

# Storm cancels school in scores of districts

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MINNEAPOLIS — Tens of thousands of Minnesota students got a day off Tuesday as the second day of a slow-moving snowstorm made travel difficult across much of the region.

The scores of districts that called off classes or started late Tuesday included an unusually high number in the Twin Cities area. Among them was the northern suburban Anoka-Hennepin district, the largest in Minnesota with 39,000 students. Minneapolis public schools remained open,

while St. Paul schools were open but dismissing students early.

The storm had moved on by Tuesday afternoon, but not before dumping as much as 9 to 10 inches of snow over two days on the Twin Cities area, the National Weather Service said. Red Wing recorded 9.4 inches, Mankato and St. Peter 9 inches and St. Cloud 8 inches. Minneapolis got 9 inches, as recorded at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Heavy pre-storm news coverage induced many people in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area to stay home on Tuesday.

## DFL leaders eye higher gas tax, other fees

ST. PAUL — Minnesota drivers could pay nearly 10 cents extra per gallon at the pump under a package of tax hikes House Democrats proposed Tuesday to help pay for roads, bridges and transit projects across the state.

Besides a 5-cent gasoline tax increase and 4.5-cent fuel charge hike, the top Democrats on two House transportation panels proposed increasing license tab fees, expanding taxes to more auto

parts and services and increasing the sales tax for transportation in the Twin Cities metro area.

Minnesota's current gas tax is 28.5 cents a gallon. It was last increased in 2008, when the Legislature overrode then-Gov. Tim Pawlenty's veto of a phased-in, 8.5 cents a gallon increase.

## About 50 tips, but woman still missing

ST. PAUL — St. Paul police have received about 50 leads from a tip line set up to help find

a missing Minnesota woman, but have not found her yet.

Police believe 30-year-old Wisconsin native Kira Trevino is dead but have not found her body. Her husband, Jeffery Dale Trevino, was charged last week with second-degree murder.

Kira Trevino was last seen the night of Feb. 21 as she left work at the Mall of America, but authorities found so much blood in her car and home in St. Paul that they believe she is dead.

Police have received tips from around the Twin Cities and beyond.

# LRH celebrates top safety ratings

For The Journal

March 3-9 is National Patient Safety Awareness Week, an annual education and awareness campaign for health care safety led by the National Patient Safety Foundation. Lake Region Healthcare is noting two recent above average ratings in annual safety reports released by The Leapfrog Group and the Minnesota Hospital Association.

After conducting its annual safety survey called the Hospital Safety Score, The Leapfrog Group awarded letter grades for patient safety to 2,618 U.S. hospitals, giving some facilities "D" and "F" grades for the first time. Lake Region Healthcare was awarded an "A" safety

score.

The Hospital Safety Score was developed to provide hospital transparency and to encourage patients to consider safety when choosing a hospital. According to its website, The Leapfrog Group's goal with the report is "saving lives by reducing injuries, accidents and preventable medical and medication errors."

The MHA also released its annual report documenting all of the adverse health events at each hospital in the state. Minnesota was the first state to require hospitals to report adverse health events, like wrong-site surgeries and medication errors. In 2012, Lake Region Healthcare did not have a single adverse health event.

## Record sellers



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Girl Scouts Xyola Macheel (Troop 30653), Daphnie Nadgwick (Troop 30612) AudrieAnne Nadgwick (Troop 30067) and Tahlia Bontjes (Troop 30653) sell cookies at Shopko Friday. The troops had a record selling day selling 147 boxes. Cookie sales end Friday.

## Correction

An article on Monday about the opening of Tavern 59 at Pebble Lake Golf Course should have read that the menu will include bread products from City Bakery in Fergus Falls.

# Vandalism: Damage from graffiti exceeded \$5,000

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Karels was charged in August 2012 after allegedly spray painting numerous buildings and objects around Fergus Falls with the words "VERB" and "TZC." Samuel Harrison

Busko, of Fergus Falls, was also charged in the case.

According to the criminal complaint, Karels and Busko were found by police April 17, 2012 after a report of graffiti spraying

at Broken Down Dam. Officers saw Karels painting near the base of the dam, the report says. Karels reportedly admitted to police that he was painting letters on the dam and outlining the painting in red.

The damage at the dam exceeded \$5,000, the report says. Other graffiti locations around town listed in the complaint include the River Walk, City Bakery, Union Plaza building and more.

# Diversity: Speaker says many prejudices go unnoticed

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security?"

As a Korean growing up in a white family in Minnesota, Buck has firsthand experience of what it means to be not white in the United States. She has been the Coordinator of the Multidistrict Cultural Collaborative in the Otter Tail County school district, based out of Pelican Rapids, since the beginning of the school year. Her ethnicity has been an asset to her in that job.

"Some people in our community say they embrace cultural diversity but send their kids to school in DL or Fergus claiming there are more opportunities," Buck said. "The most important thing for me as a mother is that my son is prepared for a 21st century world and that looks a lot more like Pelican Rapids. I love Pelican Rapids because of the

diversity factor."

While Buck's definition of diversity expands beyond skin color, it's a good starting point for some meaningful conversations. The first step Buck recommends is acknowledging white privilege is a reality. She cites another example from our media. In two news stories on the same topic with similar photos the captions are much different:

"A young [black] man walks through chest deep floodwater after looting a grocery store in New Orleans."

The second:

"Two [white] residents wade through chest-deep water after finding bread and soda from a local grocery store after Hurricane Katrina came through the area in New Orleans."

"I am by no means an expert on the topic of white privilege, but I believe that we need to be aware and we



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Amy Buck discussed the sensitive topic of white privilege with about 40 community members at the Pelican Rapids Library Tuesday night.

need to be educated, and that by doing so, we will be able to relate to and teach our students in bold, progressive new ways." Buck said. "Inevitably every child under the age of 18 will someday have to work next to, study next to, collaborate with, engage in conversation with, or come

into close contact with a person who may be of a different skin color, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation than they are used to or comfortable with. We must take steps to increase awareness and knowledge, starting with honest, multicultural dialogue."

# Potholes: Patching not a permanent solution

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projects will be proposed to the city council, including cost information.

A plan for a project along Vernon Avenue will likely be brought to the council for initial discussion in April, Edwards said.

Crews have been out patching pot holes already, but that work only goes so far.

ing season," Edwards said. "It's much tougher to keep the temporary patches in place. Right now, it's pretty much fill it in and drive on it."

Mayor Hal Leland said during Monday's City Council meeting that he's heard from ambulance drivers about the pot hole problem. Anything the city can

do to help the process is a good thing, he said.

"That intersection of Vernon and Cascade is in really bad shape," Leland said.

Edwards said that if people notice big pot holes around the city, by all means they should call the city's public works department.

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