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# Two finalists in Think-Off from state

For The Journal

Four finalists were chosen for the Great American Think-Off and will debate this year's question, "Which is more ethical: sticking to principle or being willing to compromise?" in the 21st annual debate, scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center.

Two of the finalists, both arguing for principle, hail from the American South and two, both arguing for compromise, live in Minnesota. More information is available online at think-off.org.

Caroline Zarlengo Sposto recently retired from a long communications career to start writing fiction and poetry. Her stories and poems have been published by "The Saturday Evening Post," and "Family Circle," magazines as well as various literary magazines and anthologies.

She lives with her husband in Memphis, Tenn., where she is an active community volunteer. Their two grown daughters live in New York City.

Zarlengo Sposto has a B.A. in English from The University of Colorado and an M.S. in Electronic Media from Kutztown University.

David Eckel is a writer and philosopher whose day job is small business IT and marketing. An MIT graduate in Management Science, Eckel's checkered past includes developing a non-reversing mirror as well as working for start-ups in the plastics and telecom sectors before founding a software company whose diverse clients include an oil field services company and an antique mall.



**Zarlengo Sposto**



**Eckel**

Health Management, Paul Terry directs client support, program evaluation, research and industry leadership and ensures the highest quality in program development and delivery.

Additionally, Terry leads strategic planning and market presence, and provides consulting expertise on customer programs.

Prior to StayWell, Terry was the president and CEO of the Park Nicollet Institute, the research and education division of Park Nicollet Health Services in Minnesota. He also was a member of the health education faculty at St. Cloud State University and Hamline University.

Terry, a former Senior Fulbright Scholar and a past president of the Minnesota Public Health Association, serves as an editor of the American Journal of Health Promotion.

David Lapakko is an associate professor of communication studies at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, where he teaches courses in argumentation, persuasion, intercultural communication, organizational communication, and public speaking. He also teaches a communication ethics course in Augsburg's master of arts in leadership program.

He received a B.A. from Macalester College in St. Paul, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in speech-communication from the University of Minnesota.



**Lapakko**

His textbook, "Argumentation: Critical Thinking in Action" (Universe, 2009) is now in its second edition.

His hobbies include distance running (six marathons and 30 half-marathons) and blogging (under the moniker "Contentious Introvert").

He considers the three most important people in his life to be his wife, Helen, his son, Tony, and his daughter, Jamee.

## LOCAL MARKETS

### LOCAL GRAIN

Tuesday, May 7	
Corn.....	6.31
Soybeans.....	13.69
Wht.mill.....	7.81

### LOCAL HOGS

Tuesday, May 7	
Butchers: 50% lean \$60; Sows: \$42 to \$47; Boars: Call 736-5464 for price.	

### OTC FSA PRICES

Tuesday, May 7	
Corn.....	6.74
Barley.....	4.86
Oats.....	3.97
HRS.....	7.76
HRW.....	7.33
Sun (Oil).....	22.02
Soybeans.....	14.09

# State Senate committee to review gay marriage bill

Associated Press

ST. PAUL — A Minnesota Senate committee is giving a last look at the bill to legalize gay marriage before full House and Senate votes that could come soon.

The Senate Finance Committee is planning to review the gay marriage bill's fiscal impact on Tuesday morning. A fiscal analysis finds it would add small costs to state employee health insurance costs but also generate revenue from an expected spike in marriage licenses.

The House Ways and Means Committee held a similar hearing Monday

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night and approved the bill on a voice vote. It could come up for debate and vote in the full House or Senate as early as this week as supporters look to add Minnesota to the growing list of states where gay couples can legally wed.

### House cracks down on school bullying

ST. PAUL — The Minnesota House has passed a bill requiring all public school districts to create policies aimed at reducing bullying.

The House passed the bill on Monday by a vote of

72-57. It defines bullying, and includes a list of characteristics that are often grounds for bullying. It requires training for teachers and school officials and compels them to report cases of bullying. Schools that don't implement an anti-bullying policy could lose state aid.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Jim Davnie of Minneapolis, says a "checkerboard" of different policies between schools leaves some students vulnerable to bullies. Republicans say such policies should be set by local school boards and could place students at risk of being considered bullies for expressing religious views.

The Senate has not yet voted on the anti-bullying bill.

### Dayton to sign hospital nurse staffing study

ST. PAUL — The truce between hospitals and a nurses union over staffing levels has been sent in legislative form to Gov. Mark Dayton's desk.

The House voted 76-56 on Monday for a bill seeking regular reporting and a study of care personnel levels in hospital units. A spokeswoman for Dayton says he intends to sign the bill.

Each hospital would be

required to develop, publish and update a core staffing plan.

That data would likely feed into a Department of Health study that will aim to determine if there is a correlation between staffing and patient outcomes.

# RTC: Developer has more experience with such projects

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Fergus Falls earlier this month and received a tour of the RTC grounds.

The company specializes in the acquisition and restoration of historic buildings across the country. Its mission is to create

exceptional value while saving some of America's most treasured historic buildings.

The RTC redevelopment wouldn't be the company's first project. It recently renovated a century-old bank building in Oakdale, Calif. However,

Historic Properties' past projects haven't been on the same level as the RTC.

"None the size of the treatment center, that's for sure," Willey said.

Even though dozens of developers have shown interest in the RTC property, what made Historic

Properties stand out for council member Ben Schierer was the experience level.

"What's different about this one is they have a history of doing similar projects," Schierer said. "They'd been through this process."

# Bait: Fishing opener bait sales may be less than usual

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leeches for D & H Bait out of Glyndon, said the limited water access has set them back.

"It's certainly slow. We're about a month behind where we should be," Kort said. "We've been catching a couple now, but in two or three weeks we hope to be going full bore."

Right now, only small lakes and sloughs in the area are open, and leeches stay hibernating at the bottom. Kort said that they can only take in about 100 pounds a day. Normally, with about 300 to 400 traps set out across the larger sloughs in the area, they pull in almost 400 pounds a day.

At Ben's Bait in Battle Lake, the minnow harvest has been slow as well. According to Bennet Stich, who runs the store's retail operation, there will be plenty of crappie, fat head and gold shiner minnows. Those only trapped in local lakes, however, will run short.

"We've been able to get our traps out some of our ponds," said Stich. "Lake shiners are still up in the air though, because you don't pond raise them."

Stich expects a small dip in bait sales this opener due to the limited bait, but with warm weather on the horizon, it should only be about a week before they are back to where they have been in the past.

Other retail items, like lures and licenses, have not been affected.

"It will probably be just this little hump," Stich said. "It's a waiting game."

While the late spring won't affect the date of the fishing opener, the local DNR expects larger lakes will be difficult to access this weekend. Most anglers will likely have to rely on smaller lakes.

"It's going to be close," said Area Fisheries Supervisor Jim Wolters. "We're going to have some sun, but we could use some wind to eat away at that ice."

Hatchery operations have also taken a hit from the cold weather. Wolters

said the Walker Lake Hatchery north of Otter Tail is a week behind schedule, but will hopefully be caught up after the weekend.

"We took our first eggs on Saturday and took a big jump on Monday," Wolters said. "We're hoping the run is going to come pretty quick."

Because of the wait, the DNR is still performing its walleye egg take on the Dead River. Operations will carry through the opening weekend and will continue until their quota is met.

Wolters expects that will be by Sunday and advised anglers to take caution as they fish the area over the weekend.

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 Mon., May 27: Volunteers needed for Memorial Day

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The first half of your real estate tax is due on or before May 15th. Mail early to avoid late postal cancellations. All mail postmarked the 16th of May or later will be returned for penalty.

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Steve Andrews  
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