV	n20.52	+3.42	+20.0	
BIPNG	3.80	+0.49	+12.7	
GlobalCash	7.80	+1.16	+17.5	
AIQ wt	10.64	+1.54	+16.9	
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
CSVinVNG	95.09	-25.39	-36.4	
XinyuanRE	3.47	-1.81	-51.5	
TrnsRty	2.41	-0.55	-22.6	
ProUSHNG	148.04	-26.19	-23.5	
Pentair	47.61	-8.74	-22.5	
XuedaEd	4.10	-0.73	-21.7	
EPAM SV	n20.52	-3.42	-20.0	
BIPNG	3.80	-0.49	-12.7	
GlobalCash	7.80	-1.16	-17.5	
AIQ wt	10.64	-1.54	-16.9	
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
BkoAm	11856123	9.57	-28	
S&P500ETF	6047378140	81.11	-16	
SPDR Fnd4180207	15.80	+0.07		
Bar fIVv	2678641	16.78	-52	
SPHMS	2467355	42.95	+05	
SprintNex	2424222	28.81	+13	
ISHREK	2163798	20.07	+29	
PIZER	1941173	22.65	-83	
FordM	1880892	12.48	+26	
DIARY				
Advanced	1,816			
Declined	1,340			
New Highs	315			
New Lows	51			
Total issues	3,213			
Unchanged	57			
Volume	17,956,097,257			
AMEX				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
MGTCap	5.18	+0.38	+93.2	
GoldRsv	3.98	+0.97	+32.2	
AvalonHd	5.60	+1.08	+23.8	
MastechH	6.25	+0.92	+17.3	
AmDGEN	2.12	+0.28	+15.2	
WzdSitr	2.34	+0.27	+13.0	
Frisch	26.95	+2.44	+10.0	
Argan	16.04	+1.44	+9.3	
AbnChile	19.23	+1.59	+9.0	
SL Ind	19.57	+1.56	+8.7	
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
FieldPnt	4.51	-1.21	-21.2	
DocuSec	3.02	-0.54	-15.2	
VoyagerOG	3.43	-0.37	-12.3	
Samwell	3.30	-0.49	-12.9	
Richmnt	7.78	-1.12	-12.6	
SagaComm	35.80	-4.21	-10.5	
Aeroseonic	2.46	-0.26	-9.7	
AdmRsc	57.18	-5.79	-9.9	
ImpacMkt	2.33	-0.21	-8.3	
Cheniere	21.30	-1.71	-7.4	
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
CheniereEn	220428	14.98	+59	
NovaGld	197397	7.18	+17	
Rentech	173639	2.08	-02	
NwGold	168500	9.88	+50	
ParaElg	137882	6.28	+27	
GoldStr	83498	1.86	+09	
AntaresP	68693	3.23	+04	
AvainRsc	65389	2.99	+06	
VantageDr	64326	1.60	-04	
ParaG&S	63916	2.26	-16	
DIARY				
Advanced	274			
Declined	234			
New Highs	23			
New Lows	13			
Total issues	2,745			
Unchanged	58			
Volume	398,729,410			
NASDAQ				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
OptiBkr	3.52	+2.81	+395.8	
PrncNtl	3.69	+2.06	+266.4	
SpanBrd	6.75	+2.67	+265.4	
Amylin	24.96	+9.44	+60.8	
SCmtlyl	9.69	+2.85	+41.7	
SoCmlyF	2.62	+0.71	+37.2	
Venium	4.15	+1.07	+34.7	
DeerConsu	2.89	+0.69	+31.4	
NwCentBcp	3.34	+0.79	+30.9	
LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
Astealntl	3.35	-2.48	-42.5	
ChesleaTh	2.56	-1.06	-29.3	
BosfPvt	3.37	-1.26	-27.2	
SmithHeat	2.73	-0.99	-26.6	
ReconT	2.18	-0.78	-26.4	
AudCodes	2.72	-0.80	-22.7	
USHmsFy	9.32	-2.72	-22.6	
SwisherFy	2.46	-0.69	-21.9	
SabaSoftw	9.81	-2.74	-21.8	
ClevBiol	2.46	-0.49	-16.6	
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	
SiriusXM	3275866	2.31	+05	
MicroN	2048967	8.10	-31	
PwShts	QQO197497167	55	+61	
CSco	1840929	21.15	+62	
Microsoft	1803997	32.26	+25	
ArenaPhm	1720814	3.08	+67	
Intel	1668106	28.12	+24	
ReschMot	1610460	14.70	+104	
Oracle	1553421	28.16	+61	
FrontierCm	1124769	4.17	-02	
DIARY				
Advanced	1,409			
Declined	1,278			
New Highs	348			
New Lows	13			
Total issues	2,745			
Unchanged	58			
Volume	8,558,312,456			

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST													
Name	Ex	Div	Last	Wk Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Ex	Div	Last	Wk Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	NY	1.76	31.23	-29	-0.9	+3.3	Intel	Nasd	84	281.2	+24	+0.9	+15.9
AlcatelLuc	NY	...	2.27	-0.04	-1.7	+45.5	IBM	NY	3.00	208.65	+31.7	+1.5	+33.5
Alcoa	NY	12	10.02	-0.9	-0.9	+15.8	JPMorgan	NY	1.20	45.98	+82	+1.8	+38.3
Altria	NY	1.64	30.87	+4.7	+1.5	+4.1	JohJnJn	NY	2.28	65.56	+14.1	+2.2	+1.4
Apple Inc	Nasd	10.60	599.55	+3.50	+0.6	+48.0	MDU Res	NY	0.7	22.39	+27	+1.2	+4.3
ArchDan	NY	70	31.66	-2.0	-0.6	+10.7	MicroN	Nasd	...	8.10	-3.1	-3.6	+28.1
ArenaPhm	Nasd	...	3.08	+67	+27.6	+64.4	Microsoft	Nasd	80	32.26	+25	+0.8	+24.2
BkoAm	NY	0.4	9.57	-28	-2.8	+72.1	MorgStan	NY	20	19.64	-69	-3.4	+29.8
BarPvix	NY	16.78	-52	-3.0	-52.8	...	NewellRub	NY	32	17.31	-31	-1.7	+1.4
BestBuy	NY	64	23.68	-3.83	-13.9	+1.3	NokiaCp	NY	1.26	5.49	+20	+3.8	+19.9
Boeing	NY	1.76	74.37	+4.0	+0.5	+1.4	Oracle	Nasd	24	29.16	+61	+2.1	+3.7
CampSp	NY	1.16	33.85	+9.7	+3.0	+1.8	Pennney	NY	80	35.43	-62	-1.7	+8
Casays	Nasd	60	55.46	+1.15	+2.1	+7.7	PepsiCo	NY	2.06	66.35	+105	+1.6	+2.6
Caterpillar	NY	1.84	106.52	-1.31	-1.2	+17.6	Pfizer	NY	88	66.35	+37	+0.6	+1.6
Cisco	Nasd	32	21.15	+62	+3.0	+17.4	PhilipMor	NY	3.08	88.61	+25.5	+3.0	+12.9
Cnrgns	NY	0.4	36.55	-58	-1.6	+38.9	PwShts	QQO Nasd	49	67.55	+61	+0.9	+21.0
CocaCola	NY	2.04	74.01	+2.52	+3.5	+5.8	Ravenind	Nasd	84	61.01	+114	+1.9	+1.4
ConAgra	NY	96	26.26	+2.1	+0.8	-5	RegionsF	NY	0.4	6.59	+16	+2.5	+33.3
ConocPhil	NY	2.64	76.01	-50	-0.7	+4.3	RschMot	Nasd	14.70	10.04	+7.6	+1.4	...
Deere	NY	1.84	80.90	+5.2	+0.6	+4.6	S&P500ETF	NY	2.64	140.81	+1.16	+0.8	+12.2
EmcgrMbl	NY	1.88	86.73	+1.18	+1.4	+2.3	Schwab	NY	24	14.37	-65	-4.3	+27.6
ExonMl	NY	20	12.48	+26	+2.1	+15.9	SearsHdgs	Nasd	33	66.25	-61	-1.1	-8.4
FMCO	NY	1.25	30.04	+44	+1.1	+3.4	SIRIUS M	Nasd	...	2.31	+0.5	+2.2	+26.9
GenCorp	Nasd	40	4.17	-0.2	-0.5	+4.5	US Bancorp	NY	78	23.18	+18	+0.7	+1.7
GenElec	NY	68	28.07	+29	+1.5	+12.1	SPDR Finl	NY	22	15.80	+0.7	+0.4	+2.1
GenMills	NY	1.22	39.45	+60	+1.5	+2.4	3M Co	NY	2.36	89.21	+75	+0.8	+9.2
Hallibur	NY	36	33.19	-23	-0.7	-3.8	Toro Co	NY	88	71.11	+107	+1.5	+17.2
HonWlflnt	NY	1.49	61.05	+89	+1.5	+12.3	UnionPac	NY	2.40	107.48	-14.1	-1.3	+1.5
HonWlflnt	NY	60	29.52	+14	+0.5	+1.4	US Bancorp	NY	78	23.18	+18	+0.7	+1.7
HUTCH	Nasd	...	2.20	-0.03	-1.3	+46.7	VerizonCom	NY	2.00	38.23	-119	-3.0	+4.7
I(SH)EMTS	NY	81	42.95	+0.5	+0.1	+13.2	Vodafone	Nasd	210	27.67	+0.2	+0.1	-1.3
IS Gate	NY	1.71	54.89	+11	+0.2	+0.8	WalMart	NY	1.59	61.20	+45	+0.7	+2.4
ISRR2K	NY	110	82.81	+13	+0.2	+2.3	WellsFargo	NY	88	34.14	+61	+1.8	+23.9
Idacorp	NY	1.32	41.12	+73	+1.8	-3.0	XcelEnergy	NY	1.04	26.47	+29	+1.1	+4.2

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MONEY RATES			
	Last	Pvs Week	
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25	
Discount Rate	0.75	0.75	
Federal Funds Rate	00.25	00.25	
Treasures			
3-month	0.07	0.07	
6-month	0.14	0.14	
5-year	1.04	1.08	
10-year	2.21	2.23	
30-year	3.33	3.33	

CURRENCIES			
	Last	Pvs Day	
Australia	1.9591	9657	
Britain	1.9958	1.5931	
Canada	0.9773	9995	
France	7.5900	7590	
Japan	82.86	82.40	
Mexico	12.8097	12.8235	
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Half of a 1960s rock group
6 Pronto, in memos
10 Ease up
11 Defame in print
13 Tribe symbol
14 "Three Sisters" sister
15 Color
16 Descartes' conclusion
18 Methane, for one
19 Garden vegetables
22 Chinese chairman
23 Wickedness
24 Passion
27 Cotton bundles
28 Coral growth
29 Tablet
30 Grinder fill
35 Gorilla or gibbon
36 Ante up
37 Dandy
38 Thick
40 Showy detail
42 Follow
43 Main artery
44 Beholds

45 Bird sound
DOWN
1 Maze choices
2 Concerning
3 — noster
4 Had lunch
5 Discussion group
6 Go out on —
7 Knight's title
8 John Adams' wife
9 Act of contrition
12 Girls
17 In the past
20 Parting words
21 Dodge palace
24 Pinball
25 Starts business again
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10					11			12	
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SUDOKU

Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

		1		3				2
	5		9					
2			6	5	1			
	4	9	7			8		
1		7		4		9		3
		2			3	4	7	
			3	2	4			9
					7		1	
4				6		5		

Difficulty Level ★

4/02

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

8	6	1	4	9	2	3	5	7
4	2	7	5	6	3	8	9	1
3	5	9	1	8	7	2	4	6
5	7	2	3	4	9	6	1	8
1	9	3	6	2	8	5	7	4
6	4	8	7	5	1	9	2	3
7	3	6	2	1	5	4	8	9
9	1	5	8	3	4	7	6	2
2	8	4	9	7	6	1	3	5

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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