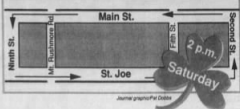


# Local Parade route



## Task force renounces home rule

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Staff Writer

A committee appointed to study home rule as a way to govern Rapid City and Pennington County voted unanimously that it does not support the home-rule concept, committee Chairman Hans said yesterday.

The news came as a surprise to Mayor Keith Carlyle, a proponent of home rule.

"After going through our exercises, the majority decided we'd have enough of this," Hans said. "We're not convinced this isn't a pig in a poke."

The committee had met about 14 times since last November. Several city and county officials addressed the committee, including Carlyle. Carlyle outlined his ideas about home rule at two meetings and attended many of the rest of the meetings, Hans said.

Home rule supporters said home rule government would be more responsive and efficient, and would eliminate duplication of services, Hans said. But the home rule study committee was not convinced, he said.

"They (supporters) wanted a form of government that was more responsive, and I don't know that that's possible," Hans said.

"That they wanted one that was more efficient, I don't know that the committee thought the present way was inefficient."

"Where there was duplication, he said, 'It is desired on behalf of, in most cases, the municipality.'"

"They city governments are permission, and they can do most anything the citizen is willing to pay for. And if they want a greater amount of police protection, for example, that is provided for by the state and county, then they can pay for it."

The home-rule committee planned to meet Thursday night to discuss the report it would make to city and county officials, he said. There was to be a majority and minority report, but since the vote against home rule was

unanimous, there may not be a minority report.

But Hans said some committee members who did not attend the meeting at which the vote was taken might have a different view.

"We don't want to stifle this," he said.

When Carlyle learned Thursday of the committee's vote, he said, "I don't surprise me at all. I believe there are 23 members on that committee, and over half of them have never shown up for the meetings."

So it poses the first question: How is now to know if there was a majority report if a majority has never attended the meetings at all the meetings it attended, there has never been a quorum," said Carlyle.

The committee is comprised of members appointed by the Rapid City Common Council, Pennington County Commission, other elected officials and other municipalities in the county.

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## Fixing tractors becoming more technical

**Dick Bubbeck**  
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Gone are the days when an aspiring grease monkey could always find work fixing spluttering farm tractors with baling wire and intuition.

"This is the age of the highly trained and educated... agronomical and machinery technicians."

And, said Fui Haage, in Rapid City this week, he led the Postsecondary Agricultural Studies Organization national convention, many young people lack the basic skills to learn to work with the complex engineering of today's farm machinery.

An instructor in agriculture and the John Deere ag technician program at North Dakota State College of Science at Wahpeton, Haage was helping conduct an ag machinery technician conference that was part of the four-day PMS program.

The Thursday event tested 25 students from 11 states for their skills diagnosing mechanical failure, calibrating and adjusting fluid implements, identifying tools and parts and deciding whether they were faulty or unsafe and writing down knowledge of mechanical systems.

It was a capsule form of the whole post-high school education leading to a job in the machinery industry.

Technicians, Haage explained, must be skilled in thinking through a problem and why a system failed, fix it and prevent it from happening again. They are not just "parts repairers."

Advanced electronics and hydraulics, and increasingly a combination of them to run a tractor, are troubleshooting, especially challenge the technician's diagnostic competence, mathematical and writing skills, and obscure component can damage much of a total system.

More than that, technicians must be able to handle relations skills in dealing with the public, Haage said.

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An estimated 500 people from 12 states took part Thursday in the National Agricultural Machinery Service Technicians Award Contest at Western Dakota Vocational Technical Institute in Braa, on the tractor, and his trainees

Greg Wiegand, both from Illinois Central College in Peoria, Ill., check out a hydraulics problem under the watchful eyes of judge Melvin Lee of Winner. (Staff photo by Steve McCrewe)

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"I'm happy about the way the parade is going," Bryan Schnell, spokesman for the Downtown Development Corp. said Wednesday.

"Things are looking real good. There is time to get frustrated in. I suppose we have a dozen to 15 now. Some of them are extremely elaborate."

Shere Schriener, manager of the Best Hill Saloon, said Wednesday that she and her husband, who employ and patronize had labored to piece together this year's display.

"We've spent every moment available, and then some, making over 500 carnival flowers composed from colored dinner napkins to decorate our float," said Schriener.

Co-commanders Tracy Jo Olson and Liz Sigmon said they didn't mind the "hard" working hours.

"It's great fun to be involved," Olson said.

"I've been flowers in between making drinks while at work," said Schriener. "We even had a few out-timers making paper flowers. I'd tell them it was great mental stress therapy."

Dorlean King Shorter will again don a leprechaun outfit for the parade float. And typical of the spirit of the second annual event, Shorter will bring last year's costume by which she has not, said Schriener.

"It took some convincing, but he went along with it. We're going all out," said Shorter.

Meanwhile, across Main Street, volunteers who have logged long hours at the event sponsored by the city's Bar. Spokesman D.O. "Little Man" Carlson said their float will "bring us our red, said Schriener."

The design is a secret, but Carlson said more than 30 sheets of lumber, approximately 60 pieces of 4-by-8-

## City to be wearin' the green Saturday as Barney City

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Float-building operations have kicked into overdrive, and contestants ready on the Starline Show their entry will turn the competition green.

Participating downtown Rapid City businesses have gotten their float up in seeking rights to the 4-foot-tall Barney City Cup. It is the top parade float at the second Starline City U.S.A. Festivities on St. Patrick's Day Saturday.

foot stylized and "at least three gallons of paint" had been used.

"It will cover a complete 10-foot truck. The truck is about 25 feet long, too. You won't even see the truck inside it," Carlson said. "It will be fabulous."

Carlson said Marty O'Laughlin designed the scheme and had helped in construction by Dennis Grosshans, two 7th Circuit judges—Roland Grosshans and Marshall Young—and others.

"I've been telling my brother how we should be arranging the thing," Roland Grosshans said of his supervisory role, at the same time admitting he had "a little bit of Irish" from his mother. Grosshans said Young contributed the "grunt labor."

The various citizens will parade regardless of weather. The 1989 parade debuted in a rainstorm, but the previous year's forecast calls for mild conditions and temperatures approaching 60 degrees.

That will benefit first-time marchers from the local Notre Dame booster club. Ed Fitzgerald said the alumni and parents of students will throw candy out along the route and play the Notre Dame fight song on tape players.

Marching contingents to Deadwood, Lead, Spearfish, Pierre, Hot Springs and Chadron, Neb., but Fitzgerald said other St. Patrick's Day parades might reduce the number of marchers wearing the Irish green and gold in Rapid City.

Schnell said parade participants will line up at 1 p.m. at the parking lot of the Rapid City Journal's printing plant at Second and Main streets.

The parade kicks off at 2 p.m., following Main to Ninth Street and returning to St. Joe to the parking lot. Fred Strick will be the parade's grand marshal.

People interested in joining the parade should call 394-0035 by 5 p.m. Tuesday. In addition to the Rapid City Cup for restaurants and bars, prizes will be awarded in open and closed classes. Northwest Bank and KOTA won honors last year.

Commemorative T-shirts and buttons will be sold at downtown businesses and by street vendors. Proceeds help defray costs of the production.

## Freiberg announces he'll run for state House

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Pennington County Commissioner Louis Freiberg has announced he will run for the state House of Representatives from District 32.

The Rapid City Republican served two terms in the House between 1962-1966. He also served as chairman of the city of Rapid City and was attorney for the Pennington County Republican Party in 1958 and 1959.

Freiberg also served as a GOP precinct committee man, as co-chairman of the Pennington County Karl Mandl for Senate Committee and the secretary-treasurer of the South Dakota Cement Plant in 1958-59.

Freiberg, 64, an attorney in Rapid City, was elected to the county commission in 1988.

State law permits an incumbent city or county official to serve in the Legislature. During the 1990 city or county election, Walter Taylor also served in the Legislature.

Freiberg said his past experience in government would make him a good representative for the district.

"I believe I can contribute to the legislative process," Freiberg said. "Sincerely has to go down there that understands the mix of city and county governments."

Freiberg was born in Wall and attended rural schools in Meade County. He graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings and received his law degree in 1952 from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

He served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

The two District 32 House seats are held by Republicans Wenzel Kovarik and John Sears, both of Rapid City.

## Garnette to lose Indian education post

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The Rapid City Board of Education is being asked not to renew its contract with Indian Education Director Shirley Garnette.

At a meeting on the non-renewal issue Thursday, said she believed the decision was political and was not based on her record as an administrator.

She is critical of Superintendent Bill Dean and Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Norma Dennis, who she accuses of being swayed by the comments of a few. Garnette has been the district's Indian Education/Title IV director for four years.

Dean disputed Garnette's claims. "This is a personnel matter. She's been given due process and we'll let the due process speak for itself," Dean said.

Dean stressed that his non-renewal recommendation had no bearing on the future of the Indian education or Title IV programs.

"Any differences I might have with the director of Indian education in my way reflects either my or the board of education's position on Indian education. It's strictly a personnel issue."

Garnette said if the board of education went along with the recommendation she would appeal the matter and request a public hearing.

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last summer to resign or take other position in the school district.

"I said I have signed a contract and intended to stay in my position and do the job I should be doing," Garnette said. She said that she believed her evaluation from Dennis in February, she learned that Dennis intended to recommend her for non-renewal.

Controversy has surrounded the district's Title IV program for at-risk Indian children for three years, and Garnette believes her dispute with several members of the Title IV Parent Advisory Committee has turned Dean and Dennis against her. She also believes a retaliation complaint she filed with the Equal Rights Act might have been filed along with long-standing personality differences between her and Dennis have contributed to the problem.

"I wasn't getting any support, because both people (Dean and Dennis) are very in-image and career-conscious. They don't intend to say this community and want quiet in the community at all costs," Garnette said.

Both Dean and Dennis declined to comment on Garnette's allegations against them, saying it was a personnel matter.

Garnette said that her problems began in June when she filed the civil rights complaint. "Dean has been victimizing me by the things that were happening in terms of conflicts in the Indian community," Garnette said.

One of those things was a disagreement over Indian Indian children from Herac Mann to be placed in public schools. Garnette said that she and Dennis had been told by Indian parents opposed the move and that she told Dean she disagreed with the decision.

"He insisted on putting me out of my job if I did not go along with that decision, and I did. Dr. Dean was very strong with me," Garnette said. "When the parents came in disagreement, he (Dean) placed the blame on me."

Garnette said the situation had been tense since she filed her complaint. "Dr. Dean has not spoken to me in six months. He has had no contact with me in relationship. He has shut doors in my face and refused to acknowledge me. The attitude is, 'You can't see the board, you can't see me, you can't see me.'"

She said matters had worsened since the Title IV controversy heated up. She accuses Dennis of meeting with disgruntled Indian parents behind closed doors, and then making a deal to avoid the allegations made.

"I'm not sure they're being said, but they generate some not-very-good, and then more things go on. I say they (Dean and Dennis) are contributing to the problems. I've been in Indian education for 15 years, and I have experienced problems like this," Garnette said.

Dennis denied that the parent advisory committee had anything to do with the non-renewal decision. "The parent committee does not have the power to hire and fire," Dennis said.