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Van Milligen: We can prosper if we sustain

City manager presents his fiscal year 2013 budget, which is built on the premise that being 'green' also will bolster business competitiveness.

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City Manager Mike Van Milligen presents his fiscal year 2013 budget to the Dubuque City Council today and cites a business adage: You win in the turns.

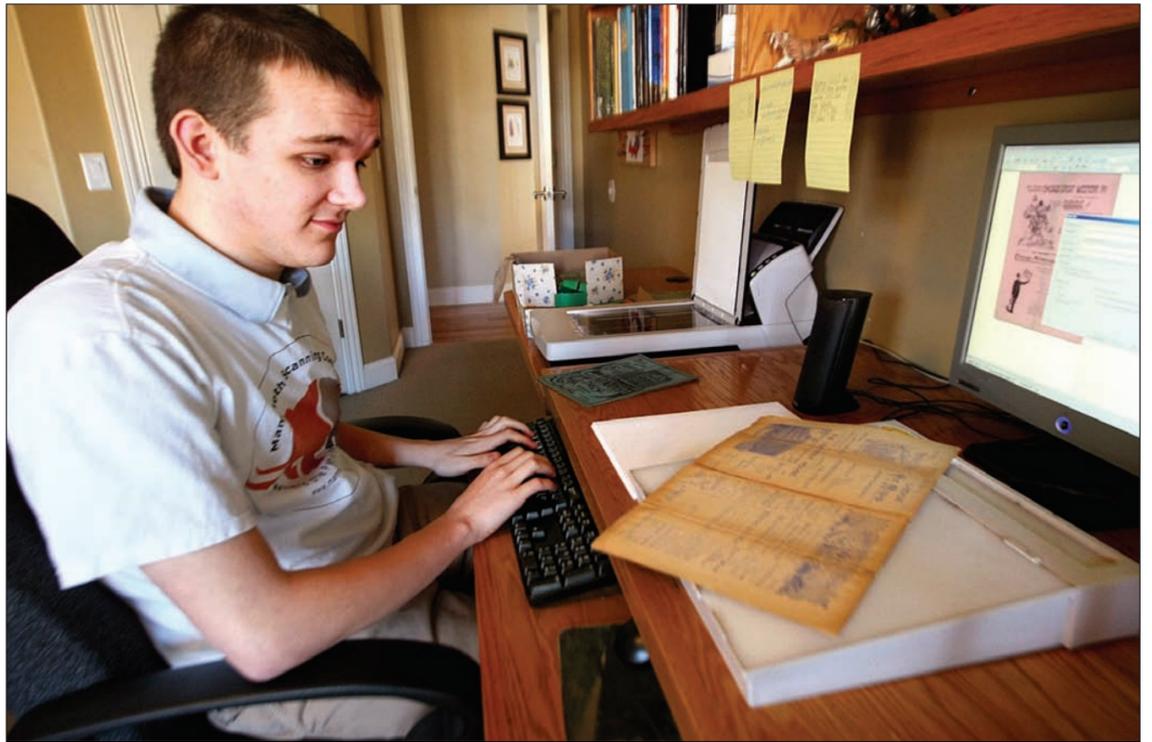
Van Milligen refers to the book "That Used To Be Us: How America Fell Behind in The World and How We Can Come Back," by Michael Madelbaum and Thomas L. Friedman.

The authors write about companies that take advantage of major shifts in the marketplace by having the vision and flexibility to respond to change.

"These are businesses that have a formula for success, while others are simply overwhelmed," Van Milligen writes. "I would suggest that Mayor Roy Buol and the City Council, working with others, have developed Dubuque into just such a business."

The budget is built around the Sustainable Dubuque principles, which Van Milligen said is about more than being "green" — it also is about business competitiveness.

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JESSICA REILLY • *Telegraph Herald*

Josh Beytien enters information from an old playbill from the Grand Opera House. Beytien, who is autistic, owns and operates Mammoth Scanning Company from his Dubuque

home, where he scans and catalogs documents and images for preservation as well as providing storage and retrieval services. "I love the old times," he said.

19-year-old catches the 'past' for his first career touchdown

Autistic Dubuquer starts his own business after discovering he enjoys working with old photos and images.

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There aren't many 19-year-olds with the ambition to start their own business, but Dubuquer Josh Beytien is one of them.

He recently launched Mammoth Scanning Company, a business that creates categorized electronic files of documents and photographs, along with storage and retrieval services.

The entrepreneurial effort is equally impressive because Beytien is autistic.

Beytien, a graduate of



An AmeriCorps position enabled Josh to discover a niche market, and a state agency helped him develop a business plan and secure grants toward equipment costs.

Dubuque Senior High School, has a variety of skills, but his parents, Craig and Alyson Beytien, knew he probably wasn't well-suited for a 9-to-5 working environment.

Then in his senior year, Josh landed an AmeriCorps position at the Dubuque Center for History at Loras College and discovered a new area of interest and proficiency: scan-

TH a quick scan
Video interview with Josh Beytien, THonline.com

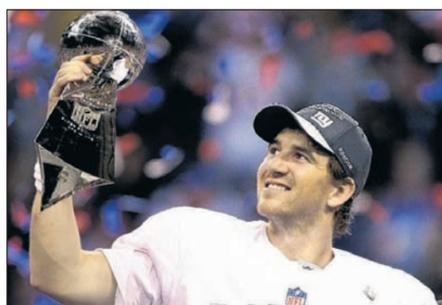
mammoth scanning company
www.mammothscan.com

ning and cataloguing images and documents.

"I love the old times," he said, explaining that he enjoyed working with photos from the past century alongside an archivist.

Josh's parents realized that his work skills carried some significance in an increasingly electronic era, and when Web research revealed there was a local niche for electronic document storage and retrieval, the idea for a business was born.

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CHRIS O'MEARA • *The Associated Press*

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New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning holds up the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Giants' 21-17 win Sunday over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis. For the second time in five Super Bowls, the Giants eked out a victory against the Patriots.

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black history month

Twins' views on race relations differ

1 Clarke University senior says she has been 'bruised' by some of her experiences in Dubuque. Her sister has not perceived any racial discomfort.

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VeNita and VaNessa LaNier share many things as twins, but one thing they do not share is the same opinion on race relations in the tri-states.

A year ago, the TH surveyed some black college students from Clarke University, Loras College, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Northeast Iowa Community College about their views on race relations in the area and whether they believed their generation had a firm grasp of the role black people have played in American history.

A year later, the LaNiers, from

Windsor, Conn., are seniors at Clarke. They have differing views on how black people are treated in the tri-states.

VeNita said upon reflecting on her four years at Clarke, she is torn between what she has learned and the things she would prefer to forget.

"In one regard, I have been welcomed into this community with open arms. I have thrived socially, academically and professionally," VeNita said. "On the other hand, I have been treated in ways (on the basis of my race) that have shaken my world view.

"On the surface, that may

not sound like such a big deal, but to question everything you've built your convictions and beliefs on is scary."

VeNita sees college as a time when one's life is irrevocably changed. A collegian learns about self and the surrounding world. The students are challenged, grow and are called upon to fulfill a greater purpose.

In Dubuque, she has seen a willingness to improve race relations by encouraging diversity, hosting events and promoting understanding. On a larger scale, however, VeNita has seen people shy away from the tougher conversations, "like the negative experiences that minorities have and continue to deal with in this area."

For VeNita, college has

"I will leave Dubuque a little bruised from some of the negative racial experiences that I have endured, but I am not broken."

VENITA LANIER, A SENIOR AT CLARKE UNIVERSITY IN DUBUQUE

changed her. Dubuque has changed her.

"This experience has altered me in a way that even I cannot completely understand," VeNita said. "I will leave Dubuque a little bruised from some of the negative racial experiences that I have endured, but I am not broken."

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VeNita LaNier



VaNessa LaNier

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almanac

Today is Monday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2012. There are 329 days left in the year.

ON THIS DATE

- In 1899, a peace treaty between the U.S. and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.
- In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president, was born in Tampico, Ill.
- In 1959, the U.S. successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan inter-continental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral.
- In 1987, Wall Street Journal reporter Gerald Seib was released after being detained six days by Iran, accused of being a spy for Israel; Iran said the detention was a result of misunderstandings.
- In 2002, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II reached a bittersweet milestone, somberly marking 50 years as monarch on the anniversary of the death of her father, King George VI.

The Associated Press

people, etc.

Queen Elizabeth celebrates 60 years on throne

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II marked her Diamond Jubilee today with a message thanking all those who had supported her over her 60-year reign and reaffirming her dedication to serving the British people.

The 85-year-old monarch ascended the throne when her father, George VI, died on Feb. 6, 1952. She is the longest-serving monarch after Queen Victoria, who reigned for more than 63 years.

The queen's Diamond Jubilee will be feted with a series of regional, national and international events throughout 2012.

Over the course of 2012, members of the royal family — including Prince William and his wife, the Duchess of Cambridge — will fan out across the globe and travel to Commonwealth countries including Canada, Jamaica and Belize in honor of the queen's Diamond Jubilee.

'Chronicle' edges 'The Woman in Black' at box office

LOS ANGELES — Some unknown kids with superpowers have nudged out the actor who plays the world's most famous teen wizard at the weekend box office.

The 20th Century Fox release "Chronicle," featuring a relatively unknown cast as youths who gain telekinetic abilities, debuted as the No. 1 movie with \$22 million.

Sunday estimates put "Harry Potter" star Daniel Radcliffe's ghost story "The Woman in Black," released by CBS Films, just behind with a \$21 million opening.

The previous weekend's top movie, Liam Neeson's Alaska survival tale "The Grey," slipped to No. 3 with \$9.5 million. At No. 4 with an \$8.5 million debut was another Alaska adventure, Universal Pictures' family film "Big Miracle," about three whales trapped by Arctic ice.

The Associated Press

that's weird

Some conservatives might object

CHICAGO — A Chicago college is offering a class on the Occupy movement.

Thirty-two undergraduate students are enrolled at Roosevelt University's "Occupy Everywhere" class. It's a three-credit political science course.

Assignments include reading the movement's newspaper and attending Occupy Chicago's general assembly meetings.

Professor Jeff Edwards said students will read a range of analysis on the movement concerned with corporate greed and the division of wealth.

Above the law ... until 45th arrest

PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia man arrested 44 times without a conviction faces at least 32 years in federal prison for a pair of armed robberies.

A jury convicted 25-year-old John Gassew of two counts each of robbery and possession of a firearm during a crime.

About 20 of the 44 cases against Gassew collapsed after witnesses failed to appear for court. But this time, four victims identified him as their assailant.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, 95 • actor Rip Torn, 81 • actress Mamie Van Doren, 81 • former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw, 72 • singer Natalie Cole, 62 • rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses), 50 • actress Alice Greczyn, 26

lotteries

Drawings from Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012

ILLINOIS & IOWA

- Pick 3-Midday:** 1-3-3
- Pick 3-Evening:** 5-8-0
- Pick 4-Midday:** 0-9-8-2
- Pick 4-Evening:** 7-2-7-0

ILLINOIS

Little Lotto: 7-11-13-25-31
No one matched all six Lotto numbers drawn Saturday, pushing today's jackpot to \$8 million.

WISCONSIN

- Daily Pick 3:** 7-4-6
 - Daily Pick 4:** 4-9-4-4
 - Badger 5:** 1-14-22-23-25
 - Supercash:** 2-5-11-25-29-31
- No one matched all six Megabucks numbers drawn Saturday, pushing Wednesday's jackpot to \$1 million.

IOWA

None of the Hot Lotto tickets for Saturday won the jackpot, sending the prize to an estimated \$1.3 million for Wednesday's drawing.

POWERBALL

Nobody cracked the jackpot, sending the prize to an estimated \$250 million for Wednesday's drawing.

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BUDGET: Fee hikes recommended

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"Developing a positive national reputation through Sustainable Dubuque could easily be described as an economic development strategy," Van Milligen wrote. "In the process, Dubuque is on the road to enhancing its many positive qualities, becoming an even more viable, livable and equitable community by embracing economic prosperity, social/cultural vibrancy and environmental integrity."

The vision includes poverty-reduction strategies, such as the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, as well as many capital improvements already under way such as the Water Resource and Recovery Center, Bee Branch Creek restoration, Historic Millwork District and a new airport terminal.

Van Milligen said progress costs money, but stagnation costs more. "Dubuque has been investing in the future, not spending money on short-term improvements with limited life that will provide only short-term gains, but building for a solid future," he said.

Here are some of the recommended budget highlights:

NEW 2013 PROJECTS

- \$1.4 million expansion of Multicultural Family Center by renovating the second floor.
- Additional renovation of the Historic Federal Building.
- Reconstructing Cedar Cross Road for \$2.1 million, and North Cascade Road for \$973,507.
- Ongoing projects**
- Phase II of the Bee Branch Creek Restoration project at an estimated cost of \$28.5 million.
- Completion of Phase I of the reconstruction of all underground infrastructure and streets, sidewalks, parking and lighting in the Historic Millwork District and begin Phase II at an estimated cost of \$21.3 million to include an intermodal transportation facility.
- Continue replacement of the \$65 million Water and Resource Recovery Center, including the capability to create 600 Kw of electricity.
- Building components of the \$99 million Southwest Arterial project.
- New airport terminal at a cost of \$35 million, including extension of city water and sewer infrastructure at a cost of about \$5 million.
- Completion of the \$4 million Port of Dubuque transient boat docks in summer 2012.

TAXES AND FEES

- A residential property tax rate of \$10.7848 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, a 3.19 percent increase. Dubuque retains the lowest property tax rate of Iowa's 10 largest cities.
- A 16 percent increase of the sanitary

sewer rate.

- A 15 percent increase of the water rate.
- A 9 percent increase in garbage pick-up.
- A 25 percent stormwater fee increase.

WORK-FORCE CHANGES

- The recommended budget would add 8.61 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.
- Net increase of 0.75 FTE in the Police Department.
- Additional part-time public safety dispatcher for 0.46 FTE.
- Additional part-time secretary for 0.25 FTE shared between Park and Recreation.
- Additional seasonal laborers for 0.93 FTE to maintain streetscape planters, annual flowers and hanging baskets for Multicultural Family Center, Washington Street traffic diverters, Bee Branch and Historic Millwork District.
- Additional part-time recreation field site supervisor for 0.50 FTE for the Multicultural Family Center.
- Elimination of "Just for Kids" program and related preschool instructor for 0.29 FTE.
- Replacing recreation classes laborer of 0.23 FTE by Loras College work study students.
- Elimination of Open Gym Program for 0.23 FTE at Lincoln School due to low participation.
- Additional seasonal recreation field site supervisor for 0.07 FTE for Lincoln School recreation programs.
- Increase part-time library aide in Adult Services to full time and reduction of full-time library aide to part time.
- Two new full-time inflow and infiltration inspectors positions for 2.0 FTE.
- New Resource and Energy Management analyst full-time position for 0.75.
- Elimination of one sanitation driver for 1.0 FTE reducing one recycling collection route due to the elimination of curbside glass collection.
- Changing the Solid Waste Agency educator to a contracted position for a reduction of 1.0 FTE.
- Increase part-time Circles coach to full time for 1.0 FTE.
- Additional full-time Family Self-Sufficiency coordinator for 1.0 FTE.
- Several modifications for 2.0 FTE related to New Healthy Homes Grant.
- Increase part-time Arts & Cultural Affairs coordinator by 520 hours annually, or 0.25 FTE.
- Increase part-time assistant city manager to full time 0.25 FTE.
- New Community Relations coordinator full-time position for 1.0 FTE to continue work begun by the AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer coordinator/chief service officer.
- New help desk position for Smarter Sustainable Dubuque programs and activities effective for 0.50 FTE.

19-YEAR-OLD: He's 'very, very detail-oriented'

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When an official business plan had been drafted, a professional at Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services served as a business consultant, reviewing the proposal to make sure it was viable.

The agency then helped Josh obtain the grants he needed to get started.

"It's important for taxpayers to know that their state dollars do go toward putting people to work," said Ellen Fliehler, a rehabilitation counselor at Vocational Rehabilitation Services, who has worked with the Beytens.

With funding in hand, Josh was able to purchase the hardware needed, most important of which was a high-quality scanner, and the software for creating an online environment for clients.

Josh came up with the business title — explaining that the mammoth taps into his interest with prehistoric time — and the fitting motto "Where the Past is Present."

Soon it was time to start wooing clients. Josh prepared a PowerPoint presentation for his first business pitch and his parents came along as guests to watch the presentation, which secured him a contract with Hills & Dales.

Since then, Josh has obtained another client, the Grand Opera House. He is working on scanning and cataloguing playbills dating back to the 1890s for the arts center.

Mammoth Scanning does not do restoration work, but preserves files and photos electronically in their current condition. The company specializes in web security, providing a system in the Microsoft network cloud where clients can opt to store their information.

Craig said Josh would eventually like to tap into another market, individuals with family photographs they would like in electronic form.

And will the business someday expand to include more than its founder?

"Definitely," said Josh, who already has some specific rules in place for future employees.

"No disrespectful music, there's no rudeness," he said. "And no foul language, too."

The equipment for Mammoth Scanning Company is set up on a desk in Josh's room, under a shelf lined with books and some prehistoric animal figurines keeping a watchful eye.

The documents and notes for Josh's current project are neatly arranged near the two-sided scanner, and it is at this station Josh can quickly transfer a document or photo from paper to screen.

Many successful businesses have started in a home-based setting, Craig said.

"People should not be intimidated by a special-needs-run and -owned business," he added. "Our clients have been happy with what (Josh's) done. He's very, very detail-oriented."

For Josh and his parents, the hope is that the business will be successful enough that he will not need state or federal assistance in the future.

"Our goal is for Josh to be independent," Craig said. "We see (the business) as a means to do that."

This goal is within reach, according to Fliehler, who credited Josh's parents with both helping him progress personally and in helping his business take shape.

"A lot of it starts with attitude," she said.

Craig said Josh's family is pleased he has found work that he enjoys and gives him a heightened sense of purpose.

"What parent doesn't want their child to find something they're good at?" Craig asked, adding that he is proud of what his son has accomplished so far.

"He's doing a great job," Craig said. "He's a good kid."

TWINS: 'There is a deficiency in understanding'

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VaNessa said nothing significant has happened to her over the past four years because of the color of her skin.

"In fact, I have thrived, formed friendships, pursued academic endeavors, been spoiled with countless opportunities and become a part of the tri-state community," VaNessa said.

VaNessa said she shops at stores, dines at the best restaurants and receives the best service wherever she goes. But when she walks into those places, people notice. "Perhaps it's because of my appearance, maybe because I am a twin, but I have never considered the possibility that it was in regard to my pigment," she said.

VaNessa attributes that attention to a lack of exposure and education about the diversity of multiple ethnic

groups in the tri-states. She said people say and do things that are insensitive because they are unaware of the perception of their actions.

"Many of my peers that are now my friends have never interacted with someone of different background for an extended period," VaNessa said. "It's not their fault that they don't know that certain words, phrases and actions are offensive."

VaNessa said many

people in the tri-states are willing to cultivate an environment that welcomes everyone. She said most of the people in the Midwest she has met try to embrace diversity in all forms.

VaNessa said race relations are not worse, or better, than they were a year ago, two years ago, four years ago. She said it is progressive, and changing with time.

"My education and experience at Clarke has afforded

me with the ability to synthesize and comprehend my positive and negative experiences. In my view, this period has transformed me into an adult that can navigate in the global sense," VaNessa said. "I came to the Midwest thinking that race relations was an issue of my grandparents generation, and I will leave knowing that there is a deficiency in understanding across the board, but a desire to improve."

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