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A marching Mars in March

BY DEANE MORRISON

Mars is on the march this March. In early April, Earth overtakes Mars in the race around the sun, and during March our two planets come 15 million miles closer. As Earth gains on it, we see Mars brightening and coming up over the eastern horizon earlier each night. The Red Planet begins March rising just over three hours after sunset and ends the month rising only an hour afterward. It travels the night sky in company with the bright star Spica, in Virgo.

Saturn trails Mars by about two and a half hours. The ringed planet is in Libra, between Virgo and Scorpius. Earth catches up to Saturn in May, so we don't have to wait too long to see it, too, in its glory.

Jupiter still dominates the winter constellations as they make their way toward their seasonal oblivion in the west. East of these bright stars and west of bright Regulus, in Leo, look for the faint, beautiful Beehive star cluster. Its Latin name is Praesepe, the manger. Framing the cluster are two stars called the Aselli, or asses, feeding at the manger.

The Beehive is an example of an open cluster, where the stars were all born from the same cloud of gas and are still loosely bound to each other gravitationally. To see it, wait for a moonless night and use binoculars.

A morning "star," Venus rises about two hours ahead of the sun. Our sister planet is leaving us behind as it heads away toward the far



Venus and the waning moon on March 27.

side of the sun, but it's still a very pretty ornament in the eastern predawn sky.

March's full moon arrives on the 16th at midday. It will be visible before setting that morning, and after rising in twilight that evening. Algonquin Indians called this moon by many names: full worm moon, for the reappearance of worms in the softening earth; full crow moon, for the cawing of the birds near winter's end; full crust moon, for the crust that forms on snow after melting and refreezing; and the full sap moon, as this is the season for maple sugaring.

Spring arrives at 11:57 a.m. on the 20th, when the sun crosses the equator heading north. At that moment Earth's sunward side will be lighted from pole to pole.

In astronomy news, University of Minnesota astrophysicists are leading the study of a tiny galaxy they helped discover right in the sun's back yard. It's called Leo P (the P is for pristine), and it's only about 4 percent as wide as our Milky Way galaxy. It is considered quite

a find, because its chemical composition is believed to mirror what existed five minutes after the Big Bang. This makes it an invaluable "time capsule" for studying how the Big Bang unfolded. You can see a picture of Leo P and read more by going to the U of M website, www.umn.edu, and searching for "Leo P."

The University of Minnesota offers public viewings of the night sky at its Duluth and Twin Cities campuses. For more information and viewing schedules, see:

■ Duluth, Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium: www.d.umn.edu/planet

■ Twin Cities, Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics (during fall and spring semesters): www.astro.umn.edu/outreach/pubnight

■ Check out the astronomy programs at the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum ExploraDome: www.bellmuseum.umn.edu/ForGroups/ExploraDome/index.htm

■ Find U of M astronomers and links to the world of astronomy at <http://www.astro.umn.edu>.

Winter severity index is at 129

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The winter severity index for the International Falls area was 129 on Wednesday, reports Larry Petersen, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources area wildlife manager in International Falls.

The WSI was 88 last year at this date and 28 at this time two years ago, according to Petersen.

The average WSI for this date is about 84. Petersen reports that the

harshest winter in the mid 1990s had an index of 145 on this date.

The snow depth is around 28-34 inches in the International Falls vicinity. The deeper snow can be found south and east of here, Petersen notes.

The winter severity



Larry Petersen

index is a standardized number the DNR uses when considering impacts of the winter on deer. It is calculated using temperature and snow depth in the period from Nov. 1 through April 30 or whenever winter ends. Every day the daily low temperature is zero or below is one point, and every day the snow depth is 15 inches or deeper in an open aspen woods is one point. The points are added each week until winter ends.

TRAILS, ICE REPORTS

IVSC

The International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club posted Wednesday the following on its website at <http://www.ridetheborder.com/trail-report.html>

"It hasn't been a good week for our operators. Where the snow was a welcomed sight, the wind was not. Bruce headed west and found snow drifts up to 7' high in places. While it was a struggle to get through, he made it to Birchdale and back with the pictures he sent me it looks awesome. Gordy will be heading to Big Falls on Wednesday and there again will be a challenge with all the open areas. John will also be grooming the east end on Wednesday, which will also be a chore in itself. All trails will be gone over again before the weekend to assure all riders what their used to, the best trails anywhere. Hats off to our op-

erators when you see them, they do a wonderful job..It's going to be a cold weekend, dress for the conditions, have fun and ride safe."

VNP

The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have donated a variety of snowshoes for all ages to explore the park. They are free-of-charge and can be checked-out at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Snow conditions are perfect for trekking through the park along the Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail. Follow the Rainy Lake Ice Road one mile north to the Black Bay Ski Trailhead. The Beaver Pond Trail starts at the ski trailhead but is separate from the ski trails (look for the hiking sign). It is a moderate 1.2-mile round trip hike that travels into the interior of

the Kabetogama Peninsula.

Many visitors to the park are not aware of this trail but staff assures it is worth the hike. The trail winds through a stand of white pine, past low-lands of aspen and birch, and up to a ridge feathered with jack pine. Eventually, at the trails end is a large rock outcrop that overlooks the beaver pond. The beavers are only active at this time of the year under the ice, but visitors can often view otter slides or the critters themselves on the pond surface.

Snowmobile trails in the park are also in excellent shape, thanks in part to the park's gateway community snowmobile clubs: International Voyageurs, Ash River – Kabetogama Snowdrifters, and Voyageur Trail Society.

All trail and ice condition reports are available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED

YOU ARE NOTIFIED:

1. Default has occurred in the Contract for Deed ("Contract") dated October 5, 2009, and recorded on October 23, 2009, as Document Number A000267128, in the Office of the County Recorder of Koochiching County, Minnesota, in which Benjamin E. Burgess and Frances C. Burgess, husband and wife, as seller, sold to Harry Kloefer, as purchaser, the real property in Koochiching County, Minnesota, described as follows:
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 12, Plat of Wallace Addition.
2. The default is as follows: **Purchaser has failed to make the monthly payment of \$404.22 due on October 1, 2013, November 1, 2013, December 1, 2013, January 1, 2014, and February 1, 2014, for a total of \$2,021.11. Purchaser has failed to pay the real estate taxes due in the years 2012 and 2013. As of February 26, 2014, real estate taxes, penalty and interest due for the years 2012 and 2013 total \$1,628.01. Purchaser has failed to provide insurance coverage on the premises and Seller was forced to pay insurance premiums of \$275.18 to keep the insurance policy in full force and effect. Purchaser has failed to maintain the property and make repair as required by the contract and the insurance company.**
3. For contracts executed after Au-

gust 1, 1976, and prior to August 1, 1985, the purchase price was (...) Dollars (\$...) and the amount of the purchase price paid by the purchaser is (...) Dollars (\$...), which is (...)% of the purchase price, as calculated in the manner required by Minn. Stat. 559.21, subd. 1e.

4. The conditions contained in Minn. Stat. 559.209 have been complied with or are not applicable.

5. **THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT BY THIS NOTICE THE SELLER HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 559.21, TO TERMINATE YOUR CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE REASONS SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE. THE CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE 90 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE UPON YOU**

UNLESS BEFORE THEN:

(a.) **THE PERSON AUTHORIZED IN THIS NOTICE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS RECEIVES FROM YOU;**

(1.) **THE AMOUNT THIS NOTICE SAYS YOU OWE; PLUS**

(2.) **THE COSTS OF SERVICE (TO BE SENT TO YOU); PLUS**

(3.) **\$500.00 TO APPLY TO ATTORNEYS' FEES ACTUALLY EXPENDED OR INCURRED; PLUS**

(4.) **FOR CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 1980, ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE SELLER AFTER THIS NOTICE WAS SERVED ON YOU; PLUS**

(5.) **FOR CONTRACTS, OTHER THAN EARNEST MONEY CONTRACTS, PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, AND EXERCISED OPTIONS, EXECUTED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 1985, \$40.42 (WHICH IS TWO PERCENT OF THE**

AMOUNT IN DEFAULT AT THE TIME OF SERVICE OTHER THAN THE FINAL BALLOON PAYMENT, ANY TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, MORTGAGES, OR PRIOR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ASSUMED BY YOU); OR

(b.) **YOU SECURE FROM A COUNTY OR DISTRICT COURT AN ORDER THAT THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ARE FINALLY DISPOSED OF BY TRIAL, HEARING OR SETTLEMENT. YOUR ACTION MUST SPECIFICALLY STATE THOSE FACTS AND GROUNDS THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES.**

IF YOU DO NOT DO ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE THINGS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOUR CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD AND YOU WILL LOSE ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE PAID ON THE CONTRACT. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DEFENSES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE; AND YOU WILL BE EVICTED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.

6. The name, mailing address, street address or location and telephone number of the seller or of an attorney authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is:

Name: **Steven M. Shermoen**
Attorney for Seller

Mailing Address:
**P.O. Box 1152
International Falls, MN 56649**

Street Address or Location where the Seller or the Attorney will accept payment pursuant to this notice:
**501 Fourth Street
International Falls, MN 56649**

Telephone: **218-285-2972**

This person is authorized to receive the payments from you under this notice.

/s/ **Steven M. Shermoen**
(Optional-See Minn. Stat. 559.21, subd. 4(e))

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March 1st, 8th, & 15th, 2014

Public Notice

Town of Kabetogama
Annual Meeting
March 11, 2014
8:15 pm Kabetogama Fire Hall
Alternate Bad Weather Date March 18th

Town of Kabetogama
Annual Election, 1 Supervisor, 1 Clerk
March 11, 2014
10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Kabetogama Fire Hall
Alternate Bad weather Date March 18th

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March 1st, 2014