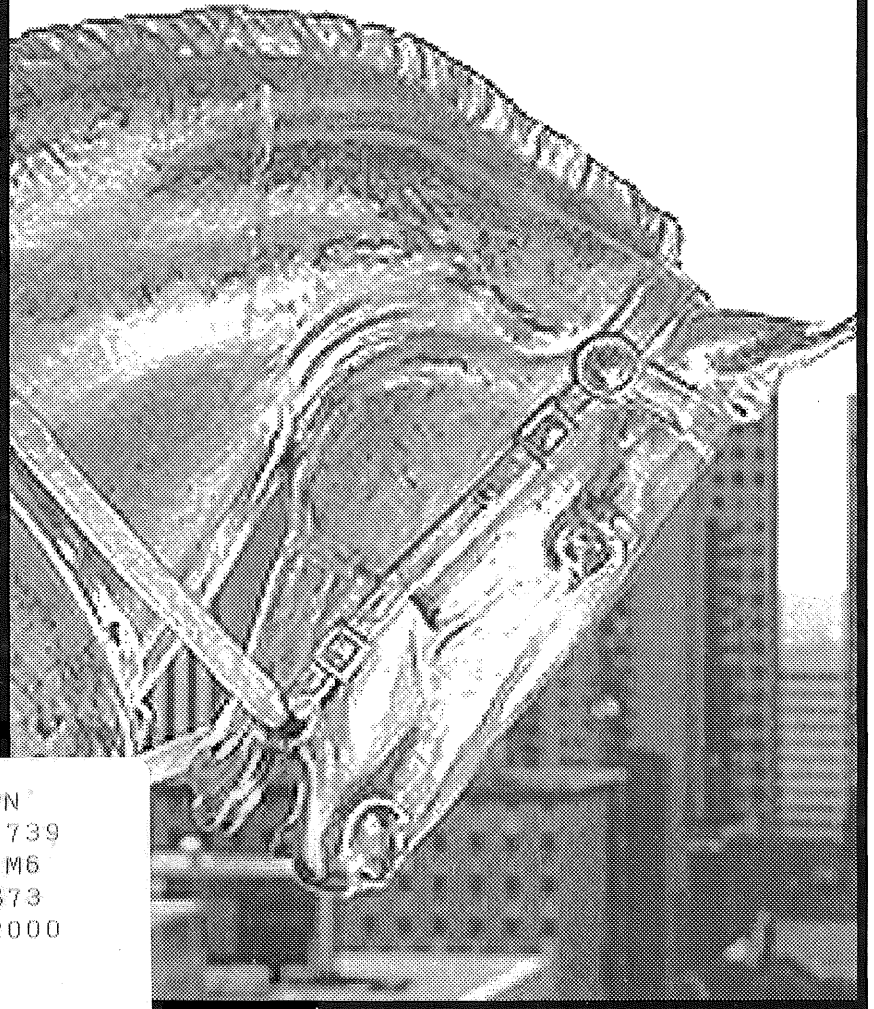




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## PRIVILEGE OF REPORTERS

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, Star Tribune, Duluth News-Tribune, 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 the 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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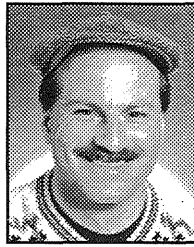
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**Michael Maltese**  
**Asian American Press**

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**Education:** U of M; Minneapolis Community and Technical College.  
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**Education:** B.A., Political Science; B.A., Journalism, U. of M.  
**Experience:** Copy Editor, Albuquerque Journal; Legislative Correspondent, Murphy McGinnis Media.

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**Ashley Grant**  
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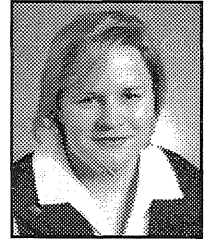
**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and English, emphasis in business, U. of Iowa.  
**Experience:** 2 years at the Daily Ledger, a suburban Indianapolis newspaper, covering business and government; Associated Press, newswoman in Indianapolis for 2 years; transferred to Twin Cities in August, 1998.

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**Education:** M.S., U. of Kansas, 1992;  
B.A., Hamline University, 1988.  
**Experience:** Worked for the Associated Press since 1992 in Kansas City, Mo., Topeka, Kan., and Charleston W. Va.

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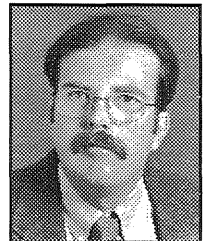
**Education:** Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; Macalester College.  
**Experience:** City Reporter; Duluth News-Tribune; Reporter, Southwest Journal (Mpls.); Freelance: City Business, City Pages, Twin Cities Reader, Minnesota's Women's Press.

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**Education:** B.A., U. of W.-Eau Claire, English and Psychology.  
**Experience:** Joined ABC Newspaper in Coon Rapids in 1989. ABC News was later purchased by ECM Publishers, INC. Named Capitol Reporter in February of 1998.

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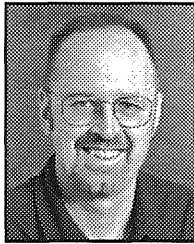


**Education:** Graduate, U. of North Dakota, PhD.  
**Experience:** 27 years with Fargo Forum, 5 years Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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**KARE-TV 11**

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**Fax:** 651-227-1488



**Education:** Duluth Central High School; College of St. Scholastica, U. of M.-Duluth, B.A., Art, Minor: Art History.  
**Experience:** KDAL TV, KSTP TV, KTCA TV, KARE TV.

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**Kerri Miller**  
**KARE-TV 11**

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**Newsroom:** 612-797-7290  
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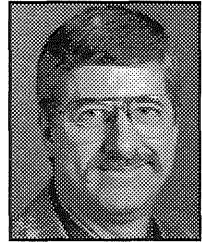
**Education:** B.A., English Literature/Journalism, St. Bonaventure U., Olean, N.Y.  
**Experience:** Political Reporter-KARE-TV, Reporter-KSTP-TV, Reporter-KTUL-TV.

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**KKOJ/KRAQ AM**

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**Fax:** 507-847-5745



**Education:** Graduate, Roosevelt H.S., 1963 (Mpls.); B.A., U. of M., Journalism School, 1968.  
**Experience:** Page in MN House of Representatives, 1965 session; News Director, KWLM-Willmar 1968-1975; News/Sales KMSD-Milbank, SD, 1975-1980; Gen. Mgr./News KKOJ/KRAQ-Jackson, MN, 1980-present.

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**Dave Maschoff**  
**KKOJ/KRAQ AM**

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**Fax:** 507-847-5745



**Education:** B.S., Mass Communications, Mankato State U.  
**Experience:** Student Mgr./News Director, KMSU-FM Mankato State U; News Reporter, KEEZ-FM Mankato, 1978-1980; News Director, KKOJ 1980-1982; News Director, KBHB-KRCS, South Dakota, 1982-1995; News Producer, KKOJ-KRAQ Jackson, MN, 1995-present.

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**Lillian McDonald**  
**KMSP-TV 9**

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**Newsroom:** 651-946-5767  
**Fax:** 651-942-0455



**Education:** B.A., Mass Communications, Grand View College, Des Moines, IA; B.A., Education, Iowa State U., Ames, IA.; Post-Graduate work, U. of M.  
**Experience:** AM and FM radio, talk show host (news and local issues).

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**Tom Hauser**  
**KSTP-TV 5**

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**Newsroom:** 651-642-4455  
**Fax:** 651-642-4409



**Education:** B.A., U. of St. Thomas, Journalism and Political Science; M.A., Drake U., Journalism and Mass Communications.  
**Experience:** KAAL-TV, Austin, MN., WINK-TV, Fort Myers, FL. WHO-TV, Des Moines, IA., KSTP-TV, Mpls/St. Paul.

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**Mary LaHammer**  
**KTCA-TV 2**

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**Newsroom:** 651-229-1388  
**Fax:** 651-229-1184



**Education:** B.A., U. of M.; Major: Journalism and Mass Communications; Minor: Constitutional Law and History; Honors: Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.  
**Experience:** Anchor/reporter WQOW-TV (ABC), Eau Claire, WI; Anchor/reporter KUMV-TV (NBC), Williston, ND; Freelance reporter AP and Sun-Sailor Publications; Awards for Best Newscast, Use of Medium and Photography.

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**Fax:** 651-224-4852



**Education:** U. of M., Journalism

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**Megan Boldt**  
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**Education:** U. of M., student majoring in Journalism.  
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**Education:** B.A., Journalism, U. of South Dakota.  
**Experience:** Division Director/Editor, Industrial Fabrics Ass'n Intl., 1969-74; St. Paul Editor, The Capitol Reporter, 1974-78; Editor/Publisher, The Minnesota Government Report since July 1978; Editor, Mahtomedi Area Press since 1995; Mayor of Mahtomedi, 1974-75; Current Chair, Mahtomedi-Willernie Downtown Redevelopment Task Force.

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**Education:** B.A., St. Olaf College; M.A., U. of Missouri.  
**Experience:** Freelance writer, 1997-present; Independent television producer, Public TV, 1994-1997; CNN Senior Writer, 1988-1997; Television reporter, Columbia, MO, Asheville, NC, Norfolk, VA, 1984-1987.

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**Angela Krenz**  
**MN News Network**



**Capitol Phone:** 651-224-0355  
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**Education:** Anoka Ramsey Community College; Brown Institute.

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**Fax:** 612-321-7222

**Education:** B.A., Macalester College.

**Experience:** Reporter/anchor at MNN for 3 1/2 years; reporter/anchor Radio City Network News, Mpls.; news director, KANO, Anoka, MN.

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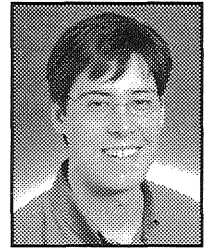
**Education:** B.A., Carleton College, English Literature; Arthur Burns Fellow, Berlin, Germany.

**Experience:** 4 years at the State Capitol; 1 1/2 with Duluth MPR.

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**Michael Khoo**  
**MN Public Radio**



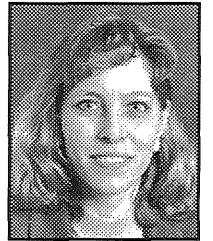
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**Newsroom:** 651-290-1424  
**Fax:** 651-227-5238

**Education:** B.A., Economics, U. of Chicago, 1994  
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**Experience:** Reporter/Producer MPR, 1998-present.

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**Capitol Phone:** 651-291-1035  
**Newsroom:** 651-290-1478  
**Fax:** 651-227-5238

**Education:** B.A., Broadcasting, U. of North Dakota.

**Experience:** Reporter with MPR since 1993; News Director, KDSU-FM, Fargo, ND, 1990-93; Reporter, Prairie Public Radio, Bismarck, ND, 1989-90.

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**Coralie Carlson**  
**Murphy McGinnis Media**



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**Education:** U. of M., School of Journalism.

**Experience:** Internships at Houston Chronicle, West Fargo Pioneer, and Mpls. Star Tribune; 1 year with Minnesota Daily.

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**Don Davis**  
**Rochester Post-Bulletin**

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**Newsroom:** 507-285-7706  
**Fax:** 651-224-4852



**Education:** News/editorial degree, Drake U., 1975.  
**Experience:** Editor of small dailies in Iowa, Oklahoma and Wyoming; Political reporter in Bismarck, N.D. Started at the Post-Bulletin in December, 1998.

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**John Hoogesteger**  
**St. Cloud Times**

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**Newsroom:** 320-255-8747  
**Fax:** 651-224-4852



**Education:** Bachelors Degree in Journalism, U. of Kansas, 1984.  
**Experience:** City Editor, St. Cloud Times, 7/97 - present; Assistant City Editor, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, 3/92 - 6/97; Police Reporter, Arkansas Gazette, 8/89 - 10/91; Copy Editor, El Paso Times, 1/89 - 8/89; Police Reporter, Springfield, MO News-Leader, 6/84 - 1/89.

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**St. Paul Legal Ledger**

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**Newsroom:** 651-602-0575  
**Fax:** 651-222-2640



**Education:** U. of M., English and American Studies (1974-78).  
**Experience:** Editor, St. Paul Legal Ledger, June 1999-present, Editor and Publisher, Annandale Advocate, 1983-1990, Freelance Journalist, 1990-1999.

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**Jim Snyder**  
**St. Paul Legal Ledger**

**Capitol Phone:** 651-602-0854  
**Newsroom:** 651-222-7298  
**Fax:** 651-222-0168



**Education:** U. of Iowa, 1988-1993, Major in Journalism and English.  
**Experience:** Managing editor, Inside the Air Force, an investigative, independent weekly newsletter; Intern, The Chronicle of Higher Education and the Lake Charles American Press, Louisiana.

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**St. Paul Legal Ledger**

**Capitol Phone:** 651-602-0854  
**Newsroom:** 651-222-7298  
**Fax:** 651-222-0168



**Education:** B.S., Communications, North Dakota State U.  
**Experience:** Ten years covering general assignment, local government, police, courts and assorted features for the Forum in Fargo, N.D. 6 months, St. Paul Legal Ledger.

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**St. Paul Pioneer Press**

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**Newsroom:** 651-228-5470  
**Fax:** 651-222-6129



**Education:** B.A., U. of M., Summa Cum Laude, J.D., William Mitchell College of Law.  
**Experience:** 20 years business, 11 years reporter.

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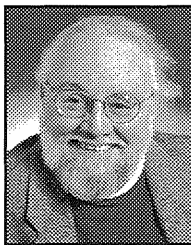


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**John Doman**  
**St. Paul Pioneer Press**

**Capitol Phone:** 612-622-4525 (cell)  
**Newsroom:** 651-228-5534  
**Fax:** 651-228-5500



**Education:** B.A., Bowling Green State U., Bowling Green, OH.

**Experience:** Staff Photographer: Willoughby (OH) New-Herald, 1972-1977; Miami Herald, Miami, FL, 1977-1981; St. Paul Pioneer Press, 1981-present.

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**Lynda McDonnell**  
**St. Paul Pioneer Press**

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**Newsroom:** 651-228-5463  
**Fax:** 651-228-5500



**Education:** B.A. Journalism, U. of M.; M.A., Creative Writing, U. of M.

**Experience:** 1998-present, Political Editor, St. Paul Pioneer Press; 1993-1998, social policy and capitol reporter; 1981-93, economics and business reporter; 1974-81, feature and business reporter, Mpls.Tribune.

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**St. Paul Pioneer Press**

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**Newsroom:** 651-228-5490  
**Fax:** 651-228-5528



**Education:** B.A., U. of South Dakota.

**Experience:** Pioneer Press since 1986; Sioux Falls, S.D., Argus Leader, 1978-1983.

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**Fax:** 651-228-5528



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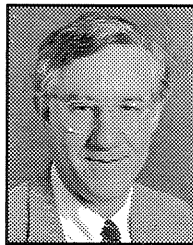
**Education:** U of M, School of Journalism.

**Experience:** Staff photographer at Star Tribune since 1980.

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**Conrad deFiebre**  
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**Newsroom:** 612-673-4414  
**Fax:** 651-222-0101



**Education:** B.A., College of St. Thomas, 1969; M.S., Columbia University; Graduate School of Journalism, 1970.

**Experience:** Star Tribune since 1973 (copy editor, sports news editor, southern Minnesota correspondent, St. Paul bureau).

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**Jerry Holt**  
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**Newsroom:** 612-673-7210  
**Fax:** 612-673-7864



**Education:** B.S., photography/journalism.

**Experience:** 15 years newspaper photographer.

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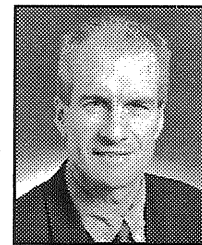
**Education:** California State U., Los Angeles.

**Experience:** Los Angeles Times, Cities Reporter; Orange County Register, Immigration & Special Projects; Cincinnati Enquirer, Education; Star Tribune, City Hall, Legislature.

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**Bill McAuliffe**  
**Star Tribune**

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**Newsroom:** 612-673-4293  
**Fax:** 651-222-0101



**Education:** B.A., U. of Iowa, 1973.

**Experience:** Star Tribune, 1981-present, Legislature, Metro Rail Editor, Special Sections, St. Paul Issues, Southern Minnesota, Minneapolis Neighborhoods, Sports.

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**Fax:** 612-673-7864



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**Experience:** 11 years, Star Tribune - staff photographer.  
10 years, News Tribune-Duluth - staff photographer.  
10 mos., Mesabi Daily News - staff photographer.  
4 years, Minnesota Daily - photographer, writer, news and copy editor.

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**Dane Smith**  
**Star Tribune**



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**Newsroom:** 612-673-4414  
**Fax:** 651-222-0101

**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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**Bob Whereatt**  
**Star Tribune**



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**Newsroom:** 612-673-4414  
**Fax:** 651-222-0101

**Education:** B.A., Hamline U., Post-grad study, U. of M.

**Experience:** 19 years with Star Tribune; 11 years with Pioneer Press; Reporter for Wichita Kansas Eagle and Huron Daily.

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**Education:** B.A., Journalism, U. of M., 1968.

**Experience:** Staff photographer, Star Tribune since 6/12/67.

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**Eric Eskola**  
**WCCO Radio**



**Capitol Phone:** 651-222-7806  
**Newsroom:** 612-370-0691  
**Fax:** 651-290-0913

**Education:** B.A., U. of M.-Duluth.

**Experience:** KDAL Radio/TV, Duluth (1971-1980); WCCO Radio (1980-present); Capitol Correspondent (1985-present); Co-host of Almanac KTCA TV.

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**WCCO-TV 4**



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**Fax:** 651-224-8072

**Education:** Macalester College, English/Journalism.

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

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