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Franken petitions canvassing board

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Just before the state canvassing board meets for the first time Tuesday, Democrat Al Franken's campaign urged it to examine rejected absentee ballots in Minnesota.

Franken's campaign sent a message to the board to tell it to look

through rejected absentee ballots to make sure they were counted correctly.

According to the Secretary of State's office, Republican Sen. Norm Coleman leads Franken by 206 votes. The mandatory statewide recount is scheduled to begin this week in most counties.

According to Franken campaign



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A Pennington County voter recently found her absentee ballot accidentally rejected.

HOUSING

25-story complex to replace Grandma's

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The city has approved plans for the development of a new apartment complex at the former Grandma's Saloon & Grill location on the West Bank.

Minneapolis Venture owns the property at 1800 to 1814 Washington Ave. S which, barring financing setbacks, will be the site of the 25-story, 360-unit complex. Minneapolis-based Alatus is the managing partner for the project, which the city council approved Nov. 3.

Construction should begin in February or March next year, with the project being complete in time for the 2010-11 school year.

David Hunt, a manager at Alatus, said it will be a \$75 million to \$100 million project, and the company is still in the process of obtaining sufficient financing.

"The only thing that could keep this

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There are concerns about the height of the apartment complex.

MARKET

Student-investing could be savvy move

Some students buy stocks while prices are low, but some analysts say unexperienced investors should use caution.

BY MEGAN HANSON
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Despite the current economic downturn, stocks are still moving, and part of that activity could be due to student investors.

Current data from the New York Stock Exchange shows that after a sharp drop in shares traded in August, the number of trades taking place each month has almost doubled, reaching a high point for 2008 activity in October.

Carlson School of Management finance professor Timothy Nantell said the current economic situation is ideal for "bottom feeders," or groups of people with cash on hand who invest while they feel stocks are being sold for less than their real value.

Students, most of whom have a long time before they will need to call on their investments, are also in a unique position, Nantell said.

"If they have some extra money and they can let it ride for a while, it's good because they have a long horizon," he said.

University of Minnesota student investors Dan Rice and Bryant Ruffalo agree, and are putting more money into the stock market.

"There's an old stock market saying: 'At the time of ultimate pessimism, that's when you should be buying stock,'" said Rice, a finance sophomore and president of the student Investment and Finance Organization.

That theory, which Rice called the "Warren Buffett philosophy," has led Rice to beef up his investments recently.

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Nantell says it may be a good time to invest but recommends financial advisors for interested students.

FILM

Child-soldier movie filming on West Bank



Actress Raven Bellefeur waits on the set of local film "Ana's Playground" on Monday in the Cedars Courtyard in the Cedar-Riverside area. The film focuses on child soldiers and the idea of soccer as a uniting force.

MARIJA MAJERLE, DAILY

Local writer and director Eric Howell is shooting an independent short film featuring local talent.

BY ALEX EBERT
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The yellow back of the light rail barely shined over the top of the

makeshift iron wall in the decaying courtyard, strewn with broken bricks around a waterless, rusted fountain.

The cold gust from the train

blew mercilessly over the hard earth and kicked up brittle leaves among the stalk-still camera men, set designers and actors.

What was once the courtyard in between The Cedars is now one of the scenes from "Ana's Playground," a short film shooting in

Cedar-Riverside this week.

Mounds View native, director, writer and stunt man Eric Howell, who has worked on films like "Fargo"

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The film is centered on the idea of soccer as a uniting force.

AWARDS

Four U faculty, staff awarded Fulbright grants



AUSTIN HINKLE, DAILY

Kinesiology professor Carol Leitschuh received a Fulbright Lecturer Award to research in the Czech Republic. Leitschuh will be studying atypical child development in physical activity.

BY DAVID INTROWITZ
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Over the last 20 years, more than 95 University of Minnesota faculty and staff have received Fulbright grants, and as of Nov. 10, four more can be added to that list.

Three professors and one administrator are preparing to make their journeys abroad to lecture or perform research as part of the program.

Fulbright recipient Carol Leitschuh, a kinesiology professor, will depart for the Czech Republic on Feb. 1 to lecture at Palacky University.

For Leitschuh, who studies motor development and physical activity in early childhood, it's a matter of "crossing off the days" until she leaves.

"It's absolutely exciting," she said. Leitschuh was an international scholar in 2006 as part of the European Union's Erasmus Mundus program and she

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Other recipients included professors from the Humphrey Institute and the Duluth campus.

LIGHT RAIL

Met Council selects artists for Central Corridor stops

The community can weigh in on station designs at meetings starting in December.

BY BRIANA BIRSCHBACH
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The Metropolitan Council recently selected artists to create artwork for the 15 stations that will dot the Central Corridor light-rail line, which will connect downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul via University and Washington avenues.

Stations near the University of Minnesota will be located in Stadium Village and the East and West Banks. Nancy Blum, an artist from New York who has experience doing public transit art, was chosen to design the Fairview Avenue station in St. Paul and the East and West Bank stations.

"I really love making artwork for people that are traveling, and I love supporting these new light-rail systems," said Blum, who has designed public art for transit systems in New York, North Carolina and Washington state.

Blum grew up in Illinois, went to college in Michigan and has taught and lived in both Wisconsin and Minnesota.

"Every time I set foot in Minneapolis, I feel like I can breathe," she said. "I am a total northerner at heart."

Blum originally applied for just the Fairview Avenue station before getting the University stations as well. She is interested in sustainability themes, including education

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A coordinator for the University stations will take suggestions from students and others.

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1978

People's Temple leader Jim Jones leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in remote northwestern Guyana. The final death toll was 913, including 276 children.

HISTORYCHANNEL.COM/TDII

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JOHNSON BROKE HIS non-shooting hand in practice on Oct. 20 and had successful surgery on Oct. 21. PAGE 5

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No notices today.

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HIGH 37°
LOW 26°
Windy



THURSDAY
HIGH 31°
LOW 18°
Partly cloudy



FRIDAY
HIGH 28°
LOW 24°
Partly cloudy



SATURDAY
HIGH 35°
LOW 28°
Partly cloudy



INTERNATIONAL BRIEFING

Auto bailout prospects dim due to bickering in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prospects dimmed Monday for enactment of a \$25 billion bailout for the faltering auto industry before year's end, as congressional Democrats and the Bush administration seemed headed for a stalemate. Help for Detroit's Big Three, which have been battered by the economic meltdown that has choked their sales and frozen their credit, is falling victim to a partisan fight over where the money should come from.

Senate Democrats said they would press ahead with their plan to carve out a portion of the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout to pay for the loans, but aides in both parties and lobbyists tracking the plan acknowledged they did not currently have the votes to do so. The White House and congressional Republicans insist that the automaker bailout money instead come from redirecting a separate \$25 billion loan program approved by Congress to help the industry develop more fuel-efficient vehicles.

In addition, besides opposing the use of any of the \$700 billion for the automakers, the administration has told top lawmakers it does not plan to ask for the second half of that huge fund that Congress approved this fall to aid the financial industry, congressional officials said Monday.

The Treasury Department said its message on not tapping half the fund applied only to the next few days and that no decision had been made for the rest of the administration's two months — but officials stopped short of saying the funds would be used before Bush leaves office.

Obama, McCain pledge to work together on ways to change Washington's 'bad habits'

CHICAGO (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama and former Republican rival John McCain pledged Monday to work together on ways to change Washington's "bad habits," though aides to both men said it was unlikely McCain would serve in an Obama Cabinet.

The two men met in Obama's transition headquarters in Chicago for the first time since the Illinois senator vanquished McCain in the presidential election Nov. 4.

Obama said they wanted to talk about "how we can do some work together to fix up the country," and he added that he would offer his own thanks to McCain "for the outstanding service he's already rendered."

Obama has said he is likely to invite at least one Republican to join his Cabinet, but McCain was not expected to be a candidate. The Arizona is serving his fourth term in the Senate.

Obama and McCain sat together for a brief picture-taking session with reporters, along with Rahm Emanuel, Obama's incoming White House chief of staff, and South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, McCain's close friend. Obama and McCain were heard briefly discussing football, and Obama cracked that "the national press is tame compared to the Chicago press."

When asked if he planned to help the Obama administration, McCain replied, "Obviously."

Somali pirates hijack Saudi supertanker loaded with crude; largest ship ever seized

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — In a dramatic escalation of high seas crime, Somali pirates hijacked a Saudi supertanker loaded with crude hundreds of miles off the coast of East Africa — defeating the security web of warships trying to protect vital shipping lanes.

The takeover demonstrates the bandits' heightened ambitions and capabilities: Never before have they seized such a giant ship so far out to sea. Maritime experts warned the broad daylight attack, reported by the U.S. Navy on Monday, was an alarming sign of the difficulty of patrolling a vast stretch of ocean key to oil and other cargo traffic.

The MV Sirius Star, a brand new tanker with a 25-member crew, was seized at about 10 a.m. Saturday more than 450 nautical miles southeast of Mombasa, Kenya, the Navy said. The area lies far south of the zone where warships have increased their patrols this year in the Gulf of Aden, one of the busiest channels in the world, leading to and from the Suez Canal, and the scene of most past attacks.

The massive supertanker would seem to present a daunting target for the pirates, who usually operate in small speedboats. At 1,080 feet, it is the length of an aircraft carrier and can carry about 2 million barrels of oil.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



ALI HAUPT, DAILY

Minnesota's first American Girl doll store opened Saturday at the Mall of America. When you were growing up, what was your favorite toy?

Caleb Carlson, a sophomore in the fine arts program, can name a few favorite objects from his childhood.

When he was about 2 years old, he said he loved his Johnny Jump Up, a jumper for small children that hangs in a door frame.

"My parents would put me in that and I would spend four hours of a day in it," he said.

When he was older, he and his friends got into Nerf guns, Super Soakers and laser tag.

He said he tended to get "nailed" in the eye when playing with Nerf guns.

When he was 8, he scratched his cornea and had to wear an eye patch for a week, he said.

"I always seemed to get hit in that same eye after that when we were playing with Nerf guns," he said.

—Lori Wolter

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHO: Compassionate Action for Animals (CAA)

WHAT: Vegan cooking class — Thanksgiving edition

WHEN: 7 to 8:30 p.m., tomorrow

WHERE: Van Cleve Recreation Center, 901 15th Ave. S.

PRICE: Free, RSVP required because space is limited

COME LEARN how to have an animal-friendly Thanksgiving with our host chef! Come for the delicious food and leave with some essential knowledge.

WHO: Kappa Alpha Theta

WHAT: Late-night Pancake Breakfast fundraiser

WHEN: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Thursday

WHERE: Kappa Alpha Theta, 1012 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis

PRICE: \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door

Enjoy unlimited pancakes, sausages and juice, while helping raise money for Theta's philanthropy, CASA.

WHO: The Vine College Ministry

WHAT: Worship service

WHEN: 7:30 to 9 p.m., every Thursday

WHERE: Mercy Vineyard Church

PRICE: Free

Come join us for teaching, worship, fellowship and food.

WHO: HECUA and Substance

WHAT: Shake for social change

WHEN: 7 to 11 p.m., Saturday

WHERE: Downtime Bar in Dinkytown (15th and University avenues southeast)

PRICE: \$5 cover, Ages 18+

Concert presented by HECUA (experiential, social justice based off campus study programs) featuring Carnegie's Saltee Improv crew, Nancy Drew Crew, Old Time Religion, and spoken word by Voices Merging. Any profits go to help fund HECUA's work.

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- **Our Home, Our Environment**—DHA 3482, 3 cr, MW 4:30-5:45 p.m.
- **Housing Development and Management**—DHA 4461, 3 cr, Tu, Th 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Vote recount to begin Wednesday

Campaigns will have representatives observing the recount each day.

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When the recount begins on Wednesday, it marks the beginning of the end of the heavily contested U.S. Senate race between Republican Sen. Norm Coleman and Democrat Al Franken.

Representatives from the campaigns will be able to observe the recount process when it begins, and they'll be able to challenge decisions from the election officials as they are made.

Starting Wednesday, each ballot will be sorted by an election official at one of more than 100 sites across the state.

The ballots will go into piles based on candidate, or based on challenges by the campaign's representatives.

There will be five piles, Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie said at a press conference Monday — one each for Coleman and Franken, one for votes cast for other candidates, and one each for challenges from the campaigns.

Ritchie said he expects there to be little debate between the campaign representatives, though there may be what he called "political posturing."

"Determining voter intent is relatively simple and not that controversial," Ritchie said. "Generally speaking, when you look at a ballot, you know what a voter had to say." Observers will look to



TONY MORIMOTO, DAILY PHOTO ILLUSTRATION
Each ballot of the 2008 United States Senate race will be hand-counted by an election official and overseen by one Norm Coleman and one Al Franken representative.

make sure election officials are counting ballots based on voter intent.

According to Minnesota statutes, ballots will count if the voter made their choice clear, even if they didn't properly fill in the bubble next to a candidate's name so optical scanners could read the ballot.

That means even if a voter put an 'X' through the box or circled the candidate's name, the vote will be counted.

Ritchie said he estimates two in every 1,000 votes are filled out in a way that ballot scanners can't read them. That equates to about 6,000 ballots.

"The voters' intent is the guideline to the recount," he said.

Challenged ballots will be brought to the state's canvassing board for final judgment on Dec. 16.

The Franken campaign sent an e-mail to supporters last week asking for people

to volunteer to observe the recount.

Campaign spokeswoman Jess McIntosh said over 1,000 people attended training sessions across the state last weekend to learn how to be representatives for the recount.

The campaign will have volunteers observing in shifts, as only one volunteer can observe at one time.

"Everything that we're doing, we're doing in the service of making sure the votes get counted properly," McIntosh said.

Coleman's re-election website also asked for recount volunteers, and in an e-mail, campaign spokesman Luke Friedrich confirmed they were also training observers.

"We're thrilled with the support of volunteers across the state who want to ensure an open and transparent recount of all legally cast and counted ballots from Election Day," he said in the e-mail.

International students face hurdles after graduation

The limited number of work visas hinders the chance of getting a job in the U.S.

BY JOE NELSON
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Jennifer Zhang, a chemistry graduate student from China who will graduate in the summer from the University of Minnesota, said she's nervous about the possibility of having to leave the country if she doesn't receive an H-1B work visa.

Zhang, like many international students, will have to find a job and apply for the H-1B.

The visas are for temporary employment that can last up to six years, typically for "specialty occupations" such as architecture or engineering.

Students who need the visa can be unattractive candidates for open positions because employers have to pay the fees to get the visa, a price tag that can easily reach \$5,000, said Craig Peterson, an attorney who deals with companies with foreign workers and leads campus workshops about work visas.

Only 65,000 new H-1B visas are available in the United States each year, he said, but there are individuals and employers who aren't included in that number.

Students who have received a work visa before are more likely to receive another, and students with a U.S. master's degree or higher are eligible for an additional 20,000 spots.

Additional spots, designated as H-1B1 visas, are reserved for students from Chile and Singapore — 1,400

WORK VISAS

There are limited available work visas for international students after graduation.

H-1B and H-1B1 Work Visas

► 65,000 in specialized areas with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

► 20,000 set aside for Master's or higher-level degree from a U.S. academic institution.

► 5,400 set aside for nationals of Singapore.

► 1,400 set aside for nationals of Chile.

*The last three are not included in the 65,000.

and 5,400 spots, respectively.

The visas go into effect on Oct. 1, but applications must be received on the previous April 1 — no earlier — and if they're a day late, the applicant isn't likely to get the visa, said John Meideros, another attorney who came to the University last week.

Because of the short time-frame, there's a mad rush on April 1, Peterson said.

"In the last several years, the 65,000 and 20,000 exemptions have been gone within a day or two," Peterson said.

If employers miss the deadline, problems can arise.

"We'll get calls in May or June saying, 'Oh, we've got this student; what do we do?' Well what you do is you wait until next April," Peterson said. "And you try to see if there's a way if that person can remain here until then."

But students do have a grace period to find a job after graduation.

Graduates usually have work authorization for one year after they finish school, but the employer will want them to stay for longer than that, Meideros said.

Because there are so many pieces to the puzzle and frequent changes in the process, Meideros said it's become difficult to get through the process without hiring a lawyer. If students don't get the

H-1B, they can go back to school to extend their student status or return to their home country, but those aren't the options that people want to take, Peterson said.

Alisa Eland, the assistant director for counseling and advising for international student and scholar services, said the University is making efforts to help these students.

Eland said she sees two to three international students every week who are inquiring about finding a job in the United States. The advising office puts on workshops and meetings to discuss the work and visa options available.

Wei He, a graduate student who is also from China, said he's considering going to Canada if he can't find a job and get a work visa in the United States. He said he's applied for Canadian citizenship to help his chances.

Chang-Hee Kim, a graduate instructor from South Korea, said he isn't sure if he'll be able to find a job here.

"I need more professional experience and practice in facilitating my future career," Kim said.

Kim, who will graduate in May, said if he can't find a job in the United States, he would go back to South Korea even though the financial situation there is similar to the United States.

Fulbright

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studied in the Czech Republic as part of that scholarship.

This time around, Leitschuh will bring with her an assessment test for identifying physical movement in infants and toddlers, which she created.

The two-minute assessment tool monitors children's movement skills.

"One of the things you need to be presenting to [the host country] is something they don't already have available to them in their country," Leitschuh said.

University Professor Emeritus Josef Mestenhauser, a former honorary consul for the Czech Republic until June 2008, supported Leitschuh's application for the Fulbright grant and advised her on it.

He said Czech schools have usually been ahead in the field of physical education, and that Leitschuh would "fit right in there."

"Obviously she has a very good project," Mestenhauser said. "She's a highly qualified individual."

Leitschuh isn't the first University faculty to go to the Czech Republic through a Fulbright grant.

English Regents Professor

Patricia Hampl went to the Czech Republic in 1995 on a Fulbright grant to conduct interviews for a book on literary life in the country since the fall of communism.

Hampl, whose trips to the Czech Republic in the '70s also served as the basis for her memoir, said times have changed there since the end of the Cold War.

More people speak English there now than they have in the last 20 years, she said.

Hampl called the Fulbright a "wonderful program" that helped her establish relationships in the Czech Republic that have lasted to this day.

"It's made a huge difference to me in my teaching there and

here," she said.

The other University of Minnesota Fulbright grant recipients include Duluth campus professor Eleanor Hannah, who will be lecturing on the history of political thought in Venezuela, Learning Abroad Center Associate Director Jodi Malmgren, who will travel throughout Japan to conduct seminars, and Humphrey Institute professor Samuel Myers Jr., who is already in Beijing performing research on racial economic inequalities.

Five foreign scholars will also be coming to the University to perform lectures or conduct their own research.

MMM ... TOASTY



MARIJA MAJERLE, DAILY
University students Kelly Scott, left, Shreyans Jain and Stacey Wenzel practice a theater performance Monday in the Rarig Center. The group was given an hour to create a five-minute performance as an assignment for their Theatre 1322 class.

Stocks

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"Lately, I've moved cash from my savings to my brokerage fund to buy stocks," he said.

Ruffalo, a management information systems junior, has also put more money into his Roth IRA and 401k plan in the last month.

"I increased my investment by a large amount about a month ago because it was pretty cheap," Ruffalo said.

For investors like Rice and Ruffalo, Nantell said now may be a good time to invest.

"People who have liquidity, or cash, and who have experience, at a time like this, they think it's great," Nantell said. "Whether they'll be right or not, we'll see."

Nantell said there are currently two main theories on the economy. One is that stock prices are low because of a temporary crisis, and despite the cause it will soon go away and stock prices will go back up.

Nantell warns investors, however, about the second

scenario, where the market is returning to normal after years of a long and favorable run that caused sloppy investing.

"If I knew the answer, I wouldn't be sitting here," he said. "No one knows the answer."

Nantell said, however, that inexperienced investors need to be careful.

"If I was advising a student, I would say to find a professional manager," he said. "Don't do it on your own."

Ruffalo and Rice, however, see the current times as a great opportunity for students to get involved, they said.

"Most students are viewing this as more of an opportunity than anything else," Rice said. "If they had previous investments, I'm sure they lost money, but I think the majority of young people right now are putting more money into the market."

Ruffalo agreed.

"If you have the money I would say now is a good time to buy," he said. "It will go down in the immediate future, but eventually it will go back up and that's when you make the money."

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Movie

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and "The Mighty Ducks," wrote the script for this short film to get the word out about child soldiers worldwide.

Howell said the film is about "when a child has to choose ideology over humanity" and it sheds light on the mobilization of child soldiers around the globe.

Howell said Cedar-Riverside is the only set location he had in mind because of the mammoth, soaring apartment architecture and "Hitchcock" towers that make the scene ominous and ambiguous.

Project spokeswoman Beth Gilles said by adding several props — like the rusted fountain, metal walls and a burnt-out car — the crew was able to turn The Cedar's courtyard into an Eastern European war zone.

All of the proceeds from the production will go to non-governmental organizations that aid in the disarmament, demobilization and rehabilitation of child soldiers, according to the film's website.

According to the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers' 2008 global report, children were actively involved in armed conflict in 19 countries or territories between April 2004 and October 2007.

Brian Barber, director for the Center for the Study of Youth and Political Violence at the University of Tennessee, defined a child soldier as anyone under 18 who participates in formal service for an armed group.

Barber, who has spent time



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Director Eric Howell discusses a scene with local actor Reike Hall. Howell plans to donate all the proceeds from the production to non-governmental organizations that aid in the disarmament, demobilization, and rehabilitation of child soldiers.

with youth in refugee camps in the Gaza Strip and done studies on the effects of war on adolescents in Bosnia, said "most of the research on child soldiers ... suggests that they pick up and move on with their lives very well."

Short of stopping war, or stopping children from being involved in war, Barber said reintegration programs run by non-government organizations are very important.

"There are opportunities postwar to move on, for education, employment, for reconnection with their families," Barber said.

Local talent helps the cause

Besides Howell, the project is relying on other local talent. The actors are mostly children from the area, and the youngest is 7 years old.

Over the weekend, the actors received a soccer camp from Minnesota Thunder

forward Leo Gibson.

Since the film is centered on the idea of soccer as a uniting force, Gibson, who emigrated from a war-torn Liberia, showed the children some of his moves.

One of the actors, Immanuel Grace, 10, who plays Alec in the film, said Gibson taught him how to "drop kick" a ball and play some defense.

Grace got his start in acting by performing in a commercial and auditioning for this and another film. But some on set didn't have such a conventional entry point.

Nick Rogan, a recent DePaul University graduate and Twin Cities native, fell into his job as director's assistant when he came home on a work break.

Rogan said he helps Howell handle the story boards, shot lists and the day's schedule.

Because the crew only has a week to film there is a lot of pressure for efficiency.

"We can't afford to have to go back," he said.

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thing from going would be the financing," he said.

Hunt said in these economic times, projects like this are not a guarantee and a lot of projects have died recently due to lack of financing.

Hunt estimates that 75 to 80 percent of the units would be intended for people associated with the University of Minnesota. He said units will range from \$700 to \$1,200 per room.

Because the complex will be one block from a light-rail station, Hunt said he expects interest from people who work downtown as well as from University students and faculty.

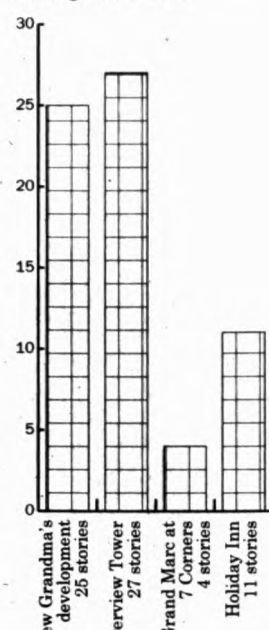
Hunt said the first floor will contain 5,550 square feet of retail space, primarily on the corner of Washington and 19th avenues south.

Mark Johnson, president of the West Bank Business Association, said this will make the project more viable because it will keep the streetscape alive and there won't be empty space.

Doris Wickstrom, chairwoman of the West Bank Community Coalition's land use committee, said the coalition

GRANDMA'S

How this new development would compare to other buildings in the area.



supports the project, with certain stipulations.

The coalition wants Alatus to support local park restoration, specifically the Bluff Street Park, which was a staging site for Interstate 35W bridge workers.

Hunt said Alatus will help with the parks' restoration if other local entities also contribute to the cause.

Wickstrom said she was the only person who had concerns about the height of the building.

"The job of the land-use committee is to get input from residents, particularly those most affected by it, and that's not what they brought up," she said.

Kathleen O'Brien, vice president of University Services, said the University wants affordable housing for professional and graduate students.

O'Brien said development in the University district is different from the rest of the metro area.

"This community is viewed as being a solid housing market compared to the rest of the metro area," O'Brien said.

Hunt said 1810 University Ave. is the unofficial name of the complex, and that it needs a name that isn't "Grandma's."

He also said there will be a new rendering of what the complex will look like in coming weeks.

Artists

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about green roof technology.

"This light transit line is all about doing something that is going to help us environmentally," she said. "The University and young people are the leaders in what will become."

Blum is also interested in linking the University and Somali community at the West Bank station, which will be shared by the University and the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

However, artists alone will not make the decision. Station art committees, which comprise four or five individuals for each station, will help the artists reflect the desires of each community.

Artists and committee members will work to reflect the history and culture of a

community, and committee meetings will be open to the public. Laura Baenen, spokeswoman for the Central Corridor light-rail project, said.

Baenen said committee members are required to live near the station they signed up for. For special locations, like the University, at least one member of the committee has to be a part of the organization.

Jessica Hill, a University alumna, is the community outreach coordinator for the University stations.

Hill will take suggestions from students and University community members who want to have a say.

Craig Amundsen, public art curator for the University, was involved in the selection process for the station artists.

Communication skills and an ability to work with the community were important in choosing artists, he said.

"We looked for artists who are able to somehow draw from the communities what their shared values are and express that in art," he said.

"I think we have an obligation to the University community to put public art out there that students and faculty and other users can learn from," Amundsen said.

The Metropolitan Council will negotiate contracts with the artists, which cannot exceed \$560,000 per artist, or \$2.8 million total.

Public meetings with the artists and the community will begin in December, with final design presentations in June and July of next year.

The final designs must be able to withstand Minnesota's climate and work around the construction of the station. Artists must also consider their materials, which could include anything from glass to paint.

Franken

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officials, some absentee ballots were incorrectly excluded from the vote count.

Last week, the Franken campaign sued Ramsey County to get access to information on rejected ballots across the state.

Getting the information for these rejected absentee ballots is necessary to ensure that every vote is counted, said Andy Barr, communications director for the Franken campaign.

"There are, of course, legitimate reasons to reject absentee ballots, but it is clear that some ballots have been rejected in error," Barr said. "These are

votes that should be counted."

While Coleman's campaign did not respond to a request for comment, it said in a written statement that Franken's campaign wants to block the recount and "overturn the will of the voters of Minnesota."

Pennington County in northwestern Minnesota released rejected absentee ballot information to the Franken campaign.

Pennington County resident Ordell Adkins voted absentee, she said, and found out her ballot was not counted because Pennington County didn't think she was a registered voter.

After it was revealed that she was registered, her vote counted, she said. Even if her vote wasn't counted, the state canvassing board should

still make sure they did it right, she said.

"They should check all those that were rejected anyway," she said. "There could be many across the state."

Political science assistant professor Kathryn Pearson said this move could set up both campaigns for more options in case the election does not go in their favor.

"By making this request, I think they're also potentially laying the groundwork for a lawsuit later," she said.

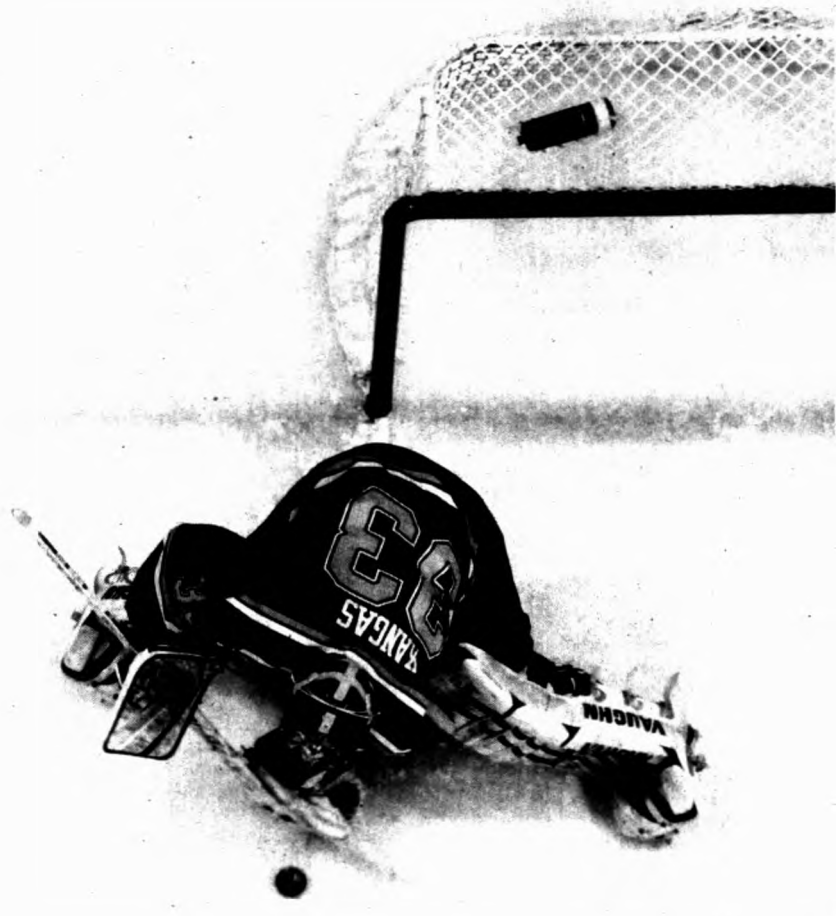
Pearson also said both Franken and Coleman are still hard on the campaign trail.

"Despite the fact that all ballots have been cast, both of these campaigns are still very much in campaign mode," she said.

Sports

HOCKEY BRIEFS

Minnesota is the unanimous No. 1



ALI HAUPT, DAILY FILE PHOTO

Sophomore goaltender Alex Kangas stops a shot in front of the goal earlier this season. Kangas recorded his first career shutout Sunday to give Minnesota the win and to keep the team undefeated.

The Gophers are one of three undefeated teams in the country.

The Minnesota men's hockey team was unanimously voted as the No. 1 team in the nation Monday in the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll. It's the first time the Gophers have been ranked first since Jan. 22, 2007.

The Gophers (6-0-4 overall, 5-0-3 Western Collegiate Hockey Association) jumped over Boston University and claimed all 34 first-place votes as the team remained unbeaten this weekend after taking three points from Michigan Tech.

Minnesota, which has been ranked first for at least one week in eight of the past nine seasons, is currently one of three Division I programs that are undefeated.

Air Force (10-0-0) moved up one spot in the polls to No. 12 while Cornell (2-0-2) is unranked.

The WCHA has five teams

ranked in the top 15; Colorado College sits at No. 3, Denver is ranked 10th, Minnesota State is slated one behind the Pioneers in 11th and North Dakota re-emerged in the polls at No. 15.

Minnesota, which is also ranked No. 1 in the USCHO/CBS Sports Division I poll, will head to Denver this weekend to play the No. 10 Pioneers.

—Brian Deutsch

Minnesota women sign four

Next year, the Minnesota women's hockey team will have plenty of players with international experience.

The Gophers announced Monday they have four early commitments to the Gophers program, with two coming from Finland. Minnesota has never had any players from countries other than the United States and Canada.

—Heidi Hanse

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Johnson expected to be back for Colorado State

BY PAUL J. CORDES
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After opening up the season with three straight wins at Williams Arena, coach Tubby Smith said he thought the effect of not having two of his team's veterans on the floor was apparent.

But half that problem is expected to be solved for Minnesota's game at Colorado

State this weekend with the return of junior forward Damian Johnson.

Johnson broke his non-shooting hand in practice on Oct. 20 and had successful surgery on Oct. 21. The Gophers didn't expect to have him back for four to six weeks.

After Sunday's win against Georgia State, Smith said Minnesota will likely have

Johnson on the floor for this Saturday's game in Fort Collins, Colo.

"He's been running and doing everything," Smith said. "He'll be ready to play against Colorado State."

Johnson was suited up for all three of the Gophers' games over the weekend and went through warm-ups, but never saw game time.

SWIMMING

Gold medal winner Lochte competes at the U Aquatic Center

Ryan Lochte took some time to sit down for a question-and-answer session with the Daily.

BY NICOLE TOMMERDAHL
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Olympic gold medalist Ryan Lochte was in Minneapolis this past weekend competing in the USA Swimming-sponsored Minnesota Grand Prix at the University Aquatic Center, where he took first place in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley and second place in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Lochte has competed in both the Athens Olympics in 2004 and Beijing Olympics in 2008, where he took home two bronze medals and two golds. He edged out teammate Aaron Peirsol to set the world record in the 200-meter backstroke.

What motivated you to get into a career in swimming?

Well my family's always been in swimming; both my parents were coaches when I was younger. Both my sisters swam. I've basically been around the pool my whole life. I played a lot of sports, but swimming was the most natural — the one sport that I felt the most comfortable with.

You're dad was your coach at one point. Did you ever feel any pressure having him as your coach?

No. It was really good having him as my coach because he didn't treat me different than any other swimmer. When I was at the pool, he was my swim coach. I couldn't say, "Hey Dad, what's the next set?" It was all strictly "coach." As soon as we left that pool, it was "Dad." So we divided that, and I think that's what really helped.

I heard that when you were 3 years old you fell into a pool, and from there your Dad said you were a natural.

He coached for a community college team, and he was on the pool deck. I just came from outside, and it was snowing, so I had my snowsuit on. I was waddling in when I was 3. I tripped and fell and landed in the diving well. Everyone ran to try to get me because they saw me go in, but I popped up and I was on my back and I was smiling. And my Dad pulls me up, and then he kind of drops me and leaves me there, right by the side of the pool, and I'm just laughing. I'm splashing the water. Normally a 3-year-old, when they do that they start crying. I was floating. I was laughing. I was playing with the water. I guess from there on I just knew water's just natural.

What goes through your mind when you're up on the starting block?

Honestly, nothing. Before I step on the blocks nothing is going through my head. At the most I'll probably be

thinking about what kind of food I'm going to eat later, just anything but swimming. The more I do that, the calmer I'll be. The most calm I am, the better off I'm going to be. If I'm ever thinking about swimming, it's probably going to be a bad swim.

Why did you choose to go to Florida?

It was kind of funny because coming out of high school I wasn't the best athlete. I think I was the 12th or 13th recruit. The only college that wanted me to go a full ride was Ohio State, and that wasn't a big swim school at the time. Florida talked to me. They were like, "Hey, yeah, we can get you here for, like, 25 percent or something if you're interested." I was like, "Well, no. I want a full ride." But then two guys that they were already recruiting in Florida ... they went somewhere else. So the coach calls me the next week and says, "Hey, listen, we have a full ride opened if you're interested." So I signed the papers, and I swear basically where my swimming career began was my freshman year at Florida.

How did you become the swimmer you are today after entering college as one of the least competitive recruits?

It actually happened my freshman year after the first month. One weekend we had our first swim meet. It was against Tennessee or somebody. Coach said, "I don't want you swimming at this meet. Go home and actually think about if you want to still be on the swim team."

I was always last in the lane. I never went first. I'd just get beat all the time. So I went home for that weekend, and I don't know what happened. Something happened. When I got back on Monday to practice I started training harder. I started leading the lane. People hardly ever beat me in practice. I started winning races at meets. That weekend just kind of turned my head, and I kind of got more serious and focused.

What was going through your head in Athens? You were entering the biggest international stage that there is.

My coach, the head coach for Florida, he said, "When you go to the Olympics, just think of it as another dual meet." So I went into the Olympics thinking that this was just another swim meet. It's not the Olympics. It's just another dual meet. I think that helped a lot because that calmed me down, and I was just having fun.

How did it feel to get your first individual gold medal in Beijing?

I just remember touching

the wall and just throwing my head back and finally saying, "Yes." It's a dream come true. It's just something that I always wanted, since I was little, to get an individual gold medal while breaking a world record. It finally came true, and I was kind of in shock that it finally happened. It was definitely a relief.

Did you sample the nightlife?

Yeah, I definitely did that. We finished the 17th [of August], and we checked into a hotel that day. I was there until the 21st, so I had about four nights to go out and experience China. It was a lot of fun. Clubs and bars don't close until the sun comes up. I remember walking out of a club, dripping sweat from dancing all night, and the sun's up. I'm like, "What's going on?"

Are you a party animal?

I wouldn't say that. I just like to have fun. I like to go out and just have a couple beers and relax.

Is there a little bit of competition between you and some of your teammates on the national team?

Oh yeah. There is. I do so many events that I'm starting to get a little bit more rivalry with other swimmers, not just one. But, I mean, that's the sport. It's all about racing. It's all about having fun. Me and Michael [Phelps], we always go head to head, and me and Peirsol now. It's just fun, and we're friends; we're both friends no matter what. Win or lose, we're still friends at the end of the day. That's how it should be. We don't hold grudges.

Does having a friendly rivalry in the pool help you compete?

It helps just because I want to become better than that other person. I want to become the best in the world, so that kind of motivates me while I'm in practice. When I do step up on the blocks, it also helps.

What do you think of the facilities and program at the University of Minnesota?

I've been coming to this pool since I was a freshman. I love the pool. It's a great facility. I love it because we usually stay at the Radisson right across the street so it's walking distance. The bar's right there, the food's right there, so everything's just in a walking distance. I just don't like the cold. Even though I did live in upstate New York for 11 years, I'm more of a Florida boy now.

What is next?

The first week in December there's a meet in Atlanta. Short course senior nationals, so I'll be going to that. Then, I guess it's just a little dual meet here, a little dual meet there, and then at the end of the summer it's Worlds in Rome. Hopefully I'll be going to that. I'll start my Olympic training from there.

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EDITORIALS

Investment in buildings

The University has cut back on hiring and payroll costs, but not building.

Conflicted would be a good word to describe the decisions announced by University of Minnesota officials last week. A "hiring pause" went into effect Tuesday, followed by a salary freeze announced Friday. And despite these changes, the University is undergoing its largest increase in building and construction in two decades. In the next 10 years, the University will have spent at least \$1 billion on facilities and renovation for projects including TCF Bank Stadium, the Bell Museum, the new biomedical complex, Northrop auditorium and others. And the list keeps growing. As recently as last week, between the announcements of the hiring pause and the salary freeze, the University also asked a Board of Regents committee to consider a project that would cost nearly \$4.5 million to purchase and build a site for the University's Facilities Management Landcare department.

Other colleges and universities, such as Boston University, Cornell and Brown, have put selective hiring freezes into place. In addition, many colleges have announced they would suspend capital projects that hadn't broken ground. According to the New York Times, MIT has halted construction on the expansion for its Media Lab and Dartmouth postponed construction on two residence halls and two academic buildings.

Just a month ago, University president Bob Bruininks, whose own \$700,000 salary is affected by the freeze, told the editorial board "recession is the time to invest in human capital." And yet, as demonstrated in just a week's time, the University is willing to put its employees on hold while they continue to build. But Bruininks and the Regents should take caution: If costs keep rising as they have been and salaries for non-senior executives stay as they have been, in 10 years, when the building boom is finished, there might not be enough students or faculty left to fill the halls of the shiny new buildings.

Changing the political landscape

Youth voters could continue to significantly alter the political landscape.

After the veritable Democratic landslide elections of 2008, conservative commentators and observers have pointed to polling that shows 34 percent of Americans claimed to be conservative while 22 percent claimed to be liberal in asserting that their politics are still thriving. The United States is a center right country, they argue, and the 2008 elections were just a product of a poor economy and unpopular president. While those arguments have validity, young voters may play a significant role in changing the political landscape to what is now considered the left.

Consider a recently released Pew Research Center report: 66 percent of voters under the age of 30 voted for Barack Obama, which is up from 54 percent who voted for John Kerry during the 2004 elections. The disparity between young voters to other voting populations during the 2008 elections is larger than it has been since 1972, according to the Pew Center. This remarkable shift is perhaps illustrative of the Obama campaign's unprecedented ability to reach out to young voters through technology like the Internet and text messaging. But what stands out more than the apparent political change is that youth populations today are more diverse, and less religious, than ever. If youth voters continue to show up at the polls in larger numbers, the political landscape will profoundly change.

That's a promising prospect considering the issues this nation still hasn't resolved: gay marriage rights, health care and a more humanistic foreign policy. Politicians should take careful note; the nation could be moving to resolve its archaic conflicts. But the burden is not solely on the political establishment to change — our democratic system was established otherwise.

DEATHS IN IRAQ
U.S. SOLDIERS: 4,199 — IRAQI CIVILIANS: 88,952-PLUS
DEATHS IN AFGHANISTAN
U.S. SOLDIERS: 623 — AFGHAN CIVILIANS: UNKNOWN



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A call for unity

The holiday season is upon us; filled with food, family and religious debate. Christians have Christmas, Jews have Hanukkah and Africans have Kwanzaa. The list goes on and on. So who's right? That question has sparked much hostility between people of all faiths throughout the world and history.

The University of Minnesota is no different. Christians and atheists seem to be the exceptional case here. It's amazing, though, how passionate people on both sides become about their stance. They become so stubborn and closed-minded that they miss the big picture.

Let me begin with some suggestions for my fellow Christians. First, be rational! Just because we follow God does not mean that our brains have to fall by the wayside. We do not have to deny the existence of evolution in order to be Christian. Why is it that so many of us view any new scientific discovery as an attack on Christian fundamentals? Don't view God and science as opposing forces, but rather make it a point to recognize that God exists in science and nature.

Next, be civilized! Can't one have a decent conversation with an atheist without it resulting in a theological debate? Jesus preached a message of peace and love for your neighbor; and, although you may not like it, that includes your atheist neighbor as well. God calls us to love, not to infuriate. Our closed minds and our stubbornness have turned many away from our beliefs.

Realize that it is not your duty to "convert" every single person that you meet. That's God's department. The best thing you can do is be a good citizen and a caring friend to all people.

Finally, don't think too high-

ly of yourself! Believing in God does not automatically make you a good person. I know plenty of atheists and people of other faiths who do a lot more good in the world than many of the Christians I've seen.

Next, I have a few words for atheists and people of other faiths. I would like you to realize that the Christian community is not represented by televangelists and those guys outside The Mall in September who rip apart condoms and tell you that you're going to hell. I am ashamed that the rest of us in the Christian community have allowed such radicals to gain the most attention. Most Christians are not like this or even agree with this. We don't all hate gay people. Not all of us are pro-life. We didn't all vote for Mike Huckabee in the primaries and then for John McCain in November. We don't all think that Barack Obama is Muslim (and even if he is, who cares?) or the antichrist. We come from all walks of life with all kinds of different beliefs, which is true of people from all faiths. I just want to let you know that we are not idiots like the ones you might see on TV or on the street.

Finally, I have a challenge for everyone. Shut up! These debates on theology and morals are getting us nowhere. People — myself and Christians included — spend way too much time and effort arguing about their petty differences. There are so many things that are more important. There is genocide and war in the world. There are starving people everywhere. There are homeless on our streets. There are children living in abusive homes. These are only a few examples of things that need to be and can be fixed. So here is my challenge for all of us: Let's redirect our efforts and do some more good in the

world! Why can't a Christian, an atheist, and Muslim stand side-by-side in an effort against poverty and hunger? There is no reason. God or Allah, polytheism or atheism, Buddha or Gandhi, it doesn't matter. We can all spend less time on theology and more time on practice.

Christopher White
University student

Hockey ticket proposal

Recently, the ticketing department for Gopher Hockey enacted a new first-come-first-serve ticketing policy for hockey games. I feel that it has done an excellent job of getting students to the game before the game is supposed to start. What is appalling though, is the lack of support by the regular season ticket holders. I have had the opportunity to work and attend the last four home hockey games and it sickens me to see full rows open in the regular seating. This is the so called state of hockey.

I want to propose two ticketing ideas to consider. First off, make all tickets first-come-first-serve. If regular season ticket holders, who also arrive late to the games, do not get to the game early, then students have the right to take any seat they want, or vice versa. My other proposal brings up a question I would like to ask the ticketing department. If adult season ticket holders do not want to use their seats, is it really necessary to limit the students in the building? Let students buy their tickets first, and then let others buy their tickets, especially since they are the people who are not coming to the games anymore.

Erik Waller
University student

ENERGY

Low gas prices no excuse to waste

Progress in energy independence requires frugality from consumers.

According to the Department of Energy, the last time the average price for a gallon of regular gasoline was less than \$2 was March of 2005 — a time when most of today's senior class was still in high school. Now that gas prices are poised to dip under \$1.80 a gallon on Green Street, students have a lot to be cheery about this holiday season. Unfortunately, it probably won't last.

Prices are so low because the demand for gas has fallen considerably in the past few months. That's due in large part to the massive upheaval in the global economy, which doesn't look to get better anytime soon. People started driving less this summer when gas soared to more than \$4 a gallon. Exactly how much of that decline can be attributed to people deciding driving was just too expensive or that fewer people have jobs to drive to is unclear. But the results are clear: We can change our habits when we want.

Sales of large trucks and SUVs have cratered this year due in large part to their terrible fuel efficiency while the markets for smaller cars and hybrids have remained strong. Carpooling has been on the rise. Major metropolitan areas have also seen big increases in bus and subway ridership.

"Sales of large trucks and SUVs have cratered this year due in large part to their terrible fuel efficiency ..."

Just because gas prices have fallen back to earth is no reason to return to practices that make this country dependent on oil-rich countries that can hold our economy hostage. It's important to continue pursuing efforts that will allow us to become more efficient with the energy we do have.

We should stick to what's working now, no matter what prices do — driving less, driving more fuel-efficient cars and using more public transportation. It will make the transition off fossil fuels to whatever's next that much less painful in the decades to come.

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TRANSPORTATION

Light-rail development possibilities

The light rail, slated to be complete by 2014, has the potential to further urbanize the campus.

BY TOM DeANGELO AND BOB CLOSE
Guest columnists

Minneapolis and St. Paul have a unique opportunity with the advent of the Central Corridor light-rail line linking the two cities. Existing businesses, neighborhoods and institutions will be affected. Established patterns of roads, bikeways, sidewalks and green space will be altered. New development opportunities are already being realized as the route is planned. The success of the Central Corridor is dependent on a balanced approach that integrates LRT with each district and enhances all modes of transportation, not only the needs of light rail. A case in point is how the Central Corridor Line will integrate with the University of Minnesota.

Stretching westward through the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood and toward the Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis, the West Bank provides perhaps the greatest opportunity to leverage new development. Largely a no-man's land that is dominated by freeways, entrance ramps, tunnels and bridges, this segment will be a

lost opportunity if the city, county, University and Met Council fail to focus on its tremendous potential. With the future of the Metrodome under discussion, and with a significant amount of land area given over to the space between freeways, this segment could be envisioned as a vital urban district poised for the next generation of housing and mixed-use development. Here, the challenge is to plan light rail today in a manner that connects to future development tomorrow.

The central campus segment of the line, stretching eastward from the Mississippi River to Harvard Street, passes through the middle of one of America's greatest traditional urban campuses. Characterized by classic buildings in a green campus setting, the vision is for Washington Avenue to become a beautiful pedestrian mall that allows students to move freely along the corridor. Equally important is establishing better connections across Washington for pedestrians and cyclists, a key step toward healing the divide between north and south areas of the campus caused by automobile traffic. Here, we imagine a green boulevard that minimizes the gulf that students must cross, that accommodates myriad cross-connections to various campus activities. While automobile traffic is being removed from Washington Avenue along this segment, the number of traffic lanes required to address the needs of

light rail, buses, emergency vehicle and bicycles should be shared and minimized to maintain a strong, pedestrian-oriented, green environment.

East of Harvard Street and stretching to the new light-rail stop adjacent to the new TCF Bank Stadium, the Stadium Village segment should evolve into a classic urban retail street where multiple businesses directly front the road and contribute to the vitality of street life. Here, where automobiles join the street scene, rail alignment should move to the middle of the right-of-way with as much space as possible given over to the sidewalk, where retail activities and sidewalk cafes can be sponsored and enhanced. The Huron Street light-rail stop at the eastern end of this segment will need to carefully integrate with future development, including parking ramps, that will serve stadium patrons and students who will move on foot, by bicycle, bus or light rail to other areas of the campus.

At the University — and along the entire Central Corridor — the chance to enhance the beauty and livability of our cities and University is a rare opportunity. We will live with our decisions for a long time.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES

White Belt

	8		7	6	2
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	2	5	8		
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	5		8	1	
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Brown Belt

Black Belt

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

6	2	7	5	3	1	4	9	8
3	5	4	6	8	9	1	7	2
1	9	8	2	4	7	5	3	6
5	8	1	4	7	3	2	6	9
7	4	9	1	2	6	3	8	5
2	3	6	8	9	5	7	4	1
4	7	2	9	5	8	6	1	3
8	1	5	3	6	4	9	2	7
9	6	3	7	1	2	8	5	4

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Daily Horoscopes

Today's Birthday (10/08): This year is about taking on more responsibility, which you don't mind, but you'll have to come out of the background. Everybody will know you're the leader.

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 - Your loved ones encourage you to take a risk, and this time they're probably right. It's not really new; you've given it a lot of thought. Take a long shot. Follow through with a previous plan.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20): Today is a 7 - If you get tongue-tied trying to explain your position, use somebody else's words. You'll give them credit, of course. This might be done through a greeting card. Whatever works.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21): Today is a 7 - Possibly due to the success of your recent activities, there are new lessons to be mastered. Find out what they are, if nobody has told you yet. It never hurts to be caught studying.

Cancer (6/22 - 7/22): Today is an 8 - You have the energy and the enthusiasm. Use them to bring in the cash. Once you figure out what works, this will be relatively easy. You'll learn best and very quickly, simply by doing the job.

Leo (7/23 - 8/22): Today is a 7 - The work's routine and not all that hard, so finish as much as you can. There are changes coming and lots more work, so clear the decks.

Virgo (8/23 - 9/22): Today is a 7 - Slow down and review the actions you've recently decided upon. The structure you're building now will have to last for years. Check and recheck your plans so you don't miss anything.

Libra (9/23 - 10/22): Today is a 6 - Your friends can be a great help, or a major distraction. The trick is to stay in charge with an enthusiastic group. Have fun, but don't lose track of your objective.

Scorpio (10/23 - 11/21): Today is a 7 - There's a chance for a promotion, but the test is really tough. If you think you can make it, go for it. You'll probably make it, but even if you don't, it'll be good practice.

Sagittarius (11/22 - 12/21): Today is an 8 - A friend from far away gives you a great idea. Try something that didn't work before, and have it turn out well. Don't be inhibited by past failures. You're not the same person now.

Capricorn (12/22 - 1/19): Today is a 6 - Finish your project carefully, so you feel it's really complete. Having somebody else working with you is good, except for the arguments. Compromise can be rough sometimes.

Aquarius (1/20 - 2/18): Today is a 5 - You'll want to check your accounts and find out how close you've come to your limits. Getting back on your budget now could make your weekend more enjoyable. You'll sleep easier tonight, too.

Pisces (2/19 - 3/20): Today is a 9 - You're ready to do the tough part of the job now, and that's what's required. Even the job of your dreams has some parts that are more difficult. Tackle those now, while you're in the mood.

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Draw your own design based on the weekly theme in the space below. Submit your doodle at any drop box location to win prizes!

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THE DAILY DOODLE

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GAME RULES

- Artwork must reflect the weekly theme.
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- Deadline is 1pm on Friday.

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THEME OF THE WEEK

"Nope, he still won't love you."

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some real
**RELATIONSHIP
 ADVICE?**
DR. DATE

EVERY DAY IN BACKTALK

NETWORK

From: Samsonite

Net, I'm looking for a way to break into black market organ trafficking and I was wondering if you had any advice. **Net: Get a friend who's good with a knife.** If I could get my hands on even one kidney I'm sure I could make it big. Call me crazy, but I just have a passion for bringing people and estranged viscera together. **Net: Yeah, I'll call you crazy.** But seriously, don't call me crazy. **Net: Crazy.** I just want this so much! I could be a contender, Net! In other news, the chilly, fridge-temperature weather means that it's prime time for dumpster scrounging. **Net: I didn't know there was a prime time for that.** I just pulled in my first big take of the season and let me tell you, other peoples' garbage has never tasted sweeter. I've still got some new prospects to check out too ... I hope they turn out. If you know of any hot spots drop me a subliminal message through the floor tile patterns or something and we'll swap sites. **Net: Only if you wash your hands before the swapping. With soap.** This is the point in the letter where I'd say "Claiol" but damn, I hate people who say that. This is the code I live by. **Net: What do you have if you don't have your principles?**

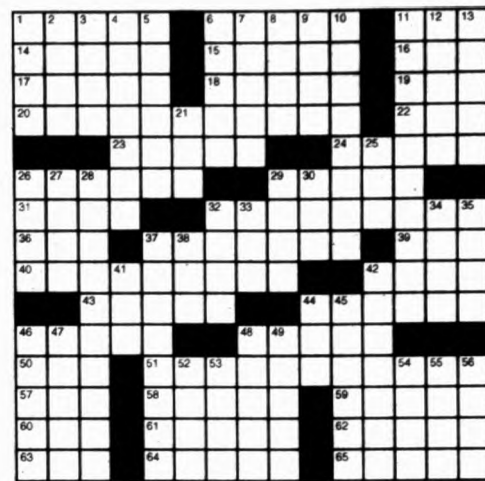
From: Lollypoppin' Player

Hey Net long time reader first time writer, Net what happened to you. You used to have fun during the week Now you just sulk in your lair I'm guessing the reason is all the sconnies on campus. **Net: So, what's going on with your punctuation strategy here?** Their large guts from beer and cheese is always a turnoff. You can tell when you see a walrus walking down the street that they came from Wisconsin. **Net: Walruses are actually from around the Arctic Circle. Wisconsin is due south of that.** Maybe it's their loyalty to lousy sports teams, at least the Minneapolis crowd lets the Vikings know they suck. If these aren't the reasons I can only imagine it being the Carlson kids. Everyone knows that covering their suit with a ketchup packet will lift your spirits. **Net: It's not that big of a deal. They probably bought the thing at the Men's Wearhouse or something for like 200 bucks. Disc jockeys wear nicer suits than that.** So Net get out there and enjoy life. I'll Facebook invite you to our next party.

RS. To the kid in my Comp Sci class. Stop being a DoucheNUTT in your denim hat. Nobody cares about your stupid questions. **Net: They make hats out of denim? Poor choice.**

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Handmade weapons
 - 6 Black-eyed or lazy girl?
 - 11 Gaping mouth
 - 14 Durrell novel
 - 15 Texas mission
 - 16 "... tu" (Verdi aria)
 - 17 Get ___ of yourself!
 - 18 State's number-2 job
 - 19 Crossed (out)
 - 20 Conflict ended 11/11/18
 - 22 Daughter of Cadmus
 - 23 Valli of "The Third Man"
 - 24 Avian talker
 - 26 Bygone Union
 - 29 Fat Hutt
 - 31 Year's home
 - 32 Like some twins
 - 36 West or Murray
 - 37 Conflict ended 2/28/91
 - 39 Personal question?
 - 40 Former Dodges
 - 42 Tight spots
 - 43 Diner stiffling
 - 44 Makes a basket
 - 46 Theatrical work
 - 48 Hot-tempered
 - 50 Resistance unit
 - 51 Conflict ended 9/2/45
 - 57 Line of seats
 - 58 Bubbling hot
 - 59 Eye shade?
 - 60 Actress Lupino
 - 61 Burgundy river
 - 62 Antarctic cape
 - 63 Sleeper, for one
 - 64 Places at the table
 - 65 Academic divisions
- DOWN**
- 1 Cabbage dish
 - 2 Brand of crackers
 - 3 Welsh actor Novello
 - 4 Bad guy
 - 5 Bike seat
 - 6 Green course
 - 7 Extreme
 - 8 Pudding starch
 - 9 Egyptian fertility god
 - 10 Election month
 - 11 Conflict ended 2/2/1848
 - 12 Sphere of action
 - 13 Surviving wife
 - 21 Wag of the tongue
 - 25 Shortened bk.
 - 26 18-wheeler
 - 27 Algerian port
 - 28 Conflict ended 4/30/75
 - 29 Spielberg's first whopper
 - 30 One-time link
 - 32 Somersault
 - 33 Old postal abbr.
 - 34 Wistful words
 - 35 Setback
 - 37 Speedy departures
 - 38 News agcy.
 - 41 CD follower
 - 42 Thrill trip
 - 44 Patch up
 - 45 Fancy tie
 - 46 Column style
 - 47 Valerie Harper sitcom
 - 48 Spark producer
 - 49 Twiddles thumbs
 - 52 One woodland
 - 53 Gossipy Barrett
 - 54 Pre-1917 monarch
 - 55 Robin food
 - 56 Mineable resources



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

SMOG MASH MINSK
PAPA ALOE IVANA
ICER CALI XENON
LADY JANEGREY
TOSSED LOD ASP
IMAMS OBISPO
GOWN MAIDMARIAN
AWAIT UNO GRAND
MISSAIGON ENOS
ANTEUP SMELL
LGE NET WEEPER
MADAMEBOVARY
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every thursday

preview
this week's stories

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vinegar

Wake up to Gopher gold

Upon Further Review

DR. DATE

A DAILY DOSE OF RELATIONSHIP ADVICE

Dear Dr. Date.
I have long since awaited a man to come along and capture my heart. Being a romantic, I often wonder if this is possible at all, or if I am simply inadequate as a human being.
For instance, I have yet to passionately kiss a man. Since living at college, I have come to the conclusion I must simply wait for the right person. Voila! There is a person in my life I am rather fond of, and with this fondness, we have become great friends.
But I often wonder "Are we just friends?" My roommate constantly tells me I'm blind and he is in love with me. We often spend afternoons together studying, or just talking. Once when a jackass friend was pressuring us, we had a conversation about our relationship and he referred to me as "a really, really, really good friend". What, Doctor, do you suggest I do about this situation? Should I move on and continue my search, or should I give him a chance to play suitor? The wretchedness this has wreaked on my heart is unfathomably painful, and I would be much obliged to hear your advice.
—Romantic

Romantique.
Let's get down to brass tacks. I'm afraid that your crush is probably not going to reciprocate your feelings. Most people are forced to wonder what the other person is thinking, but in this case, he told you: You're a really (x3) good friend. The conversation you two had no doubt involved you dropping some serious hints about your feelings, and he made his feelings clear, too. You talked it out, and you walked away friends. I hate to bear bad news, but that's what it is.
Now, let's talk about this other thing that's going on with you. No doubt, navigating Dateopia can be difficult, but whether you realize it or not, you're making it more difficult for yourself.
For example, what do you mean passionately kiss a man? Do you mean a passionate romantic kiss? If that's what you're looking for, you've got a long search ahead of you. There aren't many windswept cliffs around the University where some dashing prince can tear off your bodice and proceed to romance your mouth. If you just want a passionate kiss as in tingles in the spine, butterflies in the stomach and fireworks in the swimsuit area you don't need anything or anyone special. Students have shared passionate kisses between hugs of Mad Dog with the lingering taste of cigarette ash in their mouth for decades.
You need to change the way you see yourself and relationships. Self-described "romantics" always struggle because they constantly look for perfection. They only seek relationships that they believe will be perfect, fitting the mold of the legendary romance. Unfortunately, this means that unless the person they are crushing on rides in on a white horse or descends a marble staircase in a satin gown, they start out with a bad opinion of the relationship.
Furthermore, when they think they've actually got their white knight/perfect princess, they are stifled by fear that they will blow it, so they act out in ways that kill relationships. In other words, they combine performance anxiety and impossibly high standards, and when things go bad (like they always do) they think that they're somehow inept.
I'm not telling you to lower your standards with men. What I am telling you is that you need to stop waiting for a man to swoop in and "capture your heart" and realize that

real heart-capturing happens as the relationship develops, not when it starts.
—Dr. Date

Dear Dr. Date.
I have been seeing this guy for nearly two years now and it has been great. He even proposed to me and we are now getting married. Lately, though, we have been having issues or really I have been having issues with trust. It is not that I don't trust him it's the fact that he hangs out with his ex-girlfriend. In any other circumstances I would be fine with it but she was his "First" while he is my "First" and I get upset about that fact. I don't know what to do. I really do want to be OK with everything but it bothers me so much that I don't know what to do? And am I right to feel this way about him?
—In need of some Trust

Trust.
Yes, you have trust issues. I know you probably think this is a special case since it is his ex and his first, but it's not. Trust isn't trust unless you feel it all the time. Next time you feel antsy, think about this: If he's running around behind your back, it's better that you find out now, when you're young, than when you're 40 with kids and a mortgage. But you don't need to worry, because he's proposed to you and he wants to spend the rest of his life with you.
The fact that she was his first is completely unimportant, because you are his best. Now go get some sleep.
—Dr. Date

Dear Dr. Date.
I have a close friend who I've been spending a lot of time with lately. If I'm honest with myself I think I can see that he cares about me as more than a friend, but even though he's sweet and cute I'm just not attracted to him in that way. I really like hanging out with him but I don't want to lead him on or ruin our friendship. Should I confront him about this even though all I have to go on are conjectures? Or maybe I should just cut back my time with him? Ah, and what's worse is I really don't want to stop hanging out with him because his roommate is adorable. Which is terrible! I feel like I only want what I can't have. And his adorable roommate doesn't show much interest in me; although I think he thinks that I'm dating my friend (I may have given people reason to think this after a Halloween snafu ...). This has to stop. I don't like what I've gotten myself into, is there any way I can fix this without making it worse?
—Not Everything's Fair in Friendship

FaIrendship.
If you want to maintain the friendship, avoid awkwardness and don't confront him. If he's interested, he'll let you know. Also, I sincerely doubt that the roommate thinks the two of you are dating. It's hard to make that kind of mistake when you live with someone. There's no reason why you can't have the roommate (unless your Halloween snafu was particularly egregious), so I say go for it.
—Dr. Date

Hey Network. I've been thinking about our relationship a lot lately, and I've decided that this has to end. You're fired from Backtalk. If you insist on staying, I will be forced to assume that it's out of some perverse attraction to me, and I will file a restraining order. I wish you the best in sucking at something else.

