

It's Time to Say, "No" to the Green Bay Referendum.

In April, the Green Bay Area School District Board will ask voters to agree to borrow \$20 million to fund maintenance projects across a number of schools. The projects include heating & ventilating upgrades, window replacements, asbestos removal, lighting, and other upgrades. These projects are described as the highest priority from the facilities master plan and, from the descriptions, are reasonable projects.

The problem lies in how to pay for them. The District is asking the taxpayers to incur more debt and maintain higher taxes versus allocating general fund dollars from the annual budgets. A December 22nd article in the Press Gazette described facility maintenance as "unglamorous work". As such, it's easy to defer spending on that work. Following a \$16.7 million dollar referendum in 2010, the Board got the message they were not allocating sufficient annual budget dollars to facility maintenance. While they did increase their annual maintenance spending, it is still far below previous levels. It appears the Board is content to continue to underfund ongoing maintenance and regularly come back to the taxpayers with referenda requests when the infrastructure starts to fail. We do not feel this is a fiscally prudent approach. Giving their maintenance organization sufficient funding to maintain and improve facilities may not be glamorous, but it is a fundamental responsibility of the Board.

They say that state imposed spending controls prevent spending more on facilities. That is not accurate. This board approved a \$253 million dollar budget in October, increasing spending 9% or \$20 million over last year. They continue to spend well over \$3 million dollars a year for the Emeritus program which incentivizes teachers and administrators to retire, at a time when retirements are rampant. There are an additional \$3 million dollars of school spending shifted to Fund 80 which is outside of the shared revenue spending controls, and directly taxed to local property owners.

In short, the amount of money spent annually on facility maintenance is a Board choice, not something forced by spending controls. The Green Bay district has more state and local funds than ever before, and they still wish to incur debt which results in more money from the taxpayers. It is time to make the tough budgetary choices each year rather than continually coming back to the taxpayers every few years for even more money. Therefore, the BCTA is taking a position against the Green Bay referendum and recommending a "NO" vote on April 1st.

BCTA Schools Committee

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Elliot Christensen, owner of Green Bay Net.com, spoke about Internet security. He stated that operating systems and browsers must be kept up to date. Flash and Java programs should be removed. Use HTTPS for secure transactions. Use long passwords. Use a password manager program .Don't open links from sources you are not absolutely sure of, or to phishing messages, requesting banking and credit card information.

Lieutenant Jim Valley from the Brown County Sheriff's Department discussed identity protection, which occurs when someone steals personal information and uses it without permission, damaging your finances, credit history and reputation.

He advised to check your bank, credit and medical account statements, for charges you didn't make. Secure your Social Security# and to shred sensitive documents. Don't overshare on social networking sites. Be alert to online impersonators. Protect your computer with anti-virus software, anti-spyware software, and a firewall. If someone has stolen your identity, act fast to limit the damage. Place an initial fraud alert on your credit report. Contact each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. Order your credit reports. ID theft victims get a copy of their reports for free. Read your reports carefully and correct any errors. Create an entity Theft Report. File a police report.

The Village of Ashwaubenon will ask four referendum questions on the April ballot: a community center, an auditorium, a swimming pool (8 lane competitive), and a warm water activity pool. If taxpayers support the project(s), the Village will bond and levy for the debt payments in future years. Due to the state school aid formula, the cost to local taxpayers would be over 40% higher with a School District referendum. The School District will pay for utilities, operations, and maintenance for pool and auditorium.

Assistant Supt. of Schools Keith Lucius explained the District's maintenance plan. In 2000, a 5-year building maintenance plan was approved by School Board. The plan, updated annually, identifies major projects (roofs, boilers, parking lots...) and expected remaining life. Major projects are split into smaller pieces so they can more easily fit in operating budget. The plan maintains a consistent annual budget amount and protects it when budget cutting is needed. Deferring maintenance is not a budget cut, it is simply delaying/increasing the cost for the future. Maintenance is included in the operating budget and buildings have no delayed maintenance.

The Village and District decided it was cost effective not to duplicate services. Shared services were formalized over 20 years ago. The Village maintains large equipment and related staffing for snow plows and lawn mowing. The School District provides priority access to facilities for Village programs at no charge. The projects have all been discussed for over 20 years, and community use is very high for all the facilities. The facilities are well maintained, but they cannot be remodeled to meet the needs and desires of the community.

The next BCTA meeting will be March 20. Speakers will be Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt and Brown County Supervisor Bernie Erickson. Details on the back page of this TAX TIMES.

Dave Nelson - Secretary

Working together for the Ashwaubenon community.

The Village of Ashwaubenon and the Ashwaubenon School District have a long history of working together for the benefit of their taxpayers. The two entities cooperate in an effort to provide the most cost-effective services to the residents of Ashwaubenon. The sharing of services is not about trading equal value, but instead it is about doing what is best for the taxpayers.

For example, the Village must maintain snow plows for the streets of the Village. It doesn't make sense for taxpayers to fund a second snow plowing department run by the District, so the Village plows all school parking lots. In similar fashion, the District maintains facilities that the Village uses for community programs.

The District does not charge the Village fees for utilities or maintenance of facilities which allows the Village to offer programming at a lower cost to residents. In the spirit of working together in the best interest of Village residents, the School District and the Village met to consider building a new community pool, community auditorium, and community center.

A facility committee was formed, which included residents to develop a plan to meet the needs identified by community members. In April, the residents of the Village of Ashwaubenon will be asked if they want the Village to bond for the community projects. Even though the Village will be bonding for the construction, the District will be budgeting for operations and maintenance of the pool and auditorium.

There have been many questions about why the Village is asking referendum questions regarding a swimming pool and auditorium that will be connected to Ashwaubenon High School. The answer is simple, it is in the best interest of the local residents to have the Village build the facilities, and the facilities are community facilities that will be used by residents of all ages.

The next question commonly asked is, how is it better for local residents to have the Village do the bonding? There is a significant cost difference as a result of a very complicated school funding formula that penalizes a school district that is considered property rich. It would cost the local taxpayers over 40% more in property taxes if the District bonds for the projects because of lost school aid.

In April, the voters will decide if the proposed projects will move forward. By working together, the Village of Ashwaubenon and the Ashwaubenon School District have been able to minimize taxpayer cost for the proposed projects. The referendum is an example of how the governmental agencies can work together in the best interest of residents.

Keith Lucius, Ashwaubenon School District

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"Talkers are usually more articulate than doers, since talk is their specialty." . . . **Thomas Sowell**
"If stupidity got us into this mess, why can't it get us out?" . . . **Will Rogers**



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As of March 1, 2014, the Official U. S. National Debt had risen to \$17,431,681,500,227.00, or an increase of about \$33.5 Billion since Feb. 1. It is fortunate that February is a short month as this was one of the smallest recorded increases in recent year. This may be due to people and corporations starting to send in their income tax payments, or maybe they are just behind in their paperwork. You have to believe what the government tells you.

It may be premature to predict the effect of our runaway debt in years to come, but it won't be good under any circumstances. Unlike a corporate or municipal bond, or your standard home loan with the interest and principal being amortized with regular monthly payments until maturity. We are not reducing our debt but constantly adding to it through deficit spending. Roughly a third of our spending each day has to be borrowed. Any of the debt in the form of bonds is simply renewed upon maturity. This debt is now increasing at a faster and faster rate due to its own weight.

We realizing the debt is financed through a multitude of methods all over the world, for simplicity we will assume a 3% rate. This would balance the historical record of our government bonds being considered a good investment against downgrades to our credit rating as a result of the carelessness the debt is being accumulated.

Straight interest on a \$17,431,686,500,227. loan at 3.0% would amount to amount to about \$523 Billion per year, or \$1,43 Billion each and every day. Considering we are not paying off any of the principal, this interest payable is being included to the daily increase owed which has been increasing at a rate of \$2-3 Billion each day the past several years. Increased debt alone is adding over \$200 Billion to our National Debt balance.

Never before in the history of our country have we allowed our debt to grow so recklessly. Not during World Wars I and II, and not even during the 30's while recovering from the great depression.

While it is difficult to place a handle on the number of federal government employees and where they are spending our money, but get the impression there is no accountability whatsoever. Government is like a family and follows the rules and examples established by those in charge.

THE DEBT CEILING
 * The President doesn't understand THE DEBT CEILING.
 * Democrats don't understand THE DEBT CEILING.
 * Republicans don't understand THE DEBT CEILING.
 * Liberals don't understand THE DEBT CEILING.
 NO ONE understands THE DEBT CEILING.
 SO - Allow us to explain...
 Let's say you come home from work and find there has been a sewer backup in your neighborhood. Your home has sewage all the way up to your ceilings.
 What do you think you should do?
 Raise the ceilings or pump out the crap?
 From the Internet.

Is less government the answer? Not necessarily, but some responsibility as budget oversight and concern by Congress would be nice. A balanced budget, or even a budget for that matter would be a good start. Wisconsin, and a number of other states have managed to produce surpluses, so why can't Washington. It's mostly a matter of good government.

Jim Frink - BCTA

"Newspaper editors are men who separate the wheat from the chaff, then print the chaff." . . . Adlai E. Stevenson
 "The best minds are not in government. If they were, busi Business would steal them away" . . . Ronald Reagan

Alinsky's 12 Rules Revised.

Saul Alinsky was an author and activist who was born in Chicago in 1909 to Russian immigrant parents. He attended the University of Chicago, and worked as a community organizer for Mayor Richard Daley the First. In 1971 he published his "12 Rules For Radicals," which was sort of a primer for the hippies movement of the time. Look him up on the internet.

We are sure that many of our readers are familiar with this work and take it for what it is; leftist garbage. While he references the word "Enemy" rather than "the opponent," we still see evidence of his 12 rules and principles used in political campaigning and maneuvering today.

Rather than copy or comment on his 12 rules, we have made a list of 9 additions which we are sure Mr. Alinsky could have included. The first 5 should sound familiar as they are techniques, although not necessarily ethical and straight forward, are constantly used by candidates and the groups which support them from both parties in their advertising. The last four are those which all candidates should abide by. We hope you agree and welcome additions to the list.

RULE 13: Attack a prospective opponent even before he/she has formally announced they are running for office.

RULE 14: Accuse your opponents of doing the same unethical practices you have been doing for years.

RULE 15: Find who the major contributors are to your opponents campaign and accuse him/her of pandering to special interests for their benefit. Keep your own list of contributors confidential as much as possible.

RULE 16: Dig back, way way back, if necessary to find some snippet of information or voting record of your opponent that can be spun to suit your needs and used against them. The most minor item can be exploited.

RULE 17: No matter how cockeyed, radical or impractical your agenda and platform might be, ridicule your opponent for not supporting your ideas.

RULE 18: Be very careful of what you promise, what you say, and who you say it to. Your opponent is always listening and your remarks can come back to haunt you.

RULE 19: Identify your base of support. Check previous voting records by wards, ZIP codes, municipalities or counties depending on what you are running for and to determine why people voted as they did. Each district has different demographics.

RULE 20: Be completely honest about the reasons you are running for office and who is supporting your candidacy. No candidate running for office ever said he was going to raise everybody's taxes but it happens. If some special interest group is backing you from behind the scenes for a special cause, best to make your interests clear before the election.

RULE 21: Be true to your party. We acknowledge that each party is different and has it's own base of support. Often their goals are the same but with a different approach which can lead to a compromise. What's best for the people should come first.

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A recent Gallup poll claims that Americans no longer believe Washington and the federal government are the countries most important problem. The poll claims that 23% believe that jobs and unemployment are the biggest problem, 20% said it's the economy and only 19% believe government is the biggest problem.

We don't know who the people polled voted for in the last election, but we have our suspicions.

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It is probably too early to predict the final outcome, but the deeper we get with Affordable Health Care the more problems seem to arise. Oddly the biggest problems may ultimately come from cuts in employment, and the cost to the government and everyone else trying to comply with its many confusing mandates and conditions.

Whether by design or plain ineptitude it is not turning out as advertised. The congressional Budget Office is now estimating job losses to be in the millions for a number of reasons, largely due to the outrageous cost of insurance and maintaining the ACA. The CBO also estimates that about 31 Million Americans will still be without health insurance a decade after the plan has been fully implemented.

From what we hear and read, far more people are waiting to see what happens than looking forward to "Affordable Health Care."

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It was always our understanding that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture existed for the welfare of our farming industry, assuring they could produce an abundant, disease free harvest to feed our people with some left over for the rest of the world. We hear of odd things at times, like paying cash not to grow crops or subsidies to control prices.

At latest count, they had about 105,000 employees, watching over the countries 1.2 million farms of all sorts and sized. That equates to about 1 employee for every 11 farms. Their annual budget is \$80 Billion plus which was just approved by Congress, after many de-

between dairy farm interests from , and vegetable growers from , etc. about who needed federal subsidies the most to help sell their crops. There were so many interests represented that even President Obama remarked the final result looked like a "Swiss Army Knife."

Perhaps the most controversial item in the bill is that about 79% of the budgeted amount goes for the food stamp program, which for some reason is also administered by the Dept. of Agriculture. About five years ago the official name of this entitlement was changed to SNAP, for "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program."

In other words, Congress decides how to spend money promoting the best way to produce food, and then reimburses people to buy it.

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While the farm bill was being debated in Congress, a couple of items were making headlines here in the Badger State. One was that the price of milk was at record highs partially the result of dairy herds been culled due to recent economic conditions This was complicated by a 23% annual increase in demand for Wisconsin cheese from all over the world which is good news for the dairy industry but bad news for people buying milk for the family,

The other announcement was from the Dept. of Agriculture that Wisconsin lost 8,700 farms and 620,000 acres of farmland from 2007 and 2012.

While this is part of a national trend and offset by more efficient farming methods it could cause future problems. Urban sprawl consumes large amounts of farmland with no end in sight as improved highways and other amenities make large honesties in the country more attractive.

Running a farm is no longer the career of choice for enough young people to pursue while more large "factory" farms seem to be the future.

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No matter how hard they try, the US Postal Service keeps losing money—\$5 Billion so far this year. They may be making some progress with the latest price increases, but also have a lot of employees ap-

proaching retirement age to deal with.

When they initiated the "Forever Stamp" a couple of years ago it may have given them a little cash boost. Problem is that they are processing mail now that does not produce revenue as it was paid for months ago,

Congress may finally be seriously considering the elimination of Saturday delivery. If they truly wanted to, they could probably find plenty of ways to cut costs but there are too many special interests to look after during this election year.

One bright spot! Compared to the rest of the Obama Government machine, the Postal Service is a model of fiscal responsibility and efficiency.

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Raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour sounds good politically, but what will it accomplish? We acknowledge it is difficult to support a family with a minimum wage job. Unfortunately the threshold for the poverty level to qualify for entitlement programs constantly increasing and this is due somewhat to inflation occurring as a result of government programs.

We probably all worked for the minimum wage at some point in our careers and realized the experience was helpful as a step towards improvement. We also had co-workers who didn't or never would apply themselves to earning or being worth more to their employers regardless of what they were paid.

The vast majority of workers presently earn far more that the minimum wage, and reached that level by their work habits, training, and overall value to their employers. Not because the government said they should be paid more. There seem to be far more jobs waiting to be filled by those who qualify themselves than for beginning or part time jobs for those seeking supplemental income with the knowledge they won't become rich.

The Congressional Budget Office recently released a report establishing that 900,000 workers could be "lifted out of poverty" with a minimum wage increase, but that 500,000 jobs would likely be eliminated or consolidated as a result.

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exploit their case for a minimum wage increase, in many cases the real inequality is between a government job or working in the private sector.

A 2013 report by the Cato Institute confirmed that median incomes of the middle class have been dropping compared to higher income individuals. In January of 2014 the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported average private employee compensation at \$29.11 and local and state employees at \$42.09 per hour.

We acknowledge it is difficult to compare job loads or responsibility factors but have reason to believe that many government employees keep busy making work for each other.

The big difference is that private employees are largely responsible for some vital part in making a profit so their employer can pay their salary and provide benefits while in government it is simply a matter of how much to collect in taxes.

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To their credit, CVS Pharmacies has announced they will no longer sell cigarettes or tobacco products in their 7,000 stores. While this will not only cost the revenue from these sales but from all of the pharmaceuticals they sell treating the damages caused to smokers by their habit.

Unfortunately while tobacco may be coming less popular, marijuana seems to be coming more acceptable. At least among politicians.

We spend vast amounts of money tracking down and prosecuting sellers of this and other narcotics but seem helpless in eliminating the sources that supply the peddlers.

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Thanks largely to Rep. Nygren, the reality of a real problem with heroin in the area has been publicized. Heroin is one of the most addictive and deadly drugs. It has been around for a long time, but gained recent popularity due to lower prices caused by increased production in places like Mexico and Afghanistan. Usage is responsible for at least 3,000

per year in this country, and it was estimated there were 20 million active addicts.

What's going on out there?

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The use of native American symbols as mascots or trade names is a problem that doesn't seem to go away by itself. Many of them have been in use with no problems for the past hundred years or more, and have been treated with pride and respect.

When our schools began to use mascots for their athletic teams we are sure consideration was given to honoring tradition with integrity, including those of native Americans and objections should have addressed at that time. As it turns out there are probably very few mascot names which someone would not object to for some reason or other..

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One of our fastest growing industries has to be the rummaging through public records, including political contributions in efforts to uncover the elections.

While ethics in politics can be interpreted in many ways, often based on personal partisan beliefs. The bottom line is what is best for everyone, not just those who voted for you. Throwing mud often ends up getting everybody dirty. All you have to do is just consider the source of the ads you see on TV to determine their validity,

We will likely be seeing the results of all this research in the months ahead. Again, losers will issue a call for campaign reform, and the winners will forget all about it until the next election.

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In the February **TAX TIMES**, we commented about the shortage of LP gas which was causing hardships for many people in our area. We stated that liquid propane (LP) was simply compressed natural gas, which it is often referred to as.

It has been brought to our attention that it is produced through a process where natural gas forms a liquid at minus 45f, and remains a liquid if stored under pressure.

This is one of the marvels of

modern living we take for granted when we use our gas grills and were questioning a shortage when an ample supply was always available for winter heating purposes, and apologize for misunderstanding.

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Even though Social Security as presently structured would not provide adequate retirement income for most Americans, it is estimated that 45% of working families have nothing at all set aside for their retirement. Relatively few have other pension accounts adequate to maintain their present standard of living. One report claims that 75% of Americans aged 50 to 64 have less than \$28,000 set aside for their retirement.

Although the idea of Individual Retirement Accounts has never been popular here, in 1992 Australia launched a similar system that seems to be working.

All workers between ages of 18 and 70 are required to set aside 3% or more of their earnings into "super annotation" accounts similar to our 401ks. They are under the control of the worker, and while certain investment and withdrawal requirements apply, after only 20 years of activity workers have sizeable balances.

One nice thing about an individual account is that the government can't get their hands on your money which you set aside for your retirement and give it to someone else as they do in this country.

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Parts of California and Arizona are facing severe drought due to lack of rainfall and over-use of available supplies. We will likely notice this in the prices of California grown produce before long.

To show his concern, President Obama flew out during the Presidents Day weekend to examine the situation first hand and touch base with supporters.

He even found time to play a couple of rounds of golf at Palm Springs. *Time Magazine* reported that the golf courses in the area each use an average of a million gallons of water daily to water their fairways in the desert, so the president must have found that golf courses are more important than flushing toilets or the price of lettuce.

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Whether the merger of Time-Warner and Comcast will have any

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years there have been so many airline mergers that there are only a handful of airlines left. Each merger was sold with a promise of improved service, but has it really turned out that way?

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We all love our Green Bay Packers, and the glory they bring to our area and state. That we can even afford such a luxury depends on many factors including revenue sharing and community support. They manage to remain competitive with income and expenses. While the \$3.00 per game seat increase may still be reasonable we note that Lambeau Field is the only venue where patrons sit on benches rather than folding seats.

Also other stadiums have railings along the steps for safety reasons. We realize that Individual seats likely will never happen but some of the extra \$2,400,000 annual income from the price increase could help make things safer for the fans seated in coach.

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Being the ambassador to a foreign country is often considered as a honorary position without any real responsibility. While there is a lot more to it than that, it is still a political appointment at the discretion of the president. The ambassador is the liaison between two countries and is expected to know something about the other country and expected to maintain cordial relations to mutual advantage.

Recent appointments as U.S, ambassador to Norway, Hungary and Argentina all had one thing in common; which was they had no knowledge of the country. The appointee to Norway had never been there, the one to Hungary couldn't find it on the map, and the one to Argentina couldn't speak Spanish which should have been a prerequisite for so large a country.

Also In common is that all were major donors to the Presidents 2012 re-election campaign,

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Fortunately at least the Winter Olympics in Russia were completed

major incidents or disruptions it was obvious attendance than anticipated. Even the cooperated and Russia went all out to make a good impression with their facilities and ceremonies. The events were fun to watch.

We were somewhat astounded to read in reliable sources from the internet that 100,000 condoms were supplied for the athletes. Down from 150,000 at the last Summer Olympics. We really don't know how to comment on this except it's somehow part of the Olympic experience and some events don't pass out gold medals.

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Michelle Obama and the FDA have announced a proposal requiring more detailed Nutrition Facts Labeling on all food products sold in stores. A one size fits all label so you compare the individual serving size nutritional value of one brand over another.

Great idea if people are going to read and abide by what the labels tell them. Another excuse to raise the price of groceries as producers and stores struggle to comply. No doubt a another federal bureaucracy will result to establish and enforce rules.

No doubt the next step will be requiring that all restaurants give the same information by standard serving size on their menus, and offer only one size serving. Call it Obamacare 2.

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Finally, although not really a taxpayer issue we offer a reflection on the difference between life today and that of 75-80 years ago.

Historically, the 1930's are not usually remembered as the happiest decade for American families. They began with the great depression, ended with World War II, with drought and the dust bowl in between. Unemployment stagnated in the 25% range, and food stamps, Medicaid, Social Security and unemployment benefits were still somewhere in the future.

The government under FDR came up with an "alphabet soup" of programs with varying success. The ones that seemed to accomplish the most however involved hiring the unemployed, whatever their background, and putting them to work on various

projects, at minimum wages, for the purpose of putting people back to work and earning something.

The result was a multitude of dams, bridges, monuments, parks, and public buildings, most of which are still serving us today.

While we were getting back to work something that simply made us feel better was a little curly haired girl by the name of Shirley Temple who recently passed on at the age of 85.

What disturbs me, and the purpose of this article was that the media barely mentioned her passing, but at the same time will go on and on eulogizing one of todays so-called celebrities who literally commits suicide with a drug overdose.

The likes of Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus with their antics are the role models of today but to cheer up an entire nation at a time it was badly needed is worthy of more recognition than they could ever inspire.

As usual, lots if things to wonder about.

Jim Frink

"Things That Make Us Wonder," consists of taxpayer related thoughts that occur to us from daily news events. We use reliable, published information and statistics. Some items are unimportant and probably not worth commenting about while others could easily be expanded to full length feature articles worthy of future study and action to protect our interests as taxpayers. We try to cover a wide variety of subjects in limited space and perhaps put a different spin on items from what you read in the papers or see on TV. We acknowledge that our perspective on some items in this column may be contrary to some of our readers. However, one of our purposes is to encourage debate, as we realize there are two sides to every question. Comments or suggestions are welcome for inclusion in future "TAX TIMES."

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him at the Department Store and he asked me for my autograph." . . . Shirley Temple

"The two biggest sellers in any bookstore are the cookbooks and the diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food and the diet books tell you how not to eat any of it." . . . Andy Rooney

"People will pay more to be entertained than educated." . . . Johnny Carson

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BCTA Meeting and Events Schedule – MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

- Thursday - March 20, 2014. BCTA Monthly Meeting, 12:00 Noon.**
Scheduled Program: Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt, and Brown County Supervisor Bernie Erickson.
- Thursday - April 17, 2014. BCTA Monthly Meeting, 12:00 Noon.**
Scheduled Program: Troy Streckebach, Brown County Executive.
- Thursday - May 15,, 2014. BCTA Monthly Meeting, 12:00 Noon.**
Scheduled Program: Jim Tobin, President. Taxpayers United of America, Chicago.

Public officials and candidates for public office are cordially invited to attend any of our meetings and be recognized.

Unless otherwise notified, BCTA monthly meetings are held the Third Thursday of each month, 12:00 Noon, at Titledown Brewing Co., 200 Dousman St.

Meetings are open to the public.

BCTA Members, their guests and other interested parties are cordially invited to attend and participate in our open discussions.

COST: \$8.00, Payable at meeting. Includes lunch, tax & tip.

Call Tom Sladek – 499-7701 for information or to leave message.

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"If a politician found he had cannibals among his constituents, he would promise them missionaries for dinner." . . . H.L. Mencken

"Misquotations are the only quotations that are never misquoted."
. . . Hasketh Pearson

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