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## PRIVILEGE OF REPORTERS

Senate Rule 71. Provision shall be made for news reporters on the Senate floor in limited numbers, and in the Senate gallery. Because of limited space on the floor, permanent space is limited to those news agencies which have regularly covered the legislature, namely: The Associated Press, St. Paul Pioneer press Dispatch, Star Tribune, Duluth News-Tribune an Herald, Fargo Forum, Rochester Post-Bulletin, St. Cloud Daily Times, WCCO radio, KSTP radio, and Minnesota Public Radio. An additional two spaces shall be provided to other reporters if space is available.

One person from each named agency and one person from Senate Publications Office may be present at the press table on the Senate floor at any one time.

Other news media personnel may occupy seats provided in the Senate gallery.

The Committee on Rules and Administration may, through committee action or by delegating authority to the Secretary, allow television filming on the Senate floor on certain occasions.

The Secretary of the Senate shall compile and distribute to the public a directory of reporters accredited to report from the Senate floor. The directory must include each reporter's picture and news organization and a brief biography. The Secretary must issue each accredited reporter an identification badge showing the reporter's name and news organization.

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**Experience:**



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**Fax:** 222-2208

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Social Sciences (Political Science, History,  
Sociology) with minor in Music; University of  
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**Experience:** Grand Forks Herald; St. Cloud  
Times; Interned with Seattle Times and Los  
Angeles Times; Joined the Associated Press in  
1992



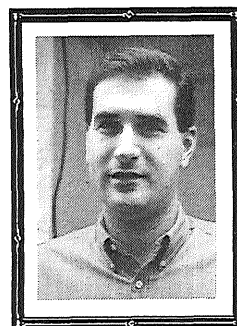
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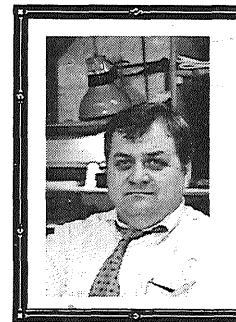
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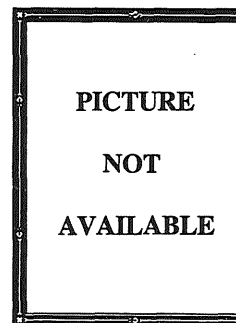
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Fargo Forum

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Freelancer

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**Experience:**



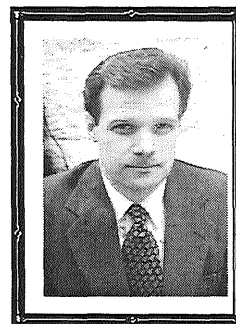
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Grand Forks Herald

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**Newsroom:** 701-780-1117, 800-477-6572  
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**Experience:** 2 years Grand Forks Herald; Regional Reporter for Minot, N.D., Daily News



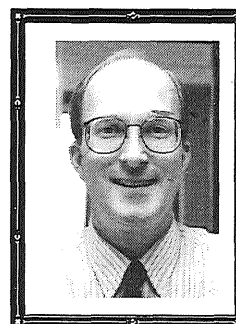
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KARE-TV

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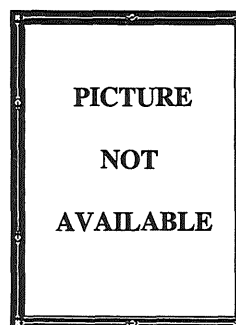
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KARE-TV

**Capitol Phone:** 292-8988  
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KARE-TV

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**Dushan Skorich**  
KBJR-TV6

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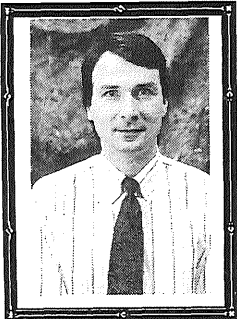
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Duluth  
**Experience:** KBJR-TV6 Duluth



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**Experience:**



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KMSP 9 Television

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**Experience:**



**Maureen Willenbring**  
KTCA-TV

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Tribune '87-'89; covered 1989 North Dakota  
Legislature



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Minnesota Government Report

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Dakota  
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South Sioux City, NE; Editor Industrial Fabrics  
Assn. Intl., St. Paul 1969-1974; Editor-reporter,  
Capitol Reporter, Phillips Legislative Service, St.  
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Report 1978-present

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KSTP-TV

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T.V. stations

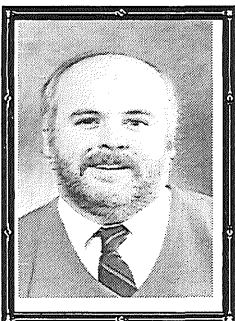
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Experience: 8 years in broadcasting

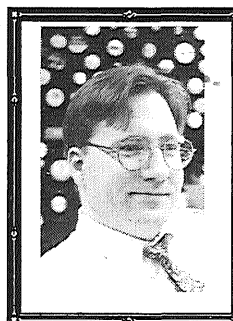


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Newsroom: 696-0111  
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Experience:



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Red Wing Republican Eagle

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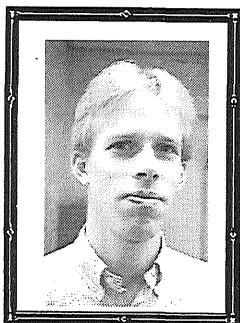
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Experience: Republican Eagle editor - 12 years

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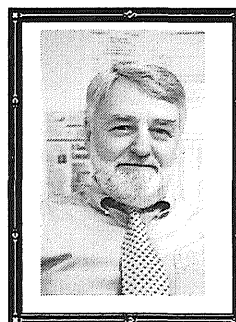
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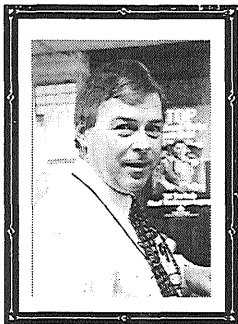
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Southwest Suburban Newspapers

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Experience: Chaska Herald 1991; New Ulm  
Journal 1990-91; Boston Police Dept. Press Office  
1987-89



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Journal; Capitol reporter Des Moines Register;  
Capitol reporter, state editor Mpls. Star Tribune;  
Capitol reporter St. Paul Pioneer Press 1985-  
present; Journalism faculty University of St.  
Thomas



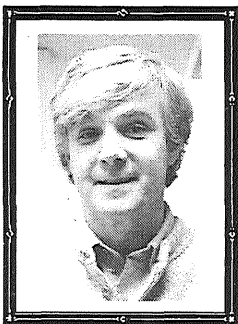
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St. Paul Pioneer Press

**Capitol Phone:** 228-5539  
**Newsroom:** 228-5491  
**Fax:** 228-5528  
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**Experience:** 1969-present St. Paul Dispatch & Pioneer Press; 1966-1969 Information Officer, U.S. Army; 1965-1966 reporter for Sioux City Journal



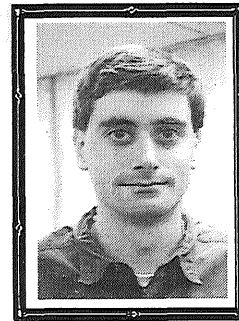
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St. Paul Pioneer Press

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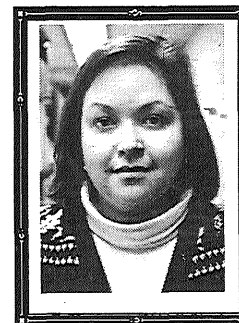
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St. Paul Pioneer Press

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**Experience:** Pioneer Press, 1984-Present; M.P.R., 1982-1984; Star Tribune, 1981-1982; Charleston (WVA) Gazette, 1977-1981; United Press Int'l, 1972-1976



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St. Cloud Times

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**Experience:**



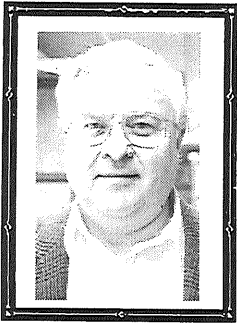
**Patricia Lopez Baden**  
Star Tribune

**Capitol Phone:** 222-1288  
**Newsroom:** 673-7193  
**Fax:** 222-0101  
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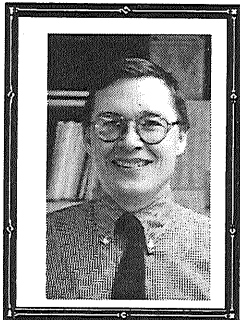
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Star Tribune

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**Education:** B.A. Queens College, City University of NY  
**Experience:** 15 years with Star Tribune



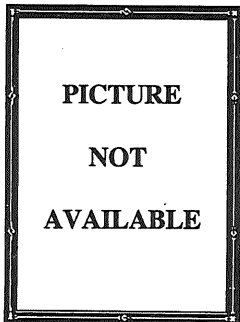
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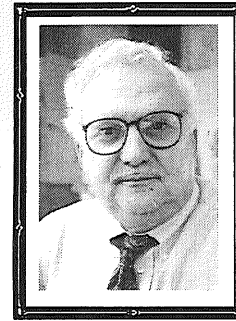
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Star Tribune

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**Fax:** 222-0101  
**Education:** College of St. Thomas (B.A. Journalism, 1977); Inver Hills Community College (73-75); Knight Journalism fellow, Stanford University (1989-90)  
**Experience:** 2 years with Catholic Bulletin (76-77); Mpls. Star (77-80); St. Paul Pioneer Press (80-86); Star Tribune (86-present)



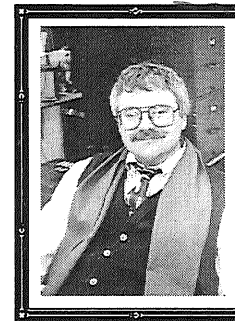
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Star Tribune

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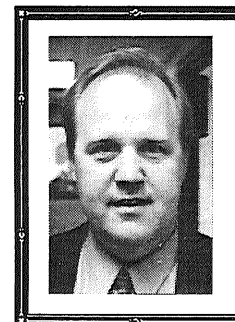
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Star Tribune

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**Experience:** 17 years with Star Tribune; 11 years with St. Paul Pioneer Press; reporter for Wichita Kansas Eagle and Huron Daily Plainsman, SD



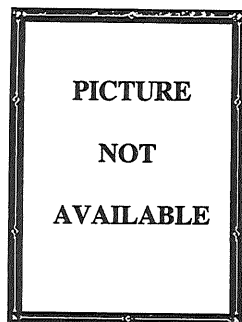
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WCCO Radio

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**Fax:** 290-0913  
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**Experience:** KDAL Radio/TV Duluth (1971-1980); WCCO Radio - Mpls. (1980-present); Capitol Correspondent (1985-present)



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**Experience:** WCCO TV; MN Public Radio



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