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MINNESOTA'S FIRST NEWSPAPER

35W bridge has builder; funding still in works

As state selects likely winning bidder, fears of federal delay mount

BY DAVE ORRICK
Pioneer Press

The bridge collapsed. Let's build a new one.

If only it were so simple. On Wednesday, state transportation officials selected what will likely be the winning bid to rebuild the Interstate 35W bridge in Minneapolis. Cost: \$233.8 million. Completion: 437 days, with construction beginning around Oct. 15.

That's three variables down. But there are still plenty that remain — 195 million to be exact, in the form of a \$195 million check the state is anxiously waiting for Congress to send.

Until that money arrives, Minnesota Department of Transportation officials are examining the possibility — only a possibility, they emphasize — of a massive cash flow crunch, and the specter of other projects being delayed.

BRIDGE BUILDER, 11A

REBUILDING THE BRIDGE

MnDOT on Wednesday selected an "apparent winning bid" to replace the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis.

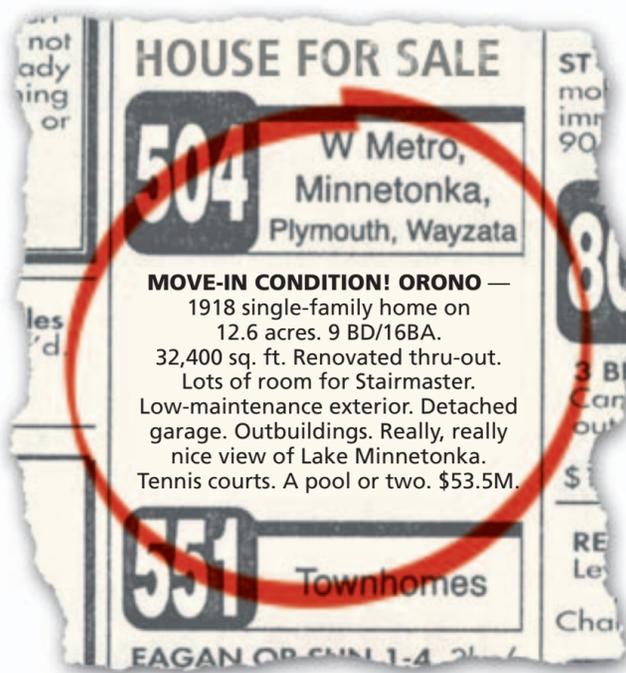
The team: Flatiron Constructors of Colorado; Manson Construction Co. of Washington; Johnson Bros. and Figg Engineering Group, both of Florida.

Cost: \$233,763,000

Time: 437 days

Bonus/penalties: \$200,000 per day under/over 437

Construction start: Around Oct. 15



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If you have to ask how much ...

Well, you know the rest. But if you're looking for a lakefront getaway and have **\$53.5 MILLION** to spare, check out this Lake Minnetonka estate. It could be the most expensive home ever sold in Minnesota.



LAKEFRONT JEWEL

Agent Bruce Birkeland describes the former Pillsbury estate as "remarkably livable for a mansion." You won't see this gem on a Parade of Homes tour. You can, however, check out photos and a virtual tour at burnetbirkeland.com.

BY JENNIFER BJORHUS
Pioneer Press

Feeling squeezed in your three-bedroom rambler? Has agent Bruce Birkeland got a deal for you.

Minnesota's ultimate move-up home just hit the market — all nine bedrooms and 16 bathrooms of it. Built in 1918 for the Pillsbury family, the 12.6-acre estate sits on Brackett's Point, an exclusive peninsula that juts into Lake Minnetonka.

Owners Jim and Joanne Jundt put their home up for sale on Monday for \$53.5 million.

"They're downsizing," Birkeland explained.

Not only is it the most expensive house on the market in the Twin Cities, but it also likely will shatter records as the most expensive home sale in state history. It's also believed to be the only house in the state designed by Harrie T. Lindeberg, a noted New York architect who specialized in building rustic palaces for magnates.

EXPENSIVE HOME, 9A

Minnesota expected to embrace flu shots

Experts say parents haven't forgotten that six children died last season

BY JEREMY OLSON
Pioneer Press

While too few people nationally might seek a dose of this year's abundant supply of flu vaccine, Minnesota officials are bracing for a busy season.

Parents haven't forgotten the six children who died here in the last flu season, said Patricia Stinchfield, a vaccination expert with Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. "We're expecting that it is fresh in people's memories, and that it will cause people to seek influenza vaccine earlier."

The local anticipation contradicts concerns expressed Wednesday by leading federal health officials. Nationally, only a fraction of the people who most need flu shots actually get them — including just one in five babies and toddlers. A string of relatively mild flu seasons and the vaccine confusion of recent years aren't likely to help.

Manufacturers expect to ship more than 130 million doses of flu vaccine in coming months, and federal officials encouraged people to obtain a vaccination in the traditional fall shot season or even in the winter.

"We need to rethink the influenza immunization season and encourage vaccination throughout the fall and winter for anyone wishing to be protected," said Dr. Julie Gerberding of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Flu kills about 36,000 Americans a year, and leads to about 200,000 hospitalizations.

The last flu season in Minnesota was average in terms of reported outbreaks at schools and nursing homes. There was a late panic, though, in February and March after six children and one Minneapolis firefighter died of flu-related illnesses.

Children's Hospitals and the Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency quickly arranged flu shot clinics that drew hundreds of worried parents and their children. The nurse agency clinics at Cub Foods were so popular that the agency has decided to offer shots to children as young as 5 years old at its regularly scheduled clinics this fall.

FLU SHOTS, 11A

FINDING FLU SHOTS

- Cub Food walk-in flu shot clinic schedule: 2 to 8 p.m. Oct. 10-12, 24-26 and Nov. 7-9; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 13, 27 and Nov. 10
- Minnesota Department of Health Web site, which tracks flu shot clinics: health.state.mn.us

A knife, a lunge, a troubled life ends

Fiancee says 34-year-old ex-con shot by St. Paul cops 'wasn't afraid to die'

BY MARA H. GOTTFRIED
Pioneer Press

"Just shoot me," a convicted murderer yelled at two St. Paul police officers.

And they did, after Donald "Donny" Gartner reportedly lunged at the officers Tuesday night with a knife. Gartner died soon after.

Gartner's fiancée, Gloria Telin, was in the couple's Payne-Phalen home when she heard him shout to the officers, she said Wednesday.

Gartner, 34, had told Telin and others he would one day die at the hands of police.

"He didn't want to die, but he wasn't afraid to die," she said.

Gartner also told people he admired Johnnie Rodgers, whom he knew from prison, for not putting his knife down before a St. Paul police officer shot and killed him in 2004. Before Gartner's death, Rodgers was the last person killed by a St. Paul officer.

FATAL SHOOTING, 13A



Donald Gartner



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Barbara Larriv, left, David Gregory and David Cain enjoy happy hour Wednesday at Billy's Bar & Grill in Anoka, where city officials are considering turning back the 2 a.m. bar closing time by one hour.

Anoka's last call on borrowed time?

City rethinks 2 a.m. bar closing after rash of problems downtown

BY MIKE ENRIGHT
Pioneer Press

It might be last call for the 2 a.m. closing time for Anoka bars.

City officials are contemplating a police department proposal to roll back the clock on bar closing times to 1 a.m., four years after Minnesota lawmakers allowed the later closings.

Anoka police say they want to stem a noticeable increase in problems near its downtown

bars since the 2 a.m. closings took effect.

Bar owners and staff say a change would hurt business and Anoka's downtown district.

"If you make it a 1 o'clock town, nobody will come to Anoka," said Dan Sweeney, a bartender at Billy's Bar & Grill.

"Within a two-mile radius, we've probably got a hundred restaurants around us," said Billy's owner Paul Justen. "It would be fair if everybody went to 1 o'clock, but we've got too

many towns around us who are 2 o'clock."

If Anoka approves the measure, it could be the first in the Twin Cities to turn the clock back on the later closing times, said Tony Chesak, associate director of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association.

Blaine officials considered the move earlier this year, but they opted to keep the later closing time.

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