

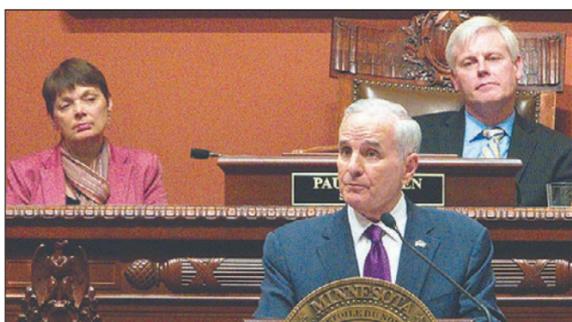
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Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton tells state legislators that the state still needs to invest in jobs and education. His comments came Wednesday, during his annual State of the State speech. Behind him are Senate President Sandra Pappas and House Speaker Paul Thissen.

Dayton: State doing well

Greater Minnesota gets shout-out from governor

By Don Davis
Forum News Service

ST. PAUL — Gov. Mark Dayton focused much of his State of the State speech Wednesday night on greater Minnesota, from HitchDoc in southern Minnesota's Jackson to the Kelliher schools in the north.

He used areas away from the Twin Cities to tout the state's economic growth, but also to illustrate what he sees as the need for more state spend-

ing. He seldom mentioned the Twin Cities, other than stadiums being built for the Minnesota Vikings and St. Paul Saints.

"This economic growth is happening all over our state," the Democratic governor said.

Republicans called the 48-minute speech the opening of Dayton's reelection campaign. Republican-leaning rural Minnesota is expected to be a battleground both for Dayton and House Democrats up for re-election.

The governor spoke highly of spending programs he championed since he became governor in 2011, proposals that mostly passed last year when fellow Democrats gained House and Senate control.

Coming less than three weeks before the legislative session must end, Dayton made few pleas for this year, although he asked legislators to increase their agreed-to public works spending.

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Costly drip

Water credits suspended for New London, Spicer and Green Lake

By Carolyn Lange
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NEW LONDON — Since February, many homeowners and businesses in the New London and Spicer area kept a slow, steady drip of water running for weeks on end in order to prevent pipes from freezing up during an extra harsh winter.

Those drips added up to several million gallons of water that went down the drain.

Because of a decision early on by the Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District not to charge customers for that extra water and sewer use, the district could see an estimated loss in revenue of about \$30,000 for the three-month period.

Customers were charged only on their "average" use since February, when municipal pipes and individual service lines began freezing up in frigid conditions that brought the frost line 7 to 8 feet deep.

That credit came to an end Wednesday. The cities of New London and Spicer, along with the Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District, announced Wednesday that customers can stop running a stream of water and that accounts will only be credited through the month of April.

Although there are still two businesses in New London that do not have running water yet because of frozen pipes — and there are a handful of homes in New London and Spicer in the same predicament — most lines are now clear and the decision was made to stop recommending running water and stop issuing the credits.

"We just don't think there's any chance of any new freeze-ups," said New London City Administrator Trudie Guptill.

"It's been a weird year," she said.

The Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District is owned and operated by Kandiyohi County and serves the cities of Spicer, New London, Kandiyohi and customers on several lakes in the northern part of the county.

In his 14 years as director of the sewer and water district, Ron Hagemer said this is the first time he has seen such widespread issues with freezing water lines.

"It was so brutally cold," he said. "It caused us a lot of grief."

It was also the first time customers were asked to run a steady stream of tap water.

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Submitted photo

Addison and parents Tom and Marci Doyle are shown at home in Granite Falls with the rewards of their free shopping spree at the ALCO store in Olivia.

Lots of grit and always a smile

Girl with spina bifida now has lots of presents too

By Tom Cherveney
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OLIVIA — Addison Doyle has an ever-ready smile, lots of grit, spina bifida, and just a few days before her second birthday, more presents than she's ever likely to see again at one time.

The presents came by the shopping cart load last Sunday afternoon.

Her parents, Tom and Marci Doyle of Granite Falls, filled up shopping carts with \$3,533.50 worth of merchandise in 2 minutes and 30 seconds at the ALCO store in Olivia.

It was all free, courtesy of the store.

The store offered the shopping spree to support the Tim Orth Memorial Foundation.

The Foundation assists families with major medical challenges. Since its start 19 years ago, the organization has

raised over \$2 million.

On Sunday, Tom filled the carts and Marci kept pace supplying replacement carts as the clock ticked off the allotted 2½ minutes. Cameras kept clicking as a crowd of people followed the whirlwind of activity like Pappazzi, laughed Tom and Marci and Addison's grandmothers, Vicki Reishus and Pam Doyle, in describing the scene at the store.

"It was awesome," said Marci. The family describes Addison that way too. Born two years ago as of Friday, she underwent her first surgery before the end of her first full day.

She was born with myelomeningocele, a type of spina bifida considered to be the most severe. She has had numerous surgeries since the first, including one to free her tethered spinal cord.

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Submitted photo

Minnesota Viking Joe Sullivan holds Addison Doyle during a visit to the University of Minnesota Hospitals where she was being treated. Family members said he was surprised by the smile she treated him to.



Tribune file photo

Volunteers came to the rescue in March 2010 when rising waters on Hawk Creek threatened the Maynard wastewater treatment plant. The city is moving ahead with a major project upgrade to its sanitary sewer collection and treatment infrastructure, with work expected to take place next year. It will include adding earthen dikes to protect the facility from flooding.

Upgrading infrastructure

USDA providing \$2.9M funding package for Maynard

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MAYNARD — The city of Maynard is moving forward with plans to upgrade its wastewater treatment infrastructure and put its worries of backups and flooding behind it, thanks to \$2.9 million in funding being provided by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

Maynard City Council members approved action at their meeting on Tuesday for engineers to begin developing the bid specifications for the project, according to Mayor Richard Grothuis.

The city wants to call for bids so that work can get underway early next year.

The city had been seeking both state and USDA Rural Development funds to address its infrastructure needs. The

long delayed approval of the new Farm Bill made possible the recently awarded USDA Rural Development funding, which will cover the entire project.

The city is expecting a 60 percent grant, 40 percent low-interest loan package from Rural Development for the project, according to John Meyer, consultant for the city.

The city's infrastructure needs proved urgent during Easter weekend in 2013 when a sanitary sewer line collapsed. The city took action to repair the line and subsequently upgraded a lift station.

The city will be upgrading its entire wastewater collection system, as well as making improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.

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Dayton seeks 'unity of purpose'

Governor highlights job rebound, minimum wage in state of state; Republicans pan speech as 'a kickoff to the campaign season'

BRIAN BAKST
 Associated Press

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which is substantially more than one under consideration.

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Republicans had panned the speech in advance as a political

look-ahead to Dayton’s re-election campaign. The last time a State of the State address was delivered so late in the year was Democratic Gov. Rudy Perpich’s address on April 21, 1977. Dayton’s speech comes as lawmakers are scrambling to conclude their annual session by May 19. Governors usually give the speech



Dayton

toward the start of the legislative session to lay out their objectives.

The timing has a lot to do with an early-February hip surgery that sidelined the governor for weeks and still requires him to move around on crutches. Dayton entered the House chamber from a side door rather than making the ceremonial walk down the center aisle while shaking hands.

He used the platform to recap state efforts to foster learning

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ANDREW LINK, DAILY NEWS

Jenny Alfaro sets out items for a garage sale Wednesday at her sister-in-law’s home on Seventh Street in Goodview. She will be one of countless sellers this weekend during one of the region’s largest garage sales, spanning about 100 miles and following routes along both sides of the Mississippi.

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There’s no formal map of all the sales, but for some additional information visit 100milegaragesale.org.

Some sales be found in the Daily News’ classified section. Some will be marked with pink ribbons or balloons.

Region’s biggest garage sale starts today

TESLA RODRIQUEZ | Daily News

For 100 miles from Winona to Hastings on this side of the river, and from Fountain City to just below the Twin Cities on the Wisconsin side, residents will put out treasures and trash for sale this weekend.

They’ll do it rain or shine, with a bit of both on the radar. But at least this year it’s not worse — last year at this time, Winona was covered in inches of newly fallen snow.

“It snowed, but people were coming in,” recalled Jenny Alfaro

Wednesday as she set up a sale at her sister-in-law’s house at 3790 Seventh St. in Goodview.

Luckily for her and the group she combined with, they had a garage to shield them from last year’s snow rather than roughing it out in the yard like many others.



ANDREW LINK, DAILY NEWS

Rick Alfaro places items inside a tent for the 100 Mile Garage Sale Wednesday at his sister Nancy Bohlsen’s home on Seventh Street in Goodview. The annual sale draws bargain-hunters from several states.

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Scientists grow new muscle in injured legs

Material from pig bladders aids process

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists implanted thin sheets of scaffolding-like material from pigs into a few young men with disabling leg injuries — and say the experimental treatment coaxed the men’s own stem cells to regrow new muscle.

The research, funded by the Defense Department, included just five patients, a small first step in the complex quest for regenerative medicine.

But the researchers described some of the men improving enough to no longer need canes, or to ride a bicycle again, after years of living with injuries that today have no good treatment.

“The real rush for someone like myself is to see this patient being able to do these things and not struggle and have a smile on his face,” said Dr. Stephen Badylak of the University of Pittsburgh School of

Medicine. He led the study, which was reported Wednesday in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

Muscles have some natural ability to regenerate after small injuries. But if too much is lost — from a car accident, a sports injury or, for soldiers, a bomb blast — the body can’t heal properly. Hard scar tissue fills the gap instead. Called volumetric muscle loss, a severe enough



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Dr. Stephen Badylak, a surgery professor and deputy director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, holds a sheet of “extracellular matrix,” scaffolding-like material derived from pig bladder.

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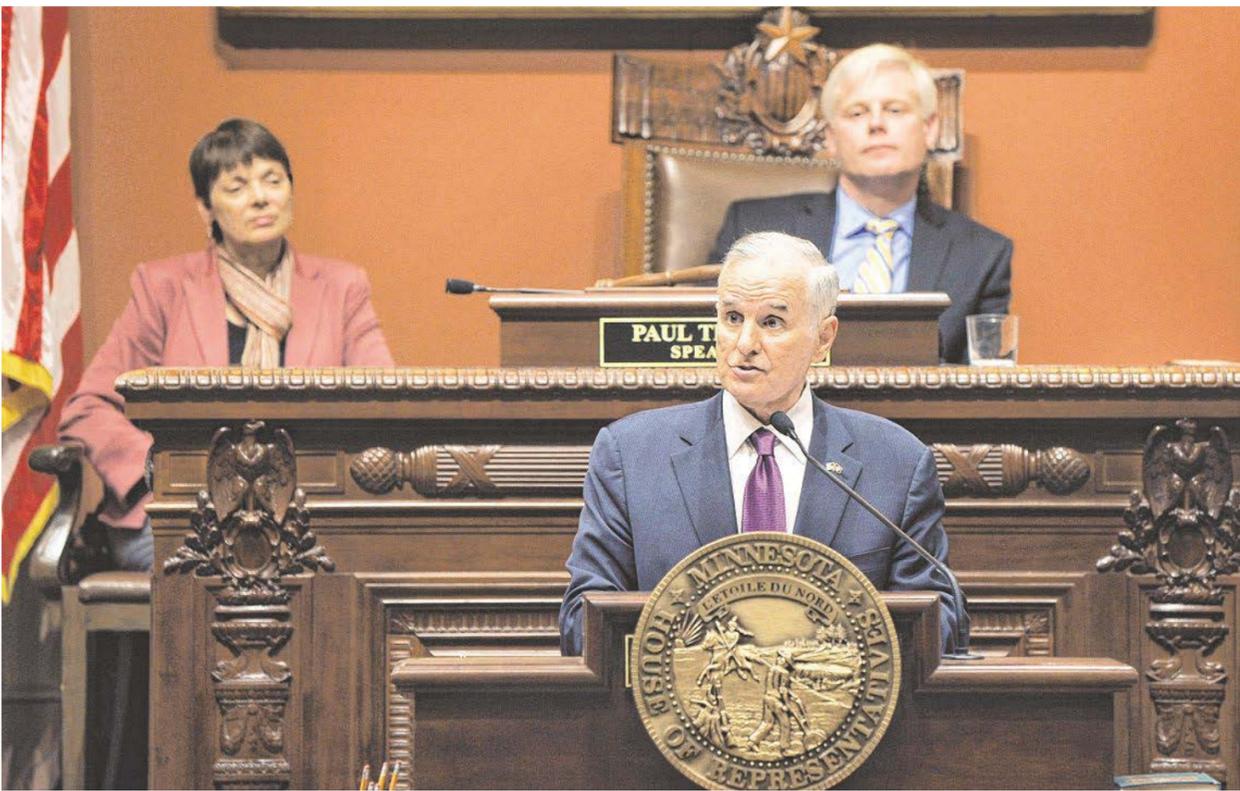
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'Much better' state takes center of Dayton speech



Gov. Mark Dayton delivers his State of the State address before a joint session of the Legislature on Wednesday in St. Paul. Seated behind are President of the Senate Sandra Pappas (left) and House Speaker Paul Thissen. TOM OLMSCHEID/AP

Republicans chide governor's timing, economic policies

By Brian Bakst
Associated Press

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Late in the session

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DAILY ? POLL

What's your take on the timing of Gov. Mark Dayton's State of the State address this year? Vote at www.sctimes.com. See results on tomorrow's Opinion page. The Daily Poll is non-scientific.

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Recording was key in Smith trial murder conviction

Juror gives insight into the decision

By Amy Forliti
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A window shatters. The sound of footsteps is followed by sharp cracks of gunshots, a teenager's groans and a fall. Minutes later, there are more bangs and screams from another teen before she, too, was silenced by a central Minnesota homeowner who was convicted of plotting the whole thing.

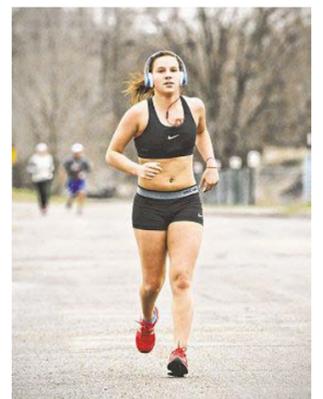


Byron Smith

A day after Byron Smith was found guilty of premeditated murder, jurors said the audio of the Thanksgiving 2012 killings of two unarmed teens — a recording that the 65-year-old switched on before the break-in occurred — was key in his conviction.

"That was the most damning piece of evidence in my mind," Wes Hatlestad, one of 12 jurors, said Wednesday. "That audio recording of the actual killings and the audio recording of Mr. Smith's interview immediately after his arrest ... pretty much convinced me that we were

Shedding clothes on run for a cause



Runner Jenisa Cash, who started off in a dress, donated most of her clothes and was heading to the finish line Wednesday during the Undie Run 5K. Clothes went to Salvation Army. JASON WACHTER, JWACHTER@STCLOUDTIMES.COM

Lawmakers, mayor react to State of the State

By Mark Sommerhauser
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ST. PAUL — Gov. Mark Dayton's appeal in his 2014 State of the State address for a larger bonding bill to pay for construction projects isn't likely to get needed support from Republicans, St. Cloud-area legislators said.

Dayton, a DFLer, gave the address to legislators Wednesday at the state Capitol.

Passage of a bonding bill to fund construction projects is among the key unresolved items in the 2014 legislative



Zachary Dorholt

Jeff Howe

Dave Kleis

Tim O'Driscoll

Tama Theis

session. At least a handful of Republicans must vote for such a bill because it requires a supermajority to pass.

Dayton on Wednesday night urged legislators to support a \$1.2 billion bonding bill,

saying projects such as a \$71 million water pipeline in southwest Minnesota require a bill of that size.

Legislative leaders from both parties last year agreed on an \$850 million price tag for

a bonding bill in 2014.

Reps. Tama Theis, Tim O'Driscoll and Jeff Howe said after the address that they and their Republican colleagues almost certainly won't back a bill larger than the agreed-upon \$850 million figure.

The area's lone DFLer, St. Cloud Rep. Zachary Dorholt, said he didn't "have the highest hopes" for a bill of that size, although he praised Dayton for pushing it.

"It would be nice, but probably not likely," Dorholt said.

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Bring on Chicago



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The Wild celebrate Dany Heatley's second-period goal against the Avs on Wednesday in the deciding Game 7 of their first-round Stanley Cup playoff series in Denver. With the overtime win, Minnesota now will take on the defending champion Blackhawks. **Game coverage, 1B**

Dayton's State of the State: a glimpse of things to come

His annual address to the Legislature a likely preview of fall re-election campaign

By Bill Salisbury
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In an election-year State of the State address Wednesday night, Gov. Mark Dayton painted a picture of a state that has made progress on many fronts, acknowledged a few shortcomings and outlined his vision for a future that is likely to become the narrative for his upcoming campaign.

"When I ran for governor four years ago, I promised a better Minnesota," Dayton told a joint session of the Legislature. "Tonight, I can report that the state of our state is better, much better, than before."

"It's better for us, and it's better for those who will inherit it from us. But the economic growth and social progress we have achieved also reminds us of the work we still have left to do."

He highlighted Minnesota's job creation and

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Ramsey County a step closer to buying troubled Vadnais Hts. rink

Probate judge OKs request to sell complex for \$10.5M

By Sarah Horner
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Ramsey County is moving to assume ownership of the Vadnais Sports Center for a price officials say will keep the previously debt-ridden facility in the black and taxpayers off the hook.

The deal cleared its last major hurdle Tuesday, when a Ramsey County probate judge approved a request by the facility's trustee to sell the complex to the county for \$10.5 million.

The decision pushes the county into a 45-day due diligence period, where staff will review final details before closing on the purchase in late June, when Ramsey County would presumably pick up the keys to the 200,000-square-foot arena. The arena includes two sheets of ice and a dome-covered turf field.

It looks to be a great deal for a complex that originally cost \$26.5 million to finance, said

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His execution was supposed to be painless. It wasn't.

Oklahoma under fire for botched lethal injection



It took 43 minutes for convicted murderer Clayton Lockett to die.

By Erik Eckholm and John Schwartz
New York Times

McALESTER, Okla. — As Clayton Lockett writhed and groaned on the gurney Tuesday night after a large dose of sedatives had apparently not been fully delivered, the Oklahoma chief of corrections rushed to call the governor and attorney general. Something had gone disas-

trously wrong with the lethal injection, he told them, and the execution of a second man must be delayed. Gov. Mary Fallin instantly agreed.

On Wednesday, the state faced an outcry and the White House condemned the execution as inhumane. Fallin defended the death penalty but ordered a thorough review of the state's procedures for and attorney general.

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Andersen poised to add 100 jobs at Bayport plant

Window maker's \$18M expansion is its first big investment at site in 15 years

By Nick Woltman
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Window and door maker Andersen Corp. said Wednesday that it will add 100 jobs in an \$18 million expansion in Bayport — its first major investment at its headquarters plant in 15 years.

The 110-year-old manufacturer plans to buy new machinery and to repurpose a portion of the plant to produce its increasingly popular Andersen 100 Series window line — a favorite of commercial devel-

opers. "We had several location options to choose from and selected Minnesota because of the experienced workforce, our integrated supply chain model and the ability to leverage capacity at our flagship plant in Bayport," CEO Jay Lund said in a news release.

The company, which is North America's largest window and door manufacturer, employs 9,000 workers at 15 plants nationwide, including about

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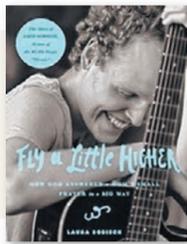
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A Burnsville High junior is one of 50 U.S. students whose original art could someday grace Google's home page. **B1**



Prosecutor driven to defend kids

Pete Orput led the case to convict Byron Smith of murdering two teens, but he's not celebrating a trial filled with misery.

By KEVIN GILES • kgiles@startribune.com

On the morning after winning Minnesota's most watched homicide trial in years, Pete Orput sank into a chair exhausted, struggling with his emotions.

Two teenagers were dead, and the man who killed them was now going to prison

for the rest of his life.

"This has just wiped me out. This is just so sad," Orput said Wednesday, acknowledging that the recent trial in Little Falls, Minn., kept him so preoccupied that he hardly slept.

"It was a tragedy for the kids. It was a tragedy for that homeowner. I'm

assuaged that the jury found justice in it because it was a gratuitously awful murder and it didn't have to happen."

Orput, Washington County's chief prosecutor and a notable advocate for children, said there's no cause for celebration in Tuesday's first-degree murder conviction of Byron Smith, who shot and killed teenage cousins Nick Brady and Haile Kifer after they broke into his home on Thanksgiving Day 2012.

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"This has just wiped me out. This is just so sad."

Prosecutor Pete Orput

A day later, Little Falls feels a sense of relief but also struggles with the loss. A6



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Seventh heaven

Nino Niederreiter was swamped by his Wild teammates as they celebrated a 5-4 overtime win over Colorado in their pivotal Game 7 Wednesday in Denver. The goal, Niederreiter's second of the night, sent the Wild to Chicago for a series starting Friday. **Story, C1.**

BERTHA M. SMITH 1920-2014

Teacher broke down barriers in Mpls. schools

By RANDY FURST • randyfurst@startribune.com

Bertha M. Smith was a role model for generations of children, a respected community leader, a tireless volunteer and a transcendent figure in the early years of the civil rights movement in Minneapolis.

Smith, who was the first black teacher hired by the Minneapolis School District in the late 1940s, died April 18 in Brooklyn Center from complications of a stroke. She was 94.

In a statement Wednesday, Bernadeta Johnson, superintendent of schools, called Smith "a pioneer in education in Minneapolis. As the first African-American hired as a teacher in Minneapolis public schools, she broke down barriers and enabled our students, regardless of their race, to see themselves reflected in their teachers and school staff."

Former Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton said Smith was part of a group of elders that included Harry

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SMITH: She was regarded as "a pioneer in education" in Minneapolis.



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Gov. Mark Dayton: "We have to invest in growth, quality and effectiveness."

Dayton applauds progress but sees plenty left to do

By BAIRD HELGESON • baird.helgeson@startribune.com

Gov. Mark Dayton gave a forceful defense of his economic and job-creation efforts Wednesday night, prodding legislators to invest more in education and transportation while spending ambitiously on state projects.

"While we have made great progress toward a better Minnesota, it should also serve as a reminder of the work left to do," Dayton said. "We have to invest in growth, quality and effectiveness."

The DFL governor used his final

State of the State address before the election to stress that the state is now on firm financial footing and better positioned to make lasting improvements for coming generations. As part of that focus, he is seeking a new look at education, which he says should include more class days and keeping schools open longer each day.

The speech comes at an important time for Dayton as he heads into what is already shaping up as a tough and expensive re-election fight. Dayton is coming off a string of legislative

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GOVERNOR'S TO-DO LIST

\$1.2B bonding bill, with \$69M for water pipeline in southwestern Minn.

More school days and keep schools open later each day; rethink tests.

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House OKs gun ban for certain offenders

Stalkers, domestic abusers would be restricted; support is bipartisan.

By BAIRD HELGESON • baird.helgeson@startribune.com

The Minnesota House voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to restrict the ability of anyone convicted of domestic abuse and stalking from possessing firearms.

In a resounding 111-15 vote, DFLers and many Republicans joined forces to pass the measure after months of sometimes delicate negotiations between two powerful and well-financed factions: gun-owner-rights groups and organizations that favor tougher gun restrictions.

"It will keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers," said state Rep. Dan Schoen, a St. Paul Park DFLer who is chief sponsor of the measure and a police officer.

The measure is widely considered a breakthrough on a historically divisive issue at the Capitol, where attempts to restrict firearms typically have been met with scathing and unyielding opposition. In recent years, gun advocates from both parties have beaten back proposals calling for broader background checks and restrictions on ownership of certain types of semi-automatic rifles.

This time, some of the House's
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Outrage, review follow botched Okla. execution

By ERIK ECKHOLM and MOTOKO RICH
New York Times

MCALESTER, OKLA. - The White House weighed in Wednesday on the debate over the botched execution in Oklahoma as state officials scrambled to untangle what went wrong.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin said at a news conference that she had asked for an independent review of the failed execution of Clayton D. Lockett by the state's Department of Public Safety. Fallin said that she had asked for a full assessment of Lockett's cause of death, a review of whether officials had followed execution protocols and whether those protocols needed to be improved.

The problems with the botched execution by lethal injection, in which Lockett kicked, gasped and appeared to try to sit up after he was declared sedated, are expected to fuel the debate about the ability of states to administer lethal injections that meet the Constitution's requirement that they be neither cruel nor



Lockett

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HEART ATTACK CLAIMS LIFE OF BRAINERD AREA BUSINESSMAN

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Friends and associates of Alan Cibuzar, 65, who died of a heart attack Sunday, remembered him as an inquisitive and creative person with a wide variety of interests.

The owner and chief executive officer of AW Research and Image Engineering, Cibuzar was an environmental enthusiast who worked to sustain the quality of Minnesota lakes. His obituary stated the techniques and applications he used in his business were featured in such publications as National Geographic and the Wall Street Journal.



ALAN CIBUZAR

Cibuzar had been a pilot since he was 15 and it was a mutual interest in aviation that first brought Cibuzar and Brian Thuringer, president of Madden's, together.

"Alan's just an original," Thuringer said. "He was a pioneer thinker."

Thuringer said Cibuzar was never afraid to be unconventional, march to his own drummer or propose solutions others didn't even know were available. He described his friend as uncensored, a trait that not everyone appreciated.

"I would have been Al's friend no matter what," Thuringer said. "He's a Brainerd original."

Peter Nelson, was a friend and a business partner with Cibuzar in Hidden Fuels, a firm that taps the energy from septic systems.

"He was very smart, inquisitive, inventive," Nelson said.

Nelson said Cibuzar's death was a huge loss to the community and to the business.

"We'll have to re-establish where we go from here," he said.

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Governor's Fishing Opener to SHINE spotlight on region

The ripple effect of hosting the 67th annual Governor's Fishing Opener will send waves across the region for years to come, organizers say.

The Brainerd lakes area will be home to the opener on May 8-11 on Gull Lake, with headquarters at Grand View Lodge in Nisswa.

It will pull in up to \$2 million in marketing for the lakes area, organizers say. But it's the new relationships and partnerships that will have an impact for years to come, said event co-chair Steve Mau.

"There are so many different groups in the community coming together that haven't had to or weren't willing to work together in the past," he said. "Now they're coming together

for a common cause. That will bear fruit for years to come."

That's perhaps the magic of the fishing opener.

Organizers are optimistic that Gull Lake will be clear of ice by the big day. They're hoping the cold, rainy weather will disappear, too.

Other years the Brainerd lakes area has hosted the event include: 1989, 1993, 2001

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A twisted boat lift is caught in the encroaching Gull Lake ice Wednesday as winds push it ashore on Gull Point near Ernie's. With the Minnesota walleye fishing opener scheduled for May 10 at Grand View on the same lake, anglers are hoping for an ice-free opener.

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Costs higher than anticipated for trio of Baxter street projects

ISSUE EXPECTED BACK BEFORE THE COUNCIL ON MAY 6

By **RENEE RICHARDSON**
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BAXTER — Costs were 12 percent higher or about \$2,147 more per assessment than initially anticipated for the joint Franklin, Wildflower and Woida street project.

For homeowners along the city streets, that means preliminary assessment calculations rose from \$14,116 to \$16,262.80.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,197,697 — about \$507,580 higher than the \$2.69 million residents heard at the improvement hearing.

"I think we were all sitting here hoping it was going to be the other way," Baxter Mayor Darrel Olson said.

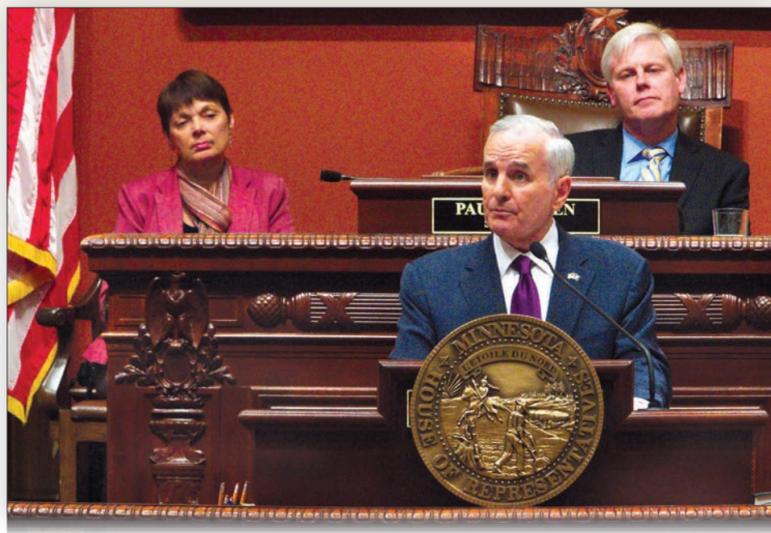
Olson said the project is important to the entire city and not just a benefit to the immediate residents. With the bids, Olson said the project was a little further away than the council hoped and he didn't know if there was a way to solve it without setting a precedent that was going to come back and bite the city council.

"Life would be better for so many people if we could do this project," Olson said.

The project provides city water and sewer to residents. It also paves gravel roads on Wildflower and Franklin. Seven bids were re-

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Dayton: Minnesota doing well, but more is needed



Don Davis • Forum News Service

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton tells state legislators that the state still needs to invest in jobs and education. His comments came Wednesday night during his annual State of the State speech. Behind him are Senate President Sandra Pappas and House Speaker Paul Thissen.

ST. PAUL — Minnesota is in good shape, Gov. Mark Dayton declared Wednesday night, taking some of the credit while saying more work remains.

Among his hopes as the 2014 legislative session winds down is paying more for public works projects than legislative leaders had planned.

In his annual State of the State speech, the Demo-

cratic governor said he wants a \$1.2 billion public works financing bill so the state can do things like build the Lewis and Clark

water system in southwestern Minnesota. Such projects, he said, would mean "jobs now and jobs in the future."

Projects such as Lewis

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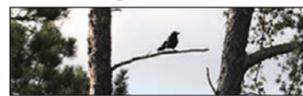


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YOUTH

Leading the way with language

Ojibwe sessions offered during Red Lake Youth Leadership Conference

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RED LAKE — Seventh Generation Leaders are being celebrated at Red Lake High School this week. The school is hosting the 9th Annual Red Lake Youth Leadership Conference. The community and students from area schools are invited to engage in sessions discussing issues that affect today's youth.

Among the topics this year is the dwindling usage of Anishinaabe inwewin, the Ojibwe language. "It's important to know the language, to be Anishinaabe," said Zack Earley with Red Lake Economic Development and Planning. "It is a very complex language, but it sounds familiar to English."

Earley — along with Nate Taylor and Elder Frances "Frannie" Miller — presented this year's Ojibwe language session.

On Wednesday, the trio mixed in the serious

topic of Ojibwe literally becoming a lost language with humor and games to reintroduce high schoolers to the language that was part of their elementary school curriculum. Ojibwe is not taught regularly in middle school and high school. Ojibwe words flowed effortlessly from some students, while others took a little more care in sounding out the syllables.

"People should never be afraid of the language," Taylor said. "It belongs to all of you."

Taylor told the group he was born in Red Lake and moved away from home to Minneapolis. Taylor said during a period of soul searching, he turned to his language and starting teaching himself Ojibwe.

"It really gives you a sense of who you are when you look into language," Taylor said.

When Taylor returned home to Red Lake, he was concerned he would be behind on speaking the native tongue.

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Nate Taylor joked with Red Lake High School students during the Ojibwe language session Wednesday. The school is hosting the 9th Annual Youth Leadership Conference through Friday.

EDUCATION

Eye to the future

LEGISLATURE

House votes to keep guns away from domestic abusers

DON DAVIS
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ST. PAUL — A compromise between gun supporters and those who want to protect domestic abuse victims won overwhelming approval in the House on Wednesday as representatives voted to keep guns out of the hands of abusers.

"We know that the presence of a gun during a highly volatile situation (makes it) six times greater of that situation resulting in a homicide," Rep. Dan Schoen, D-St. Paul Park, said before representatives voted 121-15 for his bill.

A similar bill awaits Senate action.

The Schoen bill requires guns to be surrendered by people convicted of child and domestic abuse, as well as those who are subjects of a protection order that may be issued before trial. In either case, guns would be given up only after court actions.

"Parties do have due process," Schoen said. "They do have to stand in front of a judge. They do get the ability to argue their side of the story."

A gun owner would not give up ownership, and people who give up guns could get them back. Guns

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MONTE DRAPER | BEMIDJI PIONEER

Wells Technology hosted a symposium Wednesday with area educators and industry leaders to share ideas to keep students in school with an emphasis on the American Indian graduation rate. Pictured are, (clockwise from bottom left) John Eggers, Mary Fairbanks, Julie Johnson-Willborg, Sharon Marcotte and Ranae Seykora, who were meeting in a small group discussing ways to increase graduation rates.

Educators, others, gather to discuss ways to increase graduation rates

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BEMIDJI — Ranae Seykora, an assistant principal at Bemidji High School, temporarily stepped away from a meeting on how to increase graduation rates when she ran into a student and asked for the student's input.

"Without even hesitating, she said, 'Courage. I need encouragement, courage, and I need to know I'm not alone,'" Seykora said

Wednesday, speaking at a daylong symposium at Wells Technology.

Seykora was one of about 30 area professionals, school officials and nonprofit leaders who came together for a symposium on increasing the graduation rate, particularly for American Indian students.

"It's everybody's problem, it's not just a K-12 problem," said John Eggers, who through Project Graduate, led the gathering at Wells Technology.

Those who participated were

encouraged to share with the group their success stories, illustrating methods and activities that cultivated positive results.

Andy Wells, the founder and president of Wells Technology, spoke of his Wells Academy, a work-training program that aims to provide prospective employees with the skills needed to perform the job.

"We live it," Wells said of the training and education gap. "We see so many people apply for work without a high school diploma."

The ultimate goal — a 100 percent graduation rate for all students — seems lofty, he admitted. "But you have to set a high goal and go after it. Everything we do helps people."

The day culminated as participants broke into small groups and presented on an idea that they believe could be tested before Oct. 1, when participants will gather again for a follow-up session.

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STATE OF STATE

Greater Minnesota gets Dayton shout-out

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ST. PAUL — Gov. Mark Dayton focused much of his State of the State speech Wednesday night on greater Minnesota, from HitchDoc in southern Minnesota's Jackson to the Kelliher schools in the north.

He used areas away from the Twin Cities to tout the state's economic growth, but also to illustrate what he sees as the need for more state spending. He seldom men-

tioned the Twin Cities, other than stadiums being built for the Minnesota Vikings and St. Paul Saints.

"This economic growth is happening all over our state," the Democratic governor said.

Republicans called the 48-minute speech the opening of Dayton's re-election campaign. Republican-leaning rural Minnesota is expected to be a battleground both for Dayton and House Democrats up for re-election.

The governor spoke highly of

spending programs he championed since he became governor in 2011, proposals that mostly passed last year when fellow Democrats gained House and Senate control.

Coming less than three weeks before the legislative session must end, Dayton made few pleas for this year, although he asked legislators to increase their agreed-to public works spending.

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Delivering his fourth State address, Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton tells legislators Wednesday night that the state is strong, but could improve.



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