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2016 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD INCUMBENTS RETURNED TO OFFICE Look and Braastad fend off opponents by wide margins West bests former fire chief Zikmund with 56% of vote

Braastad-Schilling District 2

The Nov. 8 general election results showed a winning percentage of 78.9% for Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad in her match against Maris Schilling. Many Braastad supporters interviewed by the *Record* thought this may have been the largest percentage any County Board candidate has received in recent memory. It was certainly the most received by any candidate for any office in Anoka County in this general election. Braastad, of Ham Lake, won a second term to represent District 2, which includes Ham Lake, East Bethel and portions of Blaine and Andover. In many precincts, Braastad's margins were 4 and 5 to 1 over Schilling, a resident of Andover. Braastad had 18,517 votes and Schilling 4,844. There were 104 write-ins.



Campaign party quickly turns to victory party at the Ham Lake Lanes & Lounge. Commissioner Braastad was reelected with 78.9% of the vote.

Look-VanDenburgh District 1

County Commissioner Matt Look, first elected to the County Board in 2010, easily won another term with 65% of the vote. Look won all precincts, besting opponent Marsha VanDenburgh by 2 to 1 margins in several. Look's run in 2010 saw him net 62% of the vote, with 18,496 votes cast in a non-presidential year. In 2012, a presidential election year, 23,918 votes were cast and this year with another presidential election on the ballot, 24,794 votes were cast in this race. Look had 55% of the vote in 2012. Having low numbers in his home area of Ramsey in 2012, garnering 51.5% of the vote there, Look improved his numbers in 2016 in all areas of District 1. Look had 61% of the vote in Anoka, 68% in Nowthen, 65% in Oak Grove (where his opponent resides), nearly 64% in St. Francis and 65% in Ramsey. VanDenburgh is on the St. Francis ISD 15 school board and had 8,603 votes; Look had 16,130. There were 61 write-ins.

West-Zikmund District 3

District 3 Anoka County Commissioner Robyn West retained her seat by collecting 56% of the vote. West had 13,110 votes in the district's 20 precincts, and former Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View fire chief Nyle Zikmund had 10,015 votes. There were 107 write-ins. West was first elected in 2006 and carried all but one precinct, Blaine's Ward 1 Precinct 4, where Zikmund had 456 votes to her 292. 18 of the precincts are in Blaine and two are in Spring Lake Park.

Sivarajah-Ryan District 6

County Board chair Rhonda Sivarajah won re-election against frequent opponent Kevin Ryan by nearly a 2 to 1 margin. District 6 comprises 17 precincts in Lino Lakes, Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbus, Lexington and Linwood Township. It has been 14 years since Sivarajah was first elected; this time she had 14,327 votes (66%) and Ryan 7,319. There were 85 write-ins.

The other three seats on the County Board, Districts 4, 5 and 7, will be on the 2018 election ballot.

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Columbia Heights City Manager Explodes During Back-Room Meeting

During the Columbia Heights City Council's off-camera,

Observations from the Field

Bryan Olson

COMMENTARY



back-room meeting of Nov. 7, city manager Walter Fehst interrupted to make another one of his side editorials in a raised voice. He wanted to debate me but threatened he would rather send the city attorney into the arena with me instead.

Fehst's ire had been inflamed by my description in past columns about the voting that goes on at these back-room meetings.

He should however read my columns more carefully.

What transpired at the Nov. 7 council meeting

First on the agenda was a proposal to draft a policy that would dictate the proper use of the new city logo and who can use it. Community Development Director Joseph Hogeboom said that the city had just paid \$200 to "trade mark" the logo. He reported to the council that outsiders had altered the logo and used it in a manner to embarrass the City on the internet. (Apparently these misdeeds are being committed by the "trolls" that city manager Fehst often complains about.)

Councilor Donna Schmitt said the proposed slogan "City of Peace" is identified with the Activity



Fund — questioning the propriety of also using it for city government communications. She tried to make the point that the Activity Fund, a non-profit foundation and personal hobby of mayor Gary Peterson and councilor Bobby Williams, should be kept at arm's length from government.

Schmitt's comments agitated Peterson, who jumped out of his chair to retrieve a list of Activity Fund accomplishments. Returning from his office in city hall with paper in hand, he threatened to read the entire document aloud. Peterson then made a verbal tally of the foundation's good deeds in an effort to spin himself out of an uncomfortable argument.

Cutting off the Peterson filibuster, councilor Bruce Nawrocki made a motion to take the logo discussion to the next Regular council meeting. It seemed he was calling for a formal vote.

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Anoka County Soil and Water Supervisor elections

A change in state law requires “soil and water board” seats be elected by district and new boundary lines were created.

This caused two incumbents to face each other in District 2 (Coon Rapids and Andover): Jim Lindahl had 15,278 votes and Karl Tingelstad had about two thousand less, with 13,260. There were 209 write-ins.

In District 3, Glenda Meixell of Coon Rapids edged out Nick Proulx by 315 votes (11,998 to 11,683), and there were 241 write-ins. The district has four Blaine precincts, two in Coon Rapids, all of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Spring Lake Park and Fridley.

Long-time board member Mary Jo Truchon ran unopposed in District 4, which comprises a large portion of Blaine, Lexington and Ward 2 and Ward 5 precincts in Coon Rapids. Write-ins: 399.

Steve Laitinen won the District 1 seat by nearly a 2 to 1 margin. Laitinen had 16,791 votes and Lan Tornes 8,431. Write-ins: 259. The district includes Anoka, Ramsey, Nowthen, Oak Grove, St. Francis and two Ward 4 precincts in Coon Rapids. Laitinen lives in Anoka; Tornes in St. Francis.

Vici L. Nass, a long-time incumbent was defeated by Sharon LeMay by slightly over 800 votes in District 5, which includes Circle Pines, Columbus, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Lino Lakes and Linwood Township. Both reside in East Bethel, which Nass carried by 69 votes out of 4,322 cast in the race in that city. LeMay, of the Green Party, had a total of 12,858 votes and Nass 12,052. There were 251 write-ins spread over 23 precincts. - *ACR staff*

Opinion: Higher Property Taxes? Counties Blame Hidden MNSure Costs

By Tom Steward

By now most Minnesotans realize the Affordable Care Act has drastically increased the cost of healthcare coverage for many, while at the same time decreasing coverage choices.

Governor Mark Dayton has confirmed the worsening prognosis with his admission that “the reality is the Affordable Care Act is no longer affordable to increasing numbers of people.”

What’s not widely known is that taxpayers are also being gouged for millions of dollars a year on their property tax bills because of ongoing problems with MNSure, the state’s health insurance exchange.

This hidden cost is borne by counties to compensate for the inefficiencies and software failures of MNSure’s dysfunctional IT system.

“This has been a huge unfunded mandate on the counties. Once again, we’re cleaning up the state’s mess,” Dakota County Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg told Center of the American Experiment.

State officials once promised the system—officially called the Minnesota Eligibility and Technology System (METS)—would make the process of enrolling and verifying participants faster and cheaper.

But behind the scenes, county eligibility workers have been tearing their hair out over a malfunctioning IT system that’s never come close to living up to its billing since MNSure went online three years ago. In fact, it’s gotten worse.

“There is more case eligibility and maintenance work required in METS by county staff than in the former system,” according to a recent Hennepin County Board report.

The Minnesota Association of Counties estimates taxpayers spend an additional \$27 million annually to work around the flawed online METS technology. This year alone some 249 extra eligibility workers were added to county government payrolls statewide.

“We really need to look at the hidden cost of administering METS and the consequence to the taxpayer. We are in the midst of working on our truth in taxation hearings and our county budgets and all over the state counties are adding staff,” Olmsted County Commissioner Shelia Kiscaden testified recently before the MNSure Legislative Oversight Committee.

The number of new government employees added to county payrolls has varied widely, ranging from 54 new employees in Hennepin County to two new workers in Pennington County in Northwestern Minnesota. Consequently, county levies are rising across the state.

The \$800,000 in increased costs to staff MNSure in Olmsted County account for about a third of a proposed 2.5 percent levy increase on the table. In Pennington County, the MNSure penalty adds up to about two percent of the tax levy, a big deal in a county with a population of 15,000.

“It seems if the state or the feds try to provide this kind of service, it’s always difficult to deal with and more expensive than it needs to be,” Pennington County Commissioner Darryl Tveitbakk said.

It’s a double whammy. Many Minnesotans are not only paying more and getting less due to the Affordable Care Act’s harmful effect on the health insurance marketplace. They’re also being forced to further subsidize an online exchange that’s still dysfunctional now three years after launching.

Tom Steward is government accountability reporter at Center of the American Experiment.

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Schmitt said the body doesn’t take votes at the work sessions. At this point, city manager Walter Fehst was compelled to blurt out, “Don’t look at him! He doesn’t know either!”

He was making reference of me, the only reporter in the room; the one from the *Record*, the stone in his shoe.

His rant interrupted the meeting, however Judge Fehst wanted to put the blame on yours truly.

Back-room meetings are held by nearly every public body. They dreamed up the label “Work Session” or “Workshop” but it’s a label not recognized by state law. The law considers these “work” gatherings to be city council meetings like any other. The law however does require they be open to the public and follow the Open Meeting laws. The body nearly always chooses not to televise or record the “work” meetings. Meeting minutes are rarely taken.

Most elected bodies have said their *policy* is not to take votes at “work” meetings, saving that for the more formal Regular meetings, where the vote is usually a *fait accompli* since the discussion has already occurred.

The “work session” label is just a ruse to fool the public into believing it’s an inconsequential meeting — nothing will be said that could possibly be of interest to anyone; that votes are not taken.

There is a clear difference between the statutory definition and an *opinion* as to what constitutes a vote. Seems to me when people agree or disagree on something, that can be construed as a vote. It doesn’t appear in the public record, but an intelligent 12-year-old child would likely share the same opinion.

Schmitt wanted a copy of the list Peterson had. With stiff upper lip, he told her that he might “think about it”, after all, “it’s a private fund” which is not required to divulge such information.

Hy-Vee wanted to know...

...if the City Council wished to place a liquor store inside the chain’s new grocery store development at 44th and Central. Hy-Vee has liquor stores within many of their grocery stores. In this case, Hy-Vee cannot operate its own liquor store because city hall has a monopoly on retail off-sale liquor granted through state law and resident voters. City officials however could choose to open another store. At this meeting the city councilors expressed no interest in pursuing this.

Sounds like a vote to me.

Hy-Vee wanted an answer because building plans are being drawn up.

Budget Discussion

Discussions about the budget for the coming calendar year often span over two or three of these back-room meetings. They are never televised, nor are the ten “budget books” for each department divulged for public perusal on the city website. Instead, an edited version of the information is provided. The agenda for this meeting, by the way, was not posted on the city website and this reporter had to ask the city manager for an agenda, which he whisked out of the bottom of his stack of documents. He guarded the budget books and documents like a third grader not wanting any classmate to see his test paper.

Among the several budgets discussed were those of Public Works, the Library and City Administration. It didn’t appear that anyone in the room, besides the city councilors, were looking at the budget books while they were being discussed.

Fehst guarded one set of the budget books as they sat in the middle of the long meeting table so that the public wouldn’t be able to help themselves very easily.

When I indicated I wanted to see the budget book that was being discussed, Fehst’s meaty hand came slamming down onto the books like a slab of frozen beef.

I had to remind the council that “the budget is public information” and the budget books were “not their secret information.”

I got the book. He wouldn’t give me the other budget book that was next on the agenda until it came up for discussion.

“That’s right, make me wait for it.”



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November 11, 2016

Quote of the Week: "Silver added that in the past 24 hours, Clinton's odds of victory increased by about 5 points—from 65 percent to 70 percent."

- Nate Silver, 538 Poll 11/8/16

Quote of the Week: "Hillary Clinton leads Donald Trump by 8 percentage points among Minnesota likely voters in the latest Star Tribune Minnesota Poll."

- StarTribune 10/23/16

Quote of the Week: "According to a new KSTP/SurveyUSA poll, Craig leads Lewis 46 percent to 41 percent."

- KSTP 10/19/16

ANOKA COUNTY WRAP

Hey, readers. It's over. Election 2016 is in the books and observers will be dissecting the results for years to come.

This edition breaks down key races in Anoka County.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Anoka County went for Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton 50-40%.

As expected, Trump fared better in the northern part of the county than in the southern part, which is still traditional DFL territory.

There are some interesting comparisons from the presidential tally from four years ago.

Trump got almost the same percentage of the vote as Mitt Romney, about 50%

The big difference is that Hillary Clinton underperformed Barack Obama in the county by a full 7%.

Somewhere along the line, she lost votes to third party candidates or people who simply chose not to vote for president.

In that sense, the county was once again a bellwether in that one of Clinton's biggest problems was that she failed to replicate the Obama coalition of 2008 and 2012.

This is especially true in that Trump, unlike Romney, almost universally underperformed other endorsed Republicans on the ballot.

In 2012, Romney in most cases ran within a couple of percentage points of the endorsed Republicans for Congress and the legislature.

Trump, on the other hand, usually ran behind, sometimes by double digits.

This gets really interesting when one considers that both Romney and Trump got nearly identical numbers of raw votes, with only 89 votes separating them.

For Clinton, she underperformed Obama (2012) by over 13,000 votes.

What this tells us is that the problem was Clinton. She lost votes that didn't go to Trump. She simply lost votes to third party folks or "none of the above."

CONGRESS

In the Third District, Erik Paulsen won in Anoka County and overperformed his total, with 56% overall and 58% in the county.

Similarly, opponent Terri Bonoff was 2% under her aggregate percentage, 43% overall and 41% in the county.

In the Fifth District, incumbent socialist democrat Keith Ellison won 56% in Anoka County and 69% in his district. These numbers aren't surprising, considering that most of the 5th lies in Minneapolis.

In the Sixth District, Tom Emmer's Anoka County numbers were similar to his district-wide numbers, 62.71% in the county versus 65.58% district-wide.

LEGISLATURE

While there are some new faces, the song remains the same, so to speak, regarding the composition of the legislative delegation. In other words, there were no real surprises.

In Senate District 31, incumbent Republican Michelle Benson smoked DFLer Ricky Englund 68-32%. What beat down.

(Editor's Note: The numbers here reflect Anoka County numbers. Some districts cross county lines.)

In Senate District 35, the result was similar, as pragmatic, moderate Jim Abeler dispatched perennial losing candidate Roger Johnson 67-32%. Roger Johnson must be close to some sort of record for futility. This guy has yet to win an election and has run multiple times - and his last name is Johnson! Perhaps Roger can start running in contests more suited to his talent level, like best booya in Coon Rapids, or DFL captain for his block (or address). Maybe recording secretary for bridge club. Anyway, we're just trying to help. Roger, we're embarrassed for ya, buddy!

In Senate District 36, incumbent John Hoffman eked out a narrow victory over Republican Brooklyn Park Mayor Jeff Lunde.

While the Watchdog thinks Sen. Hoffman is a decent man, we can't say the same about the campaign his allies ran against Lunde.

It was vile, untruthful, and undeserved. Jeff Lunde is a good man who would have served the Senate well.

It's too bad this race, featuring two smart and competent candidates, had to devolve into a mudslinging affair dominated by outside special interests.

In the 37th Senate District, DFL state Rep. Jerry Newton retained an open seat for his party against Republican Brad Sanford.

Newton's high name recognition and Sanford's personal foibles, including a bankruptcy, were enough to push Newton to a 51-48 win.

In District 38, incumbent Republican Roger Chamberlain cruised to a comfortable 60-40% win.

In District 41, DFL state Rep. Carolyn Laine retained an open seat for her party, beating Gary Johnson (the other one), 63-37% in a district that tilts heavily to the DFL.

In House District 31A, House Speaker Kurt Daudt won a 69-31% whopping against his DFL opponent, which was about the same winning margin as the Speaker had in his GOP primary, when the tinfoil hats in his district ran a ham-handed campaign against him. Pro tip for the tinfoil hats: if you're going to run someone to the right of the incumbent in a GOP primary, it helps if the challenger DOES NOT support light rail.

Over in HD31B, Cal Bahr won a nice victory over his DFL opponent. Readers will recall that

Bahr beat entrenched incumbent Tom Hackbarth in a GOP primary. What will Hackbarth do in retirement? We don't know, but customer service, motivational speaker, or parking lot security probably aren't in the cards.

HD 35A saw Rep. Abigail Whelan win her first bid for re-election 61-38% over the Democrat candidate

In 35B, GOP incumbent Peggy Scott predictably whopped DFLer Wes V. 65-35%. Somehow, Wes's "Wes V for 35B" rap didn't push him over the top. After seeing "Average Joe" Zimmer, Sam Scott (same last name trick), and "Wes V for 35B," for this seat over the years, it will be enough to see the DFL stop embarrassing themselves with cheesy, campy candidates.

What's next, Roger Johnson in 2018?

In 36A, Republican Mark Uglem secured another term, winning 52-48 on the Anoka County side of this district.

In 36B, DFLer Melissa Hortman will hang around for another two years. She's been quiet of late, sparing her constituents the tedium and embarrassment of goofy bills bringing the Olympics in or imposing California emission standards on our cars.

In 37A, DFLer Erin Koegel limped into office over Anthony Wilder, 47-45%. A Wilder win was spoiled by a libertarian candidate who empowered a DFL win by taking over 8% of the vote. No doubt, had he not been in the race, Wilder would have prevailed.

In 37B, Republican Nolan West won a close 168 vote win over his DFL opponent.

West was dogged throughout by social media comments regarding race and politics.

While the Watchdog joins others in condemning these comments, we also believe in redemption and remorse.

Nolan West has taken responsibility, acknowledged his regrettable actions, and asked for forgiveness.

In politics, there is a real bloodlust on both sides to kick the crap out of candidates for mistakes and personal failures forever and ever.

We hope all parties move on from this campaign and maybe just once give a person the benefit of the doubt.

In 38B, Rep. Linda Runbeck will return to Saint Paul for another term, winning easily.

In districts 41A and 41B, the democrats won. No surprise.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Four seats were up this time and much was at stake.

With four conservative members standing for re-election, the Good Ol' Boys crawled out from under their slimy rocks to bring back the 1980s and win back power by putting up some stool pigeons to do their bidding.

The biggest race was in District 1, where Matt Look was challenged by Marsha Van Denburgh, who portrayed herself as a Republican.

If that was the case, she showed her partisanship in a strange way by receiving support from the Erhart clan, Democrat super donor Jim Deal, and B level political hack Steve Novak.

The Erharts and Steve Novak used to be a big deal, back when MTV used to play music videos

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and all the kids were grooving on Pac Man down at the arcade, wearing their Vans and Ocean Pacific Ts.

Now they're just pathetic old men trying to recapture the magic of the old days, back when people knew who they were and feigned attention because they had election certificates.

Yawn.

Look snapped them all back to reality with a crushing 65-35% duck blind beat down.

Don't go away mad, Steve and Dan. Just go away.

Over in District 3, the Erhart's also brought the circus to town against Robyn West.

While it was a different tent, it was the same result.

West easily won and sent the circus packing.

In District 2, Julie Braastad ran up the score on her opponent 79-21%! That's not a misprint.

A big win, to say the least. And well deserved.

In District 6, conservative stalwart Rhonda Sivarajah won easily, but the margin was troubling.

At 66-34%, we can't help but wonder who voted for her opponent, a man with no campaign, no agenda, and long history of contact with law enforcement.

The 7,319 voters who picked Kevin Ryan over Rhonda Sivarajah do little to restore our faith in humanity. Any of the 7,319 are free to contact the Watchdog and tell us why they voted as they did.

LOCAL RACES

At the risk of missing someone, we were pleased to see the following city council members elected and re-elected.

In Coon Rapids, newcomer Brad Greskowiak was elected and will be great. In addition, Steve Wells was returned to the council.

In Andover, Sheri Bukkila won re-election.

In Ham Lake, Gary Kirkeide and Tom Johnson won.

Congratulations to you all.

THE JIG IS UP

Understandably, political observers are offering up opinion and analysis of Election 2016.

As the Watchdog contemplated our thesis, we came to a simple phrase describing what we saw Tuesday night.

The jig is up.

The election of Donald Trump and Republicans means that the jig is up with many organizations, most notably the legacy media and the Democrat party.

Let's start with the media and their polling firms.

Yet again, the pollsters (well, nearly all of them) blew the call.

Of course, there are cries of protest and all sorts of excuses proffered as to why pollsters got it so wrong.

Have you noticed that they always get it wrong in FAVOR of Democrats?

The reality is that most of these pollsters are part of the Establishment.

As such, they aren't interested in offering an objective look at the state of any particular race.

Instead, they seek to shape perceptions and enhance the vote for one candidate and suppress

the vote for another.

For example, we saw a StarTribune poll late in the election that showed Hillary Clinton up by 8 points in Minnesota just before election day.

Donald Trump, using legitimate pollsters and not propaganda shills, saw a closer race and spent time in Minnesota at the end.

While Trump was closing the gap, the legacy media rhetorically asked, "why is he wasting time here?"

He was here because the race was much closer than the media was willing to acknowledge, hoping to suppress the Trump vote.

Here's a smattering of national polls on the eve of the election:

NBC News: Clinton +6
CBS News: Clinton +4
ABC News/Washington Post: Clinton +4
Rueters: Clinton +3

The national vote is nearly tied as of this edition.

In North Carolina, Qunniapiac had Clinton up 2 points. Trump won.

In New Hampshire, every poll had Clinton winning, including one that had her up 11 points. The state has yet to be called, it's so close.

Clinton was up 8 points in Wisconsin polling.

She was up by 5 points or more in most polls in Michigan.

Up in Pennsylvania.

You get the picture.

The legacy media's polling will never be trusted again.

The same holds true regarding their "objective reporting."

The jig was up when Dirty Donna Brazile of CNN was exposed giving the Clinton campaign early access to debate questions and polling data.

Combined with WikiLeaks revelations, Americans saw that the media was in many respects a propaganda machine shaping opinion and making news instead of reporting it.

The jig is up.

The election of Donald Trump was, most importantly, historical because it heralded a true re-alignment of American electoral politics.

For some time, our politics have been shifting, with the Democrats becoming a very regional party based on the West Coast, the Northeast Corridor, and other urban centers like Chicago.

While some have minimized the Republican shift as one to "rural" America, that isn't quite true. It's more the GOP is coming to represent rural areas and just about every other area that isn't on the West Coast, the Northeast Corridor, and Chicago.

That realignment came to full fruition this election, as Trump gave voice to many who live in those areas, especially in rural America.

Our politics are indeed polarized.

Indeed, there is a cultural and political geography in America, with two camps.

While this shift has reshaped the GOP, it has shattered the Democrats.

As has been discussed many times in this publication, white working class voters have been drifting to the GOP. In 2016, it was a full-on stampede.

If you consult a map that shows where Trump increased the GOP vote, most of those places are in the places the liberal elites call "flyover" country.

2016 was the year that many voters in these locales either rejected the Democrats or became

re-engaged in politics.

These voters finally got fed up with the so-called "party of the working man."

They got sick and tired being labeled as ignorant and unproductive because they don't have a college degree.

They're sick and tired of having their jobs in mines, factories, and pipelines shut down in the name of environmental extremism. "We're going to put a lot of miners out of work" she cackled famously.

They're sick and tired of the elites making fun of their religious faith and their lifestyle, which includes hunting and driving a truck.

"They bitterly cling to their guns and religion" he said.

They're sick and tired of abortion on demand, safe spaces, speech codes, trigger words, pick-your-bathroom, gun confiscation, participation trophies, gender neutral toys, and Heather's two mommies.

They're sick of unfair trade as the liberal elites destroy main street economies in the name making another million or owing one more yacht.

It's not that these San Francisco values are practiced. It's that they are jammed down the throats of those who disagree.

It's not so much a rebellion as it's an affirmation of what over half this country believes.

In short, they've had enough of being told what rotten people they are because of their values system and lifestyle.

This is especially true when the elites scolding them simply lack values at all.

Trump's uncompromising populism is also more than a "whites only" philosophy.

One of the great untold stories of this campaign is that Trump did better with minorities than Romney.

Like working class whites, many minorities are realizing they're not getting the same opportunities as the elites.

America should never promise an equal outcome, but it should always promise an equal opportunity.

It has been amusing to watch the elites and others wipe tears of disbelief away as they wonder why so many millions cast off the yolk of Democrat control in favor of Trump and Republicans.

We don't expect them to get it.

Regrettably, this country is deeply divided and will be for some time.

The difference is that one camp finally decided to stop taking guff from the other camp.

And that's the biggest story of 2016.

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Meeting Information: To Be Determined

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Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
 180 State Office Building
 St Paul, MN 55155-1299

Applications are due November 30, 2016.

Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Changes to Winter Hours

The Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility schedule will change to winter hours of operation beginning November 1 and running through March 31, 2017. The household hazardous waste facility will be open Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The facility will be closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The facility is located at 3230 101st Avenue NE in Blaine, off Radisson Road.

Household hazardous wastes that are accepted include acids, aerosol cans with product remaining, drain cleaner, driveway sealer, fluorescent bulbs, liquid paint, liquid mercury, mercury thermometers, motor oil, oven cleaner, paint stripper, paint thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, stains, varnishes, and wood preservatives.

Residents dropping materials off at the site must provide proof of county residency, such as a driver's license. The facility accepts household hazardous waste from residents of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties. Businesses, organizations and schools may not bring hazardous waste to the facility.

Wastes that are not accepted include ammunition, appliances, batteries, dried paint, electronics, empty containers, medical wastes, radioactive wastes, railroad ties, and tires. For disposal options for unacceptable wastes, call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-323-5730 or e-mail recycle@co.anoka.mn.us.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ANOKA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County will meet at 9:30 a.m. on November 22, 2016, in the County Board Room of the Anoka County

Government Center, right to provide written 2100 Third Avenue, or oral comments or suggestions with respect to the proposed fees. A County Board Meeting, copy of the proposed which will include fee structure can be conducting a public obtained at the Anoka hearing. The purpose of County Administration the hearing is to obtain Office. Any questions regarding this proposed Anoka County user fee structure may be fees. At that time, directed to Patti Hetrick, interested agencies, Budget Director at (763) 323-5366 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., hearing shall have the Monday through Friday.

If you need an accommodation such as an interpreter or printed material in an alternate format (i.e., braille or large print) because of a disability, please contact the Anoka County Administration Office at 763-323-5700. (TDD/TTY #763-323-5289).

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on October 25, 2016. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2016-125 Family Caregivers Month, #2016-126 Work Release & Juvenile Detention Unit Arbitration Award, #2016-127 Economic Assistance Payments, #2016-128 Homelessness Awareness Month, #2016-129 & 130 Non-Conservation Property Classification and #2016-131 Columbia Heights Recognition. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: www.anokacounty.us

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN

MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **Diamond Divaz Twin Cities SC**
2. Principal Place of Business: **10425 Crocus St. NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433**
3. Nameholder(s): **Charlette L. Greene 10425 Crocus St. NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

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 # 912897300033
 /s/ Charlette L. Greene

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **AMD Systems**
2. Principal Place of Business: **12527 Central Ave NE, Suite 281 Blaine, MN 55434**

3. Nameholder(s): **Advanced Marketing & Detection Systems, LLC 12527 Central Ave NE, Suite 281 Blaine, MN 55434**

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

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 # 913709600024
 /s/ Andrew Peterson
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

RJJ Company LLC
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that RJJ Company LLC has dissolved and is in the process of winding up its affairs. The limited liability company has filed with the Secretary of State a notice of dissolution. The notice

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DAVID W. SORUM DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 02-PR-16-591

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ANOKA Estate of David W. Sorum, Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Peggy Sorum, whose address is 3251 Louisiana Avenue S. #304, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: November 1, 2016; /s/ Peggy Zdon, Registrar /s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator

John P. Worrell (MN# 261671)
 Hoene & Worrell; 105 Hardman Court, Suite 110
 South St Paul Minnesota 55075-2468
 Telephone: (651) 222-2838; Facsimile: (651) 222-6826

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

Date: October 25, 2016

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the terms and conditions of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Parkway Estates Townhouse Association, Inc., a Minnesota non-profit corporation, dated October 9, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Anoka County Registrar of Titles on November 12, 2004, as Document No. 480524.001. An Assessment Lien Statement evidencing the lien created by such default, dated September 28, 2016, and with Jason D. Neel and Sara L. Neel as Lienees, was filed with such office on or about October 3, 2016, as Document No. 542438.001.

Date of Declaration (Amended): October 9, 2004

Lienees: Jason D. Neel and Sara L. Neel

Lienor: Parkway Estates Townhouse Association, Inc.

Date Recorded: November 12, 2004

Document No.: 480524.001

Where Recorded: Registrar of Titles of Anoka County, Minnesota

Assignment(s) of Mortgage: N/A

2. The original amount of the Assessment Lien was: \$1,830.00.

3. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Assessment Lien, or any part thereof, and no Lienee has been released from liability on the Assessment Lien.

4. The holder of the Assessment Lien has complied with all conditions precedent to the foreclosure of the Assessment Lien, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

5. At the date of this notice, the amount due on the Assessment Lien, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Assessment Lien is \$2,067.00.

6. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Declaration and Minn. Stat. Ch. 515B, the Assessment Lien will be foreclosed, and the land described as follows:

Legal Description:

Lot 22, Block 2, Parkway Estates, CIC No. 190, Anoka County, Minnesota (Torrens property as evidenced by Certificate of Title No. 106679).

Property Address: 1076 122nd Ave. NE, Blaine, MN 55434

Parcel No(s): 08-31-23-23-0054

will be sold by the Sheriff of Anoka County, Minnesota, at public auction on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Anoka County Sheriffs Office, 13301 Hanson Blvd. N.W., Andover, MN, 55304, to pay the debt then secured by the Assessment Lien and taxes on said land, if any, paid by the holder of the Assessment Lien, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees, allowed by law.

7. The time allowed by law for redemption by Lienees or Lienees' personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale. Each holder of a junior lien may redeem in the order and manner provided in Minnesota Statutes Chapters 580 and 582, beginning after the expiration of Lienees' redemption period.

8. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE LIENEES, THE LIENEES' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

9. If the Assessment Lien is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Section 580.23, and the subject real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, the Lienees must vacate the property subject to the Assessment Lien by 11:59 p.m. on June 28, 2017. PETERSON HABICHT, PA

Attorneys for Parkway Estates Townhouse Association, Inc.

/s/ Norman I. Taple (Atty. No. 331090); 33 South Sixth Street, Suite 3900 Minneapolis, MN 55402; (612) 836-5518; 21444-0001 (Neel)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

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was filed November 7, 2016. Claims against the company must be presented in writing to: RJJ Company LLC, 13055 Riverdale Drive NW, #500-270, Coon Rapids, MN, 55448. Claims must be received by February 15, 2017.

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CITY OF BLAINE BLAINE SEEKS TO FILL BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Blaine City Councilmembers are seeking applicants for several advisory boards and commissions. Board and Commission members are vital to the community and provide input and guidance on both opportunities and challenges that a growing community like Blaine faces today. Requirements for these volunteer positions include being a resident of Blaine, attending monthly meetings, and having a community interest.

For more information or to apply go to www.ci.blaine.mn.us or contact the City Clerk's office. Interested citizens should return their application no later than December 9, 2016.

City Clerk's Office
City of Blaine
10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine MN 55449
sdellich@ci.blaine.mn.us

CITY OF SAINT FRANCIS

City Council Vacancy; At the November 7, 2016 City Council meeting, the St. Francis City Council accepted the resignation of Chris McClish and declared his position of Council Member to be vacant. The council member vacancy will be posted for a period of not less than thirty (30) days in order to identify individuals seeking to be appointed to fill the vacancy until the next Municipal election. Applications are available at city hall and on the City's website. Barb Held, City Clerk

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831

FOREST LAKE, MINNESOTA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, is presently soliciting competitive "Multiple Prime Contract Bids" for "Columbus Elementary School." Sealed bids will be received at the Forest Lake Area Schools District Office, 6100 N. 210th Street, Forest Lake, MN 55025, then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, December 20th, 2016.

The complete Bid Form shall be submitted without alterations, additions, or erasures. All bids shall be on a lump sum basis. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after bid receipt without consent of the Owner. Each bidder shall accompany the Bid Form with a bid security as described in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bids.

The project at Columbus Elementary School includes building and classroom security upgrades, HVAC upgrades to classroom area, boiler replacement, renovation of restrooms, select sitework improvements, and select interior/exterior building renovations. The work will be constructed in one phase according to the Project Schedule. (Work will be limited to the Summer 2017. See project schedule in specifications for details, as FL Schools has a condensed summer in 2017.)

Direct communications regarding this Project to the office of the Construction Manager: Brian Hook (brian.hook@krausanderson.com) Kraus-Anderson Construction, 8625 Rendova Street NE, P.O. Box 158, Circle Pines, MN, 55014, Tel: 763-786-7711.

Obtain Bidding Documents through www.isqft.com. Please contact Sherri Short at 763-792-3677 or sherri.short@krausanderson.com to receive an invite. Bidding Documents will be available for inspection at the office of the Construction Manager and the office of the Architect: Martin

Pevzner Engineering, Builders Exchange, School, 17345 Notre 8030 Old Cedar Ave., MEDA, and Reed Dame Street NE, Suite 100, Bloomington, Construction Data. Columbus, MN 55025.

A Pre-Bid conference 854-1925; as well and walkthrough will as several Builder's be held on Monday, Exchanges: Rochester, December 12th at St. Cloud, Mankato, Mid- 4:00 p.m. local time at Minnesota, Minnesota Columbus Elementary

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FAMILY COURT DIVISION

In Re the Marriage of:
Segundo Emilio Ramon,
Petitioner,

Case #

SUMMONS

And
Rosa Iris Anaya Cruz,
Respondent.

STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Petitioner's attorney an Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage which is herewith served upon you within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

UNDER MINNESOTA LAW, SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO BOTH PARTIES TO THIS ACTION; UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OF THE PROCEEDING IS DISMISSED:

1. NEITHER PARTY MAY DISPOSE OF ANY ASSETS EXCEPT (i) FOR THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE OR FOR THE NECESSARY GENERATION OF INCOME OR PRESERVATION OF ASSETS, (ii) BY AN AGREEMENT IN WRITING, OR (iii) FOR RETAINING COUNSEL TO CARRY ON OR TO CONTEST THIS PROCEEDING.
2. NEITHER PARTY MAY HARRASS THE OTHER PARTY.
3. ALL CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE MUST BE MAINTAINED AND CONTINUED WITHOUT CHANGE IN COVERAGE OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.
Dated: September 7, 2016 SWARAY LAW OFFICE, LTD.
/s/ Amadu Edward Swaray

Attorney Reg. No.: 0306654
5701 Shingle Creek Parkway
Suite 610
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
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