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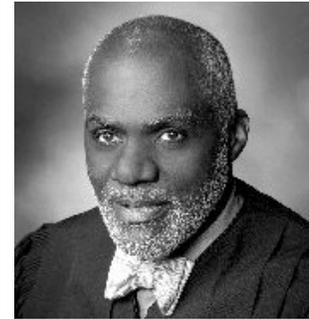
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July Breakfast with Gary: MN Supreme Court Justice Alan Page

On Friday July 27, join Council Member Gary Schiff and special guest Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page. Justice Page, a former Minnesota Viking, NFL *Most Valuable Player* and Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee has made a career of encouraging minority students to go to college. He's the founder of the Page Education Foundation, which has provided mentoring and almost 3,000 scholarships to encourage Minnesota students to continue their studies after high school. Page also helped establish the Kodak/Alan Page Challenge, a nationwide essay contest encouraging urban youth to recognize the value of education



Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page.

Breakfast with Gary is a monthly event held 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. the final Friday of the month at the La Loma Café of the Americas, 3019 Minnehaha Ave. S. \$5 buys breakfast.

GRAFFITI
Vamos a hacerlo desaparecer
www.anti-graffiti.org

Reward for Graffiti Arrests
Call 911 if you see someone painting graffiti.

Clear Channel donated new billboards in Spanish and English to advertise new anti-graffiti initiatives.

First spray paint age checks yield violations

Minneapolis' new age check compliance program for spray paint sales was recently featured in a [Fox 9 News exclusive](#) story. In the first week of enforcement, eight out of 33 stores were cited for selling spray paint to minors, which is illegal in Minneapolis.

"Although Minneapolis restricts spray paint sales to adults, the average age of those arrested for

graffiti is just seventeen," Schiff said. "Anything we can do to make it more difficult for minors to get their hands on spray paint will help."

As part of the new ordinance authored by Council Members Schiff and Colvin Roy, Minneapolis will conduct age compliance checks at stores, similar to ones that are used to pinpoint sales of alcohol or tobacco to minors. The new age check program was funded by a grant from paint manufacturers. An education campaign to all stores started before the enforcement. Violations can bring fines of up to \$200. For more information on how Minneapolis is working to get rid of graffiti, [click here](#)

Sign up now for The Minneapolis Bike tour

For the first time in decades, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is closing parkways and roadways to all motorized traffic. On September 16 the parkways will be open only to bikes for the first ever Minneapolis Bike Tour. The Minneapolis Bike Tour welcomes cycling enthusiasts, leisure cyclists seeking a challenge, families and friends to tour Minneapolis' spectacular [Grand Round Scenic Byway System](#).



Click the picture for a the Grand Rounds Scenic Byway System Map

Participants will begin the tour between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and ride at their own pace. Cyclists will begin and end at Parade Field, located at 400 Kenwood Parkway and may choose either a [15 or 41 mile course](#). The tour is for both adults and children and early registration (before August 31) is \$30 for teens and adults, \$10 for children under 13, free for children under five and \$70 for a family. For other registration and donation details [click here](#). Proceeds from the Minneapolis Bike Tour will benefit [The Foundation for Minneapolis Parks](#).

City grants help fight global warming

Minneapolis has awarded grants up to \$1,000 to 20 neighborhood groups, parks and churches who are undertaking grassroots efforts to combat global warming. The Climate Change grants are part of Minneapolis' comprehensive sustainability initiative, authored by Council Member Schiff in 2003, to reduce the city's carbon dioxide footprint twelve percent by 2012.

Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association will have a "Green Give-Away" drawing during their annual meeting on September 10. Items to be given away include home energy audit, 3M window treatment, low-flow shower heads, and gift certificate for trees. The Powderhorn Recreation Center will be holding an energy fair to provide residents with simple carbon-reducing ideas. Corcoran Neighborhood Association will sponsor 10 or more "Block Talks" concentrating on a specific technique or tactic for tackling global warming. To find out more about sustainability in Minneapolis, and to see a complete list of grant winners, [click here](#).

Open Arms unveils plans for new headquarters

[Open Arms of Minnesota](#), the largest social service agency delivering meals to people with HIV and AIDS in Minnesota, has announced a \$7 million capital campaign for a new headquarters to be located on Bloomington Avenue in Midtown Phillips. Open Arms plans on breaking ground in the spring of 2008 and complete construction in 2009. In addition to serving meals to people with HIV, Open Arms serves people living with multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and breast cancer.



The new Open Arms facility will be in the Phillips Neighborhood.

In June 2006, the 20-year-old nonprofit celebrated serving one million meals. "Open Arms has experienced remarkable growth over the past few years," said Executive Director Kevin Winge. "Two years ago, we expanded our program and began serving people with ALS, MS and women undergoing treatment for breast cancer. This year our staff and over 1,400 dedicated volunteers will prepare and deliver a record-breaking 160,000 meals to individuals living with serious diseases and their dependent children

and caregivers.”

Land at the corner of 25th Street and Bloomington Avenue was donated for the building and DJR Architects has been chosen to design the facility. “To make our dream of a new home a reality, we need to raise \$7 million in a capital campaign,” said Board Chair John Frey. “To date, we have commitments of \$2.4 million. We are confident we can reach our goal.” In addition to serving people in the Twin Cities, Open Arms is the first nutrition agency in North America to feed people with HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

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