

Northtown Library to close March 17 for remodeling

LIBRARY BOARD HAS THREE VACANCIES

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The Northtown Library remodeling project will soon commence, after the library closes to the public on March 17. An official ceremony to launch the project will be held March 19 at 10 am at the library, located at 711 County Road 10 in Blaine.

The project is expected to be completed at the end of June, at an approximate cost of \$1 million.

The Anoka County Library Board met on March 3rd to discuss the construction bid award and other agenda items.

Low bidder Morcon Construction of Golden Valley was selected by unanimous vote of the library board, with a bid of \$617,154. April 1 is the target date for the start of construction. The bid does not include the costs of furniture, fixtures and equipment, which will bring the expenditures to around \$1 million. The architectural firm, MSR, estimated the construction cost at \$670,000. Seven bids were made, with the highest bid from Black and Dew Construction of North St. Paul, for \$732,932. Other firms bidding were KUE Construction of Watkins, A & L Construction of Maple Grove, Versa Con of Brooklyn Park, Terra Construction of Rogers and Ebert Construction of Corcoran. Two additional firms made bids for the electrical work only.

The Library Board also approved the expenditure of up to \$14,400 in additional payments to MSR for its efforts to procure and oversee the installation of fixtures and equipment.

In other board action, a contract with ESG-Honeywell will not be renewed. The company had provided consultation services regarding energy consumption of the county libraries. The county's Facilities Department has a contract with Corval Corporation to provide similar services and it was decided to roll the library system into this contract at a cost savings of over \$20,000 per year.

The parking lots of the Johnsville branch in Blaine and the Rum River branch in Anoka will be rejuvenated with sealing and mill and overlay work in late August, at a total cost of \$95,259.

The board's meeting packet showed the totals for volunteer hours in 2013: 3,704 hours were donated by adults, 2,754 hours by teenagers.

Library Director Marlene Moulton Janssen said the book lockers at the Andover YMCA have been so popular that the 40 units are not enough to meet demand, and 30 more could be added. This will be looked at by the Future Services subcommittee of the library board. Janssen said the lockers at Ramsey City Hall are still underused and would like to see them moved to the parking ramp from the present location inside city hall.

Three of the seven library board seats became vacant in January. Brandon Thrash (appointed in April 2012) resigned his District 1 seat, Kim Sampson (District

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Legislators hear from constituents at Centerville town hall meeting

On Thursday, March 6, Sen. Roger Chamberlain (R-Lino Lakes) and Rep. Linda Runbeck (R-Circle Pines) held a town hall meeting at Centerville City Hall.

Every seat in the room was taken as Chamberlain and Runbeck talked about the legislative session and took questions from those in attendance.

Topics raised concerned transportation, education, the bullying bill, and voter registration.

Many in attendance said they objected to the substantial number of dollars being directed towards various metro transit rail projects such as the SW Corridor. There was little support for any increase in taxes for transit. Some questioned whether funding was being spent wisely. Only one person in attendance indicated that he used transit to get to work in downtown Minneapolis.

Chamberlain discussed several sources of transportation funding such as wheelage taxes, bonding, gas tax, and sales tax. He expressed concern that a portion of this money has been diverted from roads and bridges to transit. He also noted that the bonding bill is essentially a political bill and only a small portion is proposed to fund roads and bridges. He also stated that statistics show that most people do not live or work in the two big cities, where transit is focused. He said that more people live and are employed in the suburbs. Runbeck noted that only 4% of total daily trips in the Twin Cities are made using transit.

Runbeck cautioned those in attendance about the proposal to add a 5% tax to wholesale gasoline instead of raising the gas tax at the pump. She stated that while tax collected at the pump is constitutionally dedicated to roads and bridges, the proposed sales tax on gasoline could be spent in any number of ways. She said that any legislature could redirect those funds to transit or other uses anytime in the future.

Runbeck also spoke about transit fares and taxing districts. She stated that only 40 cents out of every dollar spent comes from fares, noting that the subsidy for riders is substantially lower on buses vs. trains. She also proposed establishing transit taxing districts as a way to generate funding for trains and also to flush out where the true support for these projects lay. She stated that if a city or business wants trains, they should establish a taxing district along the train line that would pay for the project. This way those who would directly benefit from the project would pay for the project.

Residents questioned Chamberlain on the issue of education and he indicated that he is working towards equalizing spending between districts such as Centennial vs. Minneapolis. He argued that a child is a child and they should be treated equally.



Sen. Roger Chamberlain (right) addresses the audience while Rep. Linda Runbeck listens

Chamberlain also mentioned that HF 826, also known as the bullying bill, was recently pulled from the finance committee and moved to the K-12 education policy committee. He said that the DFL did not have the votes to pass the bill in the finance committee. Chamberlain criticized the bill stating that it was costly to implement, would generate a tremendous amount of litigation, and provided no allowance for different age behavior standards. He stated that an elementary school student would be held to the same standard as a high school student and that this was unreasonable.

In response to the bullying bill proposed by the DFL, Chamberlain said that he was proposing that Minnesota adopt the same law that exists in North Dakota. He said the North Dakota law was only four pages long, which was a fraction of the size of the Minnesota proposal. He said it differed from the Minnesota proposal in that in North Dakota, their law provided notification to parents, provided for due process, and provided immunity for teachers.

There was some chuckling in the audience at the expense of Secretary of State Mark Ritchie and his online voter registration system he implemented last year without legislative approval. Chamberlain stated that the voter registration bill that came out of the House was better than what Ritchie had implemented. He said that it strengthens identification requirements. He also said that one of the points of discussion is what to do with the 3,600 who registered to vote under Ritchie's website. He said that it is possible that they may have to re-register to vote again under the new system.

In closing, Runbeck advised residents to look at what bills are truly bipartisan, having several authors from both parties. She said that these are the better bills that have had more work and thought put into them. She cautioned though that these bills are not easy to find this legislative session. — *ACR staff*

We must work together to increase the minimum wage and pass a bonding bill

Now that the 2014 legislative session is underway, I'm looking forward to working with you to build on the progress we made in 2013.

We accomplished a lot of great things last year: We balanced our state budget, paid back our schools and invested in our students, and provided property tax relief. As a result Minnesota employers added over 45,000 jobs last year, lowering our unemployment rate to 4.6 percent – one of the lowest rates in the country. Thanks to our outstanding businesses and talented workforce, our state has a \$1.23 billion budget surplus. And our graduation rates are the highest they've been in the last decade. Minnesota is making progress, but we have more work to do to grow our middle class.

With Minnesota on sound fiscal footing for the first time in years, we need to stay focused on helping families and businesses who have not yet felt the economic recovery. Thanks to a growing economy and a projected surplus, we are in a position to pay for additional middle tax cuts while maintaining a structurally balanced budget.

I support raising the minimum wage to help working Minnesotans provide for themselves and their families. Minnesota has the third lowest wage in the entire country, well below the set federal minimum wage of a mere \$7.25. The last time we increased the minimum wage happened nearly a year ago. Many Minnesotans of their families struggle daily to keep up with the rising costs of things like gas, groceries, housing and other necessities. It is time we raise the minimum wage to give hardworking Minnesotans more economic security and stability that they need and deserve.

We must also work together this session to pass a strategic and bipartisan bonding bill. Putting aside our partisan differences to create good jobs and to invest in our state's infrastructure is not only smart economic policy, it's simply the right thing to do. The Springbrook Nature Center is one such project I will advocate to include in the 2014 bonding bill. Springbrook is a staple of our community, connecting our growing residential developments with the land and offers a diverse habitat that attracts 150,000 visitors per year. We need to invest in Springbrook Nature Center for our environment and our community.

Another challenge we must address in the disproportionate barriers to economic security facing women in Minnesota. Women make up half our Minnesota's workforce but 58 percent of women are paid less than \$9.50. This is why my DFL colleagues and I are working to pass the Women's Economic Security Act this session to ensure women have an equal opportunity to succeed. Our priorities include closing the gender pay gap, expanding access to high-quality and affordable childcare, support women-owned small businesses and promote policies that allow women to secure high-wage jobs.

Lawmakers are focused on making government better, faster, simpler and more efficient for people and businesses – an idea Governor Dayton coined as the "Unsession." I'm hopeful that we can take some serious steps to cut red tape for businesses and streamline our state government by improving services, shortening wait times, and eliminating old and outdated rules.

Not enough "tax relief"

A week ago, the House passed a bill that brings Minnesota's tax code in alignment with some provisions of the federal tax code for tax year 2013 with other major provisions effective for tax year 2014. This bill also repeals the sales tax on commercial/industrial repair as well as telecommunications machinery and equipment starting June 30, 2013. The sales tax on warehousing and storage is also repealed on the day following final enactment.

You will hear Democrats call this bill "tax relief" for Minnesotans. Do not be fooled. This bill un-does a few of the devastating mistakes Democrats made last session, but this bill doesn't go far enough and keeps approximately \$700 million in government coffers. Absent from this bill are two conformity provisions for tax year 2013:

- Increased Standard Deduction for married joint filers which would have saved 640,000 married couples for an average \$112 per return
- Increased Eligible Expense Limit for Dependent Care Credit which would have saved 26,000 working moms and dads on an average of \$80 per return.

These dollars don't belong in a vault in St Paul. This money belongs in the pockets of hardworking Minnesota taxpayers.

Meanwhile, government spending per capita under all funds with Democrats in control is at historic levels. Gov. Dayton and Democrats increased spending by the state by \$1,486 for every man, woman, and child in Minnesota. What is this new spending going toward? For one – a new \$90 million luxurious office building for state senators.

I remain perplexed at the priorities of the Democrat leadership of this legislature. During the 2013 Legislative Session, Democrats managed to impose a \$2.1 billion tax increase on hardworking Minnesota families. Yet, Democrats somehow failed to prioritize our elderly, disabled, and vulnerable citizens as well as the people who take care of them. The "5% Campaign" is an initiative that would fund a 5% rate increase for home care providers, long-term care providers and nursing homes that take care of our loved ones. I support this initiative and will vote for it so long as the bill is "clean" – meaning the proposal stands alone.



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'Unsession' might not be accurate label

The word "Unsession" has been used to describe plans for the 2014 session. Actions as we convene paint a different picture.

I wish this year would be an "Unsession," devoted to eliminating excessive government, cutting cumbersome red tape and repealing unnecessary laws. About the only place we have seen majority members express interest in following through with this is their growing interest in undoing some of the tax increases they themselves passed in 2013.

Otherwise, it looks like another year where Democrats push in their usual direction of excessive government and more spending. Here are some examples:

BULLYING BILL

The Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act, creates a 24-member unelected board of state bureaucrats that would be responsible for crafting bullying policies that would apply to all Minnesota schools. We all agree our schools should be free from bullying. But the bottom line is this: School districts already are required by law to have anti-bullying policies in place. Local officials and parents know what is best for our area and decisions should rest in their hands, not with St. Paul bureaucracy.

10-CENT RECYCLING DEPOSIT

As of deadline time for this column, Legislation had not been formally submitted in the House, but members of the majority have expressed interest in charging a 10-cent deposit on beverage containers. Proponents say this would help increase Minnesota's recycling rate. I would rather focus on developing single-sort technology to boost recycling participation instead of placing higher costs and burdens on citizens.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Another bill would increase the state minimum wage from \$6.15 per hour to \$9.50 per hour for large employers and \$8.50 per hour for small employers. The increase comes in three stages, and reaches the new minimums by August 2015. Every year after that, the minimum wage would be adjusted based on the annual increase in inflation.

MNSURE

Minnesota's new government-run health insurance program already is in place, but serious concerns may be addressed this session. Democrats have spent more than \$150 million in taxpayer money setting up this program, yet it has been faltering miserably since it started Oct. 1. An independent report says MNSure's structure is "non-existent" and that executives have been making decisions in a "crisis mode." A well-respected Capitol reporter said on the air that MNSure officials lied to cover up problems.

The state's legislative auditor is conducting a full-scale investigation of MNSure to learn more about the programs failings and to determine why problems were not identified and/or made public sooner. We in the minority offered amendments to provide greater transparency and more oversight as Democrats built MNSure. Maybe they will agree this time.

BONDING BILL

A bill that borrows money to pay for construction projects throughout the state will be up for discussion this session. A super majority is necessary to pass a bonding bill, meaning at least several Republicans would have to provide support. Gov. Mark Dayton recommended a bill of \$1 billion. That is too expensive and would not pass, in my opinion, especially since a \$176 million bill passed in 2012.

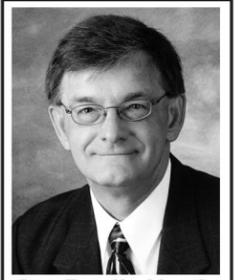
Democrats cut the taxes they put into effect last year

If someone took \$20 from your wallet, and handed you back \$5, would you call that a good deal? That's exactly what Democrats have done, and last week they took a victory lap, patting themselves on the back for "cutting" the very taxes they voted to increase last session.

The bill would repeal three business-to-business taxes passed in 2013. Those taxes include: the commercial equipment repair tax (sometimes referred to as the farm equipment repair tax), the telecommunications tax, and the warehousing tax. In addition, the bill would provide approximately \$200 million in additional tax deductions Minnesotans are entitled to under the federal tax code, but currently aren't able to claim due to differences in the state tax code.

Republicans have urged Democrats to #GiveItBack. We believe that the \$1.2 billion state surplus is an indication that Minnesotans are being overtaxed, and that the money is better off in your pocket, rather than in a vault waiting to be wastefully spent by Democrats.

Last Thursday's vote was an important first step toward doing just that. Republicans believe we should give back as much of the \$1.2 billion as possible to hardworking taxpayers. There are additional taxes passed last session that could still be repealed, further easing the burden placed on the backs of Minnesota families and businesses last session. House Republicans will continue to fight to give you back your hard-earned dollars, and continue correcting the mistakes and cleaning up the mess Democrats made in 2013.



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GET SOME OF YOUR MONEY BACK AND BE UNHAPPY

Well, that was easy to predict. The Minnesota House voted to suspend and return a portion of the massive tax increase they visited upon the productive during the 2013 legislative session.

As we mentioned last week, they stole the tires off the car and returned one.

Put another way, after promising to break our limbs, the DFL benevolently decided to only break both arms and just one leg.

How generous. How compassionate.

And just as predictably, the DFL's co-conspirators in the media were right there to trumpet the DFL business "tax cuts."

The media breathlessly shared the good news that the DFL had head the pleas of job creators and compassionately decided to intercede.

This at a time when many states are working hard to be job-friendly by lowering costs and regulatory burdens across the board in order to retain and attract job creators.

The DFL strategy of making Minnesota attractive by dialing back a fraction of the tax increases coupled with market-distorting direct subsidies to politically favored firms doesn't come close to matching what job leaders like Texas, Tennessee and North Dakota are doing.

In addition, let's not forget other job-killing DFL policies like MnSure mandates and the road blocks thrown up against mining.

Like any harvest, the bitter yield won't be reaped until later. The poison ingested today won't harm the economic body until tomorrow.

Fortunately, job creators are more sophisticated than many citizens and realize when they are on the end of a Faustian bargain.

Unlike some citizens who cheer tax refunds instead of realizing they are only recovering that which government wrongly over-collected in the first place, businesses wield a sharp pencil out of necessity and will ultimately operate where maximum shareholder value is realized.

BUDGET RESERVES ARE BAD POLICY

One of the more objectionable bills circulating around the Capitol these days is one that seeks to increase the state's budget reserve.

Just like tax refunds, this concept has a lot of surface appeal and attraction to the many low-information voters who rely on Rachel Maddow and the Star Tribune to tell them what to think about issues like taxes, jobs, and professional wrestling.

As an initial proposition, government should only confiscate those revenue needed to fund government spending obligations.

Because government does not earn wealth and merely diverts it from the private economy, a budget reserve is nothing more than an unnecessary impoundment of private resources that by definition are not needed by government. There is at best only a possible need for that money.

In other words, it is idle wealth that could be deployed in the hands of its owners to generate more wealth and prosperity.

For government to confiscate and impound money it doesn't currently need is immoral and poor economic policy.

Moreover, budget reserves relieve politicians of the need to make uncomfortable decisions regarding the size and scope of government.

Let's face reality here. About the only time government even discusses reducing government in any way is when the money is tight. A government with a budget surplus will never pursue smaller programs or greater efficiencies. A government in

financial distress might, might, actually do so.

A budget reserve allows politicians to avoid angering the many, many, many constituencies that enjoy an ever larger piece of the government-sector pie and keep them in office by laundering government money into the re-election campaigns of those who hold the purse strings.

This is a twofer for politicians because that fat budget reserve also lets them off the hook by keeping the spending spigot open while avoiding the need to cover budget holes with unpopular tax increases.

It's a fair question to ask why it makes sense for business and families to keep a rainy day fund but not government.

This is because business and families are making decisions with their own money. From a moral perspective, that money represents a form of private property to be utilized in any legal way.

Government isn't in that position. The money it has it took from its owners by threat of force. Thus, the moral obligation is to take only that money needed to fund obligations and no more.

In addition, as mentioned above, a recession is the only time government is really forced to confront spending decisions and seek efficiencies.

Business and families undertake that task every day. If a business doesn't, it goes bankrupt. If family doesn't, they end up on the street.

Government isn't subject to that market discipline.

In sum, budget reserves needlessly drain money away from the private economy while insulating government from the occasional need to closely examine spending decisions in order to match spending with reduced revenues when the economy moves into a recessionary cycle.

A government budget reserve is little more than a trust fund for government.

And like a trust fund, it insulates the beneficiary from facing the realities of the real world and encourages immature and rash behavior.

Just ask Governor Dayton.

REEFER MADNESS

The Watchdog will confess to considering the medical marijuana bill before the legislature to be an issue with a profile much bigger than the reality.

Whether Minnesota passes such a law or not will not mean the rise or fall of Western Civilization.

But make no mistake. The Watchdog supports medical marijuana.

In fact, this publication stands with Milton Friedman and William F. Buckley in supporting the decriminalization of marijuana. But that's an item for a future publication.

The Watchdog does not claim to have a great deal of expertise with either marijuana in general or medical marijuana in particular.

As a first proposition, the government needs to get out of the exam room. The decision to employ marijuana as a treatment option is one to be made between a doctor and a patient within the sacred confines of that relationship.

It's the doctor-patient relationship. Not the doctor-bureaucrat-patient or the doctor-cop-patient relationship.

Second, 20 states have a medical marijuana law running the gamut from liberal states like Oregon

to conservative state like Montana and Arizona to purple states like New Mexico and Michigan.

As far as we can tell, the buildings are still standing, the rule of law still prevails, and the sun still rises in the morning in those states.

Third, it appears that none of the 20 states with a medical marijuana law have repealed or have scaled back their laws. Things must be working fairly well.

It's also a bit peculiar that the opposition to medical marijuana is coming not from the health care folks but from law enforcement.

Excuse us, but since when did our cops become experts on health care? Do doctors come to the Capitol and testify on criminal justice issues?

Moreover, since when did law enforcement decide that it was proper and acceptable to influence the making of public policy.

Law enforcement is just that. Law enforcement. Like the military, law enforcement is merely an instrumentality of public policy, not a maker of it.

Watching law enforcement attempt to influence the making of public policy is as objectionable and inappropriate as it would be to see military officers testify for or against a foreign policy decision to use deadly force against an enemy.

Staking a position for or against public policy raises troubling doubts about law enforcement loyalty and uniformly enforcing the laws our policy makers fashion.

The arguments that law enforcement representatives make against medical marijuana defy common experience and thus carry little weight.

For example, arguing that medical marijuana will make that drug more widely available is almost laughable. Marijuana is already widely available and has been for many, many years.

You don't need to con a doctor into writing a bogus prescription. You only need to head down to the local high school parking lot.

The only people who obey the drug laws are the law abiding and those who otherwise wouldn't use it but for their illness. Giving them safe and legal access to marijuana under a doctor's supervision won't collapse society.

The news reports and the committee hearing the Watchdog staff watched were filled with normal people trapped in desperate situations.

Children with aggressive seizures, veterans with physical and mental wounds, mothers who watched their children die an agonizing death.

We didn't see any stoners or advocates of an unconventional lifestyle.

The medical marijuana bill is very consistent with conservative principles regarding smaller government, health care liberty, and compassion for the sick.

Kudos to Senator Branden Petersen, and Reps. Pat Garofalo, Andrea Kieffer, David FitzSimmons, Tim Kelly, and Tom Hackbarth for co-sponsoring this common sense bill.

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Sen. Benson's Legislative Update

The Minnesota Legislature is now more than a couple weeks into the 2014 Session. Although committees are meeting daily with full agendas, most bills still need additional work before they are sent to the Senate Floor for a vote.

Last week, the "Safe and Supportive Schools Act" (HF 826) was scheduled for a hearing in the Finance Committee. It was pulled from the agenda the day before it was supposed to be heard. Many Minnesotans, including me, have serious concerns about the unintended consequences this bill could have on our students. Your concerns were heard and the bill has been temporarily stalled. Although I don't think this issue is resolved, it's a start.

In the meantime, I encourage you to look at SF 2411, a newly introduced bill that clarifies and strengthens Minnesota's current bullying law while keeping students and families first.

The Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee heard SF 2047 on March 5. This bill allows the state to collect and store newborn baby's DNA for an indefinite period of time. Although the committee voted to pass the bill and lay it over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill, I strongly opposed this motion. A child's DNA is the property of that child and the parents, not the government, and it should not be collected without the fully informed consent of the parents. If you share my concerns about data privacy and government overreach, I strongly recommend contacting Senator John Marty, the bill author, and Senator Kathy Sheran, Chairwoman of the committee.

The House recently passed HF 1777, a bill that would bring Minnesota into conformity with federal tax codes and provide some relief from the tax increases passed last year. Although I don't believe HF 1777 goes far enough in easing the tax burden on Minnesota's families and businesses, I congratulate the House on prioritizing this and hope the Senate will soon begin work on this subject. This should have been a priority for the legislature last year; it is time to take action.



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Rep. Uglem pleased with tax repeals

The 2014 legislative session began its first week with a welcomed moment of bipartisan cooperation and agreement.

The House voted to suspend the rules and pass \$20 million in additional funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which was scheduled to run out of money early next month.

All of the present members voted in favor of this funding, which will continue the program that helps Minnesotans keep the heat on through the end of this winter. Last month, Governor Dayton expanded the LIHEAP program eligibility to help Minnesotans impacted by a propane shortage that caused the price of propane — which many Minnesotans use to heat their homes — to skyrocket.



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I hope we can continue this spirit of bipartisanship as the 2014 session continues. There was a great deal of discussion by both parties about repealing the business-to-business taxes passed last session, as well as addressing federal tax conformity.

The legislature failed to align Minnesota's tax code with the federal code last session, resulting in de facto tax increases for many Minnesota families for things like employer-provided tuition and adoption assistance, to name just a few.

Week two went by, and we were keeping up the fast-paced productivity of week one. A number of important bills are moving through the committee process, and are likely to come to the floor in coming weeks.

I wanted to update you on one bill we voted on yesterday that will undo some of the mistakes and lift the burdens passed by the majority during the 2013 legislative session.

The House voted March 6th to pass HF1777, a bill that repeals the three business-to-business taxes from last session, and conforms Minnesota's tax code with the federal tax code, restoring several important tax credits that help Minnesota families.

I've been clear all along; these taxes were a mistake, and should have never been passed in the first place. In addition, it's unacceptable that the majority failed to pass federal conformity last session.

Approximately 1 in 3 Minnesotans have already filed their taxes ahead of the April deadline. Waiting until now to pass federal conformity means many people will have to go back and amend their already-filed state tax returns to get the tax breaks they're entitled to.

That's a headache that most families would probably prefer not to deal with, and given Democrats' complete control of government, it's puzzling why it took them until now to get it done. Now it's up to the Senate to pass the bill and send it to the Governor.

I voted for this bill because I believe it's important to undo these mistakes and put more money back in your pockets. But I believe this bill didn't go far enough. Democrats rejected amendments offered by Republicans to eliminate the so-called marriage penalty that impacts 640,000 Minnesota families who would otherwise receive tax breaks if full federal conformity was enacted.

Getting rid of the business-to-business taxes and conforming our tax code to restore the tax credits you deserve is good news for the hardworking taxpayers of Minnesota, but there's still more we can do during this session. I'll keep looking for ways to let you keep more of your hard-earned money. With a \$1.2 billion dollar surplus, I support every effort possible to give back that surplus to the taxpayers. That money belongs to you — not the government.

You got a tax cut, but we could have done more

Legislators on both sides of the aisle came together last week in an effort to give back \$500 million to hardworking Minnesotans.

Families will see more money in their pocketbooks after three business-to-business taxes are repealed and state income tax codes are conformed, at least partially, to federal tax law.

Since they were signed into law last year, controversy has surrounded the new business-to-business taxes because they affect businesses of all sectors and sizes and consumers of all income levels. Our vote to repeal them is a necessary step to undo the significant financial hardship placed on businesses, to keep jobs in Minnesota, and to lessen the burden on consumers.

Income tax conformity is a common process activated by the legislature; unfortunately, it was neglected last session. In short, conformity makes it simpler and less expensive to file taxes when Minnesotans are able to take advantage of standard tax credits and deductions at the federal level.

While I was glad to give back money to taxpayers, I think we could have done even more. If you recall, last year's budget raised taxes by over \$2 billion. The legislation we voted on this week only returns about a quarter of the new increases.

In an effort to give back even more, I voted on two important tax conformity amendments. One would have eliminated the "marriage penalty" for 640,000 low- and middle-income earners, saving \$112 per return for married filers. The other would have returned about \$80 to working moms and dads with children in daycare. Unfortunately, they were defeated by the House majority.

Before Minnesotans can see more of their own money in the bank, this legislation requires action in the Senate. I will keep you updated on the progress of the bill.



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Update on the "bullying bill"

Editor's note: Sen. Roger Chamberlain released this statement March 11.

You have likely heard quite a bit about the bullying debate that is currently happening in the Minnesota legislature. I have frequently and openly discussed the numerous problems with Senator Dibble's bill, HF 826. I've discussed them on my Facebook page, on WCCO, on Fox9, and in an op/ed.

Now, Senator Carla Nelson (R-Rochester) and I have introduced an alternative plan. Our bill will protect all children, while eliminating the significant problems that make Senator Dibble's (DFL-Minneapolis) bill unworkable.

Our bill, Senate File 2411, is modeled after legislation passed in North Dakota. That legislation has been very successful, and in 2011 was endorsed by our Attorney General Lori Swanson. It was also given an A++ rating by an anti-bullying group.

The Pioneer Press did a story recently on our bill, which you can read here: http://www.twincities.com/education/ci_25315199/senate-gop-offers-up-bullying-bill-alternative

I understand what it's like to be bullied, and I am committed to doing everything I can to eliminating bullying our schools. Senator Dibble's bill would be a disaster in a number of ways, but our alternative has a legitimate opportunity to help children, families, and our hardworking teachers.

Town Hall tonight

Last week, Rep. Runbeck and I held our first town hall of 2014. It was well attended, and it's clear that residents are looking for relief. Minnesota families have been working hard for years only to see the government take more and more from them; now is the time for government to give it back. Government is simply attempting to do too much and then do it poorly; in the end, this does far more harm than good.

We will have another town hall meeting tonight, Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m., at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway.



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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING *continued from page 1*

4) completed the term of Norma Jean Falink, who resigned last summer, and Diane Letendre (District 6) served three 3-year terms, the maximum consecutive service allowed by state statute for library boards. County Commissioners Look, Kordiak and Sivarajah will soon appoint three new members from their respective districts.

Director Janssen told the Record that the Northtown library's materials will be put on carts and shrink-wrapped. She said the county workhouse may provide laborers to help with the task. Most of the Northtown materials will be warehoused and unavailable to the public during the remodeling.

After the regular meeting, the library board held a closed meeting to review Janssen's job performance. Afterward, board chair Robert Thistle said the board

"was very pleased with Marlene's efforts; we are very glad to have her in our library system."

Along with Thistle, board members Melaine Keister and Ellen Ward attended the meeting, while Cathy Montain participated by video streaming, which worked without a hitch. The board's next meeting is March 17.

The Public Library Association Conference is being held this week in Indianapolis. At a meeting Feb. 25, the Anoka County Board approved the travel expenses of six library system employees who had planned to attend the conference. The \$10,367 cost would be paid by MELSA, the Metropolitan Library Service Agency, one of twelve regional library systems in the state that receive state tax dollars.

INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS: An Endangered Species?

Editor's Note: We reprint, with permission, an editorial written by Marshall Helmberger, publisher of the Timberjay weekly newspaper in Tower, Minnesota. It was first published soon after the Minnesota Newspaper Association annual convention was held in January.

You could see the changes in the newspaper world on display at the annual Minnesota Newspaper Convention last weekend. I had noticed in the past few years that many weekly newspapers in the state had begun to take on a very similar look and feel.

Overall, the state's newspapers, including small town weeklies, have almost all graduated to full color and most have taken advantage of it with an improved design, and greater use of photos and other graphics. It seems like an improvement, at least at first glance. A more professional look, after all, certainly makes the local newspaper more attractive to readers and advertisers, and that should be good for the business, and the industry as a whole.

But a growing homogeneity among so many of the state's weekly newspapers is evidence of the increasingly dramatic consolidation within the newspaper industry a trend that clearly has some benefits, along with plenty of drawbacks.

There was a time when the weekly newspaper world was filled with somewhat cranky, independently-minded publishers who routinely put their unique stamp on the news and their communities. And here in northern St. Louis County, we still have a few examples of that.

Perhaps it's our splendid isolation up here in the North Country that's kept some of our local papers in the hands of independent owners. Independence certainly doesn't always guarantee quality, but it usually ensures that readers in any particular region can enjoy a wide range of viewpoints and editorial focus. Our little corner of the state is certainly blessed with that.

But across Minnesota, such independence is disappearing at an alarming rate, as is that distinctive character that used to be a hallmark of weekly newspapers. I'm always amazed when I talk to fellow publishers at how many are now working as part of giant consolidated media organizations that have come to dominate the newspaper industry in the state. Fargo-based Forum Communications, for example, has snapped up dozens of papers across northern and western Minnesota. From Duluth to northwestern Wisconsin, all the way west into North Dakota, you'd be hard-pressed these days to find a paper that isn't part of this increasingly vast news corporation.

On the Iron Range, it's American Consolidated Media that controls the newspaper market, operating the Mesabi Daily News, the Hibbing Daily Tribune, as well as papers in Chisholm, Grand Rapids, and Walker. ACM, which was started by an Australian investment firm, has seen ownership change hands multiple times in recent years. It's now owned primarily by a collection of banks, most based halfway around the world. While many of the employees who work for such firms still maintain strong ties to their communities, their corporate

owners are focused relentlessly on the bottom line. The pressure to meet financial targets is intense, and often unrealistic.

As newspapers are consolidated, so are many of the jobs that once made newspapers major employers in small towns across the state. I was shocked to learn that many of the top weeklies in the state are now laid out in a single consolidated design shop in Shakopee. It's no wonder that so many papers now look the same they're all laid out by the same people! Even more shocking, this same large newspaper group now outsources almost all of its ad production . . . to India.

Such changes have meant big job cuts at many newspapers. We've certainly seen that on the Iron Range, where once bustling newspaper offices have been downsized to mere shells of their former selves.

There are certainly some advantages to being part of a large group. Shared content is a major trend among papers with common ownership, and that helps keep down the cost of news-gathering. The larger groups can consolidate media buys, both online and in print, and that can generate more revenue.

But, to me, there's something lost in this relentless consolidation, particularly the personality that once made so many weeklies so interesting and distinctive. Sure, some of the independent papers were, and remain, behind the times. In some cases, their quality is less than ideal. But I'm not convinced that the consolidation and the increasingly corporate culture that so dominates the newspaper industry today is for the best. Consolidation of media inevitably means a narrower spectrum of viewpoints and news coverage. Sharing of news content is fine, if the news is relevant to local communities. We participate in Minnesota Public Radio's news service, but, in truth, we rarely pick up stories because we often don't have room for all the locally-written stories we produce each week.

And consolidation of ownership often affects editorial decisions, particularly when it comes to political endorsements. While many editorial page editors might deny it, it's no coincidence that papers with common group ownership tend to endorse the same candidates. That means endorsements often don't reflect the interests of the communities involved, but rather the viewpoint of top management.

Given the trend in the industry, it's not unrealistic to believe that two or three giant media companies could soon control the vast majority of the newspapers in the state. In fact, we're practically there already. For my money, there's still something to be said for the independent voice. That's certainly what we try to bring to readers each and every week.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

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Ham Lake, MN 55304
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www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us
Hours: M-Th 7 AM - 4:30 PM
Fri: 7 AM-12 NOON
Mon. March 17
City Council, 6 pm
Wed. March 19
Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm
Mon. March 24
Planning Comm., 6 pm
Wed. March 26
Charter Commission, 6 pm
Mon. April 7
City Council, 6 pm
Mon. April 14
Planning Comm., 6 pm
Wed. April 16
Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm
Mon. April 21
City Council, 6 pm
Mon. April 28
Planning Comm., 6 pm

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove City Hall
19900 Nightingale St. NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011
Ph: 763-404-7000
www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us
2nd & last Mondays
City Council, 7 pm
3rd Wednesday, Mar. 19
Parks Comm., 6:30 pm
3rd Thursday, Mar. 20
Planning Comm., 7 pm

ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1318 McKay Dr NE #300
Ham Lake, MN 55304
Ph.: (763) 434-2030
anokaswcd.org
Mon. March 17
Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

North Metro TV Cable Commission

Ham Lake, Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Lino Lakes, Lexington, Centerville, Circle Pines
Wed. March 19
Cable Commission, 6 pm,
Spring Lake Park City Hall

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE
CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 26, 2014**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m. – Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 2.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 29, 2013
- 4.0 APPEARANCES
- 5.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS
- 5.1 Discussion of amendment to the Charter regarding write-ins for Mayor/Councilmembers
- 6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission will be conducting a Public Hearing on April 17, 2014 in the Oak Grove Council Chambers, 19900 Nightingale St NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be an annual meeting to receive public input on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP).

Anyone wishing to make a comment on the SWPPP is invited to attend the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, written comments are welcome and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. April 14, 2014. A copy of the SWPPP will be available at the City Hall for review.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at (763) 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold
City Clerk

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Rebecca Lee Rozovics, 8665 Dunkirk Ct NE, Blaine MN 55449

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/s/ Rebecca L. Rozovics

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**CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY — CITY CLERK POSITION**

SUMMARY: This is highly responsible and varied clerical and administrative work in serving as City Clerk. Performs all City Clerk related functions including administering elections, administration of official records and the City's records retention program, and preparation of City Council agendas and minutes. Attends all regular and special meetings of the City Council. Serves as responsible authority for compliance with the Minnesota Data Practices Act. Position provides secretarial and clerical assistance to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager. Work involves considerable public contact. Work requires knowledge of, and familiarity with, general city organization and operation of municipal services. This position is responsible for providing information and answers to the public and for receiving and handling inquiries and complaints from the public. Work also includes responsibility for scheduling and arranging various meetings, composing, compiling, gathering, copying, and distributing materials in accordance with deadlines, and performing research duties as assigned. Considerable initiative, independent judgement, and discretion is required in handling various delegated administrative details. Supervision and evaluation of this position comes from the Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director and the City Manager. The position is responsible to the Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director and the City Manager, as well as the Mayor and Council Members.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Arranges meetings of the City Council and provides for public notice of same. Coordinates and compiles City Council agenda items; prepares, assembles, and distributes Council meeting agendas and materials.
2. Attends all regular and special meetings of the City Council, takes and transcribes minutes of such meetings.
3. Maintains records and files of official city documents including correspondence, minutes, resolutions, ordinances, and contracts; disseminates copies of such records as required; maintains and updates the City's Record Retention Schedule and determines which official records must be stored or destroyed in accordance with such schedule.
4. Organizes and directs elections, including arranging for polling places, receiving candidate filings and campaign expenditure reports, arranging for judges, preparing ballots, programming of voting machines, monitoring effective machine operation, training election judges, preparing legal notices for the media, purchasing necessary supplies, maintaining the required records, and serving as troubleshooter.
5. Serves as the responsible authority for compliance with the Minnesota Data Practices Act; receives and responds to requests for data in accordance with the Act; annually reviews and revises, as needed, the City's Data Practices Procedures.
6. Maintains, updates, and distributes changes to the City Code on a quarterly basis.
7. Obtains required signatures for ordinances, resolutions, contracts, and other official documents and ensures their accuracy and completeness; ensures proper and timely publication of all official notices and other required documents.
8. Prepares and oversees Mayor and Council budget and City Clerk budget.
9. Establishes and maintains records of boards and commissions, including membership and approved minutes. Coordinates recruitment, selection, interviews, reappointments and recognition of board and commission members.
10. Types, copies, and distributes a variety of correspondence, minutes, reports, and other materials from dictating machine, rough copy, or verbal instruction. Composes and types letters, memos, notices, and other correspondence.
11. Interviews, screens, and refers callers; answers various inquiries; provides information on municipal services and functions.
12. Compiles and completes data for administrative and public reports, bulletins, questionnaires, and other documents.
13. Creates, maintains, schedules and/or inserts broadcast messages and/or programs on the City's cable access channel using the applicable software program.
14. Maintains and updates information in applicable areas of City website.
15. Operates a variety of office equipment, including computers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, and other office equipment as necessary.
16. Serves as City department liaison/representative on various committees as assigned; serves as Sunshine Fund Coordinator.
17. Serves as back-up to the Administrative Assistant—Human Resources.
18. Performs other duties related to the position as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Combination of training and experience equivalent to an Associate's degree in management or related field. Four years related experience performing responsible secretarial and administrative duties involving extensive public contact. Two years training and/or experience in the operation of a computer using Microsoft Office Suite software.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in public administration, management, or related field. Municipal Clerk certification. Five or more years related experience performing responsible secretarial and administrative duties involving extensive public contact. Two years related experience in a municipal government setting.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Thorough knowledge of practices, principles, and procedures relative to City Clerk responsibilities. Knowledge of modern office equipment, practices, and procedures. Considerable knowledge of English, spelling, vocabulary, grammar and usage, and mathematical computations. Considerable knowledge of municipal operations and organization. Skill in the operation of a variety of office equipment, including computers, copiers, scanners, and fax machines. Ability to maintain records and to prepare reports from such records. Ability to proficiently operate a computer using Microsoft Office Suite software. Ability to make decisions in accordance with established policies and procedures. Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing. Ability to assemble, organize, and present in oral or written form information derived from a variety of sources. Ability to maintain confidentiality of information. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with city officials, co-workers, other governmental agencies, and the public, and to deal with public-related problems courteously and tactfully.

SALARY RANGE: \$4,307 to \$4,894 per month, plus excellent fringe benefits

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: City application packets are available from the City Hall Information Window, or can be downloaded from our website at www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us. To be considered for this position, applicants must submit a completed City application and supplemental questionnaire to the Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director, City of Columbia Heights, 590 40th Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421, no later than 4:45 p.m., March 24, 2014.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria: Experience and Training — 50%; Oral interview — 50%

CLOSING DATE: Monday, March 24, 2014, 4:45 p.m.

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/s/ Desiree Frink

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Orkestar Bez Ime will perform at the Rum River Library on Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Feel at home with the varied rhythms of the music of the Balkans. This music comes from a cultural area that includes Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Turkey and Greece as well as Jewish and Gypsy folk styles. Join Dee Langley, as she leads this professional Balkan dance band, to learn more about the culture, music, and dance styles from this area. Orkestar Bez Ime is presented by Grassroots Culture in partnership with MELSA. The program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Rum River Library is located at 4201 6th Ave in Anoka.

**LEGACY FUNDS
PROGRAMMING
at ANOKA COUNTY
LIBRARIES**

“The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)” will be presented as part of the ongoing “Page & Stage” series sponsored by the Anoka County Library and the Lyric Arts Theater in Anoka. The performance will be **Sunday, April 6** at 12 p.m. at the Lyric Arts Main Street Stage, 420 E. Main Street in Anoka.

Participants will receive a copy of the script and a study guide for the pre-show discussion. Lyric Arts staff will facilitate the discussion of the script, its characters, and “what to look for” in the performance. Afterward, there will be a post-show discussion.

“Here’s your opportunity to get a better understanding of the world’s best known scribe,” said Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte. “It’s terrific to have this behind-the-scenes opportunity in partnership with the great community asset that is the Lyric Arts Theater.”

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leave you breathless and helpless with laughter. The program is open to ages 15 and older. Registration is required and seating is limited. Registration begins March 14. To register for this free event, contact Lyric Arts’ Education Director Cassandra Proball at 763-233-0804 or cassandra@lyricarts.org and mention the Anoka County Library “Page and Stage” program. Participants must register by March 28 and are expected to take part in all aspects of the program, including pre-show and post-show discussions.

Both programs are funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, created to distribute monies collected from a statewide sales tax which was approved by voters in 2008.

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/s/ Matthew Stephen Burch

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606 Aqua Circle, Lino Lakes MN 55014

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Barbara P. Winbush, 606 Aqua Circle, Lino Lakes MN 55014

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