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The National Institutes of Health gave Christy Haynes the 2008 New Innovator Award.

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The National Institutes of Health announced Monday that Christy Haynes, an assistant chemistry professor at the University, is a recipient of the organization's 2008 New Innovator Award.

The award will provide \$1.5 million over five years for Haynes' research. With the money, Haynes said she plans to build a cell-by-cell human immune system to identify possible therapeutic approaches for treating asthma and allergic reactions.

"The University of Minnesota is a great place to do this kind of

research," she said. "The department is really supportive that I am not necessarily doing traditional chemistry."

Only early-career investigators who have not held a NIH grant are eligible for the New Innovator Award, according to a NIH press release.

Rhonda Zurn, spokeswoman for the Institute of Technology, said this is the second year of the NIH New Innovator Award, but the first time it has been awarded

to a University faculty member.

"It is really to jumpstart the careers of a promising new researcher," she said. "It shows that we have state-of-the-art research facilities and researchers here at the University."

Haynes' research group plans to use the University's Nanofabrication Center to build a model of a human immune system and then measure how the cells communicate with each other when exposed to allergens.

FORUM

# Panelists talk RNC journalist arrests

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A forum Monday in the Coffman Union Theater discussed the anti-RNC protests that occurred earlier this month, where journalists faced pepper spray, tear gas and arrest.

Panelists included St. Paul Assistant Police Chief Matt Bostrom and St. Paul Deputy Mayor Anne Mulholland, as well as journalists from KARE-11 and the Pioneer Press who covered the protests.

Sarah Bauer, executive director of the Minnesota News Council, which helped organize the event along with the University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said organizers were disconcerted that

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The misdemeanor charges of presence at an unlawful assembly will be dropped against the journalists.

TRANSPORTATION

# Battery-powered bicycles ease gas strain



JENNIFER WHALEN, DAILY

Sean Eddins models a Schwinn motor bike Sunday at the Varsity Bike Shop in Dinkytown. Motor bikes are becoming an increasingly popular trend on campus.

Twin Cities bicycle shops have been getting an increasing amount of calls asking about electric bicycles, and are starting to stock them.

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Campus commuters looking for a gas-free and sweat-free way to get around need look no further.

Electric bicycles, also known as e-bikes, have been selling out at Dinkytown's Varsity Bike and Transit ever since their introduction to the store this summer.

Even so, e-bikes have a long way to go before they catch on with the student population.

Rob DeHoff, owner and manager of Varsity, said there's only been one student who's bought an e-bike from Varsity, indicating that most students aren't completely sold on them yet.

Dance senior Luke Melsha said he doesn't want one because they're expensive — generally anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a pop — and he would prefer to get exercise on a regular bike.

Like standard bicycles, e-bikes have fully functional pedals. The main difference is the motor, which riders can use if they desire, and

can propel the rider at speeds up to 20 mph.

The propulsion can either assist manual pedaling or throttle the rider forward with no pedaling necessary.

E-bikes run on a battery, so they need to be charged. Each charge should get between 20 and 40 miles, depending on factors like road terrain and rider weight.

Still, DeHoff said they're "more of a tool than a toy," and that people who buy them did so to depend less on cars.

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The same laws apply to e-bikes that apply to mopeds and other motorized vehicles.

RATINGS

# Report says University facilities need funding, repair

A recent report rated University facilities "fair" and behind the national average.

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Conditions of University facilities are falling behind the national average.

The recently released University Facilities Conditions Assessment evaluated buildings at the University across all five campuses, with a primary focus on the Twin Cities campus.

The report, released Sept. 12, covers issues of age, technology rating, future needs and funding of University buildings.

Since 2002, the University has been a client of Intelligent Systems and Engineering Services, a company that privately evaluates education, government and health care facilities.

On campus, ISES's findings show high-tech research buildings to be in the best condition, while clinic, office and residence hall facilities rate lowest. The company projected replacement needs valued at more than \$2 billion over the next 10 years.

Of the University system's 28 million square feet, more than 23 million contain Twin Cities-campus facilities. Of that total, nearly 10 million square feet was built or

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Although Folwell Hall recently underwent exterior renovations, the interior needs attention.

BUSINESS

# New yoga studio to open up in Stadium Village in November

Core Power will be a unique addition to the East Bank.

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Another opportunity for students to sweat before class is on its way, as a new Core Power Yoga is scheduled to move into Stadium Village this fall.

The new facility will be located above the Tea Garden on the second floor of the Stadium Village Mall. Core Power will fill the now vacant Jefferson at Berry office and is expected to open in November.

The Stadium Village studio will be the eighth Core Power in the metro area and will offer a number of classes.

"It's a great little workout," manager Tory Schaefer said of the Vinyasa flow yoga practiced at the studio.

Different classes will be offered in varying temperatures. The average classes start between 80 and 85 degrees, moderate levels are set at 95 degrees and some hot yoga classes turn it up to between 100 and 105 degrees, Schaefer said.

In addition to power yoga, Core Power will offer sculpt classes with weights for full-body toning, Schaefer said.

"It's just a fun place for people to come chill and work out and get what they need out of it," he said.

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The new facility is part of the changes happening in Stadium Village.

POLITICS

# Michelle Obama urges young voters to head to the polls

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The youngest set of voters has already been active this election season.

But for that to really count, they need to stay involved until Nov. 4, when ballots are cast, first lady hopeful Michelle Obama said in a Monday morning conference call.

"The choice that America makes on Nov. 4 will have an enormous consequence for our country, and for the world," she said. "This election is going to determine the course of an entire generation."

And partisan politics aside, Obama said young

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Obama said her husband will tackle many issues relevant to young people, like rising unemployment and student debt.



STEPHEN MATUREN, DAILY FILE PHOTO

First lady hopeful Michelle Obama outlined key issues for young voters during a conference call Monday.

# Daily Review

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The trial for eight antiwar activists charged with the responsibility for the violent demonstrations at the August 1968 Democratic National Convention opens in Chicago.

HISTORYCHANNEL.COM/TDIIH

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 ▶ Yes  
 ▶ No  
 ▶ Somewhat

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### EXTENDED WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY  
 HIGH 72°  
 LOW 55°  
 Partly cloudy

THURSDAY  
 HIGH 78°  
 LOW 64°  
 Partly cloudy

FRIDAY  
 HIGH 83°  
 LOW 60°  
 Partly cloudy

SATURDAY  
 HIGH 67°  
 LOW 52°  
 Showers

### BRIEF

#### Man shot to death in Cedar-Riverside neighborhood

Minneapolis police found a man shot dead in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood Monday evening, according to a police department news release.

Police responded to a reported shooting shortly after 5 p.m. Monday at 420 15th Ave. S.E. — near Currie Park and between the University's West Bank campus and the Metrodome — where they found the victim with a gunshot wound. The man was pronounced dead at the scene. Minneapolis police Sgt. Jesse Garcia said the man was believed to be a student at nearby Augsburg College.

There are currently no suspects in custody, and police are investigating. Garcia said they are looking at surveillance cameras in the area to see if any part of the incident was caught on tape. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Minneapolis Police Department tip line at 612-692-TIPS, (8477).

—Daily Staff

### INTERNATIONAL BRIEFING

#### 13 hurt by vehicle attack in Israel; driver killed

JERUSALEM (AP) — A driver plowed a BMW into a group of soldiers at a busy intersection near Jerusalem's Old City late Monday, injuring 13 of them before he was shot to death, Israeli police and the rescue service said.

Jerusalem police commander Ilan Franco said a soldier in the group killed the driver.

The driver was not immediately identified, but Franco said he was a Palestinian resident of east Jerusalem who apparently acted alone. Israel TV said the car was registered to a resident of Jabel Mukaber, an Arab village inside the city limits.

It was the third incident in Jerusalem in which vehicles apparently have been used as weapons in recent months. In July, two Palestinians living in Jerusalem carried out separate attacks using heavy construction machinery that killed three people and injured several others. Both attackers were fatally shot by police and soldiers.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak released a statement demanding a speedup of procedures to allow the destruction of homes of Palestinian attackers "to contribute to deterring potential terrorists." Several years ago, an Israeli Supreme Court justice ruled that destroying houses does not deter attackers and the practice was halted.

Ambulances and police units raced to the scene Monday night after the crash about 11 p.m. and quickly carried away the injured.

Police said two of the 13 injured were in serious condition while the others suffered light wounds. Doctors at the hospitals said all were conscious and were being treated.

Israel Radio said the soldiers, from the Artillery Corps, were on a tour of Jerusalem ahead of the Jewish New Year holiday next week.

An Israel Radio reporter described a large group of Jews, most of them ultra-Orthodox, chasing an Arab into the nearby Old City after the incident.

Police said the car rammed into the soldiers waiting at the intersection. Witnesses said the car ended up on the sidewalk near the intersection, which lies along the line between the Jewish and Arab sections of Jerusalem.

Since Israel captured the Arab section of the city in 1967, there are no barriers between the two sides.

Palestinians demand the Arab portion as the capital of the independent state they want to create.

Israel united the city under its rule weeks after the 1967 war, but in recent years some officials have shown a willingness to cede Arab neighborhoods to the Palestinians. However, sharing the city and its holy sites remains one of the toughest issues in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

#### Woman whose dogs mauled neighbor gets 15 to life

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman whose dogs viciously attacked and killed her neighbor in the hallway of their apartment building seven years ago was sentenced Monday to 15 years to life in prison.

Marjorie Knoller was convicted of second-degree murder in the 2001 mauling death of Dianne Whipple, but a judge later reduced the charge to involuntary manslaughter and sentenced her in 2002 to a four-year prison term.

But the California Supreme Court last year said the trial judge was wrong and sent the case back. Last month, Superior Court Judge Charlotte Woolard reinstated the murder conviction, for which Knoller was sentenced Monday.

The case is the California's first murder conviction connected to a dog mauling, prosecutors say.

The case turned into a tabloid sensation because of the viciousness of the attack — the dogs tore all of Whipple's clothing from her body and left her with more than 70 bites — and the seemingly cavalier attitudes of Knoller and her law partner and husband, Robert Noel, who blamed Whipple for the attack.

The couple also said they were keeping the canines on behalf of a white supremacist accused of running an attack dog ring from his state prison cell. The couple eventually adopted the prisoner, Paul "Cornfed" Schneider, as their son.

Knoller, who has served three years in prison, will have to serve 12 more years before she can apply for parole.

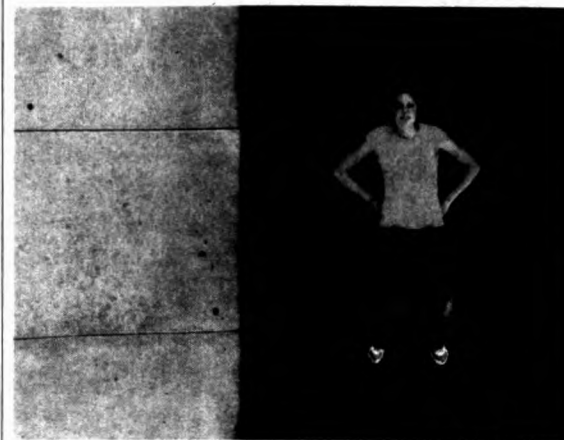
In denying Knoller's plea for probation, Woolard noted that Knoller didn't call 911 or otherwise try to help Whipple during the 10-minute attack. The judge said Knoller knew the dogs were dangerous, ignored numerous warnings to train them and hasn't expressed remorse for the attack.

"She has blamed the victim and has held her dogs in higher regard than humans," Woolard said.

Whipple's partner, Sharon Smith, addressed Knoller before she was led off to jail. Smith called Knoller's relationship with the two dogs and the prisoner "perverted" and expressed satisfaction with the lengthy prison sentence.

"It is very hard to find forgiveness for someone who doesn't accept responsibility," Smith said.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK



ALI HAUPT, DAILY

#### What is the most interesting thing you've learned so far this year, in or out of class?

Tracy Powell, a senior mechanical engineering and pre-med student, said through doing a triathlon she learned that "if your will and desire are there, you can push yourself through mental obstacles."

She recently completed the half Iron Man, which consists of swimming one mile, biking 56 miles, and running a half marathon. She did all that in just five hours and 50 minutes.

Powell had been thinking about doing a triathlon for a couple years, but "it took me a while to get the guts to do it," she said.

The day of the triathlon, she said "I don't think I can do this," but found that being on the course with all the excitement and adrenaline showed her she could push herself to a new level.

—Tiffany Smith

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**WHO:** Minnesota Cuba Committee

**WHAT:** Hurricanes: The Politics of Disaster Response in Cuba, Haiti and the United States

**WHEN:** 6 to 8 p.m., today

**WHERE:** Metro State University St. Paul Campus

**PRICE:** Free

The panelists at this teach-in will discuss how differences in hurricane preparedness and relief efforts in Cuba, Haiti and the United States highlight underlying issues of race, class and policy.

**WHO:** Department of American Indian Studies

**WHAT:** First Annual Language Scholars Fall Feast

**WHEN:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday

**WHERE:** American Indian Student Cultural Center, 204 Coffman Union

**PRICE:** Free

This event is in honor of the 2008/2009 Dakota & Ojibwe Language Scholarship recipients.

**WHO:** Compassionate Action for Animals and Minnesota Environmental Studies club

**WHAT:** "The Ethics of What We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter" with Jim Mason

**WHEN:** 7-9pm, Sept. 30

**WHERE:** Coffman Union Theater

**PRICE:** Free

Come to this FREE presentation on food ethics and learn about what organic, local, fair trade, and vegan really mean! Free catered reception!

**WHO:** Medieval and Early Modern Research Group

**WHAT:** "Setting the Table of Contents: Early Modern English Recipe Books" Presented by professor Wendy Hall

**WHEN:** 3:30 p.m., October 10

**WHERE:** 110 Pillsbury Hall

**PRICE:** Free

Professor Wall's talk will focus on her recent research on recipe books in England from 1500-1700 and their relationship with domestic practice.

Inclusion in the events calendar is free for registered University student groups. Go to [MNDAILY.COM/CONTACT](http://MNDAILY.COM/CONTACT) to submit your calendar item.



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# Police use aggression to break up Dinkytown fight

## POLICE REPORT

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Police used pepper spray and aggression to break up a student fight outside of the Dinkytown McDonald's on Friday.

Four friends were walking home from a night at the Dinkytown bar scene when a spontaneous fight broke out.

Outside of McDonald's, students Daniel deJong and Stephen Thomas fought as Thomas' brother Mike Thomas and friend Pierce Merriam watched, Stephen Thomas, a psychology sophomore, said.

When things got more heated, Merriam, a business junior, said he tried to come between his fighting friends.

At this point, University police officer Geoffrey Maciejewski, who had been sitting in his squad car watching for jaywalkers, noticed the brawl and started to break up the fight as well, according to

the police report.

Stephen Thomas said the officer kicked both himself and Merriam to the ground and pushed deJong's face into the pavement, giving him bruises and scrapes.

DeJong said that he now has a gash in his knee, scrapes on his face and other injuries from the push, but the report contends that deJong had those injuries before Maciejewski pushed him.

According to Maciejewski's account in the police report, the three individuals he pushed and kicked all ignored his commands.

Maciejewski wrote that Merriam ignored the officer's commands to get on his stomach, so the officer sprayed him with pepper spray in the face.

Merriam, who said he wasn't part of the fight, was charged with obstruction of justice because the officer was "fearful that Merriam would stand up and physically confront" him, according to the report.

Both Stephen Thomas and deJong were charged with disorderly conduct and Stephen Thomas was also charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor.

### While you were sleeping

A napping student received a rude awakening Friday when she woke to find her money cards were stolen out of her purse.

Chang Hon woke from her half-hour nap in Hanson Hall and realized a thief had nabbed two debit cards and a credit card from her purse while she was sleeping.

"If you can legitimately be there awake you can legitimately be there sleeping."

CHUCK MINER  
UMPD Deputy Chief

Sleeping, University police Deputy Chief Chuck Miner said, is a perfectly legal way for students to pass their time in University-owned buildings.

"If you can legitimately be there awake then you can legitimately be there sleeping," he said.

Miner added that most "opportunity theft" occurs in the residence halls, and rarely does anyone have their belongings taken while they are sleeping.

# Talk focuses on depression

The University alumnus' talk is part of St. Paul Super Fantastic Week.

BY KEITH HOVIS  
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To Mark Meier, the most important aspect of dealing with depression is to overcome the stigmas people have about the disease.

"The notion that people with depression are weak is erroneous," Meier, a specialist who speaks to various organizations about depression, said.

Meier, a 1991 University graduate with a degree in social work, will speak on the St. Paul campus on Tuesday night as a part of the St. Paul Super Fantastic Week.

The talk, called "Uncomfortably Numb: Depression and the College Experience," will be held in the St. Paul Student Center at 7 p.m.

Meier approached the University about speaking as he said he feels that college especially is a critical place to address the topic of depression.

Meier, who was diagnosed with depression while a junior at the University, uses his own experiences when speaking to groups.

He first sought help as a student after seriously contemplating suicide while walking to class one morning.

After talking to a counselor, he chose not to take the medication that was prescribed to him, deciding to deal with it on his own.

Meier said people who choose not to treat their depression after experiencing an episode are 50

### WHERE TO GO

ST. PAUL SUPER FANTASTIC WEEK

WHAT: Depression and College Students

WHO: Mark Meier, nationally recognized speaker on depression

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7-8:15 p.m.

WHERE: St. Paul Student Center

COST: Free

percent more likely to have another. If they still decide not to treat the disease they are 75 percent more likely to have a third. If someone continues to refuse treatment, "they might as well stay in bed."

Meier said it's important to recognize that depression is a disease, caused by genetic, chemical and environmental factors.

"When a person is diagnosed with cancer, everyone comes out to support that person," Meier said. "When a person is diagnosed with depression they are told to get over it. We don't know how to react to the disease."

According to the latest report on mental health released from Boynton Health Services in 2007, 16.9 percent of University students were diagnosed with depression in their lifetime. Of those students who were diagnosed with depression, 8.9 percent of students were diagnosed 12 months prior to taking the survey.

The Boynton report also examined stressors experienced by students over the past 12 months that often contribute to mental health problems.

A conflict with a roommate

was one of the top stressors listed by students at 22.1 percent. This was followed closely with 19.2 percent of students saying they experienced the end of a personal relationship.

The report also showed that 28.7 percent of students surveyed felt they were unable to handle their stress.

Meier said friends and family are important in helping a person seek treatment, especially in terms of catching early signs and suicide prevention.

"Sixty percent of all people who commit suicide have been diagnosed with depression," Meier said.

Meier added that while a person may not want to be an "annoying friend" and insist for someone to get help, that act could save a life.

He said while information for students about depression is more readily available now than when he was in college, it is still difficult to reach every person on a campus this size. This makes awareness and interpersonal relations even more essential.

Dr. Katherine Lust, the head researcher for Boynton's mental health report, said it is difficult to gauge how mental health at the University compares to other colleges as Minnesota is one of the few places with the resources to produce such a report.

Lust said she hopes to talk to other colleges in the Big Ten in hopes that they may start to conduct mental health surveys allowing for more comparative data.

In looking to his talk, Meier said he hopes to discuss what depression looks like, how to get help and most of all, to raise awareness.

# Foundations take interest in Central Corridor light-rail development

A collaborative looks to protect businesses and communities near the light rail.

BY BRIANA BIRSCHBACH  
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Local and national foundations are taking an interest in development along the Central Corridor light-rail transit line, which will run along University and Washington avenues.

Seven local and three national foundations recently helped set up the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and Learning Network, which will work with businesses and communities along the Central Corridor to combat rent hikes and other possible issues that could arise. This includes Stadium Village and businesses and communities along

University Avenue.

Construction on the line, which will connect downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul via University Avenue, is scheduled to begin in 2010 and finish by 2014.

Jonathan Sage-Martinson, who was hired on in June as coordinator, is the first and only current employee of the Learning Network. He said it is unique that the collaborative has formed four years before the line is set to start running.

"We are really in a discovery stage," Sage-Martinson said. "But you can't start too early on something like this."

The mission of the collaborative is to unlock the benefits of the light-rail line while assuring the lower income neighborhoods and businesses along the line see these benefits, Sage-Martinson said.

The collaborative intends to do this in two ways, he said. First, it would create a learning network between funders and communities along the corridor to provide information so businesses can make informed decisions.

Second, it would establish partnerships within communities of businesses, non-profits and other interested parties to implement solutions to problems that could arise with small businesses and affordable housing.

To do this, the Learning Network has created a catalyst fund to pay for their activities.

The collaborative seeks to raise \$20 million for the project's 10-year timeframe. They have already raised \$5 million, Sage-Martinson said.

The foundations involved include the Minneapolis-based McKnight Foundation and the

St. Paul Foundation.

Dan Bartholomay, program manager for the McKnight Foundation, said the idea for the collaboration began more than a year ago when he began researching the affects of light-rail lines being built in other parts of the country.

"I realized that the investment of the light rail was going to have an impact, both positive and negative, for new arrivals and existing residents," he said.

Businesses along the corridor will notice a negative impact during construction of the light-rail line, Bartholomay said.

"We know that there is going to be issues with access to businesses during construction," he said. "But we also know that businesses are going to have a different market once the construction is done."

Bartholomay said he hopes

that the collaborative will be able to help businesses during construction but also to take advantage of the new markets created by the line.

Edward Goetz, professor at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, is the director of a study on the Hiawatha line and its impact on residential property values, land use and investments in housing stock.

In other U.S. cities where light-rail lines have been built, Goetz found that property values increased within a half-mile of the line. However, he also found that property values decreased at locations near the line, but not near a station.

However, the University may be impacted differently, he said.

"University is already a well developed corridor with a lot of activity centers and attractions," he said, adding that he did not

feel the addition of the light-rail line would have a major impact.

Despite these findings, the Learning Network is not the only group interested in protecting businesses along the Central Corridor.

The Neighborhood Development Center, a community-based non-profit, also plans to work with the low-income businesses and communities along University Avenue.

Mike LaFave, director at NDC, said they plan to support these businesses by providing workshops, training, one-on-one technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of loans.

"We think that there are a lot of great businesses that are an asset to the community," he said. "If we start working early, they are well positioned to withstand the construction period and exist when it is over."

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BY HOLLY MILLER  
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Author Courtney Martin knows being a college student can be exhausting. As a student at Barnard College in New York City, Martin said she pushed herself to the limit, causing her to "dance around" an eating disorder.

Now the author of "Perfect Girls Starving Daughters: The Frightening New Normalcy of Hating Your Body," 28-year-old Martin has found her passion writing about the issues young women face today.

Martin's lecture "Perfect Girls, Starving Daughters," kicked off the University Women's Center's 10-day women's event series Monday night.

The week, titled "Discover Exceptional Women" is programming put together to showcase the services offered by women's groups on campus and celebrate the diverse types of women on campus. Anitra Cottledge, coordinator of student programs with the University Women's Center, said.

Cottledge said it's the first time the University has put on a week of events specifically directed at women. Event topics will include discussions about women with political ambition, how to succeed as a woman on campus, how to balance work and life and women's health.

A woman's drive to achieve can often lead them to ignore their physical and mental health, Martin said.

"This is a generation of women raised to think they can be anything, and somehow they have heard they have to be everything," she said. "This can be damaging to their health."

College women of today often base their self-worth on their achievements and their body image, Martin said.

She said the idea of women wanting to be successful, fashionable and thin without making it look difficult was labeled as "effortless perfection" by a 2004 Duke University study.

A message Martin said she hopes to get across is there are internal glass ceilings to be broken, like basing success only on achievements and a positive self-image, along with the familiar external glass ceilings like equal employment opportunities, job salaries and promotions.

"A lot of college-aged women are anxious, depressed and burnt out," she said. "Look at your calling and do it in a way that makes you happy and well."

#### 'Women's progress in politics has been slow'

Glass ceilings have gained media attention during this year's presidential race, too, with the first viable female presidential candidate ever, and the GOP's first nomination of a female for vice president.

Although both New York Sen. Hillary Clinton and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin have referenced their success as "breaking the glass ceiling," political science Assistant Professor Kathryn Pearson said there is still a lot to be accomplished by women in the political arena.

"Relative to other professions, women's progress in politics has been slow," she said.

"Front Runners: Women With Political Ambition" will showcase this topic on Sept. 24 as a part of the Women's Center's event line-up.

Women make up only 16 percent of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, Pearson said, proving women are still under-represented in public office.

"There is no reason that men should outnumber women by such huge margins in running for office," she said.

Cottledge, who is coordinating the events, said the Women's Center often receives questions

about why an organization of its kind needs to exist in 2008.

Although 56 percent of college students are women and progress has been made in many areas, Cottledge said women still make 76 cents for every dollar their equal male counterparts make at the same job.

Journalism senior Bethany Khan said she plans on attending all of the activities and events she can fit into her schedule.

"I think it's a good place to get informed about the different topics they are going to be discussing," she said. "It serves as a forum."

Khan, who serves as an officer for the Women's Student Activist Collective, said although she often keeps up on issues affecting women, many students who don't can use this week of events to discuss issues facing women with friends.

"As long as there is privilege, we need these support networks and groups," she said. "Even though these topics are female-centered, they affect everyone."

## West River Parkway opening delayed

BY LORI WOLTER  
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While traffic is once again flowing across the Mississippi River on the Interstate 35W bridge, traffic below the bridge and along the river have yet to return to normal with the continued closure of part of West River Parkway.

The parkway, which includes a road and bordering biking and walking trails, will not open for at least a few more days.

On Monday, Minnesota Department of Transportation spokesman Kevin Gutknecht said the parkway would open sometime between later this week and next week.

Nick Eoloff, a project manager with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, however, said it might open sometime between the end of the month and early October.

Workers are resurfacing the road and trails, and the University is completing pipe work at a steam plant near the parkway, Gutknecht said. Work is also still being done on the underside of the I-35W bridge.

MnDOT had previously said in a press release that the bridge and the parkway would open at the same time, but the bridge has been in use since Sept. 18.

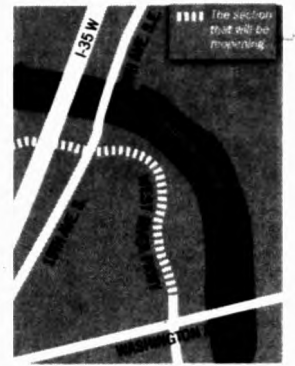
Gutknecht said he knows commuters are eagerly awaiting the road's opening, which allows them to avoid the congestion of Washington Avenue and the Seven Corners area.

But MnDOT wants to make sure it completes all necessary repairs before opening it up.



MARIJA MAJERLE, DAILY SOURCE: MINNEAPOLIS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
Workers continue to clean up a section of West River Parkway south of the Interstate 35W bridge. The parkway is set to open as early as later this week.

### PARKWAY REOPENING



SOURCE: MINNEAPOLIS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

"Waiting a few days now is probably better than opening it, then having to close it, then open and close it," Gutknecht said. "People don't like that."

He said he was unsure if the road and bike trails would open at the same time.

A little over half a mile of West River Parkway, from 22nd Avenue South to 13th Avenue South, remains closed off.

The closure has been a "big inconvenience," Eoloff said.

"People had to take alternate routes, and I think for both commuters and travelers in the parkway, it delayed their travel time," he said.

It has also negatively affected recreational bikers and walkers who used the

parkway to get to places like Minnehaha Park, Eoloff said.

The Bohemian Flats area, a piece of parkland just north of the Washington Avenue Bridge between West River Parkway and the Mississippi River, isn't expected to open for many months.

The National Transportation Safety Board continues to use the area as a temporary holding place for the twisted steel remains of the old I-35W bridge.

The pieces still there are the ones the NTSB chose for more close study.

Gutknecht said he expects the NTSB to give the pieces of the bridge to MnDOT for removal from the site after it releases the results of its bridge investigation, which he expects

to happen around November.

Meanwhile, the closure of West River Parkway continues to inconvenience area residents.

Physics graduate student Sean Bartz bikes to campus from his home in Loring Park.

The first-year student said his first attempt to get to campus from home was thwarted by his discovery of the closed road.

As a result of the blocked bike trail, Bartz takes Hennepin Avenue through downtown and then either the Stone Arch or the Third Avenue bridge, he said.

He said he anticipates the route will make for an easier commute.

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# Brutal fighting in Somali capital kills 30

### Islamic insurgents wanting to topple the government have gained power.

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Somalia's warring sides pounded the capital with mortar rounds and gunfire Monday, killing 30 people — including a family of seven — as Islamic insurgents who want to topple the government gain significant power.

Monday's fighting pitted insurgents against government forces and their Ethiopian allies, who come under regular attack in Mogadishu, one of the most violent cities in the world. The violence left bodies in city streets. When the blasts calmed, young men ventured out to transport the gravely wounded to hospitals

in rickety wheelbarrows. "There is blood everywhere, and human flesh on the walls," Abshir Mohamed Ali, a shop owner at Bakara market, where much of the fighting was centered, told The Associated Press.

The fighting began after Islamic insurgents fired mortars at the capital's main airport and the presidential palace, said Ali Mohamed Siyad, who chairs Bakara market traders' association. Soon after, government forces and their Ethiopian allies retaliated with mortars and gunfire.

In the past, government officials have suspected insurgents use Bakara market as a base.

Islamic militants with ties to al-Qaida have been fighting the government and its Ethiopian allies for control since their combined forces pushed

the Islamists from the capital in December 2006. Within weeks of being driven out, the Islamists launched an Iraq-style insurgency that has killed thousands of civilians to date.

In recent weeks, the militants appear to be gaining strength and sidelining the fragile government. The group, known as the Council of Islamic Courts, has taken over the port town of Kismayo, Somalia's third-largest city, and dismantled pro-government roadblocks. They also effectively closed the Mogadishu airport by threatening to attack any plane using it.

"We keep recruiting new fighters to prepare them for the holy war against Ethiopian troops in our country and their Somali stooges," said Sheikh Muhumed, a commander with al-Shabab, the group's military wing.

The United States considers al-Shabab a terrorist group, raising fears Somalia could become a haven for al-Qaida.

The Western-backed Somali government, meanwhile, has failed to deliver any basic services and comes under daily attack. The administration had no immediate comment on Monday's bloodshed.

Among the dead in Monday's attacks were seven members of one family — a mother, grandmother, four children and an uncle — when a mortar round landed near their home. The one survivor was a 2-year-old boy who escaped with minor injuries.

"This boy will remain a reminder of this sad story," said Safiya Mohamed Dahir, the children's uncle.

He said the eldest child, a 12-year-old girl, had amassed years of heartbreaking knowledge

growing up in Mogadishu.

"One thing I will always remember is how she could tell the difference between the sounds of gunfire, bombs and mortars, at her young age," Dahir said. "She would yell, 'Explosion! Mortar! And gunfire!' And now she's gone."

Dr. Dahir Dhere of Medina Hospital said at least 60 were wounded, including nine children.

Siyad said he and other workers had counted about 30 bodies. Other witnesses described at least 19.

The African Union has sent about 2,000 peacekeepers to Somalia, but they generally are confined to the airport because security is so bad in Mogadishu. The U.N. has tried to push peace talks between the government and the opposition, but a recent deal with a more moderate

faction of the Islamic group seems only to have worsened the violence.

Al-Shabab, the driving force behind much of the violence, denounced the talks and did not participate.

Besides near-daily fighting in the capital, foreigners, journalists and humanitarian workers are frequently abducted for ransoms in Somalia. Earlier Monday, Somali forces opened fire on kidnappers to free a German man and his Somali wife, said Muse Gelle Yusuf, governor of the northern port of Bosaso.

In Berlin, Foreign Ministry spokesman Jens Ploetner said the couple were doing well.

Arid, impoverished Somalia has not had a functioning government since warlords overthrew a socialist dictator in 1991 then turned their clan-based militias on each other.

## Media law

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so many journalists — as many as 46 — were arrested.

"We just wanted to make a contribution and have a discussion about why that happened," Bauer said. "What was done well, but how we could improve the next time."

Discussions revolved mainly around the media's right to cover protests without fear of arrest and definitions of precisely who, in the age of bloggers, is a journalist.

Over the course of the protests, around 50 journalists were arrested, Pioneer Press reporter Mara Gottfried said.

Bostrom said police had trouble designating credentialed mainstream media from bloggers and independent media.

Audience members, including many members of independent media, criticized the double standard between how independent and mainstream media were treated.

"All of us have a right to be on the street," Ed Felien, publisher of community newspaper Southside Pride, said.

Nancy Brown of the Twin Cities Media Alliance and



MARIA MAJERLE, DAILY Poynter Institute's AI Tompkins moderates a forum about this month's anti-RNC protests in Coffman Union Theater on Monday.

others who identified as members of the independent media also decried the complexity of the St. Paul Police Department's policy of embedding journalists with riot police, likening it to a similar program in Iraq.

Bostrom said police created the program to allow access to journalists — even those from outside Minnesota.

One of the forum's sponsoring organizations, the Minnesota Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, repeatedly condemned journalists' arrests during the week of protests.

Afterward, the national chapter asked that St. Paul

Mayor Chris Coleman drop charges against arrested journalists, which ranged from misdemeanor interference with a peace officer to felony conspiracy to riot.

Coleman announced Friday that the misdemeanor charge of presence at an unlawful assembly would be dropped against people the St. Paul City Attorney's Office identifies as journalists, St. Paul spokesman James Lockwood said earlier.

The city currently has no idea how many journalists the decision will eventually affect, or when it will take effect, Mullholand said during the forum.

## Yoga

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The new facility will be just another addition to the revamped Stadium Village layout.

"It's been a transitional decade for the village," Campus Pizza owner Jim Rosvold said.

Rosvold, the former president of the Stadium Village Commercial Association, said he's excited to see a variety of businesses moving in. "It'd be nice to see some other establishments complement the restaurants of Stadium Village," Rosvold said.

Current association President Nancy Rose-Pribyl also said she thinks the new yoga

studio will contribute to the community.

"I think we do a good job of welcoming new places," Rose-Pribyl said.

Rose-Pribyl, who has worked for Dinnaken Properties for 16 years, said both Dinnaken House and Argyle House have workout facilities, but she thinks Core Power can be successful.

Along with Core Power, other new businesses are headed to Stadium Village.

With Campus Crossroads on the way, a CVS drug store and other retail stores will add to the plethora of restaurants in the area.

Over the 18 and a half years Rosvold has worked in Stadium Village, he said he has seen businesses adapt to the

University's attempt to be less of a commuter campus.

He said the University started pushing more students to live on campus about 10 years ago. With more students around campus, a higher demand for business arises.

"While I'm not the largest fan of national retailers coming in ... people are realizing there's a place to do business here," Rosvold said. "This is a good, vibrant business community."

But new businesses cannot be assured of continued success.

Rose-Pribyl said since the population around campus changes every five years or so, new students bring new demands. Stadium Village is adapting, she said.

## Facilities

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renovated more than 50 years ago.

ISES uses a building's estimated replacement value and projected 10-year financial needs to develop a ratio of facility quality. The University currently rates as "fair" on the company's scale, with the Twin Cities campus rated worst among the five campuses.

While much about facilities on campus has been worsening in recent years, the University placed fourth in a facilities technology rating that compared a group of 15 universities.

The group includes other Big Ten schools such as Purdue and Northwestern, as well as schools such as Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Sept. 12 assessment used Nicholson Hall as an example. In 2005, before major renovations, the building's projected 10-year needs were higher than its replacement value. After renovations, the hall's rating improved to "world class."

Assistant Director of Facilities Management Sean Schuller said the report is confirmation that University buildings are in need of significant investment.

"Currently the 'U's' rating is certainly not good or world class," he said.

Funding was a main concern for Schuller, who made a distinction between constructing new buildings and doing current-building maintenance. He said while funds for new buildings and facilities are often quickly attained, capital funding for existing ones hasn't kept up.

"The longer Folwell Hall took to remodel, every year it was more expensive to maintain," he said.

Though Folwell recently went through a large exterior renovation, conditions inside still have room for improvement.

Mary Ann Beattie and Kathy Lundquist, administrators in the Spanish and Portuguese studies department that hold classes in Folwell, said they appreciate the building's charm, but noted that heating, cooling and classroom conditions all need improvement.

German and Scandinavian studies professor Charlotte Melin said the space is in great need of better working areas for graduate student assistants and professors.

Last year, funding for interior renovation was cut from the state's bonding bill.

In 2008, the University requested \$100 million from the state Legislature's Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement fund and received less than \$40 million. To maintain the University's current ISES rating, the Facilities Conditions Assessment projected a capital need of \$160 million per year.

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## Franken hits Coleman over Iraqi reconstruction

ST. PAUL (AP) — Sen. Norm Coleman missed a historic opportunity as chairman of a U.S. Senate investigatory committee to expose waste, fraud and abuse by defense contractors during the reconstruction of Iraq, his Democratic opponent Al Franken said Monday.

Franken is targeting Coleman's tenure as chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in a statewide tour and with a new TV ad that will air around Minnesota starting Tuesday. The Franken campaign said that Coleman's leadership of the committee is the single strongest argument against him deserving a second term.

A spokesman for the Coleman campaign defended Coleman's leadership of the subcommittee and said he has supported investigations of U.S. spending on Iraqi reconstruction by other entities. Under Coleman's leadership, the subcommittee uncovered billions of dollars in unpaid taxes by defense contractors and other federal government contractors, abuse of travel privileges by federal officials

and tax cheating by Medicare and Medicaid providers.

But Franken said Coleman was in a unique position to catch and punish defense contractors who schemed to overcharge the government for services linked to the rebuilding of Iraq. Franken pointed to Harry S. Truman's work as a U.S. senator in the early 1940s to root out fraud in defense contracting as the U.S. entered into World War II.

Truman's work ultimately spawned the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which Coleman took leadership of in 2003 as a freshman. It's the only post in the U.S. Senate that gives its holder sole power to issue subpoenas.

Speaking of instances of fraud by Halliburton and other companies during the early days of the Iraqi reconstruction, Franken said: "If Harry Truman had been chairing the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in 2003, this would not have happened ... He would have put a stop to the corruption and saved taxpayers billions of dollars by preventing fraud before it happened."

At the time, Democrats were in the minority in Congress and were mostly relegated to demanding that Republicans open investigations into abuse of tax dollars in the Iraqi reconstruction.

The Franken campaign provided a letter that former Minnesota Sen. Mark Dayton sent to Coleman asking for an investigation into an allegation of fraud by Halliburton.

In a letter back to Dayton, Coleman noted that he directed a "preliminary investigation" into Dayton's concerns and said he would continue to monitor the issue. The subcommittee never initiated its own full investigation.

Coleman's spokesman, Luke Friedrich, said Coleman believed there were better entities than the subcommittee to look into the Iraqi reconstruction.

"Al Franken would blame Norm Coleman for anything if it was going to get him political points," Friedrich said. "On this one, he's attempting to say everything that went wrong in Iraq was Norm Coleman's fault. It's not true."

Friedrich cited Coleman's support of the efforts by the

Office of the Special Investigator for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR); Coleman was a co-sponsor of legislation to extend the office past the end of 2006.

SIGIR was established toward the end of 2004, and Franken argued that the best time to investigate fraud in Iraq would have been in 2003 and 2004, when the reconstruction was beginning. Returning to the Truman comparison, he pointed out that Truman looked into abuse by defense contractors just as the U.S. was getting into World War II.

The Coleman campaign also cited the subcommittee's relatively small staff, suggesting it lacked the resources to tackle the full breadth of fraud linked to reconstruction. They noted a quote by U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, who during Coleman's chairmanship was the subcommittee's ranking Democrat and who now is its chairman. Levin said last year that even the much larger Senate Armed Services Committee lacked the number of staffers needed to investigate all the financial malfeasance that took place in Iraq contracting.

## NOTHIN' BUT CLARI-NET



TONY MORIMOTO, DAILY  
David Hein, first-year doctoral student in clarinet performance, prepares for his music lesson in Ferguson Hall.

## Obama

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voters, notoriously absent on Election Day, need to show up and vote for what they believe in — regardless of which box ends up checked on the ballot.

"If young Americans want to have a say in what the future looks like, then they need to make their voices heard, and do it now, and declare their values and their priorities with their actions on Nov. 4," she said. "But in the past, too many have decided to remain silent."

Obama listed growing unemployment rates, high student debt loads and a struggling economy as issues concerning young people.

She said her husband plans to address those issues should

he make it to the White House, and referred to his commitment as a senator to expanding federal Pell Grant availability.

As president, she said, he'd ensure grant money keeps pace with the rising cost of college.

To keep young people active in the voting process, the Obama campaign recently launched a website aimed at registering voters and educating them about the election process.

In campaign offices, registration has been a focal point.

University of Wisconsin junior Stacey Nuzbach, who volunteered at Obama's Madison office, introduced Obama on the call.

"Voter registration is one of our top priorities, because it's so critical for us as students to be involved in the political process and to make our voices heard," she said.

## Bikes

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DeHoff said more people are searching for a cheaper alternative to cars, especially with rising gas prices.

"We've only been selling them for three months, but we've been servicing them for over three years," DeHoff said while he was hauling in the store's newest order of electric

bicycles. "We hate turning down any bike repairs."

Many Twin Cities bicycle shops have been getting more calls asking about electric bicycles, but only some are considering ordering them.

The West Bank's Hub bicycle co-operative will be ordering electric bicycles for next spring, with a few demonstration bicycles available this winter.

Nationwide retailers Wal-Mart and Target are also

starting to sell the bicycles on their websites.

However, other local shops, like The Alt in south Minneapolis, said they don't have the kind of manpower needed to service e-bikes, so they won't be ordering them.

University police Lt. Troy Buhta said the same laws apply to e-bikes that apply to mopeds and other motorized vehicles.

Bicyclists have to carry a valid driver's license and be at

least 16 years old to ride one. Buhta said they should expect to adhere to the same "rules of the road" as normal bicyclists.

Spanish studies sophomore Lis Lawrence said she's seen some people riding around the campus on electric bicycles, but she likes her own bicycle because it's easy to transport.

"I saw one guy riding one," Lawrence said. "It was loud and obnoxious, and he kept cutting people off."



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# Poles abroad return to thriving economy

Poles are beginning to return home as economies elsewhere struggle.

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Marek Tomasiakiewicz and his family left Poland a few years ago for higher wages and better schools in Britain, but times have changed.

Economies in western Europe are struggling, and some of the hundreds of thousands of Poles who sought better lives elsewhere are starting to trickle home, where rapid economic growth and falling unemployment have brightened many people's outlook.

Tomasiakiewicz has returned, lured by an emotional attachment to his homeland and the sense that well-paid work can be had in Poland now. His family plans to join him after his 23-year-old daughter, Agnieszka, finishes her studies to be a lawyer.

Since 2004, when this formerly communist nation joined the European Union, its economy has thrived and spawned new jobs, higher wages, a stronger currency — and, no less significantly, new hope for the future.

While Polish migrants are not returning en masse, cases like Tomasiakiewicz stand as a sign

of the new optimism and could mark the start of a new trend if the Polish economy continues to roar ahead.

"In Poland, things have really changed a lot," said Tomasiakiewicz, 48, who moved to Britain in 2001 to work as a bus driver and construction worker. "Now, jobs are just waiting for you if you want to work. I see a colossal difference."

He makes a living now on tourism, renting out one vacation house on the Baltic shore and another in the mountains that he bought largely with his British earnings. He also plans to seek work as a bus driver.

With the economic improvement, fewer Poles are leaving home.

The Home Office in Britain, the leading destination of Polish migrants along with Ireland, said the number of applications by Poles seeking work permits from August 2007 to June 2008 fell 17 percent from a year earlier, down to 134,255 from 162,495.

Poland is also attracting its own immigrants, from places like Ukraine, Belarus and Vietnam.

The jobless rate, which stood at 19.7 percent in 2003, was down to 6.8 percent this July, according to Eurostat, the EU's statistical office. Wages keep climbing — recently averaging nearly 3,000

zlotys (\$1,320) a month, up from 2,256 zlotys (\$990) in 2003.

The Polish currency also has risen sharply against the British pound, from more than 7 zlotys to the pound in 2004 to just over 4 zlotys now. That means Poles earning pounds in Britain and sending them home get about 40 percent less in exchange than four years ago.

In Wroclaw, one of Poland's best-run and most affluent cities, noticeable numbers of Polish migrants have returned from Britain and elsewhere, showing up at companies like Volvo to seek work and helping ease a labor shortage, said Pawel Panczyz, a city official who heads efforts to promote foreign investment.

"Just in the last four months, the situation has changed," he said. Local companies "are not experiencing such a dramatic difficulty in finding people anymore."

Migration experts say that as Poland nears the fifth anniversary of joining the EU, it is reaching a critical phase: If those who left don't return soon, they probably never will, depriving the country of people it will need in the coming decades as it grapples with the trademark problems of the industrialized world — low birth rates and an aging population.

# Dubai ups ante with \$1.5 billion hotel on Palm island

The resort spans 113 acres on an artificial island in the shape of a palm tree.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — It's the latest word in Persian Gulf excess: a \$1.5 billion resort boasting a \$25,000-a-night suite and dolphins flown in from the South Pacific — all atop an island built in the shape of a palm tree.

Environmentalists have long criticized both Palm Jumeirah island and some of the features of the Atlantis hotel, set to open Wednesday. And analysts wonder if global financial turmoil will crimp Dubai's big hopes for tourists.

Dubai is not blinking. The 113-acre resort on the artificial island off the coast is among the city-state's biggest bets that tourism can help sustain its economy once regional oil profits stop flowing.

"You don't build a billion-and-a-half dollar project just anywhere in the world," said Alan Leibman, president and managing director of Kerzner International, the hotel operator that teamed with Dubai developer Nakheel on the resort.

With its own oil reserves running dry, Dubai hopes to woo those eager to make money and those who know how

to spend it — even as much of the global economy sours.

For years, the emirate — one of seven semi-independent states that make up the United Arab Emirates — has been feverishly building skyscrapers and luxury hotels.

A key piece of the strategy has been to cultivate an image in the West as a sun-kissed tourist destination despite its intense summer heat, conservative Muslim society and dearth of historic sites.

Among the daring projects are an indoor ski slope, the as-yet-incomplete world's tallest skyscraper and a growing archipelago of man-made islands such as Palm Jumeirah — the smallest of three such projects planned.

Much of the focus at the Atlantis, modeled on a sister resort in the Bahamas, is on ocean-themed family entertainment. The resort has a giant, open-air tank with 65,000 fish, stingrays and other sea creatures and a dolphinarium with more than two dozen bottlenose dolphins flown in from the Solomon Islands.

The hotel's top floor aims squarely at the ultra-wealthy. A three-bedroom, three-bathroom suite complete with gold-leaf, 18-seat dining table is on offer for \$25,000 a night.

Environmental groups and some people in the Solomons

protested the sale of the dolphins to the resort as well as the 30-hour plane flight to get them to Dubai.

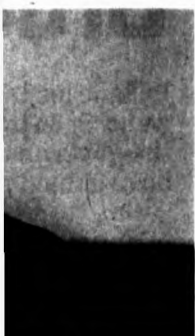
Dubai's development has long been criticized by environmental activists, who say the construction of artificial islands hurts coral reefs and even shifts water currents. They also point to growing water and electricity consumption.

Developers seem undaunted. For the moment, the Atlantis shares the island only with rows of high-end houses and construction sites. But other international names are set to move in.

Donald Trump plans a hotel straddling the center of the tree-shaped island's "palm," and the storied QE2 ocean liner will become a hotel and a tourist attraction docked alongside its "trunk." An 1,800-seat theater nearby will house a permanent Cirque du Soleil show beginning in summer 2011.

"Palm Jumeirah in and of itself will become one of Dubai's major tourist attractions," said Joe Cita, chief executive of Nakheel's hotel division.

Boosting the number of attractions on the island will not only entice more visitors, but also persuade them to spend more time and money in the city, he said.



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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Griak working on 46th year with Minn.

More than 30 years of coaching and 13 years as an administrative assistant have kept Griak busy.

BY BRIAN DEUTSCH  
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In terms of dedication and loyalty to a single university, even Penn State's Joe Paterno barely holds a candle to legendary Gophers coach Roy Griak.

Entering his 46th season with Minnesota — the last 13 as an administrative assistant for the cross country team — Griak is still helping the program in any way he can.

From scheduling team meets to working with the administration, Griak does it all — even yard work in preparation for this weekend's Roy Griak Invitational.

"This year, my role has been slightly diminished due to my health, but we'll be out there [Tuesday] cleaning up branches and grooming the course," 85-year-old Griak said. "Then later this week, we'll be out there setting up the finish line."

Formerly known as the Minnesota Invitational, this weekend's competition was renamed after Griak in 1996 when he stepped down as head of the program after 33 years.

Current men's cross country coach Steve Plasencia, who competed for Griak's Gophers during the 1970s, understood what he was replacing when he spoke with The Minnesota Daily in his first season 12 years ago.

"In our sport [track and cross country] Roy Griak is one of the legends," Plasencia said.

### Griak on Minnesota

In five decades of work, Griak said he had several opportunities to switch positions, but ironically it was the Minnesota weather that kept him here.

"In the fall, the weather here is more conducive for distance running. It doesn't get as hot or humid as it does in other parts of the country," Griak said. "[The weather] actually helps running up here."

Even other Big Ten schools can't compete with Minnesota's mild weather during cross country season, according to Griak.

"One time at Purdue, we had a runner who couldn't complete the race. I don't remember who or when exactly, but we had to pack him in ice, and I thought we were going to lose him."

### Griak on the Griak

Combining all three Divisions of college cross country with a high school race as well, the Griak Invitational is one of the largest cross country meets in the nation.

Around 3,000 athletes will run this weekend at the Les Bolstad Golf Course in Falcon Heights — the University's home course.

And although the forecast for this weekend shows a 30 percent chance of rain, the 85-year-old said the inclement weather likely won't be a factor.

"The course is a dry course for the most part," Griak said. "It's just well-groomed for cross country. People



STEPHEN MATUREN, DAILY  
For 33 years, Roy Griak led the Minnesota cross country team. And for the last 13 seasons, he has served as an administrative assistant. The Gophers host the Griak Invitational this week, named in the former coach's honor.

are always raving about the University course, and it's probably one of the best in the country."

And apart from the actual layout of the course, the Griak Invitational has

become known for friendly competition.

"If you have a good experience, you tell three people; if you have a bad one, you tell 10," Gophers wom-

en's coach Gary Wilson, who helps organize the race, told the Daily last year. "We've developed a reputation of treating people right and being loyal at the same time."

## BRIEFS

### Tubby Smith's nephew killed in Massachusetts

William Smith was stabbed in the chest Sunday morning.

Tubby Smith's nephew was killed in a Massachusetts apartment early Sunday morning. William L. Smith, 19, was stabbed in the chest around 2 a.m. Sunday after a fight broke out in an off-campus apartment.

William L. Smith had just transferred to Becker College in Worcester, Mass., where he intended to play basketball and football, according to the Worcester Telegram & Gazette.

Both William and Tubby attended Great Mills High School in Maryland, where Tubby also started his coaching career.

"I want to thank everyone for keeping my family in their thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time," Tubby Smith said in a release issued by the University. "We lost a special young man last night. The grieving process will take some time for my brother and his family but I know that they appreciate and will need all the support."

—Trevor Born

### Men's hockey ranked No. 9

The Minnesota men's hockey team has been ranked ninth nationally in the preseason polls by USA Today and USA Hockey Magazine — the seventh-straight year the Gophers have been



ALI HAUP, DAILY  
Senior midfielder Kelsey Hood works to get the ball away from an opponent. Hood received Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors after she helped Minnesota to a 2-0 weekend and a 10-0 overall start to the season.

ranked in the top 10.

Boston College, which knocked Minnesota out of last year's NCAA tournament in route to a Division I championship, was listed as the nation's top team.

Other Western Collegiate Hockey Association competitors ranked in the polls include North Dakota (fourth), Colorado College (fifth), Denver (sixth), Wis-

consin (13th) and St. Cloud State (15th).

—Brian Deutsch

### Hood earns Big Ten honors

A day after senior midfielder Kelsey Hood was named Defensive MVP at the Gopher Invitational

tournament, the Big Ten decided to tack on Big Ten Player of the Week honors as well.

Hood was part of a gutsy effort over the weekend as the Minnesota soccer team continued to be dominant defensively recording two shutouts, bringing the team's total to eight on the season.

—Paul J. Cordes

## VIKINGS

### Vikings without a doubt realize it's only one victory

In the end the Vikings are still not out of the woods at 1-2.

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — After more dominant defense and a steady performance in the passing game by new quarterback Gus Frerotte, it was possible to examine this first win and believe Minnesota is back on track.

But Frerotte's 15 years in the league have given him proper perspective.

"It takes the pressure off for one day, anyway," he said. "Once we come back Wednesday, we're right back at it."

The Vikings (1-2) might have saved their season of high hopes with that 20-10 triumph over the Carolina Panthers, but the NFL's competitive setup creates a strictly narrow timeline for saving these season-saving victories.

No more than 24 to 48 hours.

"I don't know if 'relaxed' would be the word," coach Brad Childress said, with typical understatement. "We're playing a team that's 3-0 this week. So nothing relaxing about that."

Minnesota, which began by losing at Green Bay by five points and to Indianapolis by three, faces consecutive road games against undefeated Tennessee and then New Orleans (1-2) on a Monday night.

So enjoy this, boys, but only for a few more hours. In fact, it's probably already too late.

"It's always good to come back to work on a Monday after a win," cornerback Antoine Winfield said. "The last two weeks haven't been that exciting."

Frerotte went 16-for-28 for 204

yards, one touchdown and one interception in place of Tarvaris Jackson, whose struggles the previous two games were a significant cause of defeat. He was more aggressive when the Vikings needed him to be and added some necessary veteran poise to the attack, but many of Frerotte's throws were off the mark and he didn't get them in the end zone until the third quarter.

Chester Taylor gave Adrian Peterson some good relief in the backfield and heralded acquisition Bernard Berrian caught his first long pass, a 48-yarder to set up the touchdown, but this is still an offense in need of improvement. The red zone remains a problem: Minnesota has scored only one TD in eight trips inside the opponent's 20 this year.

"I think we've got to kind of still work out some kinks, but I think having Gus back there

gave us a great change in speed as far as offense," wide receiver Bobby Wade said. "The play calling seemed a little different as well. Although we didn't get the running game going like we wanted to get it going, I thought we found a good balance in there. At least enough to sustain drives and score points. That's all we can really do."

The kick coverage also showed some holes and valuable special teams contributor Vinny Curciu went down with a knee injury, and the Vikings have yet to spring one of their returners for a long runback of a kickoff or a punt.

There was much less for which to find fault with the defense, which chipped in yet another touchdown — Winfield's fumble return late in the second quarter — and recorded five sacks.

## GOLF

### Golf not all about being on the course

BY HEIDI HANSE  
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At 6:30 a.m., the Minnesota women's golf team is at Mariucci Arena or playing basketball at Bierman Field Athletic Building.

The game of golf may not include running, but golf training does.

The Gophers run up and down stairs or play basketball as part of their workout as the golfers train three days a week during the season and five to six days in the off-season. The Gophers complete cardio exercises for about 30 to 45 minutes each workout, which can include biking or running.

Senior Kelli Berns said the workouts are tough enough to feel like she got a good workout.

"They are good tough. It's not like, 'Oh my God, I'm going to die,'" Berns said.

The team works with trainers and Body Balance, a golf fitness training company, to design a golf-specific workout program. Workouts include cardio and strength training, with a lot of attention focused on the core area. Those workouts can increase a golfer's flexibility and range of motion, which in turn helps a golfer to create a consistent swing. The Gophers started their team workouts Monday.

It is important for golfers to work out because they may play up to 36 holes in one day and on those days, Berns said she finds that she has more energy because she works out.

Playing that many holes of golf isn't only mentally exhausting, but physically as well.

Even though all other golf teams work out, Berns said she can see the difference in the scores of other teams that don't work out as much as the Gophers.

"When you get fatigued, you start to get mentally fatigued. Keeping up your physical body fitness will help you stay mentally ready for longer," Berns said.

During the season, the Gophers want to maintain their muscle; therefore, they don't do a lot of heavy lifting. In the fall, the workouts are cardio-intensive and work on their core and legs, including lunges. If weights are used, they don't max out on the weight, in order to avoid next-day soreness.

"You don't want to do a whole lot of heavy lifting because soreness in golf isn't exactly ideal," Berns said.

They will pick up weights during the winter to build strength and will do between four and six reps with weights three days a week. Cardio exercises are added to shake out any soreness rather than build endurance as the golfers continue to work and stretch golf-specific muscles.

And, according to Berns, being fit in golf pays off.

Berns said her calves are tight which prevents her from getting through the golf ball when she swings. She works on that by stretching, and others combat their weak arms by lifting weights.

Berns said working out makes it easier to make swing changes and hit the ball farther.

"When we are in our lifting season, I hit the ball 15 yards longer off the tee, easier," Berns said.

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## EDITORIALS

### Pell Grant shortage

The Federal Pell Grant Program is facing a \$6 billion shortage, threatening its future.

The New York Times recently reported that the Federal Pell Grant fund has a shortage of about \$6 billion. The Pell Grant awards up to roughly \$4,700 per year to needy-based students. More than six million students will receive Pell Grant aid this year, with nine out of 10 students who receive the aid coming from families that make less than \$40,000 annually. With such an important program facing threats of reduction, the federal government needs to come up with a reasonable way to replenish the fund.

The blame for the shortage is widespread. Roughly 800,000 more students are applying for Pell Grant aid than in previous years. In 2008, almost nine million students completed a FAFSA — up 16 percent from 2007. And in a world where rising tuition, inflation, and a sluggish economy are hitting students hard, the demand for aid goes up even greater.

It makes one wonder if the country is going back to a system where only the wealthy can attend a higher education institution. Indeed, states have allocated less of their funding to universities in the past decade. While states should retain some autonomy from the federal government in funding their university and college systems, the federal government should also retain consistent funding levels with programs as important as Pell Grants. The total fund for the Pell Grant is \$14 billion, and when it is in need of an additional \$6 billion, something drastic needs to happen to assure needy Americans will get the education they deserve.

As America spends roughly \$200 million in Iraq each and every day, the federal government should not forget about what is going on with our own higher education system. If the Pell Grant Fund is reduced in any form, lower income students will face great obstacles in attaining a college degree. With so many people dependent on such a large program, federal officials should adopt a "too big to fail" attitude toward something other than banks and brokerage firms.

### Keep Dinkytown small businesses alive

Retail tenants of Sydney Hall should help maintain the small-business spirit.

Dinkytown businesses became concerned that the development of a 13 story apartment complex in the Dinkydome could lead to a watering down in the flavor of independence and entrepreneurship for which the neighborhood is currently known. As so many aspects of the University and our college experience become corporatized, we hope Dinkytown is able to maintain its flair and character through the development of Sydney Hall.

Skott Johnson, president of the Dinkytown Business Association, said a number of businesses in the area are alumni-owned and when he started as a student in 1973, "a lot of people lived nearby and just walked to work." The Minnesota Daily reported almost a third of Dinkytown restaurants are now franchises. Although the focus of the area has shifted from being service-oriented during Johnson's days as a student to being more entertainment-based these days, Dinkytown remains the home to many students and other members of the University community.

Construction on Sydney Hall is expected to finish in summer 2010, and the ground floor will remain as retail shops. Although current tenants of the Dinkydome will be allowed to stay, according to Doran owner Kelly Doran, current tenants might not be able to afford the rent in the new space. Johnson said because Dinkytown area has a history of independently owned businesses and mostly older buildings, the rent is typically lower than Sydney Hall will probably charge.

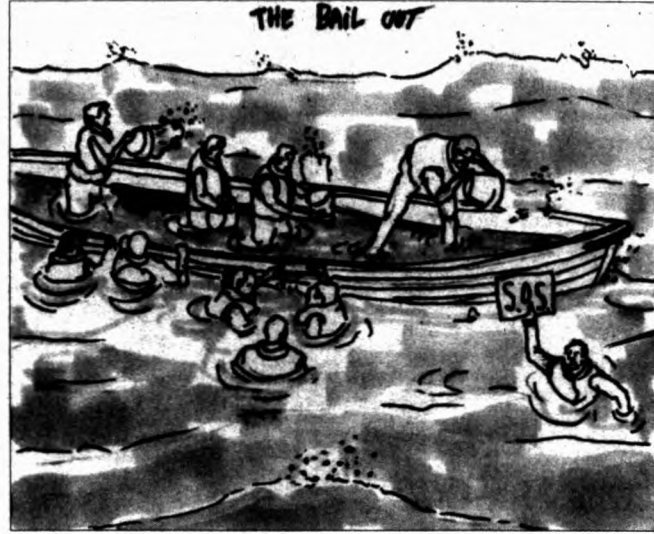
Doran Companies should ensure their new retail tenants add to or help maintain the small-business spirit of the Dinkytown neighborhood. According to Johnson, some current tenants of the Dinkydome aren't happy with the treatment they've received thus far. Dinkytown is still the home of many local businesses and employees, and Doran Companies should try their best to be a good neighbor as they move in.

## DEATHS IN IRAQ

U.S. SOLDIERS: 4,168 — IRAQI CIVILIANS: 87,622-PLUS

## DEATHS IN AFGHANISTAN

U.S. SOLDIERS: 589 — AFGHAN CIVILIANS: UNKNOWN



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Electric cars do more good than harm!

I wanted to comment on Thursday's editorial, "Electric cars do more harm than good" (originally published in The Daily Free Press at the University of Boston) where the author criticized plug-in hybrid vehicles for two apparent shortcomings: The electric grid is already strained and could not support the additional load, and secondly that we would be creating more demand for coal power, which has a bad reputation as a pollutant.

The first point doesn't tell the whole story. The electric grid is only strained during the day, while plug-in hybrids are charged at night while the owner sleeps. The grid is more than capable of supporting additional "off-peak" loads. The second point is a better one. As a source of energy, coal is not ideal. However, the blame for the use of coal does not rest on the plug-in hybrid concept or on the auto makers. Plug-in hybrids will run off coal power just as well as they will off solar, wind or biomass. At the end of the day, what we use to power the grid is up to energy companies, policy makers and the general public. If there is a fight to be had here, it exists with or without electric cars. Adding more loads to the grid simply makes that debate more important.

Finally, the author never mentioned one of the most economically and environmentally attractive features of using grid power: Efficiency. Fossil fuel power plants can produce

energy at roughly double the efficiency of your car (from 30 to 40 percent versus 15 to 20 percent). That translates into enormous energy savings. As an additional bonus, it's nearly impossible to overstate how much this strategy would reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Centralizing transportation power production may not be perfect. However, our current transportation system is composed of millions of miniature, low-efficiency power plants — and we can do better than that. Plug-in hybrids are a start.

Jeff Campbell  
Graduate student

### Get over it

A month ago, the outside portion of the pedestrian level of the Washington Avenue Bridge was closed. Signs were placed at both entrances demanding that bikers dismount. A couple of weeks ago, pedestrians started getting angry at bikers who ignored the signs. Last week, police officers started ticketing these bikers. What do all of these events have in common? They all happened a week or more ago! Yet we still have people arguing back and forth in the opinion exchange section of The Minnesota Daily about who's to blame and why pedestrians and bikers don't get along. We all have to live with this situation for the next year, so why not get over it and move on? Bikers: Get off your bikes or get a ticket. Pedestrians: Get out of the way or get

nicked on the ankles.

Morgan Hunter  
University student

### Legal versus moral authority

My advice to President George W. Bush on the matter of yet another Clinton judge's interference with his executive privileges, this time regarding Cheney's records, is to steal a page from Andrew Jackson regarding Chief Supreme Court Justice John Marshall's ruling in Worcester v. Georgia suggesting "Ms. Kotelly has made her decision, now let her enforce it."

Bush is trying to win a war on terror, implement a sane national energy policy, keep taxes low and stabilize the markets and the economy. What are these corrupt judicial hacks and careerist Democrats like Ted Kennedy who confirmed them doing? There's a world of difference between legal authority and moral authority and it's time these obsessed ideologues on the radical left learned it. Ultimately, they won't make the final decision either on Bush's record of obedience to the law or his legacy.

We the People will do that in November when we make the final call on "Bush's third term," or as it's popularly known by Obama Nation as "McCain-Palin," two more conservative Republicans who know the limits of power and choose not to exceed them.

Mark Overholser  
University of Minnesota Duluth

## ECONOMY

### Making sense of \$700 billion

Bridging Wall Street and Main Street: How recent economic developments affect college students.

The foggy situation on Wall Street has been called one of the worst since Sept. 11, 2001, the economic slump during the 1970s and even the Great Depression. No doubt you're confused. It's a crisis that grew out of complete confusion.

What happened? Over the past year, private financial institutions have been on shaky ground. According to Adam Davidson, National Public Radio's correspondent for international business and economics, private banks had overestimated the worth of complicated investments and many admitted that they were unsure of how much money they actually had. It turned out some of them were completely broke, others seriously ill. In an effort to keep our economy afloat, the federal government decided that they would lend a hand — a very big hand. On Saturday, The Bush administration proposed a \$700 billion bailout to buy "toxic debt" from failing private financial institutions.

How much is \$700 billion? It's nearly equal to the total spent on the Iraq war, says The New York Times. It's \$115 billion more than our national defense budget for the 2009 fiscal year. It would increase the U.S. Federal debt by 7.2 percent, totaling \$10.4 trillion if passed, according to the U.S. National Debt Clock. And according to NPR, it's the largest amount of money requested for a single program in history.

Where would this money come



ASHLEY GOETZ  
Columnist

from? You. Sorry to say, but U.S. taxpayers will be footing the bill for the faults of these foolish financial institutions.

How does this affect the college student? You probably don't have a financial portfolio, a mortgage or a retirement plan, but this crisis affects the economy and in turn affects things like inflation, the value of the dollar and the job market.

Are we in a recession? Maybe. (What's a recession? A substantial decline in economic growth that lasts for more than six months and generally sees high unemployment, less retail spending, and slow markets for cars and housing.)

Is inflation going to rise? Well it's almost always rising, but how much? The U.S. inflation calculator shows that since 2001 inflation has increased an average 3 percent per year, and is currently up 5 percent in 2008. Inflation is measured in change in price from year to year.

Are my lattes going to cost more? Hopefully not.

What about groceries? A poor economy is evident at the cash register, but food has been on the rise for a while. You

don't eat out as much as you used to and you're more decisive at the grocery store. You might splurge on a \$5 pack of mock chicken patties and organic produce, but overall your spending habits are adapting and you buy less junk.

How weak is the dollar? The dollar has decreased significantly since Sept. 11, 2001. The Federal Reserve states that in September of 2001, the exchange rate was around 1.2 dollars to the euro. It is now only 0.68 percent.

What if I'm planning on studying abroad? Transportation will be expensive and your money will go fast. You will notice when you go to an ATM to take out \$500 and you only get 345 euros in return.

How does inflation affect my loans? Along with an increased cost of living, the University's Office of Institutional Research reports that tuition at the University has jumped 43.2 percent for resident undergraduates and 51.5 percent for nonresident undergraduates over the past 10 years. As tuition rises, many students turn to dangerously high private loans and credit that can have variable interest rates up to 20 percent, according to USA Today.

Am I going to get a job when I graduate? Sure — if you have five years experience and a graduate degree. If not, get an internship, get feisty and be prepared to work at a temp agency, because all that debt is on its way in manageable monthly increments, along with rent and car insurance and health care and gas money and food. But we'll adapt. This is America. We're resilient.

Ashley Goetz welcomes comments at letters@mndaily.com.

## DRUG LAWS

### Legalized marijuana frees up resources

A Massachusetts ballot proposition aims to decriminalize pot in the state.

This weekend, thousands of demonstrators from Boston and beyond converged at Boston Common to show their support for "Question 2," a proposition on the Nov. 4 ballot that would effectively decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana in Massachusetts.

Decriminalization of marijuana would certainly free up millions of dollars for a needy law enforcement system. But decriminalization means more to the commonwealth than just freed-up funds and relaxed laws regulating the drug; it means preventing thousands of talented citizens from losing career opportunities because of frivolous criminal records.

For nearly a century, the federal government has vilified and outlawed marijuana, and only recently has the practice of anti-marijuana propaganda and prohibition come under individual state scrutiny.

The drug is currently listed as a "Schedule I" — the most severe — substance by federal law, along with such mind-bending substances as LSD and heroin. This headstrong policy history has led to millions of marijuana-related arrests and billions of tax dollars spent on enforcement.

A simple "background check" may spell disaster for those who have used marijuana. A small-time drug bust decades ago may mean big-time problems for many talented state residents who are looking for honest employment.

With Question 2, Massachusetts aims to become the 13th state to decriminalize marijuana. Decriminalization would reduce the penalty for small amounts of possession to those of minor traffic violations, and would nearly do away with jail time — and costly criminal records — for most users. It's about time.

This editorial was originally published in The Daily Free Press at Boston University. Please send comments to letters@mndaily.com.

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## Daily Horoscopes

**Today's Birthday (09/23):** You have hopes and dreams this year, but they won't be enough. You'll also need energy, wit and a good imagination. Luckily, you have those, too.

**To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.**  
 Written By: Linda C. Black

**♈ Aries (3/21 - 4/19):** Today is a 7 - It may be difficult to restrain somebody who's worried, but you can. Don't base a decision on anybody's anxiety. Stay cool, and insist the others do the same.

**♉ Taurus (4/20 - 5/20):** Today is a 7 - Watch out for accidents, especially in unfamiliar territory. Don't rush, even if you feel anxious. Take your time and avoid breakage.

**♊ Gemini (5/21 - 6/21):** Today is a 7 - Emotions run high over finances now. Might be a good idea to avoid the subject. You might want to avoid spending much money, too.

**♋ Cancer (6/22 - 7/22):** Today is a 7 - Some people wouldn't know a good deal if it bit them on the leg. Give up on a person who isn't going along with your reasoning.

**♌ Leo (7/23 - 8/22):** Today is a 7 - A new idea won't work the first time it's tried. Let somebody else lead the way, and take the hit. Stand back and watch carefully. Take notes.

**♍ Virgo (8/23 - 9/22):** Today is a 7 - Postpone making a purchase or contribution until tomorrow or the next day, or never. You may not have as much to spend as you'd hoped.

**♎ Libra (9/23 - 10/22):** Today is a 6 - Keep quiet for just a little while longer. This will not be easy. No pain, no gain, remember? Hang in there; you'll do fine.

**♏ Scorpio (10/23 - 11/21):** Today is a 7 - Long-distance deals may look attractive, but if you begin them now you'll run into all sorts of complications you haven't thought about. Better shelve the idea.

**♐ Sagittarius (11/22 - 12/21):** Today is a 7 - It's not a good time to go shopping or move your investments around. You're liable to spend more than you should, and be sorry later. Either that, or you'll get the wrong thing. Save your receipts.

**♑ Capricorn (12/22 - 1/19):** Today is a 6 - Competition keeps you on your toes, and let's face it, you love it. But you'll have a better chance of winning now if you partner with an old adversary. You have a common enemy.

**♒ Aquarius (1/20 - 2/18):** Today is a 7 - Conditions will be in your favor for the next four weeks. It'll be easier to travel, publish, learn and teach. Got any projects along those lines? Get them ready to launch.

**♈ Pisces (2/19 - 3/20):** Today is a 7 - Money's tight, but there's no need to make a big fuss about it. You can get by with very little, when you have the right people around you. Make that your top priority.

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## DR. DATE

EVERY DAY IN BACKTALK



From: SenLarryCraig

Greetings Net. I apologize for not contributing to this suddenly struggling column. Net: It'd be more appropriate to apologize for writing in. I've enjoyed your absence. The number of entries you've received has dropped more than the DOW Jones Industrial Average under a Republican administration. Granted I am a staunch Republican with admirable family values, but John McCain told me I'm supposed to pretend I don't like Republicans until after the election. Net: Nice tactics. I hear all of this babbling about the long-time contributor to this column (and my friend and ally), darwinistsaredumb (or as I refer to him: creationistsaresmart). I am here to defend creationistsaresmart because I like his name. Net: I like how they anchor the bell curve of American intelligence. I firmly believe Jesus will one day grace this earth again and send all non-believers to the bowels of Hell. Net: Again? Wait, I thought the first time he came was just a story in a big book of fairy tales, written by confused, iron-age Palestinian peasants. It is widely thought that his entries are mindless, achieve nothing, and are forced upon the public. He also has a knack for pissing people off. Creationistsaresmart would make a fine Senator. I will continue to welcome creationistsaresmart to this column with open leg ... I mean arms. Net: When will smart people start writing in?

well-endowed man I find myself reading and drinking martinis most nights, alone; other matters entirely). Net: Then why are you telling us? Election is the wrong word; current gerrymandering is begging for fraud (See ACORN). Nevertheless, after consuming an enema of information including each candidate's economic plan (if you've never actually read these, they will force you into hell), Net: No, SenLarryCraig made it pretty clear that Jesus was going to take care of that. I am left with a nausea that permeates every orifice on my body. I originally diagnosed this as an after effect from reading Dr. Date, but more realistically I realized it likely came from the sophomoric propaganda spewed forth by the "thick sarcasm" fabulous 'columnists' on the editorials and opinions page of this fine, high quality fish wrap ... err, paper (Network is the reason this paper is not used for toilet paper; it would also be really uncomfortable). Net: I won't say I disagree. I report today that I have been saved! I have re-learned! As of today I renounce thoughtful, coherent, logical debate for the betterment of our country only to realize what the media and liberals have been telling me all along ... I am a racist if I don't vote for Obama! Hendricks martini anyone? Net: Yes, please.

From: PabloCinco

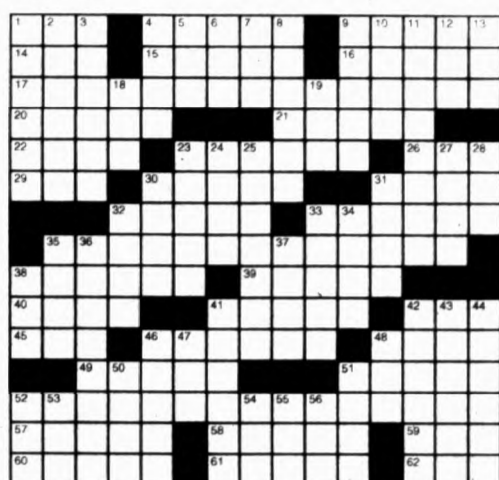
Sup Net. I'm trying to think of what I should write my senior paper on for my poly sci major and I was wondering if you had any ideas? Net: If you can't figure it out, perhaps you should try a different major. So far my list includes poisonous chinese baby bottles, large hadron colliders, banning uggs footwear, and hockey moms that scare me. As you may have guessed my list is derived solely from top headlines and what I see out of the bus window as I ride around campus. I look forward to your feedback. Tyl. Net: I support the UGGS thesis.

From: Antoine Roquentin

Nausea. Unrelenting, all consuming nausea. Net: NUTTING gross, man. Get a pall. No, I'm not referring to Dr. Date although one might easily be mistaken. A political junkie in the vein of Dr. Hunter Thompson, I have kept up with every piece of minutiae in relation to this current election cycle we find ourselves subjected to (For an attractive, fun loving,

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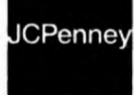
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DR. DATE

A DAILY DOSE OF RELATIONSHIP ADVICE

Hey Dateopia! The Doc's e-mail has been flooded with submissions this past week (keep it up, btw) which means that some of you letter writers will have to sit in the waiting room for a little while. Be patient if you don't see your letter in print today or tomorrow, because I will get to everyone. The Doc doesn't leave anyone out in the cold. Let's roll:

Dear Dr. Date,

I have this "friend" from the office who's lately much, much more. He was quietly after me from the time I started working (six months ago) and although I really enjoyed his company was impervious, until about a month ago when we were standing near the elevators and a colossal attraction pulled me backward by the hair. Since then, we have had more and more lunch and dinner dates after which we hug and can't let go of one another. He looks at me like a consumptive when I get out of his car. I think we're both seeing other people (but, of course, neither of us admits it) and are simply waiting for the other to make the boyfriend of convenience the boyfriend of yesterday. During the few hours we spend together each week, it's like being with my best girlfriend, not like being with a man who constantly needs to be pleased and placated. He's introduced me to his friends who assume that we already have an understanding and "can't wait to see me again." But I flirt with him but he doesn't get the hint, then he's wretched when we part company. I know I'll regret it if I let this one go, but as a 20-something woman who's been inundated by men since puberty, I don't know how to go about effable pursuit myself. Short of leaping on him and hurting one or both of us, what should I do?

—Frustrated and out of patience

Frustrated,

First let's give the obvious assessment: you're both interested in one another. And you've got a good reason to be frustrated and out of patience, because it sounds like there is the potential for a serious, meaningful relationship with this person. As such, you want to proceed boldly, but wisely.

Let him know that you know he's interested. Act like it's an open secret. For example, tell a story about a guy-friend, and then say something like "he's just a friend, so you don't need to worry about competition." Second, let him know that you are interested. If you're at dinner/lunch and you like what he's wearing, say, "You look really good in that shirt. You should wear something else like that the next time we meet." However, you should not try to put pressure on by saying things like, "When is our next date?" That kind of thing is a bit intimidating.

Otherwise, build tension and make it clear you want to be with him. Hold eye contact beyond your comfort zone. On those long lingering hugs, let your hands slide down his arms when you let go of the embrace. But most importantly: keep being yourself. That is, after all, who he is interested in.

—Dr. Date

Dear Dr. Date,

First off, I'd like to thank you for your

help last year. It didn't turn out like you suggested, but it was no doubt what I needed to hear. On to the issue at hand. I feel like I'm being out-boyfriended lately, by my own girlfriend no less. She does sweet little things for me all the time. Sometimes she sticks the most amazing love poems and quotes in my backpack, which I find days later. It's really sweet of her to find them and I've got nothing against it. I've actually ended up with a whole wall of them in my wallet, so I can keep them with me. Trouble is I don't feel like I'm ever returning the favor. She's an English major, so selecting similar quality tidbits would be tough. The other thing is, she's not a huge fan of flowers (unless I pick them wild — which is a huge PIA this time of year). She insists that I shouldn't be worried about returning the favor, but I love her, you know? So do I listen to her? What do I do to return the favor and be sweet back to her?

—Clifford

Cliff's Notes,

First off, be happy. You've got someone who loves you so much, she is showering you in excessive correspondence. She probably gets a rush (and maybe a little flushed ... depends upon the content) out of making these little tokens for you, and this is a good thing.

But let me give you a little primer in woman-speak. When she says "don't be worried about returning the favor" what she actually means is "I will go into raptures if you return the favor, please do." If this seems like the complete opposite of what she was trying to say, it is. That's how woman-speak works. As further examples, when women say "nothing's wrong" that means "I'm pissed off" and "you can go to the strip club with your friends, have a nice time" means "you are never getting laid again, ever."

As for giving little tokens of your own, you do not have to do it constantly, just often enough to show that you care. If you want a specific time frame, try at least once every 4-7 days. What can you do? Write her a long e-mail. Bring her a cup of her favorite coffee/tea before she goes to class. Scribble little notes that say something sweet. It doesn't matter if it's something she's read before, or if you just made it up. What matters is it's coming from you, and that you mean it.

—Dr. Date

Dear Dr. Date:

In response to "Can't Believe Anyone Could Be So Rude," I have a few words to add. How could he be so judgmental of a person when he has flaws himself? I bet "Can't Believe Anyone Could Be So Rude" has committed some type of traffic violation, and if not, we all make mistakes. Bottom line — stop being so judgmental. You're not God. Get over yourself.

Let's get this over with.

The Doctor's office is not Parliament. If you've got complaints, take them to the Daily's official complaints departments: that would be either Letters to the Editor, or Net work. If the letters are somehow affecting your love life, then come to me.

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