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Brawl at the High School

At 8 AM today, a fight between 9 male students broke out in the Chaska High School commons area. A few suffered minor injuries, and while one student had possessed a knife, no known stabbing victims have been identified. What sparked the fight is not clearly known, and remains under investigation. Gang friction was a contributing factor.

At this point, five of the combatants have been arrested, and taken to juvenile detention. Charges of assault, riot, and possession of a dangerous weapon on school grounds are pending. A portion of the fight was captured on school cameras, and the entire incident remains under investigation.

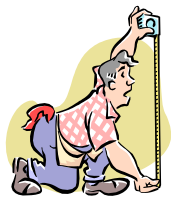
How High Is the Water... ?

Many of our Minnesota and North Dakota neighbors are battling extreme flooding conditions. Our concern and prayers go out to them. We in Chaska are very aware that the Minnesota River has, prior to the dike expansion project, been a concern and problem in the past for us.

So what is our situation today... ?

Presently the river is at a level of 15.5 feet. The top of the Chaska dike system is 41 feet. We are expecting the river to reach a height 18 feet by the end of this week, or weekend.

Our Athletic Park, on West 1st Street floods at 23 feet, and Hwy 41, south of the river bridge, floods over at 27.5 feet.



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Around the Clock
-Sgt. Ben Anderson

Chaska Officers issued 34 citations and 34 warnings during this reporting period

DWI:

A vehicle was driving recklessly doing “doughnuts” while driving in the parking lot of a gas station. Officers located the vehicle a short time later. The male driver was intoxicated and was arrested for DWI.



Officer Schmidt stopped a vehicle for driving erratically on Hundertmark Road. The male driver was intoxicated and was arrested for DWI. It was his third DWI arrest in the past years. His vehicle is subject to forfeiture.

Disturbances:

Two adult males, who are brothers, were yelling and scuffling in an alley outside a residence. Both were intoxicated and were charged with disorderly conduct. One was placed in detox facility.

A male attempted to shoplift several video games from Super Target. Store security stopped the male and contacted the police. The offender had several active arrest warrants for theft. He was arrested and charged with theft.



A male student at the Chaska High School had generic Adderall pills in his possession. The pills were not prescribed to him and he was charged with possessing a controlled substance.

A juvenile male took pop from a dispenser without paying for it at Quiznos. When confronted by a manager, the male became belligerent and cursed numerous times before leaving the establishment. Police later located the male at his home. He was charged with theft and disorderly conduct.



Notable:

How to attract attention to yourself in a not-so-discreet manner...



A vehicle was driving recklessly on Hwy 41. Passengers were leaning out the vehicle windows and giving “the finger” to other motorists, while committing numerous traffic violations. Not surprisingly, this attracted attention and police received complaints on the vehicle. A short time later, an officer located the vehicle waiting to turn at a red light. The officer was in a marked squad car and was behind the offending vehicle. There was little doubt this was the vehicle police were searching for, as the occupants were now leaning out the vehicle windows and

“flipping-off” the officer. It is worth mentioning again that the officer was in a marked squad car. Due to the poor driving conduct and enthusiastic gesturing, the officer stopped the vehicle. A female driver, two male passengers and a half-full bottle of vodka occupied the vehicle. All had consumed alcohol, as one would suspect. The female was arrested for DWI. One male passenger had an active warrant and was arrested. The other male admitted to being “really drunk” and was placed in a detox facility. Perhaps next time they will just wave a friendly “hello”.

Need Help?

Assistance for Domestic Assault Victims
952.873.4214

Assistance for Sexual Assault Victims
952.448.5425

Statewide Referral Service (24hr)
1.800.247.0390

24 hour Emergency

First Call for Help
612.335.5000

Crisis Connection
612.379.6363

Crisis Intervention Center
612.347.3161

Suicide Prevention
612.347.2222

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Emergency: 911
Police Service: 952.361.1231

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April 1st



There is disagreement about the correct placement of the *apostrophe* within the phrase "**April Fool's Day.**" The three options are: April **Fool's** Day, April **Fools'** Day, or (*no apostrophe at all*) April **Fools** Day.

The phrase does not actually have a definitively correct spelling. Historically, April **Fool's** Day has been the most popular choice. A logical argument for this spelling is that The April Fool is a singular, iconic character to whom the day is dedicated. Numerous illustrations of The Fool dressed in his robes and horned hat support this view.

Some believe that April **Fools'** Day is the correct spelling pointing to the parallel term **All Fools' Day**, which indicates that the day is dedicated to *All Fools* (plural).

To drop the apostrophe entirely, would be correct if you consider the phrase to be a form of exclamation: "April Fools" being neither singular nor plural, but rather what you yell out when you've tricked someone.

The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

1957: A respected BBC news show announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."



You Know What They Say About Fools...

Looking foolish does the spirit good. -
- John Updike