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## Man charged with trying to kill another man's unborn baby Rory Northrup faces felonies for beating up his pregnant wife

Rory Northrup, 24, rural Aitkin, was charged with attempted murder of an unborn child in the first degree, premeditated; and assault in the first degree, substantial bodily harm. Both charges are felonies and stem from an incident in a Hazelton Township home on Jan. 12.

According to court records, Northrup is now being represented by Wesley R. Martins, Duluth, of the Indian Legal Assistance Program. Martins was substituted for another public defender of Brainerd.

On Jan. 13, about 3:19 a.m., deputies were called to the Hazelton Township residence when Rory's wife claimed he beat her up, her eye was swelling shut and she was not sure if she needed medical attention.

On route, deputies were advised that he had passed out. At the home, two females standing in the living room pointed toward the back door. A light was on in the basement with a man sleeping on a mattress and the black door handle was broken off the screen door.

The wife was speaking quietly and an ambulance was

called for her.

Deputies say her face and chin were bruised, her left eye was swelling and her left cheek was swelling. She lifted her shirt to show she was 24 weeks pregnant. She said that her husband punched and head-butted her face and punched and kicked her several times in the abdominal area, that he threatened to kill her and forced her to drink alcohol with the intention of harming her unborn child, of which he is not the father.

She said that Rory made threats, claiming he would end the life of the child or himself. He had a knife in his hand at the time, she said.

Two more deputies came and were unable to locate the knife. They arrested Northrup with their taser drawn, handcuffed him and noticed blood spots on his long johns and hands. By 4 a.m. he was placed in a squad car.

As deputies searched the home they noticed there was very little food there. Later, they talked to a 10-year-old child who said there were six children there sleeping who didn't see anything.

The wife was taken to St.

Joseph's hospital in Brainerd while Northrup was booked into the Aitkin County jail with a blood alcohol content of .10 and abrasions on his knuckles and blood on his palm.

A Brainerd police officer was asked to take a statement from the wife in the emergency room. He noted that her face was severely swollen with her eyes almost swollen shut and her abdomen had bruises and red marks.

In a taped statement, she said that Rory started drinking at 8 p.m. He was upset that she was pregnant with another man's child, as she was in another relationship when they were split up for 18 months.

She said that she and Rory were only together for about eight or nine months before they split up. He demanded that she abort the pregnancy or give the baby up for adoption.

She decided to give it up.

Allegedly, after midnight, when the children were asleep, he started assaulting her, an ordeal that lasted about two hours. He pulled her hair, slapped and punched her and kicked her in the abdomen and face in the living room. He straddled her and struck her with a closed fist. At some point he drug her to the basement where he grabbed her stomach and squeezed it together and also kneaded her stomach.

Allegedly, he head-butted her, slammed her against the basement wall and slammed her head on the cement floor. She felt as though she would pass out. He threatened to kill her unborn baby as she had refused to abort the pregnancy. He threatened to kill himself saying he or the baby were going to die and threatened to stick a clothes hanger or



Rory Northrup

something up her to kill the child. She said she felt that he was going to kill her.

Earl Maus is the judge on the case. Court records show that Northrup has faced many charges from alcohol and drugs to assault, criminal sexual conduct and disorderly conduct. He was convicted of domestic assault by strangulation for a Carlton County incident in July 2006.

The next step will be an omnibus hearing in Aitkin County District Court.

## Dale Lueck's wolf case continued

Dale Lueck is a rural Aitkin farmer who is working to get the wolf delisted as an endangered species. He was to have a hearing in federal district court on Jan. 20, but

the case has been stayed until June. Lueck said it is hoped that the wolf will be de-listed in the meantime through the efforts of Sen. Amy Klobuchar and others to help his case.

"This whole thing is a soap opera, as *The World Turns*," said Lueck. This is the fourth time that the court case has been postponed.

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By Jason DeLong  
Treasure Hunters Roadshow  
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes because the Roadshow is coming to **Brainerd**. Roadshow experts will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

*"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."*

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

*Got Gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.*

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, Roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis. "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy I. toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically

any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch a large sum. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come

to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer, "Old coins and paper currency. For as

long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or

*"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Brainerd Hotel & Conference Center, next Tuesday through Saturday, in Brainerd."*

could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike DeLong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

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### Is your family attic filled with old and forgotten memories?

Most pre-1964 bisque, china, paper mache, wood, and wax dolls are considered desirable by collectors. If your doll has original clothing, wigs, shoes and undergarments, that increases its value. Many toy cars, robots, Tonka and trains made before 1964 are wanted by International Collectors Association members as well.



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### Gold and Coin Prices High, Cash In Now

"It's a modern day gold rush," said Roadshow President, Jeff Parsons. Gold is now trading near 40 year highs, and you can cash in at the Treasure Hunters Roadshow. All types of gold are wanted, including gold coins, Kruggerands, Maple



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Sarah Smith and her children of McGregor will be the new homeowners of a Habitat for Humanity home to be built in McGregor. From left: Sydney, Cooper, Sarah, the mom and Elyssa.

Sarah Smith, 33, McGregor, and her three children have been chosen as the partner family for the new Habitat for Humanity home that will be built on Iverson Street in McGregor this year.

The family lives in a rented house now and they say they

are very excited to be on their own when the house is complete.

Sarah works for Access Health, as a home health aide, and also as an on-call custodian at the McGregor School.

"I've never owned a home so

## Sarah Smith family chosen for McGregor home

I'm looking forward to something we can call our own," said Smith in an interview. "It will be nice to have our own yard and rooms we can decorate. The girls have big plans for painting rooms pink and purple."

Sarah, a single mom with children to raise and lots of work to do, has almost no free time. "Going on Facebook is my social life," she said.

If time and money were no object she would enjoy ice fishing, snowmobiling and visiting friends and shopping in the Twin Cities.

Daughter Sydney, 13, the oldest, is a seventh grader at McGregor School. She plays volleyball, basketball and softball. She likes to hang out with friends, go shopping and text with her cell phone.

It's apparent that she has set goals for her future. "My grades are pretty good. I've made the And B honor rolls. I try to help my mom a lot. I'd like to be a professional athlete or a hairdresser. I'm definitely going to go to college," Sydney said.

Sydney and her younger sister Elyssa rely on each other, watch and help with their younger brother and support each other. They love to play a dancing and singing game on the TV. They share a room now and hope to have their own rooms in the new house, but that is yet to be determined.

Elyssa, 11, is a sixth grader at McGregor. She plays volleyball and basketball and is thinking about joining softball.

"I like to chill out at home and hang out with my friends," she said. "I love to read, but I

don't like to take tests on what I read."

She said she loves to attend volleyball and basketball games at the school.

What's Elyssa most looking forward to in her new home? "I hope we have carpet or a wood floor, not tile," she said.

Cooper, 3 on Feb. 1, is a bundle of energy. He goes to daycare and has a Head Start home visitor who supports the whole family. His latest obsession is dinosaurs -- books, a PBS show and movies. He also loves dogs.

"His sisters are very patient with him," said Mom Sarah. "They are like his two extra little mommies."

The family is a cozy circle, complete with dog, Cosmo and cat, Ninja.

"I'm working on Cooper's

behavior and on getting the girls to help more with chores," said Sarah. "Now that I've changed jobs I don't have to work every Sunday and I want to take the kids to church more."

She admitted to being both excited and overwhelmed about owning a home. She needs to get in 300 hours of sweat equity and is working with the Habitat for Humanity board members on training to be a new homeowner.

If you are interested in volunteering for or donating to Aitkin County habitat for Humanity, call 218-927-5656, write to Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 281, Aitkin, MN 56431. Or you can donate on line at giveMN.org or email achfh@aitkincounty-habitat.org.

## Governor missed a fish but caught the Extravaganza spirit

Preliminary estimates indicate that over 10,000 people were in attendance at the world's largest charitable ice fishing tournament on Jan. 22 for the 21st annual Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza. Participants came from as far as Sweden, plus many from across the country -- Texas, Florida and New York to name a few.

In amongst the sea of anglers was Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton, the first sitting governor to attend this unique winter tourism event. He was invited to the Extravaganza by Minnesota State Representative John Ward, a Brainerd native, and spent the morning discussing the economic im-

act of tourism in the Brainerd-lakes area. Although he didn't catch a fish, Dayton stated that he enjoyed the Extravaganza experience and said, "This is what Minnesota tourism is all about."

At 12:03 p.m. the first angler was welcomed to the weigh-in tent by on-lookers ringing cow bells. There were 724 fish registered this year. Andrew Schultz landed the winning fish, a 7.18 pound Northern in 11 feet of water using a minnow and a tip-up. A first-time Extravaganza attendee from Donsman, WI, Schultz had this to say, "I was really excited because this was the biggest fish I've ever caught." Schultz had his choice between a Ford or

GMC pick-up truck -- he chose the Ford. In 100th place, winning an Ice Castle Fish House was Brandon Popp from Sauk Rapids, MN. He caught a .55 pound Walleye. In last place (150th) was Bill Werner from Cloquet, MN, and he landed on the leader board with a .43 pound Perch which won him an Arctic Cat ATV 550 Power Steering.

There are two notable characteristics about this event -- it is completely volunteer run and 100 percent of the proceeds are donated to area charities. The Brainerd Jaycees invests more than 20,000 hours in the planning of the contest. Amongst the 400 volunteers was Roberta Jay, the chair-

man of the contest this year. She said, "I grew up around this event and am amazed every year at its success and the commitment of our volunteers." The largest beneficiary is Confidence Learning Center, an outdoor recreational facility for people with developmental disabilities, but it's estimated that 50 charities will benefit from the successful event. The Brainerd Jaycees have donated \$2.6-million to charities since the first Extravaganza was held in 1991.

All of the official event information can be found online at [www.icefishing.org](http://www.icefishing.org) including a complete winner's list. Next year's event will be held on Sat., Jan. 21, 2012.



John Ward, Governor Mark Dayton and Roberta Jay.

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pleted Entry and Release Form by Feb. 4 to The International Culinary School at The Art Institutes International Minnesota. Deadline for complete entries into the competition is Feb. 25. Selected entrants will

progress to Local Cook-Off Competition at The International Culinary School at The Art Institutes International Minnesota on April 30.

To learn how to enter and to view the competition rules,

visit <http://www.artinstitutes.edu/pr.aspx?ID=AI2127> or contact an Admissions Representative at The Art Institutes International Minnesota by calling 1-800-777-3643 or emailing [aimadm@aii.edu](mailto:aimadm@aii.edu).

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# OBITUARIES CONT'D

## JULIE SEDERBERG

Julie Lynn Anderson Sederberg, 42, of McGregor, died on Mon., Jan. 24, 2011. Services will be held at noon on Sat., Jan. 29, 2011, at the McGregor Community Center followed by lunch. She was born March 16, 1968, in St. Paul, to Robert and Jeanne (Steger) Anderson. The family moved to Big Sandy Lake in McGregor in 1975. She graduated from McGregor High School in 1986. She married Dave Sederberg, together they had three boys. She was currently in her third year of college in Grand Rapids.

She is survived by her sons: Joseph Sederberg, Minneapolis; Alexander Sederberg, Minneapolis; Dylan Sederberg, McGregor; parents, Bob and Jeanne Anderson, McGregor; brothers and sisters-in-law: Robert Anderson, Ely; Joel (Stefanie) Anderson, Columbia Heights; John (Joyce) Leitner, Nisswa; nieces, nephews; and friend and companion of ten years, Neal Sampson, McGregor. She was preceded in death by her sister, Theresa Leitner.

## VERNON STEBERG

Vernon D. "Mike" Steberg, 86, of Garrison, died on Tue., Jan. 25, 2011, at the St. Cloud Hospital. Services will be held at noon on Sat., Jan. 29, 2011, at the Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Burial will be at the Garrison Community Cemetery with full military honors given by the Garrison VFW. Friends may call on Saturday one hour prior to the services at the church. He was born July 5, 1924, in Wanamingo, MN to Alfred and Regina (Greseth) Steberg. He married Mernyce Nelson on March 1, 1943,

in Rochester. He was a WWII Marine Corp Veteran serving in the South Pacific Theater. He was retired member of the International Operator Engineer Local 49 with 25 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Mernyce; son and daughter-in-law, Michael (Kathy) Steberg, Northfield; brother and sister-in-law, Manton (Marion) Steberg, Zumbrota; sister, Irene Blomberg, Rochester; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins. Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby.

# Eighth annual Crosslake WinterFest

The Crosslake WinterFest kicks off Thu., Feb. 3 with a Medallion Hunt and continues through the weekend. Clues for the WinterFest Treasure Hunt for the Medallion will be posted on www.crosslake.com or at all Crosslake Chamber merchants. The reward for a lucky hunter is a basket filled with prizes donated by Crosslake area businesses. For just \$5, buy a WinterFest wristband for specials and discounts at a variety of

Crosslake businesses. Several Crosslake businesses will be hosting a myriad of events ranging from bocce ball tournaments to Italian Olympics. Beginning at 6 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 4 at the Crosslake Community Center there will be horse drawn wagon rides, a bonfire and s'mores, Snow Mountain, pond skating, DJ music, a fire truck for kids to check out and more. On Sat., Feb. 5, fuel up at the Firefighter's Pancake

Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Crosslake Lutheran Church. The day includes ice sculpture demonstrations, antique and vintage snowmobile rally, kids games, ice car races, music and more! To warm up from the inside out, buy a \$3 WinterFest Souvenir Cup and visit 17 different businesses starting at noon on Saturday until the soup is gone. For more information call Cindy Myogeto at 218-692-4027.

# Ice Fishing Contest and vintage Scorpion snowmobiles in Crosby

The Annual Serpent Lake Ice Fishing Contest and Scorpion Snowmobile Homecoming will be on Sat., Feb. 5 from

noon to 3 p.m. in Crosby. On ice raffles, concessions and prizes available. Over 1200 holes will be

drilled and waiting for you to drop your line at noon. For more details, call 218-546-8131.

# T'ai Chi and TV with Dan Hegstad

Join with Unlimited Learning on Tue., Feb. 8, when local writer and motivational speaker Dan Hegstad will combine the topics of T'ai Chi, the Chinese martial arts and public television in central Minnesota. The class will be held at Heartwood Senior Living Community in Crosby from 1:30-3:30 p.m. AT'ai Chi practitioner himself for nearly 20 years and

owner of Full Circle T'ai Chi Studio in Brainerd, Hegstad will explain T'ai Chi and some of its benefits. As Station Manager at Lakeland Public Television KAWB, he will also cover the history of public television in this area and give a preview of his future. Hegstad has four books to his credit and has written articles for *Lake Country*

*Journal* magazine and others. Among his many interests are technology, bicycling, working with kids and participating in service organizations such as Rotary and Kinship Partners. Non-members pay \$6 for the session. For further information, contact Larry Foote, 218-678-3034, or http://unlimitedlearning.net.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Ongoing Events:

- Access North Craft & Coffee, Mondays, 1 p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, Aitkin.
- Aitkin Area Toastmasters meet 2nd & 4th Thu. each month, 6 pm at MLEC.
- Aitkin Weight Watchers meet Thu, 5 pm weigh-in, 5:30 meeting above Aitkin Eye Care Center. Call 218-927-2407 for more info.
- Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.
- Circle of Parents, community based support group for parents and children, Tue. at St. James Church, Aitkin, 6-7:30 p.m., Info 218-927-2327.
- Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 p.m. If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you. call Brandi, 800-997-5723.
- Cuyuna Range Youth Center, 1st & 3rd Mon. 6-8 p.m. for grades 3-6; Thu. 4-8, Fri. 5-9, Sat. 5-10 for grades 7-12. Questions call 218-851-5165.
- Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at Cuyuna Range Community Center, lower level.
- DivorceCare meets every Wed., 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Glory Community Center, 12 mi. southeast of Aitkin. Call 218-927-3678.
- Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are: Tue. & Thu. from 12 to 3 p.m. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.
- Emily-Outing AA group will meet every Sun. at 4 p.m. at Emily Wesleyan Church, 40141 Hwy. 6 N., Emily. Call 218-792-5881 for more info.
- Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 p.m., Gampers Supper Club, Moose Lake, open to public.
- Gamblers Anonymous in Aitkin County meets each Tue. at 7 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, Palisade. Info call Mary 218-461-5258 after 9 p.m.
- Garrison AA & ALANON meet every Mon. 7:30, at city hall; also AA at Alliance Church, Garrison Wed. 7-8 pm.
- Garrison City Council meets the first Thu. of each month at the City building.
- Garrison Volunteers meet 1st Mon. at Alliance Church, Garrison.
- Garrison Area Community Food Shelf open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 p.m., at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.
- Hope for the Future Support Group for those dealing with emotional issues, every Thu., 1 p.m., 210 2nd St. NW, suite A, Aitkin, 927-3748.
- Ironton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Tue., 3:30 weigh-in, 4 meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 4th St. SW, Crosby. Men & women invited. Info call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523.
- Jacobson Busy Bees meets every Thu., 10-2 p.m. at Jacobson Comm. Bldg. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-6652.
- McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 p.m. at fire station hall.
- McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 3:30 p.m. at Lake Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.
- Memory Loss Support Group, meets first Wed., 1-2 p.m., Aicota Rehab Center, Aitkin & 3rd Tue., 3-4 p.m., Adult Day Service, McGregor. 218-927-7206

- Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tue. of the month at 7:30 p.m. over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.
  - National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.
  - RSVP Bone Builders Tue. & Thu from 10-11, in Aitkin Commerce bldg. above EyeCare. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-7206.
  - Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 p.m., 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.
  - Women's AA "Women 1st" open topic meetings Wed. at 7 p.m. at Aitkin Alano Society, 322 1st Ave. NE, Aitkin. Info call Julie 218-927-3533 or Kim 218-927-6546.
- January:**
- 28nd - Benefit Concert for Lexi LeDoux, BHS senior. Concert and silent auction held at Brainerd High School Commons at 7 pm. Public invited. Cost \$5
  - 29th - MN Wedding Experience, 11-3 pm, Forestview Middle School, Baxter.
- February:**
- 1st - Everything you want to know about Aitkin County Sheriff's office presented by Sheriff Scott Turner, 11 am, Glory Baptist Church, Glen. Free lunch, reservations required for lunch. Call Sandy at 218-768-3355.
  - 3rd - Riverwood Healthcare Center Annual Meeting, 7 pm, 40 Club Convention Center, Aitkin.
  - 5th - Snow Shoe Class, Northland Arboretum, Brainerd, 10-noon, members \$5, non-members \$10. Bring snow shoes if you have them otherwise instructor will supply, call 218-829-8770 to sign up.
  - 13th - Second Annual Buddy Walk, Gillette Rec. Center, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, registration 1:30, walk starts 2:30. Music, prizes, crafts, refreshments served after walk. Call 800-450-7338 for pledge sheets. Pledges not required to participate.
  - 16th - Aid and Attendance Pension program seminar for veterans and spouses of veterans. Presented by VA. 2:30, Edgewood Vista, Brainerd. For info call 828-3691
  - 17th - Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction to benefit STAR Ministry, 4:30-7 pm, Good Samaritan Society, 200 Buffalo Hills Ln., Brainerd. All welcome, \$7.50 adults, \$5 children 8 and under. To reserve tickets call 218-829-1429, also sold at door.
  - 19th - Old Fashion Winter Fun Day 10-4 pm with sleigh rides, games and food served on grounds of North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn, Blackberry.
  - 19th - Sons of Norway - Tusenvann Lodge #1-659, Isle, monthly meeting at I.R.E.C., noon, coffee and lunch served, public is welcome.
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# Hundreds of thousands March for life in Washington D.C.

Hundreds of thousands of life advocates gathered in Washington, D.C., Jan. 24 for the 38th annual March for Life. They marched in remembrance of the estimated 48 million preborn babies who have lost their lives in the nearly four decades since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in Roe v. Wade. The Rev. Mark Ivany, who led Mass before the march, compared the crowd to civil rights

advocates of the past. "The greatest difference between other civil rights movements and this one is that most of the people affected by Roe v. Wade can't march on Washington," Ivany said. "They can't give great speeches." Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., was one of dozens of lawmakers who addressed the crowd. "This 'acceptable bigotry — prejudice against the child in the womb' has been promoted for de-

acades," he said, "despite breathtaking advances in fetal medicine. ... "Let us recommit today to even more persevering prayer, fasting and hard work to ensure the human rights of all, regardless of age, race, religion, sex, disability, immaturity or condition of dependency." The weekend events culminate with the 29th annual Rose Dinner tonight. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., is the keynote speaker.

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# Minnesota trumpeter swan population tops 5,500



A statewide aerial survey conducted Jan. 5 – 8 revealed that the population of trumpeter swans in Minnesota has more than doubled in the last five years, according Larry Gillette, wildlife manager for Three Rivers Park District, which organized the survey.

The survey was coordinated by Three Rivers Park District in conjunction with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Nongame Wildlife Program and The Trumpeter Swan Society. It is conducted every

five years as part of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) effort to determine the number of trumpeter swans in North America. The funding for the aerial portion of the survey was provided by USFWS.

"The results are actually

higher than almost everyone expected," said Gillette. "Conditions were ideal for the survey this winter, because deep snow kept swans out of agricultural fields where they would be hard to see, and cold weather reduced the number of

areas with open water."

The final count in Minnesota was 5,362 trumpeter swans found at 20 locations in 14 counties. In addition, some trumpeters that nest in Minnesota migrate to Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Oklahoma and Kansas for the winter. The estimate is that around 600 trumpeters migrate from Minnesota. Adding these migrant swans to the number counted in Minnesota adds up to almost 6,000 birds.

However, some Minnesota swans have spilled over the border and are now nesting in the Kenora District of western Ontario. These birds migrate back to

Minnesota for the winter and are counted in the survey. Therefore, the actual number of trumpeter swans present in Minnesota in September, 2010 is estimated at 5,500. The population estimate in 2005 was slightly more than 2,000 trumpeters, so the population has been growing at more than 20 percent per year.

Trumpeter swans are the largest North American waterfowl. They once nested across Minnesota but were hunted to extinction in Minnesota for their meat and feathers by the 1880s. In 1979, Three Rivers Park District (then Hennepin County Park Reserve District) began

releasing trumpeter swans in park reserves just west of Minneapolis in the first effort to restore this species to Minnesota.

The DNR Nongame Wildlife Program joined the restoration effort in the mid-1980s. DNR biologists collected eggs in Alaska, raised the chicks in captivity and released the swans at two years of age in western Minnesota. This joint effort resulted in a spectacular wildlife restoration success story. Trumpeter swans now nest across almost all of Minnesota and have expanded their range northward into western Ontario, Canada.

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