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POPE FRANCIS

Pope arrives for US visit

Pontiff's 1st visit to America brings out adoring crowds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mustering all the pageantry the White House has to offer, President Barack Obama welcomed Pope Francis to Washington today. The pope arrived before an adoring crowd of 15,000 and a nation that seemingly cannot get enough of the humble pontiff who is rejuvenating American Catholicism while giving heartburn to some of its conservatives.

With flags snapping, color guard at

attention and a military band playing brassy marches, Francis stepped onto the South Lawn on a crisp fall morning that felt as optimistic as his own persona. The Obamas looked positively charmed when Francis' tiny Fiat pulled up, perhaps the smallest car that has ever brought a visiting dignitary to their lawn.

Pope and president stood on a red-carpeted platform bedecked with red, white and blue bunting to stand at attention for the national anthems of the Holy See and the United States.

Just before the pope arrived, Obama had tweeted to the Holy Father: "Welcome to the White House, @Pontifex! Your messages of love, hope, and peace have inspired us all."

After opening remarks on the lawn,

the two were to head inside to the Oval Office for a one-on-one meeting where each hoped to find common cause with the other on issues they hold dear.

The pope later in the morning was to speak to America's bishops, an address that was highly anticipated given a certain disconnect between Francis' focus on social justice and a merciful church and the culture wars that America's bishops have waged in recent years over abortion and gay rights.

From the instant the white-robed and grinning Francis landed in the U.S. on Tuesday, doffed his skullcap

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Pope Francis, left, greets children as he is escorted by President Barack Obama, center, and first lady Michelle Obama, right, after arriving at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on Tuesday. This is the Pope's first visit to the United States.

AVIAN FLU

Lessons from spring may help autumn preparations

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JEFFERSON — When Avian Influenza arrived in Jefferson County last spring, likely via migrating birds, the region's poultry and egg producers experienced shock and dismay as their flocks were decimated.

On Tuesday, with the luxury of hindsight, a handful of them gathered at the county's UW-Extension office to discuss their experiences, what they learned and how to combat the virus in the future, the evening's mood being one of calm — sometimes even humorous analysis.

Jefferson County experienced a severe outbreak of the HPAI H5N2 Avian Influenza in the past spring and Tuesday's meeting, conducted by LaVern Georgson, Jefferson County UW-Extension agricultural agent, was intended as a follow-up to the outbreak.

Georgson told the Daily Times prior to the session he would be hosting the meeting, featuring an expert panel, "... to review where we are, what we have learned, how can we prepare and where we go from here."

Tuesday's panel consisted of egg-producer Scott Schneider of Nature Link Farms in Lake Mills, UW-Extension State Poultry Specialist Ron Kean and Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Director of Field Services Melissa Mace. Fifteen people were in attendance, most of them owners of backyard chicken flocks or members of Jefferson County emergency government and health services.

Schneider said the avian flu virus that struck Jefferson County likely originated in Asia and attached itself to migrating birds in the Mississippi River Flyway as they progressed north for the summer.

The experts agreed there are innumerable ways in which the virus can be spread, but in Jefferson County it is most likely moved by humans on footwear and clothes, as well as by automobiles, farm machinery wild birds and rodents. The possibility the virus is able to cling to airborne dust particles was also ad-

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With seasons beginning to change, signs of fall were apparent at the weekly farmer's market at Riverside Park Tuesday. Above, Julie Braun of Beaver Dam FFA brought colorful flint corn to the market while left, the Apple Blossoms Acres provided dozens of pumpkins for purchasing. At right, Kathy Meyer stocked up on apples from the Jelli's Market vendor.

HANNAH BECKER/Daily Times

Fall's harvest



AUTO INDUSTRY

Volkswagen admits to emissions rigging

BERLIN (AP) — The future of Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn hung in the balance today as the company sought to contain the damage of an emissions-rigging scandal that could lead to fines and lawsuits against the German carmaker.

After falling by 37 percent in two days since the revelation Volkswagen had been trying to dupe U.S. testers for its diesel cars, the company's share price recovered modestly.

It was up 3.4 percent at 115 euros after declines this week that saw nearly 25 billion euros (around \$28 billion) wiped off the company's

market value.

So far, no one is known to have lost their job over the scandal that's been raging round the company since the Environmental Protection Agency disclosed the company's misdemeanors last Friday.

The person facing the most acute pressure is Winterkorn, whose contract was scheduled to be extended by two years through 2018 at a meeting this Friday of the supervisory board.

But the events of recent days have raised questions over his future. German media were widely reporting that the board's executive com-

mittee was meeting Wednesday to discuss the crisis.

The Environmental Protection Agency has said Volkswagen AG could face fines of as much as \$18 billion. Other countries, such as South Korea, have also ordered investigations into emission levels of VW cars and some law firms in North America have filed class-action suits.

On Tuesday, Volkswagen said 11 million of its vehicles worldwide contained the so-called "defeat device" that allowed the cars to beat the testers.

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