

Names in the News

Guitarist Dean Magraw of Macalester-Groveland has been diagnosed with leukemia and recently underwent a bone-marrow transplant. A benefit to help cover his living expenses during his recovery will be held at 8:30



p.m. Friday, November 13, at the Cabooze, 917 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis. The Big Wu, God Johnson, JT Bates and other local artists will pay tribute to Magraw and his music. The suggested donation is \$20. Donations also may be made out to Dean Magraw and sent to: John Wright, 5217 N. 6th St., Minneapolis, MN 55430, or visit www.dothedean.com.

Kat Reed of Highland Park has written the book on what to do when a loved one dies. Called *Begin Here: Helping Survivors Manage*, the book came about when Reed's 66-year-old mother died in 2007 and Reed stayed with her predominantly deaf father for a few weeks to handle her mother's affairs. The 52-page book provides information on creating support systems and dealing with financial and legal issues in the event of a family member's death. Visit www.HelpingSurvivorsManage.com.

Jerry Smith of Merriam Park and **Keanne Cameron** of Macalester-Groveland were honored at the Arc of Minnesota state convention on October 24. Smith received the Community Media Excellence Award for an award-winning video, "Offense Taken," which addresses the importance of language and why terms like "retarded" are offensive to people with disabilities. Cameron received the Peter Liebert Community Prevention Action

Award for his work as a coach and personal trainer for athletes with disabilities.

Mary Jo Bjornson, who operates Always Busy Growing out of her West End home, was recently awarded accreditation from the National Association of Family Child Care. Bjornson has been a child-care provider for 23 years. She uses a Reggio Emilian-inspired curriculum and encourages parents to participate in program activities.

Anna Donnelly, 23, of Macalester-Groveland recently received the first Outstanding Citizen Award from World Without Genocide of Edina. Donnelly was recognized for her four years of work to raise awareness of genocide. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, she is an AmeriCorps volunteer at the Advocates for Human Rights in Minneapolis.

Carol Walsh of Merriam Park recently received a certificate of merit from the Minnesota Library Association during its annual conference in St. Cloud. The award is presented to a citizen, board of trustees, friends group, or other library or organization that has made a noteworthy contribution to the delivery of library services in Minnesota. Walsh is employed by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

James Stanger, a Lexington-Hamline resident and film editor for the locally made movie *Sweet Land*, was presented with the Richard Norris Award at the Lex-Ham Community Council's annual meeting on October 26. The award is given to a resident who has made notable contributions to the musical or cultural life of the community. Stanger has had a 20-year career in television commercial editing.