

ROMNEY

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the White House. For Romney, the end of the contested primary campaign could hardly come soon enough. Obama has gained in the polls in recent months, particularly among women, as Republicans vie among themselves for support from a conservative party electorate. Santorum has devoted more time to social concerns — including birth control — than Romney, who has generally stayed focused on economic issues.

Additionally, surveys indicate Americans are growing more optimistic about the overall state of the economy. Unemployment has fallen in recent months, but it is still at a relatively high 8.3 percent of the workforce.

Romney won at least 74 delegates in the three races, with 21 yet to be allocated.

That pushed his total to 646 of the 1,144 needed to clinch the nomination. Santorum has 272 delegates, Gingrich 135 and Paul 51.

Interviews with voters leaving Republican polling places in Maryland and Wisconsin showed an electorate more concerned with a candidate's ability to ability to defeat Obama than with the strength of his conservatism, his moral character or his stand on the issues. Similar soundings in earlier states have consistently worked to Romney's advantage.

Voters in both states were less apt to be born again or evangelical Christians than in most previous contests — 37 percent in Wisconsin and 33 percent in Maryland. Based on earlier contests, that, too, suggested an advantage for Romney.

Increasingly, Romney and many senior figures in his party have begun behaving as if the primaries were an afterthought, hoping to pivot to the fall campaign and criticism of Obama.

"He gets full credit or blame for what's happened in this economy and what's happened to gasoline prices under his watch and what's happened to our



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney greets the crowd at a primary election night rally in Milwaukee, Tuesday after he won the Wisconsin Republican presidential primary.

schools and what's happened to our military forces," Romney said of the president while campaigning in Waukesha, Wis.

Obama, in a speech to the annual meeting of The Associated Press, said a House-passed budget written by Republicans was "antithetical to our entire history as a land of opportunity and upward mobility for everybody who's willing to work for it. ... It is a prescription for decline."

When he wasn't focusing his rhetoric on Obama, Romney prodded Santorum to quit the race, suggesting a refusal to do so could cost the party the election in November.

"The right thing for us, I think, is to get a nominee as soon as we can and be able to focus on Barack Obama," Romney said in an interview with Fox News.

"You have to remember that it was Ross Perot that allowed Bill Clinton to win" in 1992, he added, a reference to the Texan who ran as an independent that year.

Santorum, in his home state of Pennsylvania, took note of the calls for him to exit the race.

"Ladies and gentleman, Pennsylvania and half the other people in this country have yet to be heard, and we're going to go out and campaign here and across this nation to make sure that their voices are heard in the next few months."

Santorum made little or no effort in Maryland, was not on the ballot in Washington, D.C., and concentrated much of his time in Wisconsin in rural areas.

He all but conceded defeat in advance in Wisconsin, retreating to Mars, Pa., for an election night appearance in his home state.

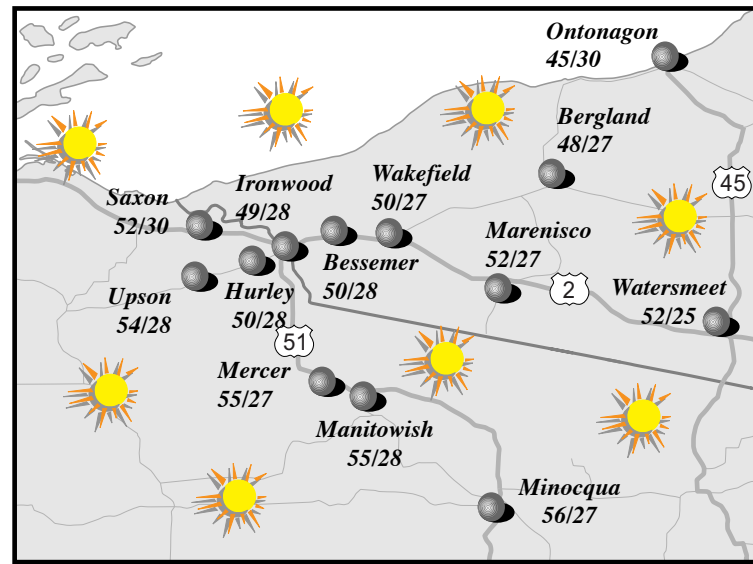
Wisconsin was the fourth industrial state to vote in a little more than a month after Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, a string that Romney has exploited to gain momentum as well as a growing delegate lead in the campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. He and a super PAC supporting him have greatly outspent his rivals in state after state.

The surveys of voters in Maryland's and Wisconsin's GOP presidential primaries were conducted for AP and the television networks by Edison Research. They included preliminary results among 1,238 voters interviewed Tuesday as they left polling places at 25 randomly selected sites in Maryland, and among 2,095 Wisconsin voters as they left 35 polling places across that state. Results from both states had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Already, the early outlines of a general election ad war are visible. Obama's re-election campaign is airing commercials in a half-dozen battleground states that accuse Romney of siding with Big Oil "for their tax breaks, attacking higher mileage standards and renewables."

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR IRONWOOD

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
49° 28°	47° 31°	51° 37°	54° 36°	48° 32°
Winds: 5-10 mph N	Winds: 5 mph E	Winds: 5 mph E	Winds: 5-10 mph NE	Winds: 5-10 mph NE



OUTLOOK

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 49°, humidity of 32%. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 76° set in 1921. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 28°.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:33 a.m.
Sunset	7:35 p.m.
Moonrise	5:22 p.m.
Moonset	5:03 a.m.

NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Thu.
Chicago	53/40 s	49/37 s
Dallas	80/57 s	80/58 s
Kansas City	67/48 t	57/44 sh
Los Angeles	73/51 s	68/48 s
New York	68/44 mc	58/42 s
Orlando	88/67 s	87/68 s
Phoenix	85/60 s	89/59 s
Seattle	50/39 t	49/39 sh

Weather (WX): cl/cloudy; fl/flurries; pc/partly cloudy; ra/rain; rs/rain & snow; s/sunny; sh/showers; sn/snow; t/thunderstorms; w/windy

WEATHER TRIVIA

Based on average wind speed, which location in the U.S. is the windiest?

Answer: Mt. Washington, N.H., with an average wind speed of 35.3 mph.

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ting 231. Challenger James Davis lost with 186 votes.

The election brings new faces to the Iron County Board of Supervisors, a 15-member body. John Smith ran unopposed in the district 7 (Kimball) seat, receiving 65 votes; incumbent Steve Smith did not seek reelection. In district 9 (Iron Belt), George Nasi will take the seat, taking over for John Wiita, who also did not seek reelection. Nasi got 84 votes.

Also reelected are Hurley Mayor Joe Pinardi and the entire Hurley City Council. Pinardi received 170 votes. The council members, and their votes received, are Joanne Bruneau, 149; Jamey Francis, 140; Robbie Lanctot, 132; Charlene Mussatti, 127; Donald Richards, 119; and John Aijala, 106.

In Montreal, Mayor Mitch Koski and council members Karen Secor and Joe Leoni also won new terms. Koski got 108 votes, and Secor and Leoni got

ZAK

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clerk and he was tax assessor and building inspector.

With so much administrative experience, Johnson described Zak as someone who knew how to hold employees' feet to the fire. "She held the employees, myself, accountable," Johnson said, adding she was detail-oriented and knew the city's business well. "She had an incredible memory."

As her brother, Anthony Trola, of Hurley, explained Tuesday, her work ethic and managerial skills were practically a birthright.

From a young age, she, Trola and their four siblings helped their father, Anton Trola, an Italian immigrant, run Trola's Market in Hurley (located where the Hurley Coffee Company is today, he said).

"She was always a hard worker" and "very outspoken," Trola said. "We were all very close."

She went on to work as a waitress, at which time she met her husband-to-be, James Zak. They were married on June 13, 1950. For 61 years they were married, until the day she died.

After waitressing, she worked at Schult Mobile Homes, moving from a secretarial job to become a production line forewoman. The plant moved to a different state, and Zak needed something else to do. She decided to try her hand at government — "she'd tackle anything," Trola said.

According to James Zak, her jobs may have changed, but she didn't. She was always hard-working and wanted to help people.

She always tried to solve problems and "never gave people the run around," James Zak said.

Her devotion served her family well, and she and her husband raised three sons, Tim, James Jr. and Michael. They also had six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

64 and 47 votes respectively.

In the Hurley and Mercer school board races, respective presidents Joe Simonich and Kelly Kohegyi were also unopposed. Simonich got 577 votes and Kohegyi got 364.

Also elected Tuesday was Mark Mangerson, unopposed for the District 3 Court of Appeals, with 830 votes in Iron County.

Saari said turn-out seemed normal, but was likely reduced by the number of uncontested races.

Tim Zak said she was an excellent and passionate cook, one who knew all her recipes without measurements. She was also zealous in preparing Italian cuisine, with dishes such as ravioli working their way into many family meals.

She also enjoyed knitting and watching "The Price is Right" and "Wheel of Fortune," Tim and James Zak said.

Anita's memorial service was scheduled for today at McKeivitt-Patrick Funeral Home at 11 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m.

WILDCAT

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woods Alliance and the Northwoods Native Plant Society.

Ottawa Forest Service officials have agreed to trade 240 acres of parcels it claims are too isolated and difficult to manage to Robert Delich of Wakefield for a 420-acre logged-off parcel south of the Porkies.

The group that is backing an effort to save the waterfalls fears the Wildcat Falls parcels will be subdivided for residential development.

Appeals against the land

exchange are being reviewed by U.S. Forest Service appeal deciding officer Chuck Myers of Milwaukee, and a final decision is expected by the middle of this month.

Sharka said the Forest Service has promoted a plan "to protect the most ecologically and socially important lands."

He said, "Perhaps these parcels are small relative to the million-acre Ottawa, but they are unique and should be treated as such. It's not just Wildcat Falls. It's not just the old-growth hemlock/cedar. It's not just the

impressive rock outcrops. It's the special combination of all of these unique features in one, concentrated area that makes these parcels so important to the public."

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