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Taking a final bow

Retiring music teachers talk legacies, budget cuts

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ST. CLOUD – Technical High School band director Gary Zwack ended his spring concert with audience members gleefully popping brown paper bags to represent the canons booming in Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.”

■ Scott Campbell’s last band concert at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School featured a challenging yet inspiring song called “Give Us This Day” that resonated with the students. ■ And Dianne Brady, orchestra director at Apollo High School, said she tried to talk as little as possible to get through her final concert without tears. ■ For all three, the spring concerts were their last as high school music directors — Zwack, Campbell and Brady are retiring at the end of the year. Combined, they represent exactly a century of teaching music in the St. Cloud area.

Retiring high school music directors Scott Campbell, from left, Dianne Brady and Gary Zwack talk about their careers during an interview May 7 in St. Cloud.

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Senate GOP passes ‘lights on’ bill; no budget deal in sight

Steve Karnowski
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ST. PAUL – The Minnesota Senate on Saturday approved a Republican plan for preventing a state government shutdown if the Legislature’s budget stalemate persists, throwing down a challenge to House Democrats and Gov. Tim Walz to either agree or take the blame for a shutdown when the current budget expires June 30.

“Keep Minnesota open,” Senate Republicans shouted at a news conference shortly after the 35-31 party line vote, which came as Monday night’s



Republican Minnesota Sen. Roger Chamberlain speaks at a news conference Saturday.

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Report: Price of housing in Twin Cities area skyrocketing

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MINNEAPOLIS – The price of housing in the seven-county Twin Cities region is more expensive than cities such as Austin, Texas; Nashville, Tennessee and St. Louis, Missouri, according to a newly released report using U.S. Census Bureau data.

The Family Housing Fund study indicated the region is on a path to becoming as costly as Denver or Seattle, Minnesota Public Radio News reported.

The report found that there is a substantial lack of housing in the Twin Cities to accommodate a burgeoning workforce, which could impact economic progress over time.

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In 1980, the McKnight Foundation and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul initially established the Family Housing Fund to encourage the expansion of affordable housing in the two cities, according to the organization’s website.

Addressing a growing need for inexpensive housing in suburban communities, the fund officially extended its mission in 1997 to serve Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

In March, the housing advocacy group Minnesota Housing Partnership

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