

## Federal lawsuit challenges MN's campaign donor limits

by Tom Steward — *Watchdog.org, Minnesota Bureau*

Days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down limits on campaign donations in federal elections, two candidates and two individuals filed a federal lawsuit to get rid of a Minnesota campaign finance law.

The law effectively allows some individuals to donate more than others in state elections.

“The Supreme Court just passed a ruling allowing wealthy people to give as much as they want,” said Van Carlson, a donor from Circle Pines and plaintiff in the case. “I think the small guy ought to be able to have the opportunity to participate at the level they would like instead of being restricted.”

Institute for Justice lawyers who filed the challenge in the U.S. District Court for Minnesota view the state campaign finance restriction as more onerous than the limits on wealthy donors, ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court last week.

The case focuses on the Minnesota “special sources limit,” which the plaintiffs contend “dishes out First Amendment rights on a first-come, first served basis.” State campaign finance law allows up to \$12,500 in contributions from PACs, lobbyists, political associations and individuals who donate more than one half of the contribution limit of \$1,000.

Hypothetically, 12 individuals could donate \$1,000 each to a candidate for state House, preventing anyone else from contributing more than \$500 under the law. That violates the free speech rights of both donors and candidates, according to the plaintiffs.

Once the limit kicks in, no donations can be accepted from PACs or lobbyists. But the complaint only challenges the special-sources law as it applies to citizens.

“We’re not concerned about contributions from PACs or political funds or lobbyists,” said Anthony Sanders, a lawyer with the Institute for Justice. “We’re simply talking about somebody who is an ordinary person who’s giving more than half the limit. It should not matter whether they’re giving more than half the limit early in the game or late in the game.”

“As in many other jurisdictions, the state of Minnesota sets a limit on the amount of money an individual may contribute to a candidate for state office that the candidate will, in turn, use to speak to voters. But unlike in other jurisdictions, Minnesota arbitrarily cuts this individual contribution limit in half once a candidate has accepted more than a certain amount of money from certain types of donors,” states the complaint.

“This arbitrary treatment of allowing some similarly situated donors to contribute more than others violates the First Amendment rights of both donors and candidates.”

Both Carlson and fellow plaintiff Doug Seaton have been prevented from contributing the maximum amount in previous elections due to the special-sources limit.

“I’ve been stifled in the past only being able to give \$500 depending on what time I give the money,” said Carlson. “You should have the same equal opportunity to help out and get your candidate elected as the neighbor does or someone else in the area.”

The legal challenge has significant implications for both individual donors and candidates in state campaigns. One of the candidates Carlson supports, Rep. Linda Runbeck, R-Circle Pines, joined in asking the court for a preliminary injunction to prevent the limits from being enforced for every candidate in Minnesota until the case is adjudicated.

“We know the real world is now in which outside donors are targeting our state because we’re a swing state decide to spend gobs of money here,” said Runbeck, who’s running for re-election. “We need more ammo as candidates.”

Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board officials were in the initial stages of reviewing the complaint and related case law. Executive director Gary Goldsmith said the campaign finance watchdog was planning to discuss the case at its April 22 meeting.

If the court strikes down the special-sources limits, Minnesota state candidates still would have a cap on the amount of PAC or lobbyist money raised but will no longer return donations from individuals who contribute more than \$500.

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*Editor’s Note:* More information on this lawsuit can be found on the Institute for Justice’s web site at <http://ij.org/MN-special-sources-limit>



Rep. Linda Runbeck joined donors and a former candidate in challenging constitutionality of law that allows some to donate more than others. — Institute for Justice photo

## On reader commentaries

Every month, this newspaper receives commentaries from readers about various issues, including their dislike of the newspaper itself. This past week I was presented with a unique opportunity to write a column in response to a reader’s opinion about my newspaper.

The unique part of this is not the critical comments, but rather that the comments are coming from a person who has positioned himself as a “limited purpose public figure”. This term is applied to someone who has “thrust themselves to the forefront of particular public controversies in order to influence the resolution of the issues involved”. I have generally held the opinion that commentary from public figures should be held to a higher standard, and should be critiqued in a public forum whenever possible.

On April 15, we received a politically charged letter from Coon Rapids resident Dan Rebek. He was highly critical of our newspaper, and asked that his letter be published as an editorial. After a Google search, I quickly found that Mr. Rebek is actually Dr. Dan Rebek, licensed psychologist. The search also showed that Dr. Rebek has been actively involved in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) bullying and harassment issues before the Anoka-Hennepin School District.

Without doing an exhaustive search, I quickly found entries that showed Dr. Rebek has spoken on GLBT issues before the school board on several occasions including December 10, 2012, January 9, 2013 and February 25, 2013. I also found newspaper editorials from November 9, 2012 and March 7, 2014 and a newspaper article from January 10, 2012. I express no opinion on this particular issue. The point is that Dr. Rebek’s public involvement in this issue makes him a public figure and therefore I believe his comments should be held to a higher standard than a general member of the public.

In Dr. Rebek’s letter about my newspaper, he makes several statements that would be a disservice to our readers if we were to simply publish them without providing a reply and context to our readers. I have taken the liberty to go through Dr. Rebek’s commentary paragraph by paragraph, first with his unedited comments, followed by my reply.

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## Maybe throw your hat in the ring?

### You have about a month before candidate filing begins

Anoka County’s elections department is busy making arrangements for a **special election in Forest Lake on May 20**.

A levy question is on the ballot. One would think they could have waited until the fall, as there will be three ISD 831 school board seats up for election.

Last June, the Forest Lake school board voted to change the school board

elections to the even year, beginning in 2014 (the 2013 election was cancelled).

### Observations from the Field

Bryan Olson



**CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS MAY 20** *cont. on page 6*

## Session break report from Senator Benson

April 11 — On Thursday, April 10th, the Minnesota Legislature began the annual Passover/Easter break. The Senate will reconvene on April 23rd. During this break, most legislators will return to their districts to spend time with their families and reconnect with their constituents. Hopefully we will all receive useful mid-session feedback as we take action on the remaining legislation.

### Medical Marijuana

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee heard a bill relating to medical marijuana on Thursday. Although Governor Dayton had previously said he would not support the bill if law enforcement did not endorse it, he recently chastised the legislature for “hiding behind their desks” on the issue. This galvanized supporters to bring the bill forward. The committee had the opportunity to hear from individuals and families who support passing this bill with the hope that it will offer doctors and patients another option in cases where nothing else has helped. Testimony in opposition to this bill was given by commissioners from the Department of Health. The bill was laid over until after the break to give senators time to study the new bill language. A 22 page delete-all amendment was offered and the bill’s author agreed with the committee’s request for more time to consider the changes. As always, I welcome your input on this issue.



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### “Safe and Supportive Schools Act”-HF 826

The House voted to concur with the Senate version of the anti-bullying bill. Governor Dayton signed the law on Wednesday. It will take effect July 1, 2014.

### Supplemental Appropriations Bill

The Senate voted to spend another \$209 million this budget cycle, with “tails” that increase to \$742 million in future budgets.

This bill contained important and practical spending decisions such as increased transportation funding and a 5% increase for home health care workers. However, the wasteful spending elsewhere in the bill left the state with tails that could easily force the budget into a deficit in future years.

I have always been a supporter of the 5% Campaign and commend the decision to include increased funding for our aging transportation infrastructure. However, I was forced to vote against the overall bill. Minnesotans were overtaxed this past year; the surplus should have been returned to Minnesotans to provide families with tax relief and businesses with the opportunity to reinvest and grow.

### Bonding Bill

The Senate committee on bonding has not yet introduced its proposal. I’m hoping that, when the proposal is before us, it contains funding a one-time, general fund appropriation that will greatly benefit transportation in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott, and Washington.

I was happy to join 19 of my fellow senators, both Democrats and Republicans, in asking the chair of the committee to recognize the importance of this request. Our hope is that the bi-partisan nature of this request, as well as the size of the region that would benefit from this funding, will add strength to our request.

### MNSure

The MNSure Legislative Oversight Committee met on Wednesday of this week. One of the items discussed was the date the rates would be made public this year. The current proposal would require MNSure to publicized these dates by November 15. I made a motion to make these rates public by October 1. The agency would have the information available and Minnesotans would have over an extra six weeks to make informed decisions about their healthcare. The House Chair of the committee did not allow this motion to be voted on; instead, he abruptly ended the discussion and adjourned the meeting.

Nearly everyone agrees that MNSure has had a rocky beginning but, without significant work, the program is unlikely to improve. Unfortunately, legislation and suggestions to make these improve-ments are continually ignored by those who control the agendas. Additionally concerning is that top offi-cials were barred from testifying and providing more information. If we can’t work together to address these issues, Minnesotans will be the ones who suffer.

## Rep. Uglem comments

A couple weeks ago, the House overwhelmingly passed legislation known as the Women’s Economic Security Act aimed at helping women by providing extended pregnancy leave, boosting funding to assist female-owned small businesses and grants to encourage and assist women to enter high-wage non-traditional occupations.

Though I don’t support every measure contained within this bill, I voted yes because it contained provisions aimed at helping moms, mothers, and daughters across Minnesota succeed in today’s economy.

The House debated and eventually passed a bill commonly referred to as the bullying bill. I want to be very clear: bullying is a horrible, horrible thing, and no child should feel unsafe or unwelcome in school.

This bill unfortunately is an unfunded mandate on our school districts that will do little to address the root causes

of bullying. This bill pushes an additional \$20-25 million in costs on to our school districts at a time when schools are already crunched for funding.



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and most-effective bullying policies in the state, if not

I voted against this bill because I trust our school districts, world-class teachers and principals, and parents to deal with bullying at the local level.

The Department of Education and politicians in St. Paul shouldn’t be pushing a one-size-fits-all approach when schools are already developing local policies that are working. Anoka-Hennepin has one of the strongest

## State rates poorly for transparency in spending

April 11 — The House floor was a busy place recently as the majority pushed to pass a whole lot of bills prior to the break. Here is a quick rundown of recent developments:

### TRANSPARENCY LACKING

A recent national report grades Minnesota a D+ for transparency in spending. This is unacceptable and taxpayers should demand better. A new Senate office complex rammed through the process by Democrats is a prime example of why our state received such a low grade. The majority ignored public objections and put taxpayers on the hook for a \$90 million Senate building without bringing this project through the traditional committee process.

### MNSURE’S PROBLEMS

This week, MNSure’s Legislative Oversight Committee met after news outlets confirmed Gov. Mark Dayton and his top advisers knew that major problems existed with the program prior to its Oct. 1 launch and said nothing. This is yet another area where transparency lacked. Taxpayers deserve answers as to why the public was left in the dark about MNSure’s problems and why program supporters allowed the issues to continue. The majority has been running away from this issue all session and does not seem interested in discussing ideas we in the minority have to improve things.

### BULLYING BILL

The House passed the final form of a bullying bill. This forces unfunded mandates on our districts, lacks parental notification requirements, abridges freedom of speech and due process for our students, and shifts local control to bureaucrats. This proposal was not requested by our schools and most say they don’t need it and don’t want it. This bullying bill runs opposite from what most of us would like to see: parental empowerment, budgetary flexibility and important decisions made by local parents and officials in our areas. Also worth noting is we already have a law on the books requiring schools to have a policy on bullying.

## “Bullying Bill” passes

Before the session went on break April 10, House Democrats voted to pass the so-called “Safe and Supportive Schools Act” and sent it to Governor Dayton’s desk for his signature. We all know that bullying is a problem in schools and that no child should be bullied for any reason. Unfortunately, this new law takes our state completely in the wrong direction to address this issue.



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I fear this new law will bring more problems than solutions. Classrooms should be a place where students can feel comfortable to express their point of view. Instead, this law will stifle our students’ free speech for fear of another student anonymously reporting their comments as offensive enough to constitute bullying. Even worse, there is no requirement that a parent be notified if a student is accused of bullying or is a victim of bullying. How can we even begin to address the issue of bullying without getting parents involved?

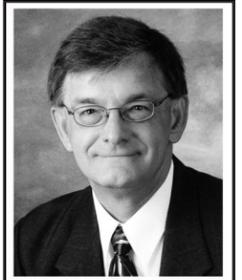
I’m also a strong believer in local control. We elect members to school boards for a reason – to implement policies that fit with a particular school district. By usurping the authority of locally-elected school boards, the legislature is empowering St. Paul to become a statewide school board with vast authority over local districts. Parents and students – not to mention those who work every day to provide our kids with an education – deserve better.

The ugly side of politics also reared its head this week. It’s no secret that Senate Democrats have been yearning for new office space. On Friday, April 4, House Democrats approved an \$89,594,175.00 project for a glamorous new office building for state senators. In exchange, House Democrats got what they wanted – imposing an increase in the minimum wage – and passed it on Thursday. It’s a shame that young workers and those with part-time jobs will be the hardest hit by job loss simply because Senate Democrats want a new cushy office building. Minnesotans should expect better of their leaders.

the nation. This bill says to schools “we know better than you,” and is the wrong approach to addressing bullying.

I also am concerned about the unintended consequences of this bill. Under this new law, students are able to anonymously file bullying complaints against other students. This could result in the very intent of the bill -- reducing bullying -- to backfire, allowing students to abuse the anonymous reporting process to harass other students.

Teachers, principals, and parents know how best to address bullying problems in our schools. We need policies that empower them to craft policies that work for their school district, and not have the State Department of Education dictating requirements to them. Anoka-Hennepin is a great example of great work that happens when school districts are trusted to develop their own policies.



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## PLANET DAYTON UPDATE

The Mayor of Planet Dayton, population 1, is really becoming unhinged these days.

It's a toxic stew of dishonesty leavened with a strong dose of contemptuous, condescending rage.

It all started with a media availability a couple weeks ago at Planet Dayton city hall, otherwise known as the governor's office.

Dayton proceeded to lash out at his perceived enemies in the legislature, both Republican and Democrat.

In response to questions about the subject of medical marijuana and MnSure, both issues fumbled by Dayton, he became unglued and went on full tilt.

First, he claimed that the legislature should stop "hiding behind their desks" and vote on the medical marijuana issue. He went on to complain that he tired of taking the criticism on the issue while the legislature "stands on the sidelines."

Such news didn't go over well in the House and the Senate, where DFL leadership had stalled the bill in order to accommodate the governor's accommodation of law enforcement, a group that would rather see one million children suffer than let one harmless stoner go free.

After all, a quick check of the record shows that Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk, House Speaker Paul Thissen and House Majority Leader Erin Murphy all voted in support of the issue in 2009.

There is no doubt that they were protecting Planet Dayton by stalling a bill he didn't want to see, at least until the Mom Lobby started pantsing him on the issue and DFL operatives started realizing that this was an issue they didn't want to see on the campaign trail this fall. Suddenly, the Planet rotated on its axis, blamed the legislature, and asked that the bill be moved forward.

But the real fun took place when Dayton was asked about MnSure, the state's version of Obamacare and just as screwed up and failed as the federal version.

The latest MnSure incident started with a damning article in the Star Tribune that clearly demonstrated that the governor was made aware of the serious problems with the web site prior to launch.

Despite having that information, the governor not only went forward with the launch, he, yet again, lied to the people of Minnesota by declaring that everything was indeed just peachy keen with the MnSure health insurance exchange.

According to the article, Dayton was informed on September 19th that there were major problems with the web site, after months and months in the making. Soon after receiving this news however, the governor made public comments that MnSure was "ready to go" and in "phonemenal" shape.

Back to the press conference. In describing a joint legislative panel charged with MnSure oversight, Dayton lost the handle once again and described the panel as a "farce" and mere "propaganda."

That news undoubtedly came as a surprise to DFL Senator Tony Lourey and DFL State Representative Joe Atkins, the co-chairs of a committee described by the DFL governor as nothing more than a Soviet style show committee.

Unglued, indeed!

And speaking of MnSure, there is one important aspect of the debacle that has received little media attention.

MnSure CEO Scott Leitz, in between court appearances for his DUI arrest, was grilled by a Congressional committee regarding the web site's disastrous launch.

At one point, Leitz was asked about \$26,000 in bonus payments made to MnSure employees. He stated that nothing was being done to recover the bonus money.

Why in the world aren't GOP legislators making this an issue? Where is the bill or amendment to claw back the bonuses? Perhaps the Watchdog missed it, but we have heard nothing.

The GOP is rightly making the Senate Office Building an issue. We view the \$26,000 in MnSure bonuses in the same light.

Both are emblematic of DFL overreach, managerial incompetence, and outright arrogance.

## MINNEAPOLIS

Anytime you feel that your city is messed up, unresponsive, and out of touch, just tell yourself it could be worse.

You could live in Minneapolis. Unless, of course, you live in Minneapolis. Or Detroit.

In that case, you should move.

In any case, we learned this week, once again, that it doesn't matter which liberal is in charge in Minneapolis.

It's still the same liberalism.

New Mayor Betsy Hodges recently announced she has hired someone called a "sustainability aide."

We're told by the article that a "sustainability aide" will work on something called "sustainability policy," which includes the pursuit of unrealistic, social utopian policies like "zero waste" programs.

What isn't sustainable is the taxing and spending it takes to hire people like this to execute policies like that. Pretty soon, liberals run out of other people's money.

## THE WORKIN' MAN UNDER OBAMA

The mantra of the Left for generations has been that they're the party of the Workin' Man, the ones to protect the guy who rises early to work, gives it his all, and returns home at night to raise his family and contribute to his community and his country.

Then again, truth has never been a priority for the Left.

Under Obama, what has the Workin' Man really gained, besides the grand insult that the he only "clings to his guns and his religion."

There can be no doubt that the urban liberal, swathed in the religion of environmentalism, statism, and nihilism, is ascendant and rules the Democratic Party.

The new elites who rule the Progressive Movement have no time for the Workin' Man's guns, faith in God, V8 pick up, traditional family values, and belief that government should be efficient and fair in delivering government programs.

The Workin' Man really has no place in the new liberal hierarchy, other than to serve as a political step stool to be stood upon each election cycle by the liberal elites who use his vote to attain political power they will then use to restrict his gun rights, eliminate his job, and force upon him a fiscal and social issue agenda with which he vehemently disagrees.

A Labor Department economist delivered a white paper measuring the distribution of the rise in household income from 2008-2012, a period that directly coincides with the first term of the Liberal Man in the White House.

During that period, the average income level showed that income lost during the height of the recession from 2007-2009 had actually been regained.

The real problem is that the gains weren't evenly distributed. In fact, it wasn't even close.

Under Obama, the wealthiest 20% (the top quintile), realized 80% of the income gains.

The next quintile realized nearly 19% of the income gains, meaning that the next 60% saw no gains income

In fact, the lowest quintile lost wages.

This under a president who now decries the "inequality gap," which is a gap of his own making.

Now, in what portends to be the most cynical political campaign in American history, the Democrats propose to run on a platform that blames Republicans for these economic ills while proposing legislative solutions that are little more than further job killing salved by welfare spending that enslaves more citizens under the yoke of government dependency to replace the dignity of work

they once knew.

Of course, the Workin' Man needs to be smart enough to realize he is being played by a party that changed the "L" in "DFL" years ago.

But the other party here, the GOP, also needs to be smart enough to offer an alternative that is meaningful and true.

## LIBERTY UPDATE

As readers know, individual liberty is the cornerstone of freedom.

Unfortunately, technology has offered a clear path for government to intrude upon one of our most fundamental liberties, the right to privacy and freedom from suspicionless governmental surveillance.

We once again recognize state Senator Branden Petersen (R-Andover), a tireless advocate for individual freedom and liberty. Just before the legislative break, Sen. Petersen offered an amendment to a bill that would allow government to store suspicionless surveillance data for 90 days.

The Petersen amendment would have cut that storage period to 72 hours.

For some reason, the Senate on a bi-partisan basis defeated the amendment.

Readers should be aware of the 18 Senators (17 of them GOP) who voted in favor of this common sense amendment:

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| Anderson, B. (R-Buffalo)   | Ortman (R-Chanhassen)    |
| Benson (R-Ham Lake)        | Petersen (R-Andover)     |
| Brown (R-Becker)           | Pratt (R-Prior Lake)     |
| Chamberlain (R-Lino Lakes) | Ruud (R-Breezy Point)    |
| Gazelka (R-Nisswa)         | Senjem (R-Rochester)     |
| Hann (R-Eden Prairie)      | Thompson (R-Lakeville)   |
| Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake)     | Tomasonni (DFL-Chisholm) |
| Limmer (R-Maple Grove)     | Westrom (R-Elbow Lake)   |
| Newman (R-Hutchinson)      |                          |

The nine GOP Senators who voted the other way should be asked by their delegates exactly why they think government ought to keep this data for 90 days, which amounts to a violation of Fourth Amendment rights.

## DFL IN TROUBLE

A recent KSTP Survey USA poll shows that even in Minnesota, the DFL is heading for a pummeling this November, if Republicans can capitalize.

Consider the following:

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| 54% disapprove of the job Obama is doing               | 31% approve of MnSure   |
| 49% approve of the job Dayton is doing                 | 54% Disapprove of Obamacare   |
| 46% approve of the job Al Franken is doing             | 7% approve of the budget surplus being spent on government programs |
| 50% disapprove of the job the DFL legislature is doing |   |

See you at the polls in November.

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*Sincerely,*

*Harold E. Hamilton, owner.*

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### CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS SALARY NOTICE

For the City of Columbia Heights, titles and salaries as of January 21, 2014, are: City Manager — \$128,923.00, Public Works Director — \$121,686.00, Police Chief — \$114,282.00.

### CITY OF HAM LAKE SALARY NOTICE

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471.701 requires that a city or county with a population of more than 15,000 must annually notify its residents of the positions and base salaries of its three highest-paid employees. For the City of Ham Lake, titles and salaries of the three highest-paid employees as of January 1, 2014 are: Fire Chief — \$91,344; Public Works Superintendent — \$86,040; and Finance Director — \$86,040.

## READER DISTURBED BY THIS NEWSPAPER continued from page 1

*Dr. Rebek writes:*

To the Editor,

The *Anoka County Record* identifies itself as "The Official Legal Newspaper for the City of Oak Grove and the City of Ham Lake". From the perspective of a reasonable person is this publication more a city newspaper or is it more a one-sided political propaganda tool?

*Publisher's reply:*

The *Anoka County Record* is the official legal newspaper for the City of Oak Grove and the City of Ham Lake. State law requires every city to select a legal newspaper for the publishing of legal notices. A city can choose to select a particular newspaper for any number of reasons. One reason Oak Grove and Ham Lake have selected us is because we charge less than half of what your city and school district are currently paying for legal notices.

The City of Coon Rapids and the Anoka-Hennepin School District in Dr. Rebek's area voluntarily chooses to spend more money than necessary to publish legal notices. Choosing a lower cost alternative would allow them to direct thousands of dollars towards investments like parks or education. Most residents in major metropolitan areas receive legal notices online and could care less where print copies are available.

The *Anoka County Record* is not a city newspaper and we are not owned by government. We are a privately owned newspaper that focuses on government issues and is hired by government and others to publish legal notices. The publishing of notices is a legal function, not a philosophical issue.

The question of whether we are a political propaganda tool is very subjective and the answer is in the eye of the beholder. Many consider the Star Tribune to be a political tool of the liberal left. Some would say that the Fargo-Moorhead Forum to be a political tool of the conservative right. The *Anoka County Record* is the only paper in Anoka County that devotes itself to detailed fact based reporting of government issues, shying away from the "he said/she said" sensational reporting that has become the bedrock of the mainstream media operations such as the *Pioneer Press*.

*Dr. Rebek writes:*

If evidence matters here is a review of the content of the past four issues (2/28/14, 3/13, 3/27, and 4/10). Forty "stories" were published. Thirty two were strongly conservative. A great majority of these thirty two "stories" were written by Republican conservative legislators. Seven "stories" consisted merely of either a Crime Report section or briefs on upcoming Anoka County events. The one remaining "story" was written by a DFL legislator.

*Publisher's reply:*

Dr. Rebek's claim that forty "stories" were published is incorrect. There is a distinct difference between stories, editorials, press releases, and advertisements. It appears that Dr. Rebek considers all of these to be "stories" in order to arrive at such a high number. Calling all of these categories "stories" is inappropriate.

In the four issues cited by Dr. Rebek, staff published eight stories, which is not unusual in light of the fact that we publish stories that are more thorough and in-depth than most newspapers. These stories touched upon a library renovation, legislative bills on legal notices, DFL and Constitution Party conventions, and government trash collection.

Dr. Rebek's issue seems to lie with our publishing of legislator press releases. These are not "stories" written by or supported in some manner by *Anoka County Record* staff. Residents of the county elect who will represent them in the legislature, and we can assume that the political leanings of these press

releases appeal to the majority who live in that member's legislative district.

I have stated in a previous column on this subject, the quantity, quality and political orientation of legislator press releases are not within our control. We provide space on an available basis to all legislators who serve a portion of Anoka County. A quick review of the 2012 election results show that about 3/4ths of Anoka County is represented by members of the GOP.

Within the Anoka County legislative delegation, GOP members consistently write more press releases and better quality press releases than their DFL counterparts. We routinely publish GOP material from Sen. Benson, Sen. Chamberlain, and Rep. Hackbarth, because they routinely send us in-depth, thorough, and fact based material on a regular basis. Most of the DFL material comes from Rep. Laine because most of the other DFL members rarely issue any press releases. No matter how many she sends us, we still have not figured out a way to place DFL Rep. Bernardy's videos into a print newspaper.

*Dr. Rebek writes:*

When we step back we see that, of 33 issue-oriented "stories", 32 were strongly conservative in content. This tally does not even include that fact that in each issue one to two full pages are taken up by an "advertisement" from conservative writer Harold Hamilton. The informed reader quickly notices that these Hamilton "advertisements" are essentially paid-for editorials.

*Publisher's reply:*

I have already addressed Dr. Rebek's mischaracterization of press releases and editorials as stories. But I would suggest that if he wishes to see more DFL or liberal legislative press releases published in my paper, he should contact those DFL legislators and pointedly ask them why they don't spend more time providing better quality information to their constituents. We publish the best pieces, regardless of party affiliation. Again, we cannot publish videos, and we do not have the staff time to transcribe them.

In the four issues cited by Dr. Rebek, Mr. Hamilton purchased one side of one page or less, not "one to two full pages." If Dr. Rebek wishes to purchase space, we are more than willing to sell it to him. If he wishes to make a long term commitment, we will also provide him with an excellent rate. He can use that space to draw pictures or make editorial content. If he wishes to use that space to rant and rave about Mr. Hamilton, I am sure Mr. Hamilton will find great humor in that.

*Dr. Rebek writes:*

As an aside, the *Anoka County Record* is the official publication for the public notices legally required from the cities of Oak Grove and Ham Lake, and other required public notices. Therefore the only way for citizens to find and read these legally required notices is to open the *Anoka County Record*.

*Publisher's reply:*

*Anoka County Record* is not the only source for legal notices in the cities of Oak Grove and Ham Lake. While Minnesota law requires the designation of a qualified newspaper for publishing notices, it does not restrict the publishing to just that newspaper. Cities can also publish notices on their websites, in city newsletters, or can mail notices to residents upon request or provide them in person at city hall.

Dr. Rebek apparently missed the links on our website titled "Legal Ads only". These links provide only legal notices, without any of the stories, editorials, press releases, or advertisements. We also place all government legal notices on the back page of the print version of the paper so readers can quickly find the government legal notices without going through the entire newspaper.

*Dr. Rebek writes:*

Any thinking person is compelled to ask, "What is the process you use to select your "columnists"? And "What is the process you use to select the "stories" you cover?"

*Publisher's reply:*

Bryan Olson and I write for the *Anoka County Record*. We have worked together on various projects for over 15 years. We also have permission to republish articles from Tom Steward, who is a professional investigative reporter who has previously worked for WCCO and KSTP. We are open to adding volunteer columnists, but they must adhere to a code of conduct such as that of the Society of Professional Journalists. This high standard is the reason why we generally do not publish material written by "bloggers".

Press releases submitted by legislators are ranked based upon their originality and amount of fact-based content. They are published on a space-available basis. In very rare circumstances, if space is available, we may publish a piece that is from outside the Anoka County area, as long as the issue affects Anoka County residents.

The subjects that staff chooses to write is based upon a number of factors such as quantity of material available, broader government issues at hand, or coverage or lack of coverage by other media outlets. We covered the legislative proposals on the publication of legal notices because it was a subject we knew well and also due to the hypocrisy of local governments who complained about cost, but then turned around and voluntarily chose to pay more than needed to comply with the law.

We strive to provide depth to our readers, not shallow articles in great quantity. That led us to covering the Northtown Library issue due to the political conflicts between the county board and library board, plus the substantial expenditure of taxpayer dollars, and the effect the remodeling project would have on the general public.

We also strive to provide facts to our readers, not finger pointing. That is what has attracted us to covering various attempts by government to take over trash collection. It is highly unpopular in communities where citizens currently have choice. Local governments seem to have an unlimited budget for hiring lobbyists to promote this issue while claiming poverty when core government functions like police and fire are in need.

*Dr. Rebek writes:*

From the perspective of a reasonable person is this publication more a city newspaper or is it more a one-sided political propaganda tool? And should citizens wanting to view legally required notices be forced week after week to be exposed to this publication?

Sincerely,

Dan Rebek

Coon Rapids

*Publisher's reply:*

I respect that Dr. Rebek has the right to disagree with the conservative viewpoints written by legislators who are elected by the people of Anoka County. But placing blame on the newspaper that publishes legislative press releases is simply an act of shooting the messenger. We are not going to lower our standards or routinely include press releases from outside the county in order to balance DFL and GOP submissions. We leave that kind of silliness to the other newspapers in Anoka County.

If Dr. Rebek does not agree with comments made by various legislators, then he should write a thorough and thought provoking editorial on a particular issue and submit it as an editorial.

# ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

## ANDOVER

### Thefts & Damage to Property

04.04 156xx Fox St NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle  
 04.04 144xx Aztec St NW – license plate stolen off vehicle  
 04.05 161 Ave NW/Vintage St NW – stop signs stolen from the location  
 04.06 5xx 139 Ln NW – vandalism to a vehicle; mirror broken, egged  
 04.06 15xx Unity St NW – license plate stolen off vehicle  
 04.07 34xx 138 Ln NW – a female reporting her information was used to get health care in NC  
 04.07 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – business; car window smashed-jacket, bag, shoes  
 04.08 15400 Hanson Blvd NW – Oakview; I-pod stolen out of boys locker room  
 04.11 145xx Jonquil St NW – unsecure vehicle; TV, cd player  
 04.11 145xx Dakota St NW – a male reported his personal information was being used fraudulently  
 04.13 141xx Palm St NW – 3 yard gnomes stolen from the yard; pumpkin smashed  
 04.13 154xx Linnet St NW – vandalism to a vehicle; damage to the side mirror  
 04.14 2115 Andover Blvd NW – Andover High School; theft from the boys locker room — cash  
 04.14 15400 Hanson Blvd NW – Oakview Middle School; theft from a classroom — I-pod  
 04.16 24xx 176 Ave NW – a couple reported they SS#'s were used to fraudulently file a tax return

### Burglaries

04.10 137xx Crocus St NW – unsecure garage; bike

### Arrests

04.10 15900 Block Nightingale St NW – Felony Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not using a turn signal. The driver appeared intoxicated and was very agitated. The deputy requested the ACSO K-9 to respond for a sniff of the vehicle. At this point the vehicle fled the traffic stop at a high rate of speed. The deputy pursued the vehicle, and with assistance, boxed the driver in forcing her to stop. Narcotics were located. The female was arrested.  
 04.15 Verdin St NW/164 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver had a confirmed Hennepin County felony warrant. The male was arrested.  
 04.16 Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Crooked Lake Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for the vehicle being covered in snow. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .281  
 04.17 Crooked Lake Blvd NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 5th Degree Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having his headlights on. The vehicle smelt strongly of unburnt marijuana. During the search of the vehicle a large amount of marijuana was located. The DTF was notified. The male was arrested.

## EAST BETHEL

### Burglaries

04.04 217xx Univrsty. Ave NE – unsecure garage; gas, gas can  
 04.11 47xx 229 Ave NE – damage to a house window; victim was concerned her window was possibly shot at. Crime Scene Unit responded to the home and determined the damage was likely caused by a bird.  
 04.14 184xx Lakeview Pt Dr NE – unsecure garage; tools

### Arrests

04.05 183 Ave NE/Leyte St NE – 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.  
 04.06 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order; a deputy responded to a report of a violation of a no contact order. The deputy determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.  
 04.07 Viking Blvd NE/Wild Rice St NE – Receiving Stolen Property/False Reporting a Crime; a deputy stopped a driver for a stop sign violation. Upon identifying the driver the deputy found a pick up and hold on the male. The male was arrested.  
 04.07 182 Ln NE/Lexington Ave NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Cancelled-IPS, No Proof of Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for a rear brake light not working. Driver had no a valid driver's license or proof of insurance. During the routine search of the vehicle a large amount of cash was located and a small baggie of narcotics. The DTF was contacted, the vehicle was towed; the male was arrested.  
 04.10 223xx Hwy 65 NE – DWI; a deputy observed a vehicle with a male slumped over the steering wheel in a parking lot. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .157  
 04.11 24xx 225 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/brother/sister domestic at the location. Father and brother were arrested.

## HAM LAKE

### Thefts & Damage to Property

04.07 15xx 134 Ave NE – vandalism to a yard; vehicles driving on it, deep grooves  
 04.13 35xx Interlachen Dr NE – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed  
 04.14 146xx Aberdeen St NW – tarp stolen from deck  
 04.14 4xx 173 Ave NE – a female reported her bank information was being used fraudulently

### Arrests/Incidents

04.04 Hwy 65 NE/157 Ave NE – DWI; deputies responded to a report of a male passed out in the middle of the intersection in his vehicle that was still in drive. The deputies woke the male whom appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. After contacting a DRE from the State Patrol the deputy was advised the male was most likely under a stimulant. A blood tests was taken. The male was arrested. Charges pending blood test.  
 04.12 15300 Block Hwy 65 NE – 4th Degree DWI, Driving after Revocation; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .149  
 04.16 Andover Blvd NE/Jackson St NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving After Revocation, No Insurance; deputies responded to a report of a vehicle stuck in the ditch at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. The male was very uncooperative and combative. A blood test was taken from the male. During the routine search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.  
 04.17 Hwy 65 Service Dr NE/136 Ave NE – Criminal Damage to Property, Paper Service (Restraining Order); a deputy stopped a vehicle to serve the driver with a restraining order. The male was also a suspect in two felony damage to property cases in East Bethel and Coon Rapids. The male was arrested for both of those crimes.

## LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

### Thefts & Damage to Property

04.15 237xx Thames St NE – puppy stolen from yard  
 04.15 190xx St Francis Blvd NW – a male reported his SS# was used to fraudulently file a tax return  
 04.17 84xx 240 Ave NE – unsecure vehicle; punched ignition, change

### Arrests

04.05 7300 Block Fawn Lake DR NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .107  
 04.09 20300 Block Jodrell Dr NE – Vehicle Theft; deputies responded to a report of a vehicle theft and a vehicle on fire at the location. Upon arriving the male stated that while he was attempting to help put out the vehicle fire, another male stole his truck. The truck was later recovered in Blaine by Blaine PD. An ACSO Detective responded to the scene and is continuing the investigation.

## NOWTHEN

### Burglaries

04.07 73xx Old Viking Blvd NW – unsecure residence; tv

## OAK GROVE

### Burglaries

04.12 228xx Lake George Blvd NW – unsecure garage; ceiling fan, tools

### Thefts & Damage to Property

04.08 222xx Jivaro St NW – stolen vehicle-keys were

not in the vehicle

04.10 185xx Roanoke St NW – unoccupied home; air conditioning units

### Arrests/Incidents

04.09 195xx Cedar Dr NW – Suspicious Fire; deputies responded to a detached garage on fire at the location. Oak Grove Fire extinguished the fire. Anoka County Fire Investigators Team responded to the scene to investigate. A victim was checked at Mercy hospital for smoke inhalation.  
 04.12 216xx Killdeer St NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a physical domestic between two males. It was determined that no assault had taken place. One of the males would not calm down or stop yelling. The male was arrested.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission's Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following public hearings in the order that they appear:

PUBLIC HEARING to consider an Interim Use Permit for Andrew Nepsha, 154 229th Ave NW, to operate an automotive maintenance and repair shop as a home business out of the following legally described property: the Northeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 01, Twp 33, Rge 24; further described by PID #01-33-24-11-0001.

All written and oral comments will be heard.

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Insurance Auto Auction, Inc. to operate a site for the storage and auction of used and damaged motor vehicles out of the following address 19401 Tamarack St NW, legally described as follows: that part of Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Sec 26, Twp 33, Rge 24 lgy Wly R/W line of BN RR; further described by PID #26-33-24-14-0002.

All written and oral comments will be heard.

The hearings of this request are not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason, has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold City Clerk

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CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS MAY 20

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Will the turnout for the "special election" manage to rise to 10%? A low turnout usually assures passage of a referendum as the school district administration only needs its friends to get out to vote. The others will be on vacation May 20.

On that same day, filing for candidacy begins for a two-week period. For state offices, filings will be taken at the Secretary of State's office, while city and school district candidate filings are taken at either the Anoka County Elections department at the county courthouse, or the school district offices, or City Hall.

The May 20-June 3 filing period is only for offices which will be on the ballot in the August 12 primary election. Some city and school districts choose not to have a primary election for their offices, so candidates run only once, in the November general election. For offices with no primary, the candidate filing period will be July 29-August 12.

We will have a complete rundown of the offices that will be on the ballot in the next edition of the Anoka County Record, May 8.

19 out of the 21 municipalities in Anoka County will be having their city elections this year, including Linwood Township. 16 mayors' seats will be on voters' ballots.

School board elections will be held for ISD 12 (Centennial), ISD 13 (Columbia Heights), ISD 728 (Elk River) and ISD 831 (Forest Lake).

The County Attorney, Sheriff and the County Board's Districts 4, 5, and 7 seats will be on the ballot; as well as two seats on the Anoka Conservation District board (often called "the Soil and Water board").

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CCWS/Review Draft GreenStep Cities Program Building Principles-4/8
CCWS/Discussion HRA versus EDA - 4/8
CCWS/Discuss/review Citizen Survey - 4/8
CCWS/Review Policy for the Recruitment, application, and Interview Process of Appointing City Board and Commsn Members - 4/8
CCReg/Presentation/Community Development Dept. Update - 4/8
CCReg/Consider Response to Regional Development Framework and Regional Forecasts - 4/8

Public Works/Road Reconstruction Plan - 4/15
CCWS/Discussion re: Update the Personnel Policy/Finalize Discussion re Conflict of Interest 4/22

CCWS/Review Facility Rental Policy - 4/22

CCWS/Review Old Municipal Study Group Findings Report - 4/22

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CCReg/Approve Policy for the Recruitment, Application and Interview Process of Appointing City Boards and Commission Members - 4/22

CCReg/Consider Resolution to Join Mayors along the Mississippi River - 4/22

April/May CCWS/Discuss Licensing Massage Parlors
CCWS/Discuss Department Reporting - Police - Fire

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/s/ Lori Norman

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/s/ Eric McConnell Johnson

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CCWS/Emergency Response Management Exercise

CCReg/TIF Analysis Update May

CCReg/Winter Wrap-Up re Snow Removal, etc.

No month/date assigned

CCWS/Code Enforcement

CCWS/Happy Days Update

CCWS/Meeting with Met

Council Representative Ed Reynoso

CCWS/Proposal from North

Fork Inc. to Convey Certain

Parcels Adjacent to Lake

Itasca to the City for Park

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CCWS/Review of Home Oc-

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CCWS/Review City Code

related to Tobacco Licensing

CCWS/Review of Crime

Trends, Recent Incidents,

and What the Police Depart-

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Future

CCWS/Trail Policy

CCWS/Consider Funding for

Mediation Services

CCWS/Update from CBRE

CCWS/2015 Budget

HRAReg/Review Draft of

Housing Assistance Policy

HRAReg/Consider Policy on

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3rd Thursday, May 15

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