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## House rejects bonding bill in late-night vote

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House members rejected the \$839 million bonding bill late Thursday after hours of debate focusing not on the \$131 million for University projects but on the \$9 million North Star Corridor project — a commuter rail line connecting St. Cloud and the Twin Cities.

Legislators were unsure whether the \$131 million slated for University bonding projects would remain intact when the bonding bill again reaches the floor in the days ahead.

"I don't think higher education is going to suffer," said Phyllis Kahn, DFL-Minneapolis. "I can't remember any one of the higher education things used as pawns."

The \$131 million would not provide any funding for system-wide classroom upgrades such as desks, light tables and other technological upgrades. The University requested \$4 million for such amenities.

"We needed to focus on priorities instead of saying yes to every (project) like the Senate," said Rep. Jim Knoblach, R-St. Cloud.

The House bonding bill — funding nine University projects — fell below the Senate's \$1.2 billion plan, which funds all 16 University-requested projects. Gov. Jesse Ventura's bill allocates money for seven.

"The House's proposal is significantly below the Senate's," said Rep. Phyllis Kahn, DFL-Minneapolis. "But it could have been a lot worse."

The Nicholson Hall renovation would be given full funding under the bill. The building will provide an academic advising and social home for incoming freshmen who might not have declared a major.

Holes in funding would leave Phase II of the St. Paul campus' new greenhouse out of luck, something

Rep. Peggy Leppik, R-Golden Valley, said she is concerned about.

"The problem with the University is that most of the projects are hugely expensive," Leppik said. "In order to fund them, we have to kill off a lot of other projects."

Rep. Bob Ness, R-Dassel, said he thinks the bill is fair and addresses critical needs in higher education.

"The House is doing a lot for the University of Minnesota and (Minnesota State Colleges and Universities)," Ness said. "You have to balance all the needs of the state."

If representatives approve the bonding bill, senators and representatives will meet in a conference committee to mold a compromise bill. Many legislators say they hope more University projects get a nod for funding.

Ventura has the power to veto the conference committee's bill or deny funding for specific items. He recently said he will not accept a bonding bill exceeding \$500 million because of the increased state deficit projected in the February forecast.

Rep. Lyndon Carlson, DFL-Crystal said, "I'm more concerned with what's not in the bill than what's in it."

With interest rates so low and the economy in a recession, Carlson said now is the time to commit to more building projects.

"There is a target of opportunity," he said. "With interest rates so low we can get more bang for the buck."

In other Capitol news, the Senate passed a bill Wednesday giving the go-ahead for a Minnesota Twins baseball team stadium.

The bill includes provisions to fund the stadium through user fees on tickets, memorabilia and food sold within the facility.

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PHOTO — MARTIN LUDDEN

Senior journalism major Sarah Murphy packs her bathing suit for her spring break trip to Panama City Beach, Fla. Finding safe and affordable spring break trip accommodations can be difficult for students.

## Students trade snowshoes for sandals as spring break begins

Courtney Lewis  
STAFF REPORTER

This isn't the first time Sarah Murphy, a senior journalism student, has visited Panama City Beach, Fla., but she said it was a safe bet for spring break since she had so much fun before.

"There were tons of crazy people and everyone was having a great time," Murphy said. "Everyone has a 'whatever' attitude."

As Murphy packed Thursday afternoon, she said the snow piling up outside made now an even better time to leave.

She is one of several students skipping out on a few days of rough Minnesota weather for spring break next week.

On Murphy's packing list were

plenty of swimsuits and summer gear, but she said she also packed outfits that would be appropriate for going to clubs in the evenings.

Murphy said she and her friends went through Studentcity.com to get their reservations. The Web recommended their hotel on the beach.

Like many other students flying south for spring break, Murphy said she tried to find the cheapest flight to Florida.

Courtney Goetz, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts, confined her costs to a single bill, opting for an all-inclusive package to Cancun offered by Student Express. She said she's probably spending a little more than she would by going through separate agencies, but the final cost of \$700 is worth it to her.

"It's so easy to deal with because everything is organized for you," Goetz said. "It's a lot less hassle."

Goetz will be traveling with 16 to 20 people flying out Sunday for the weeklong trip. She said although she doesn't know everyone in the group, having more people travel with her cuts the costs.

Getting her tax return prompted Goetz to take up her friend's offer for spring break in Mexico. Goetz said the return covered the costs of her trip.

"It's a completely different world," Goetz said. "There are no rules and no boundaries."

While students such as Murphy and Goetz chose to relax on sandy

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### Wishful thinking

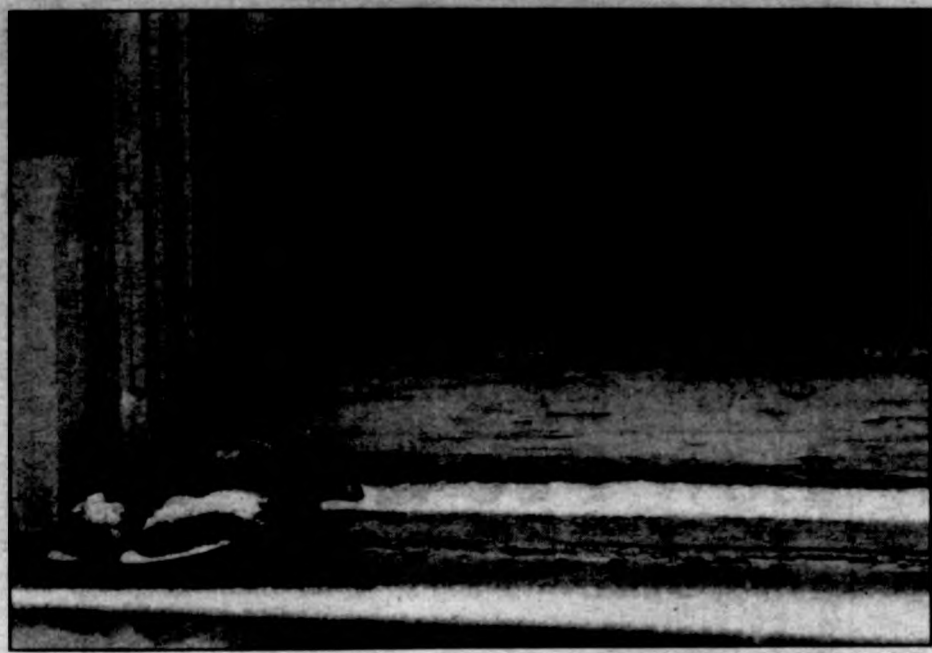


PHOTO — ANDREW THOMAS

While the snow began to fall Thursday morning, a pair of sandals rested on a window ledge outside Tate Lab of Physics.

## Internet site offers U area air emissions information

Robyn Repya  
STAFF REPORTER

University area residents curious about what's in the air they're breathing are now just a click away from finding out — and they might be surprised.

"If more people (were) aware of the pollutants and what's going on, they'd be outraged," said Jon Osmond, an urban studies senior.

Along with a Macalaster student and neighborhood environmental advocate, Osmond began an examination in September of University-area businesses and the environmental hazards they pose.

The result, available on the Internet since March 1, is comprehensive documentation of the air emissions of businesses in the University area.

"(The Midwest is) one of the worst areas for coal burning, but no one really knows it," said Justin Eibenholz, the southeast Minneapolis environmental coordinator who worked on the project.

Because the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permits hundreds of chemical compounds in varying amounts to be released into the air, it is difficult to discern which business emits the most overall.

Eibenholz said the Xcel Energy Riverside Generating Plant, which burns coal, is the largest neighborhood emitter because it's an old facility.

Osmond, who became part of the project through a University work-study program, lives near the plant and has taken a tour with a class. He said the Riverside plant "looked like the inside of a Weber grill."

"That really opened my eyes about how bad things were," he said.

But plant director Ken Beadell said the ash produced by the plant is probably safer than a grill's. He said the plant's emissions are at legal levels, as determined by the MPCA.

Rick Rosvold, the plant's senior environmental analyst, said environmental data released about

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## United States

### SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES AGAINST TO KILL BUSH NOMINEE TO FEDERAL APPEALS COURT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee voted along party lines Thursday to kill the nomination of Judge Charles Pickering to the appeals court, handing President George W. Bush a stinging defeat in a racially-charged confirmation battle.

In a series of roll calls, the panel also snubbed Bush's request to allow a vote in the full Senate on Pickering, a 64-year-old Mississippian with more than a decade on the bench.

Pickering does not have "the temperament, the moderation or the commitment to core constitutional ... protections that is required for a life tenure position on the appeals court," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, one of an unbroken string of committee Democrats to argue against confirmation.

Republicans were equally united in their support of Pickering. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, argued that Bush's nominee had been victimized by a smear campaign by liberal interest groups seeking to impose "an ideological litmus test" on abortion, civil rights and other issues.

The committee's actions left the nomination all but dead. GOP leader Sen. Trent Lott — Pickering's friend and Mississippi patron — has authority to seek a vote by the full Senate, but such efforts are customarily settled on party-line votes.

Supporters and opponents of Pickering's confirmation filled the committee room. Supporters wore pink badges that said, "Stop the Bickering Confirm Pickering."

The debate, which stretched over more than four hours, ranged far from Pickering's

case. Republicans noted numerous public predictions that the confirmation battle was a warm-up for any Supreme Court nominations that Bush might make.

Democrats repeatedly accused Republicans of mistreating many of the nominations made by former president Bill Clinton, to the point of denying hearings for months at a time.

Pickering was not present, but his son, Rep. Charles Pickering, R-Miss., had a seat in the front row of the spectators section. "What is happening to your father today is a great injustice," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., addressing his remarks to the young congressman.

Bush made a few late calls on behalf of his beleaguered nominee in the run-up to the committee meeting, but there was no indication that Democrats were wavering in their plan to deny Pickering a floor vote.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle told reporters the president was "asking us to break a 200-year tradition" of Senate committees holding jurisdiction and responsibility for approving nominations. "I don't know that we can do that," he said.

"By failing to allow full Senate votes on judicial nominees, a few senators are standing in the way of justice," Bush had said.

Democrats "seek to undermine the nominations of candidates who agree with my philosophy that judges should interpret the law and not try to make law from the bench," the president said at his news conference less than 24 hours before the committee met.

The debate Thursday unfolded along party lines, and it seemed at times as though there were two nominees up for confirmation.

The committee chairman, Patrick Leahy, said Pickering "repeatedly injects his own opinions into his decisions on issues ranging from employment discrimination to voting rights."

Other Democrats referred to a case in which Pickering had sought a lighter sentence for a defendant on a cross-burning case — a case that Republicans said was misinterpreted by the judge's critics.



## Middle East

### U.S. ENVOY ARRIVES IN MIDDLE EAST; ISRAELI TROOPS STILL IN TWO WEST BANK TOWNS

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni launched his third Mideast truce mission Thursday, arriving during the bloodiest period in 18 months of fighting to try to achieve an elusive cease-fire.

After Zinni met Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem, Israeli troops began withdrawing from the West Bank town of Ramallah. Witnesses said the tanks were leaving from all directions, and Israeli military sources confirmed that a pullout had begun.

Israelis and Palestinians said they are ready to work with the U.S. envoy, but violence persisted. Israeli forces killed five armed Palestinians in gun battles and two militiamen in a helicopter attack in Gaza, while Palestinian militants set off a bomb under an Israeli tank, killing three soldiers.

Each side warned it would continue fighting if the other did not end the violence.

Beginning his peace mission against the backdrop of Israel's largest military operation since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, Zinni met with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Thursday night.

"My main effort now is to achieve a cease-fire," Sharon told reporters before the meeting at his Jerusalem residence, across the street from a cafe where a suicide bomber killed 11 people Saturday.

Palestinian officials said Zinni was to meet with Arafat on Saturday.

As Zinni arrived, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer ordered a gradual pullback of troops from Ramallah, the Palestinian commercial center in the West Bank that has been occupied by dozens of Israeli tanks since Tuesday.

But the Bush administration said that was not enough.

"We do expect a complete withdrawal from

Palestinian-controlled areas, including Ramallah, and the other areas the Israel Defense Force recently entered," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. He also called on Arafat "to do more to stop the groups that carry out violence."

Britain's Foreign Office also contacted Israel's government and urged it to pull out of Ramallah, saying Israel should take "immediate steps to de-escalate" its operations.

The Israeli army chief of staff has said 20,000 soldiers have been deployed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in response to a string of attacks on Israelis by Palestinians.

In all, 174 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 62 people have been killed on the Israeli side since the beginning of March.

Israeli tanks also seized neighborhoods in Bethlehem, entering the city from all directions in the early morning hours Thursday. Some tanks were parked 300 yards from the Church of the Nativity, traditional site of the birth of Jesus.

Arafat, meanwhile, said he remained "completely committed" to reaching a peace agreement with Israel, but accused Sharon of abandoning previous accords.

Sharon also faced domestic political turmoil, losing the support of a hawkish partner over his decision to drop a demand for seven days without violence as a precondition for cease-fire talks.

The concession prompted the two Cabinet ministers from the ultra-nationalist National Union faction to quit the coalition government. The resignations of Tourism Minister Benny Elon and Infrastructure Minister Avigdor Lieberman took effect Thursday. Despite the defections, Sharon's broad-based coalition retains control of 75 seats in the 120-member parliament.

In Ramallah, five Palestinian security officers were killed in clashes with Israeli soldiers. Roving bands of Palestinian gunmen exchanged sporadic fire with Israeli soldiers.

An armored car carrying five Associated Press Television News staffers briefly came under fire Thursday from Palestinian gunmen in the city, and two tires were punctured by bullets. No one was hurt.

## State

ST. PAUL (AP) — The House waited out Thursday's storm by lobbing rhetorical snowballs over restaurant smoking, low-income health care and abortion.

The items came up as part of a broader debate over how to repair the state's budget deficit.

After numerous votes that fell mostly along party lines, the GOP-led House approved four bills that would wipe out most of the remaining \$439 million deficit for 2002-03. They are certain to change when House and Senate negotiators meet to merge differing proposals into a single plan.

Most of the savings come in a health and social service finance bill that takes \$325 million from a roughly half-billion dollar anti-tobacco endowment and cuts \$60 million for other programs. In all, the health bill contains 85 percent of the cuts in the House

GOP budget-balancing plan.

"It is a tough bill. It does make some tough cuts," said Rep. Kevin Goodno, chairman of the committee that crafted it. But with public school, college and nursing home aid off the table, he said, there were few other places to look. House Republicans say they won't consider tax increases.

House Democrats considered the bill too harsh.

"It's a really mean bill. It just punches a hole in the safety net of a lot of our needy families," said Rep. Karen Clark, DFL-Minneapolis.

Low-income, childless adults would be shifted into a more restrictive health assistance program constructed to help families. Hospitals who treat indigent patients would see lower state reimbursements.

The bill also establishes an abortion

waiting period of at least 24 hours that begins once women are given specific information such as medical risks related to the procedure. Another provision would cut off public grants to groups that perform abortions or counsel patients about abortion.

An attempt to remove the abortion provisions failed, following a surprisingly short, ten-minute debate. Gov. Jesse Ventura has previously vetoed bills containing similar abortion measures, and Senate DFL leaders predicted the same fate if the provisions aren't removed.

A more spirited discussion was over an amendment that would have required bars and restaurants to install ventilation systems if they allow patrons to smoke. Supporters touted the move's public-health benefits. Opponents said mom-and-pop businesses can't afford the upgrades and would have to

eliminate smoking sections altogether.

"Let's just get it over with, members, and have an amendment to ban smoking," Rep. Marty Seifert, R-Marshall, said sarcastically.

The other bills the House approved made smaller cuts to budgets for economic development, early childhood and waste-disposal programs.

One program that took a hit is the 21st Century Minerals Fund, which was created to spur development on the Iron Range. Since 1998, the state has contributed more than \$60 million to the fund.

The budget plan would take \$6.7 million in interest the fund has earned and apply it to deficit-reduction. The fund's principal was not touched.

Northeastern Minnesota lawmakers tried to restore the money, but the move was defeated on a close vote.

## Bills digging state out of deficit clear House

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# FBI seeks information on council member plumbers union ties

Shira Kantor  
STAFF REPORTER

Federal investigators have requested information regarding Minneapolis City Council member Joe Biernat's relationship with the local plumbers union, as well as the records of plumbing work done for various Minneapolis City Council members.

The FBI also requested information pertaining to the city's Licenses and Inspections department. The information will be presented before a federal grand jury Tuesday.

Bill Figner of Figner Plumbing said two federal agents approached him early in the week, asking for contract and permit records relating to work he had done in certain elected officials' homes during the last four years.

Figner, who is also on a Minneapolis plumbers licensing board, said the agents told him that if he produced the records he would not be asked to appear before the grand jury hearing. Figner said he complied.

"I really do not know why they're looking at plumbers' records and the union and all that," Figner said. "I don't know what they're suspicious of. I guess I feel in my own mind it might be a continuation of what came out of the woodwork on the Brian Herron thing last summer."

Former 8th Ward council member Brian Herron resigned last July after admitting to extorting money from a local business owner in exchange for regulatory leniency. He is currently serving a one-year prison term.

Biernat is chairman of the Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee, which has authority over licenses and inspections.

His attorney, Janice Symchych

of Minneapolis-based Dorsey & Whitney, issued a statement Thursday that she and Biernat are in contact with federal authorities and intend to fully comply.

"This is not 'the next Brian Herron case' to come out of Minneapolis City Hall... there simply is no act of public corruption at stake," Symchych wrote in her statement.

Prompted by Herron's misdeeds, federal agents launched an investigation into Minneapolis' regulatory and inspections departments. Following Herron's confession, the city also hired independent counsel to conduct a self-investigation.

Corey Rubenstein, a partner in Stetler & Duffy — the Chicago law firm that recently concluded the investigation — said federal agents had not contacted him, nor did he have any reason to believe the search had anything to do with his inquiry.

The FBI also sought information about three of Biernat's properties, according to a report in the Star Tribune. Symchych's statement made no mention of the properties.

Karen Bailey, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office, said attorneys could not comment on any possible investigation.

Mayor R.T. Rybak had no information on the federal inquiry into Biernat or the plumbing union. He released a statement Thursday assuring the city's intent to cooperate with federal authorities.

"We are already working on a package of ethics and regulatory reforms to ensure there is neither the appearance nor reality of conflict of interest in how the city conducts its business," Rybak said in the statement.

Shira Kantor welcomes comments at skantor@minndaily.com



PHOTO — DIANE CEBULA

Robb Brand, an employee of Osvoid Company on University Avenue Southeast, sends a countertop through the water-based contact laminating system Thursday. The company reduced its air pollution levels after switching from a solvent-based to a water-based adhesive in its laminating system in June.

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the plant, such as the annual Toxic Release Inventory released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is often misleading.

He said a report such as the TRI states how much of a chemical a plant produces, but the reports don't differentiate between what is released into the air and what is not.

"Much (ash) is sent to a landfill or turned into a product, such as concrete," Rosvold said.

Rebecca Helgesen, public information officer for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, said there is financial incentive in reducing pollutants.

"In the long run they're really saving money because they're not paying for hazardous waste disposal," she said.

The Osvoid Company on University Avenue Southeast took note

of concerns about environmental emissions, switching last June from a solvent-based adhesive to a water-based version in order to lower air emissions and improve working conditions.

"We wanted to be more friendly with the environment and still make a good product," said General Manager Lorri Utoft.

The Osvoid Company — which has been in the University area since the 1950s — manufactures cabinets, fine wood and corporate furniture and also made the University's computer kiosks.

The company was rewarded for its efforts to reduce pollutants through a reduction in the MPCA fee for its air permit.

Although large business' pollutants are a concern, Helgesen said cars and buses emit exponentially more toxins into the air.

"In terms of overall air pollutants,

vehicles have been taking over as a much bigger source," Helgesen said.

She said vehicles are more environmentally sound than they used to be but said the number of cars per family has increased. She said people commute to work from much greater distances than they would have a few years ago.

Helgesen said it is not accurate to blame large factories and plants for environmental difficulties.

"The big sources are only a small piece of the pollution pie," she said.

Eibenholz said he hopes the Web-based release of the inventory — at [www.secomo.org](http://www.secomo.org) — causes businesses to be more accountable for their emissions.

"I hope they'll at least be aware that people are looking at what they're doing," Eibenholz said. "This is just the tip of the iceberg for this kind of information."

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beaches and party in nightclubs, Isabella Nartey, a third-year bio-science student and University YMCA staff member said she would like to have gone on the alternative spring break plan the center usually offers.

Alternative spring break plans were available last year to students, but Nartey said time and money constraints made it difficult to recruit participants.

"The immersion programs give students an opportunity to learn about social injustice around the world," Nartey said.

Last year Nartey helped lead a group of students to focus on Cuban immigration issues in Miami. She said the group would take time to discuss what they were experiencing.

"Reflecting with the group was important for students to process what they were going through and to give them different perspectives in order to better form their own opinions," Nartey said.

She said the goal of the trip is to learn about other cultures, but often students also volunteer in service learning projects.

Next year, the University YMCA plans to take students to Ghana in West Africa to learn about HIV and AIDS.

Although the focus of the trip is on the learning experience, Nartey said, YMCA also understands that college students want to have fun on spring break.

"We make the time to explore the area, whether it's hiking on a Saturday or dancing on a Thursday night," Nartey said.

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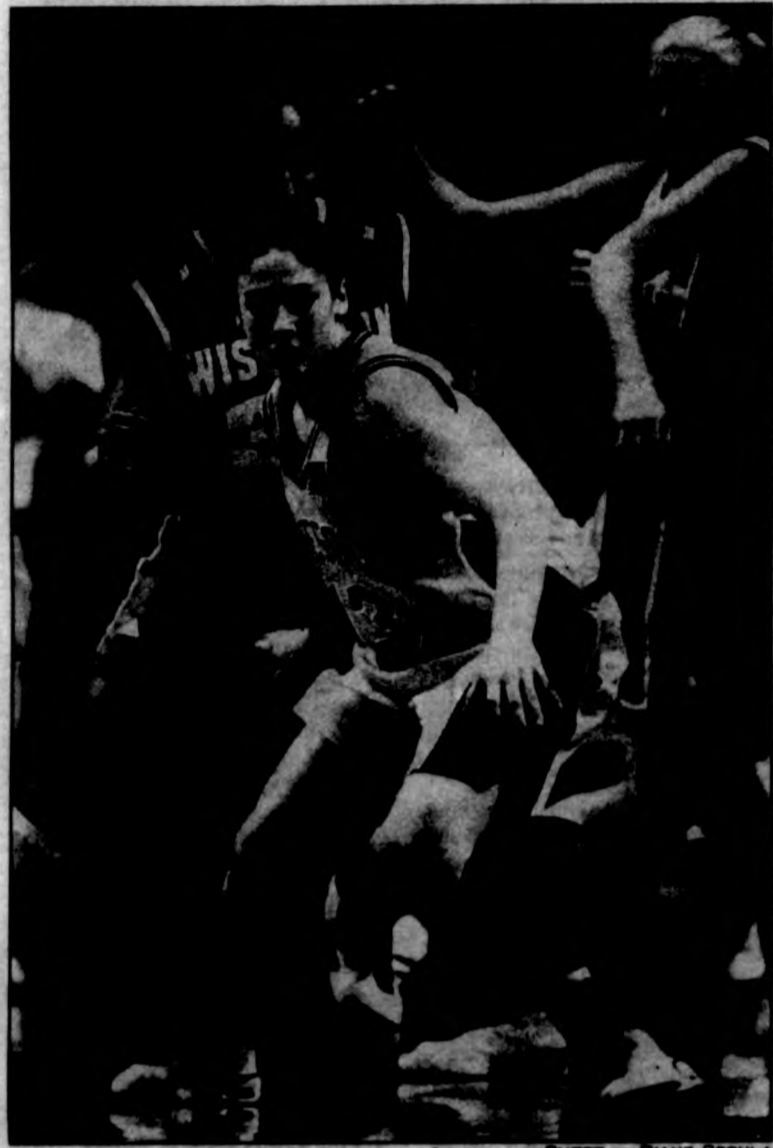
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Minnesota's Lindsay Whalen leads the Gophers into their first tournament game since 1994. Saturday's winner will face the North Carolina-Harvard winner.

## Women's hoops hopes energy overcomes tourney inexperience

No. 18 Minnesota takes on UNLV on Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

Adam Fink  
STAFF REPORTER

Fifteen minutes before the NCAA women's basketball tournament selection show began last Sunday, Minnesota center Janel McCarville paced back and forth between her front row seat and the gathered audience in the back.

The excitement and nervousness of the moment was spread across the freshman's face.

Four days of intense practice and 1,300 miles later, the fifth seed and No. 18 Gophers (21-7, 11-6 Big Ten) have calmed their nerves and are refocused for Saturday's first-round game against University of Nevada-Las Vegas in North Carolina.

Minnesota has lost three of its past four games and hasn't played since a March 1 second-round loss to Wisconsin in the Big Ten Tournament.

Throughout the season, Monday has been a day off for the team. But after taking the

weekend off to relax and regain its composure, Minnesota was hard at work a day after the tournament selection.

The Gophers spent the day looking at UNLV's game film and hit the court for some drills.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday followed a similar pattern with a renewed sense of urgency setting in each day.

"This team doesn't want the season to end on a down note," coach Brenda Oldfield said. "We aren't just excited to take part in the tournament. Our team has begun to understand this week they are playing for a lot more."

In preparation for the opposition's crowd noise, Minnesota pumped in music over the Williams Arena loud speakers for the first time since the week of the Jan. 20 road game at Wisconsin.

Of the Gophers 14 players, only two are seniors, and neither Kim Bell nor Jenny McKay have cracked the regular rotation or been to any postseason tournaments.

But tough road games against No. 7 Purdue (an 84-61 loss) and then No. 5 Badgers (a 92-85 win) have given Minnesota the confidence to overcome a lack of experience.

Those games were played in front of a hostile 7,274 and a Big Ten record 17, 142, respectively.

With 10 minutes remaining against the Boilermakers, Purdue

went on a 29-10 run to finish the game. But against Wisconsin 10 days later, the Gophers never faded down the stretch en route to their victory.

"We want to show everyone what kind of team we are," McCarville said. "The past 28 games have been a learning experience and a lot of fun. We don't want that to end."

### Awards pile up

Lindsay Whalen, the Big Ten's Player of the Year, earned one of the 10 All-American selections from the United States Basketball Writers Association on Thursday.

The guard averages 21.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 5.3 assists per game. The sophomore is also nominated for the top point guard award in the nation.

Penn State sophomore Kelly Mazzante was the only other Big Ten player named to the team.

In addition, Oldfield was named the USBW Coach of the Year.

The Big Ten's Coach of the Year is also one of eight finalists for a similar award from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. To become a finalist, Oldfield was named to the top coaching honor in the midwest region.

Oldfield has a career coaching record of 56-29.

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## New line sparks women's hockey run

Aaron Blake  
STAFF REPORTER

During the second intermission on Feb. 17, Minnesota's women's hockey team faced a 1-0 deficit against Wisconsin.

Just one day earlier, the Gophers saw their 24-game unbeaten streak snapped by a 2-0 Badgers win. Coach Laura Halldorson decided to shake up her line chart between periods, and the move produced results almost immediately.

Ten seconds into the third period, Kelly Stephens tapped the puck in amid a flurry in front of Badger goalie Jackie MacMillan. The game eventually went into overtime knotted at two, when Stephens found a streaking Kristy Ooninx for the game-winning goal.

The freshly minted line of Stephens, Ooninx and La Toya Clarke won the game for the first-ranked Gophers (28-3-5) and has contributed more than its share to all four wins since. Those five wins earned Minnesota both the WCHA regular season and Final Five titles.

The Gophers travel to New Hampshire for the NCAA Frozen Four, taking place Mar. 22-24.

"It's not as simple as just taking players and putting them together at any point in time," Halldorson said. "Things evolve. You see different things in different players, and they develop their skills along the way. The chemistry in terms of personalities is always evolving too."

"We went so long with the same line combinations and we just kept winning. I didn't want to break them up because of it, but I did reach a point when I felt like we needed to generate more offense."

So what can a sophomore (Clarke) and a pair of freshmen generate for the No. 1 ranked team in the country?



Noelle Sutton and the Gophers head to New Hampshire on Mar. 22-24 for the NCAA Frozen Four.

Plenty. The group scored 14 of the 23 Minnesota goals in its 14 periods together — en route to a total of 27 points. More importantly, the trio paced the Gophers win in the WCHA championship game versus Wisconsin.

Clarke found a streaking Stephens in the second period for the goal that made the score 3-0, but ended up being the game-winner.

As she often does, Clarke found herself assisting on her linemate's goal. When she's not handing out assists, she's distributing praise.

"Kelly ... wow," said Clarke, who has had three goals and seven assists in the last five games. "She's probably one of the fastest players I've ever seen in the game. She can make plays and she can control play, too. She's just all over the place."

"Kristy — she's got the best

hands I've ever seen. She can just rifle it top-shelf. Sometimes I wonder. I sit there thinking, 'Holy smokes, how'd she just bury that?' So I just give her the puck and let her do her thing."

Stephens, who has had five goals and four assists since the second intermission against Wisconsin, has revived her scoring with the line changes.

"We compliment each other really well," Stephens said. "I get a lot of opportunities playing with them from good passes. I had my lull in the middle (of the season). It happens."

Ooninx, who has had three goals and five assists in the span, had similar sentiments.

"We all have different styles," she said. "But it's kind of like a puzzle. Each of us is a piece and we make the puzzle fit. We compliment

each other and we have fun doing it ... It's a blast."

Expecting a rebuilding year, Minnesota is 25-1-4 since beginning the season 3-2-1 and is the unanimous No. 1 in the country. Long before Halldorson joined Stephens, Ooninx and Clarke, the trio was successful in its own right as the top three scoring forwards on the team.

But it's as a unit where the three are making their biggest impact.

All year, Minnesota coaches and players have stressed the importance of hard work and community among the players. Such philosophies have translated into the goals scored by Ooninx, Clarke and Stephens.

"Every single one," Stephens said. "Even after someone goes end to end, it started somewhere else. It's always from teamwork."

## Gophers, St. Cloud set for Friday

Brian Stevens  
STAFF REPORTER

The official distance from Mariucci Arena to the Xcel Energy Center in downtown St. Paul is 7.27 miles. But Minnesota's men's hockey team is treating this weekend's Final Five like a road trip.

They practiced at the Xcel on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. They're in a hotel for the weekend and are bussing to and from all festivities.

Minnesota (28-7-4), winner of seven straight games, kicks off competition at the Final Five on Friday night when they lock horns with St. Cloud State (29-9-2) for the fifth time this season. It's the second year in a row the Gophers and Huskies will meet in the semifinals.

"Everybody's looking forward to the weekend," junior forward Jeff Taffe said. "Yeah, there's going to be some St. Cloud fans and some Wisconsin fans but the majority (at the Xcel Center) will be pulling for us. It's a big difference having all those fans."

"It's a privilege to play in that facility. We've got a nice streak going and this is the time of year where that matters. We want to keep it going and beat St. Cloud."

Last year St. Cloud State handed Minnesota a 3-0 loss at the Xcel Center, something the Gophers have put behind them.

Instead, the sweep they handed to

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# WCHA Awards

## All-WCHA First Team

F-Mark Hartigan, St. Cloud State  
 F-Johnny Pohl, Minnesota  
 F-Mark Cullen, Colorado College  
 D-Jordan Leopold, Minnesota  
 D-Andy Reiersen, Minn.-Duluth  
 G-Wade Dubielewicz, Denver

## All-WCHA Second Team

F-Ryan Bayda, North Dakota  
 F-Nate DiCasmiro, St. Cloud State  
 F-Judd Medak, Minn.-Duluth  
 D-Matt Shasby, Alaska-Anchorage  
 D-Paul Martin, Minnesota  
 G-Dean Weasler, St. Cloud State

## All-WCHA Third Team

F-Jeff Taffe, Minnesota  
 F-Connor James, Denver  
 F-Peter Sejna, Colorado College  
 D-Tom Preissing, Colorado College  
 D-Aaron MacKenzie, Denver  
 G-Adam Berkhoei, Denver

## All-Rookie Team

F-Mike Doyle, St. Cloud State  
 F-Brandon Bochenski, North Dakota  
 F-Peter Szabo, St. Cloud State  
 D-Keith Ballard, Minnesota  
 D-Matt Gens, St. Cloud State  
 G-Bernd Bruckler, Wisconsin

## Player of the year

Mark Hartigan  
 Forward  
 St. Cloud State



## Defensive Player of the year

Jordan Leopold  
 Defense  
 Minnesota



## Rookie of the year

Brandon Bochenski  
 Forward  
 North Dakota



## Coach of the year

George Gwozdecky  
 Denver



## 10 Hobey Baker Finalists

Ryan Carter, F, Iowa  
 Marc Cuccia, F, WPI  
 Rob Collins, F, Ferris State  
 Wade Dubielewicz, G, Denver  
 Jiri Faryny, D, North Dakota  
 Mark Hartigan, F, St. Cloud State  
 Darren Haydar, F, New Hampshire  
 Jordan Leopold, D, Minnesota  
 Ryan Miller, G, Michigan State  
 Doug Murray, D, Cornell

### HOCKEY from 4

The Huskies two weeks ago is fresh on their minds. And there's a discrepancy between which team benefited from the weekend.

St. Cloud State coach Craig Dahl believes the sweep would give Minnesota a psychological edge. But Minnesota coach Don Lucia isn't banking on anything except what transpires on the ice.

"I have so much respect for St. Cloud and how good of a team they are," Lucia said. "Up front, I think they're better than us. We're going to have to play a very disciplined game because they'll absolutely destroy you with their power play."

The match-up will arguably display the tournament's most star-studded game.

The Huskies enter play with three of the nation's top 20 scorers — including Hobey Baker Finalist Mark Hartigan (75 points).

The Gophers, meanwhile, sport the nation's second leading scorer in Johnny Pohl (71) and also boast Taffe and his 54 points (fifth nationally).

With two wins over the Huskies in the final weekend of the regular season, Minnesota goaltender Adam Hauser pushed his career record against St. Cloud State to 6-6-4. However, in three Final Five games, he is 1-2-0 with a goals against average of 4.00 and a .872 saves percentage.

The Huskies Ryan Malone suffered a grade-one shoulder separation last weekend against Minnesota-Duluth and is questionable for Friday's game.

### Pohl snubbed for Hobey

As the 10 Hobey Baker Award finalists were revealed in alphabetical order on a large screen at the front of a packed Elandmark Center on Thursday afternoon, the crowd found out what Johnny Pohl has known since Monday.

Despite being a co-captain of Minnesota's men's hockey team, a three-time WCHA all-academic team member and second in the national scoring race, Pohl was left off the list.

Teammate Jordan Leopold was named a Hobey Baker finalist and WCHA Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

"I am stunned and completely disappointed," Gophers coach Don Lucia said of Pohl's absence on the Hobey Baker list. "I don't know what more you have to do."

Not to be taken lightly, Pohl made the all-conference first team, joining Leopold.

The reaction to the news was somewhat mixed. On one hand, there was disappointment and surprise. But in Pohl's eyes, there's no need for 10 finalists.

Pohl said he wouldn't use the snubbing as extra motivation or a need to prove himself at this weekend's Final Five because of the 10 finalists, six won't see him play this season.

And despite being left off, Pohl still has his fans. "In my book," Leopold said, "he's a finalist."

### Anthony Out

Junior forward Nick Anthony took a slapshot off the top of his foot last Saturday against North Dakota, and as a result has not skated all week.

Anthony will not take part in this weekend's Final Five tournament.

Anthony has already missed 17 games this season due to injury.

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## Daily

### Cutting NGA membership hurts state efforts

The state is in dire need of money; all expenditures are under scrutiny, and every penny counts. But the state Legislature's most recent cuts will likely hurt Minnesotans and further complicate state funding problems much more than the small amount of money they saved will help.

A bill passed last month designed to balance the state budget included cuts that would drop Minnesota's membership in the National Governors Association. Sen. Richard Cohen, DFL-St. Paul, who proposed the cut, along with closing the governor's Washington office, claimed the approximately \$120,000 in annual expenses associated with the office and NGA membership were not justified. In a related move, the Government Finance Committee, of which Cohen is chairman, determined both the Washington, D.C., office and NGA membership were expendable.

Although money is desperately needed in the state, removing the governor's Washington connections will be detrimental to Minnesotans' efforts to procure federal funding and influence federal legislation. Currently all 50 states, three territories and two commonwealths participate in the NGA; if Minnesota withdraws, it will be the only state not represented. Unless the Legislature knows something the governor and all other states do not, membership in the NGA is not frivolous.

A recent *Fortune* magazine report named the NGA the most powerful lobbying organization in Washington, D.C. It allows governors to form a bipartisan front that plays an integral role in appropriation of federal funds and demands attention from those who

dole out those funds. The NGA gives governors a platform from which to ensure state concerns are represented in public policy issues and federal legislation. Without participation in this organization, Minnesota will lack a discernable voice in federal politics. And given Minnesota's history as a politically progressive state, that cannot be allowed to happen.

The NGA not only provides states with a voice on Capitol Hill but affords governors a forum in which to discuss state problems and policy reform from both a federal and state perspective. Additionally, it is a resource to access other governors' support and advice on implementing policies. In the past the NGA has made monumental progress in welfare reform. It is currently working on homeland security, Medicaid reform and state sales tax simplification. Choosing to withdraw from this group will slight policy growth and keep the state from congruent economic advance other states might be making. The current tax simplification program is working to save states money — an estimated \$12 billion in tax revenue annually — by implementing a uniform system. If Minnesota is not involved, the state could continue to lose this money, making the amount saved through the cut comparatively trivial and rendering the cut itself counterproductive.

Although the Legislature is trying to best serve the state, its aim is misguided. This cut will cost the state much more than the money it initially saves and will obstruct Minnesota's resources for procuring federal representation and funding. To ensure Minnesota's future representation and participation on a federal level, the Legislature must rescind the cut.

### Neglecting fuel efficiency

On Wednesday, the U.S. Senate was once again presented with the opportunity to enact a law that had a chance of actually doing something useful. And once again, it failed miserably.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., sponsored a bill that would have forced automobile makers to raise their fleet-wide average miles per gallon 50 percent during the next 13 years. Current laws require a fleet average of 27.5 mpg for sedans and 20.7 mpg for SUVs, minivans and pickups. Kerry's legislation would have eliminated the vehicle classes in lieu of a flat 36 mpg requirement, fleet-wide.

Once again ranking corporate profits over the well-being of the American people, senators unleashed a steady stream of misinformation and flawed reasoning in a desperate — and ultimately successful — bid to defeat the bill. By a 62-38 vote, they opted instead for a bill that sets no increase in fuel efficiency and ambiguously directs the Transportation Department to, at some point in the next two years, change fuel efficiency standards "in a way that does not harm the domestic manufacturing industry." Since the Transportation Department has not raised the minimum miles-per-gallon requirement at all during the last 15 years, there seems little reason to hope the Senate's action will produce any real results.

The most prominent arguments raised against Kerry's effort dealt with erroneous fears of safety compromises and government-mandated narrowing of choices presented to consumers. At one point during the debate, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., gestured toward a picture of a subcompact and told his fellow senators, "I don't want every American to have to drive this car."

So much for Lott's faith in American ingenuity. The notion that the U.S. automobile manufacturing industry is staffed by inept workers incapable of figuring out how to increase fuel efficiency without compromising passenger safety is preposterous, and auto workers should be insulted. Likewise, senators' portrayal of the higher fuel efficiency standards as a mandate forcing automobile makers to abandon production of all but their most efficient models stinks like only a red herring can.

Kerry's push for increased fuel efficiency standards was not an attempt to whittle consumer choice down to a Ford Focus or a Geo Metro; his statements honestly supported what he was trying to accomplish. It is disheartening that the majority of the Senate not only advocated against the best interests of their constituents, but also that they felt the need to mask their true intent.



## Letters

### Corporatization hurts University

I'm disturbed by the trend of faculty and staff at the University taking the research they've done using public funds at a public school system and putting it into private companies. I believe when the public puts up the money for research, it should benefit by having the research placed in the public domain. From what I understand, this was exactly what happened on a regular basis up until the early 1980s when laws were passed allowing public organizations funded by the federal government to patent their technological innovations and then license them. While this certainly helps recoup costs of research, many universities are becoming more and more dependent on this form of income.

Also, I've noticed that many patented technologies don't even catch on, as many companies guard good inventions too heavily. Many of the most successful high-tech products have come to be popular after companies came together to pool their patents and other research. Technology can advance much more smoothly when it is shared, so I wonder why organizations won't be even more open and allow the public to look into how to improve inventions.

Michael Hicks, senior, Institute of Technology

### Misplaced protests

Fartuun Abdulle suggests the "Somali" man was killed because of racial profiling ("Jeilani death highlights larger problem," March 13). I watched the protestors on the local news, carrying signs that said, "Stop the Hate." I find the Somali community's reaction to this tragic event incredibly disturbing in light of the facts of the case.

It has been alleged that the suspect was brandishing both a crowbar and a machete and was refusing orders to put down his weapons. The police subsequently killed the suspect after he attacked an officer.

What I find disturbing is the Somali protesters seem to be suggesting an individual should be allowed to carry a machete

and a crowbar and then threaten the police officers — who were protecting all of the residents in the neighborhood — because he was mentally ill and part of a minority group.

As a former resident of the neighborhood where this event occurred, I can only express my gratitude to the Minneapolis Police Department for putting themselves in harm's way once again and for protecting all of the citizens who live in the neighborhood. I have friends in my classes who live within two blocks of the scene, and fortunately, none of them were returning from class when this individual was roaming the streets.

A crime against one American is a crime against all Americans. Should this incident be investigated? Of course, as an American I would demand this under any circumstances. Should you be outraged that a man was brandishing a weapon, threatening your neighbors and the police in your city? Well, you should be, and I have a hard time wondering why you are not.

Kelly Flanagan, senior, IT

### History of the pledge

Proponents of mandating expressions of patriotism from 7-year-olds may be interested in knowing a little about our pledge to our flag. It was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, a Christian socialist minister who was booted from his congregation for delivering sermons such as "Jesus the socialist." The phrase "the flag of the United States of America" was originally just "my flag," changed in the 1920s to thwart the supposed disloyalty of the huddled masses arriving here by the shipload. "Under God" was added in 1954 under Eisenhower. Bellamy wanted to include "equality" and "fraternity" along with "liberty and justice for all," but those words were a little too radical, since they were a pointed reference to the republic's vote-less women and right-less blacks. And, the flag was originally saluted with the stiff right arm, unto-Caesar gesture later picked up by the fascists.

However, Sen. Mady Reiter, R-Shoreview, is very brave to point out we are "the only

democracy on earth." Hopefully we can be a beacon of hope to, say, the English languishing under Queen Elizabeth's tyranny and the French, whose reign of terror has yet to end. Any public servant with a less sure understanding of world affairs should probably just resign.

Geoff Cannon, Minneapolis

### Nationalism causes animosity

In the Daily's front-page article "State senators consider Pledge of Allegiance bill" (March 14), Sen. Mady Reiter, R-Shoreview, is quoted as saying, "We are the only democracy on earth and people look to us for hope." I'm sure the citizens of the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and the rest of Western Europe would be very surprised to hear that they don't qualify as democracies, to say nothing of nations such as India. It reminds me vividly of Rep. Arlon Lindner's, R-Corcoran, comments from May of 2001 accusing the Dalai Lama of being the leader of "a cult."

Our president asked, "Why do they hate us so?" Probably because some things evidently don't change in America — namely ignorance, intolerance, prejudice and provincialism. Perhaps when most Americans are more aware and more appreciative of our fellow humans, they'll be more appreciative of us.

Daren Johnson, IT professional, College of Liberal Arts regional technician

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## A new epidemic: Restless Legs Syndrome

I used to be able to sleep until four in the afternoon. Ever since I was an infant and slept through the 1971 earthquake in Los Angeles, I have literally slept like a baby.

Ma tells me it's because she used to belly dance when I was in the womb. Dad insists it was a result of being doped-up on sugar. Pop-psych America told me I was depressed. Whatever the reason, I could sleep anywhere, any time: cars, buses, roller coasters and even — before I developed a fear of flying — on the airplane.

Unfortunately, like most stressed-out adults, I eventually woke up and smelled the coffee. I never thought it would happen to me.

I used to feel so sorry for my mother who would tuck me in at midnight and then go bang around the house in her floral house dress for at least another two hours before heading to bed (which was followed by her regular pee trips down the hall three times per night).

A mere five hours later, I'd be awoken by the clamor of pots and pans — which sounded a lot like a punk band during sound check especially in those wee hours of morning. Even so, once I realized it was only Ma in the kitchen and not nuclear war, I'd fall back into a peaceful slumber.

And in five more hours, she'd appear at my doorway, hands on hips, wearing the same floral dress, as though she never slept at all. She'd scold me behind her tired eyes for sleeping all day, but I know now she wasn't mad — she was bitter.

"I'm so jealous," she'd say, much in the same way she'd tell me she was jealous of my ability to make number two. "Constipation and insomnia," she'd flog, pointing a knowing finger. "Just you wait."

Still, I never believed her. I just assumed my tendency toward laziness lent me the gift of slumber. Then, about three years ago, I began waking up in the night for at least an hour, and I would never be able to fall, completely and soundly, back to sleep. That spell would last about a month, and ever since it has been a chronic condition occurring at least once per season.

I am currently in my third month, breaking all previous records. It's bad: I spend countless hours tossing and turning, tormenting myself with all the things I could be in this world if only I had the energy. All the sublimated junk bubbles to the top of the neo-cortex and gets me worrying about the bigger things — like the possibility I might be shallow after all.

Consequently, I am a basket case during the day. I am forgetful, irritable and have to justify why I can't coordinate my outfits. "I'm better with color when I have slept more than



ROXANNE SADOVSKY  
Column

three hours," I say defensively.

I guess the plus side is I get a lot done. I compose my columns in my head. I've got time to finally place that Muzac song I keep hearing at Rainbow Foods that sounds a lot like the Billy Joel song "Honesty."

I am also getting used to the midnight trip to the kitchen, where I pound a glass of soymilk, or read the silly disclaimers on the bottles of catsup. All the same, it doesn't add up. I am not that stressed out. My life isn't that bad. My hair isn't that difficult. I am no more depressed than the average, neurotic Jew.

Finally, after a few weeks of extremely "fitful" sleep (the kind where you wake up in the middle of the night kicking the mattress as though in a tantrum), I finally self-diagnosed myself with Restless Legs Syndrome.

I know, attractive isn't it? Many of you probably don't even know what that is, but why should you? I would have never known myself had I not been surfing freaky sleep-disorder Web sites at 3 a.m. when I stumbled across some poor co-insomniac who blamed the whole thing on his Restless Legs Syndrome.

And as if all this torment wasn't enough like a Stephen King novel, I now had to add a syndrome? Why is it such awful things also have to have such creepy names, anyway? Restless Legs Syndrome? It conjures up images of the multiple, twitching limbs of a cockroach.

Why couldn't it be a "disorder"? At least a disorder is kind of sexy. Why not "Runner's Curse" or "Last Leg Disorder"? I'd even be okay with "Athlete's Leg." I also happen to have chronic "Planter Fasciitis," which boils down to a bum heel, but someone had to get all Latin on me and turn me into a case number. Where are all the politically correct terms when you need them?

In a word or two, Restless Legs Syndrome is similar to caffeine intoxication, except it all takes place in the legs. It's kind of like claustrophobia; you want to escape either yourself or the place, but the kicker is that while the rest of you is dead asleep, you only feel it in your legs. It just doesn't work to send your legs secretly out the door without the rest of your body knowing something is going on.

If this sounds crazy, it is. Most commonly, RLS (see? Anything with an acronym is serious business), strikes violently in the night waking the victim because the legs are under the impression it's time to cancan. What makes it even more twisted is it's not exactly the entire leg that feels this Mardi Gras peer pressure, but only the very depths of them — the bone as it were.

One might think, because I am a runner I would be OK with jogging around Lake Calhoun at all hours to remedy the thing. Actually, it usually helps to get out of bed and stretch for a while in order to make it go away. But the problem is once I'm up, I'm up.

This can be kind of embarrassing when I have company. "Oh, I'm just gonna get up and walk around a little," I explain when my boyfriend wants to know why I am getting out of bed at three in the morning.

On the one hand, I'm glad to know there is an explanation and, therefore, a reason why my bed spread is often rung around my neck in the morning. On the other hand, RLS has no cure. While "they" suggest quitting all the regulars like alcohol, caffeine, etc., nothing seems to help. I have tried it all. I took up crochet. I tried origami. I even accepted the fact it's not a good idea to go to bed famished and wake up

to rediscover the joys of Jell-O. Alas, the issue is moot. There is no cure.

My dad — who also has RLS — suggests I drink water. He admits there has to be a reason all these people are carrying around bottles of water all the time. "Maybe they are on to something," he ponders — as though he is not a doctor, as though he when he tells his patients to drink plenty of fluids, he means wine and beer.

He says he can't speak personally though, because his "thirst mechanism" doesn't work. He says this as though I should understand. I get worried, "So you're not only telling me I have Steven King disease, but now you're saying I don't know when I'm thirsty? You're telling me I could drop dead in the middle of a run because I forgot to drink water during the cold winter?"

Heck, if it meant getting a little shuteye, I'd have no problem pounding the H<sub>2</sub>O. If all it means is my legs are thirsty, then I'll lead them to water. The only issue I would have is if this turns out to be a bad case of dehydration, let's just keep it clean and call it what it is. Though I don't think I could handle being diagnosed with Reluctant Prune Syndrome.

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## Shadow government a necessary failsafe

**STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE)** — Many Americans reacted with suspicion and anger when they learned of the "shadow government" President George W. Bush enacted after the Sept. 11 attacks on New York.

While the plan to create a parallel government has flaws, the majority of those fears are unfounded. The "shadow government" is actually part of the Continuity of Operations Plan, designed during the Cold War so that, in case of a nuclear holocaust, the government would continue to provide the public with services supporting our way of life. It is made up of public officials who already hold high-level positions in our government.

The "shadow government" is actually called the "continuity of government," or COG. It is not designed to allow a shadowy group of powerful men to seize control of our lives. The COG is not currently in control of anything. In fact, if the group of officials was needed and everything went according to plan, it would minimize the

impact of the disaster and you wouldn't even notice that it took power.

This is a good idea. As we know all too well, attacks on the United States are very possible, and it is only responsible of our president to have a plan in case of the unthinkable. Would we really want our government to fall apart if Washington, D.C., or perhaps even the entire East Coast, was disabled?

In most cases, the government is obligated to relinquish all information such as this, but the very nature of the Continuity of Operations Plan requires the president to keep it secret. It would make no sense to publicize our plans to weather attacks. To do so would give our enemies the knowledge they need to truly hurt us.

There are crucial flaws in this plan, however. The computers used by the COG are several generations behind those used in other government agencies and most likely could not link to other government databases. There are

also few telephone lines and secure video and audio links. The COG will not help us much if they are simply a bunch of guys in a bunker. They must have access to the tools needed to do their jobs. Perhaps more serious is Bush's unwillingness to include other branches of government in the Continuity of Operations Plan, especially Democrats.

Senate Majority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., and House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., both complained that they never knew that the plan had been enacted. GOP leaders House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (Ill.) and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott (Miss.) said they were not sure whether they had been notified or not.

Our government is not based solely in the executive branch, and any plan to truly support our democracy after an attack would have to include all three branches. The issue is why are our branches of government not communicating better? If an event so horrible were to

take place that the COG was needed, all our public officials would have to work together to overcome the disaster.

Should any one political camp attempt to grab power from another, the entire system would collapse. This certainly is not the time for partisan politics of this kind. It would be a sad chapter in American history if internal squabbling allowed our enemies to successfully disable our government. The Continuity of Operations Plan is a necessary safeguard for our government and not something for the American people to fear.

While we strengthen our defenses against foreign attack, we may want to take a look at our interior weaknesses. Our worst enemy could be our public officials' greed for power and inability to work together.

Niles Stuck's column originally appeared in Oklahoma State University's Daily OkCtagon on March 14. Send comments to letters@mndaily.com

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The University's latest attempt to revive the Medical School's national reputation is at the mercy of state legislators. House representatives denied

funding for a Translational Research Facility in their initial bonding bill, which was rejected late Thursday night. But the House is expected to pass a bonding bill with the same higher education recommendations in the coming days. A proposed \$36 million medical research and

treatment center, the facility would be located next to the Lions Research Building, north of the Huron Boulevard Parking Complex.

"(The facility) was a very expensive building, so it was a question of what things meet our criteria," said Rep. Peggy Leppik, R-Golden Valley. "The buildings we did fund were science buildings that needed to be replaced or renovated."

The building would allow researchers to collaborate with physicians performing clinical work to bring treatment and cures to patients faster, said Sarah Youngerman, spokeswoman for the University's Academic Health Center.

"TRF really acts as a hub of bringing those clinical and basic scientists' work to a central location where they can work collaboratively and understand what each other is doing in case there might be opportunities to leverage one person's research for another person's opportunities," Youngerman said.

The facility would also quicken the transition between research results from animal testing to humans, she said. "What we're envisioning is a facility where that kind of collaboration goes on together."

The \$36 million facility requires \$24 million in state funding and \$12 million in private funding.

While House Republicans did not include the building in their \$839 million bonding bill proposal, Senate members put the building's future on hold until a conference committee decides its fate.

Rep. Lyndon Carlson, DFL-Crystal, said there is a 50-50 chance the building will receive funding from the committee, which is composed of senators and representatives from both parties.

"I felt it was a University priority and should have been funded," Carlson said.

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But Sen. Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis, said he didn't think the Gophers would see a bill to fund a home for the team this session.

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4BR, 2BA, lrg apt, 1127 4th St SE, avail immediately \$1700/mo, 5 mo lease, 612-902-7973 or 612-701-2886

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Avail 9/1/02 - 1015 8th St SE  
New 1,2,3,4 BR Apts.  
High tech - Affordable - Spacious  
Model NOW OPEN  
Call 612-623-1186 or visit  
www.mar3y-park.com

500 Erie St, 2br \$745 avail. Apr. from prkg/ht/water walk to U 612-379-4585.

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**ST PAUL**  
1 & 2 BR remodeled apts now avail, between St Paul & Mpls campuses, on busline, rental assistance accepted, starting @ \$620, 651-644-4823

1BR near St Paul campus, on busline 61 non-stop to Mpls & St Paul campus, 1BR starting @ \$545/mo, avail now, 651-489-1381

2 BR walk to St Paul Campus, wd flt, Indry, ht pd, \$900/mo, 651-644-7745

**Como & Raymond**  
1BR \$595 4/1 651-645-5450

**Raymond & Energy Park Drive**  
Effic. \$495 4/1 651-645-5450

Roseville Larpentoux or Smolins, lower level 1BR, \$585, ht pd, Avail. 5/1 651-645-1522.

**ST PAUL CAMPUS AREA**  
2BR 4/1 \$729, 651-645-5450

**ST PAUL**  
3BR, newly remodeled, \$1200/mo, avail immediately, 6 mo lease, 612-802-7973

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3BR house \$825 + deposit. U area. Avail. 4/1, 5 mo sublet. 612-227-8156.

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11X1 26th Ave SE, 4+BR, 2BA house in great condition, 2 car garage, hdyrd, ldy \$1850/mo avail 4/1. 612-708-0529

2BR w/ office, hrdwd floors, natural wood work, biking distance to U. Bank, \$850 + also 2BR \$750 + 952-927-4222

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**ROOMS FOR RENT IN DOWNTOWN:**  
\$270-400, includes all utilities, shared kitchen, 3 baths, avail now, flexible leases. 651-484-8727

1 Room efficiency w/ kitchen in house to shr bathroom, Indry no pets, NS, \$335 + util. 29th & Girard 612-781-7700

Furnished room in my house, 27th & Como SE. Free util & Indry, Dish TV, Close to U. Ref & deposit req. Avail 3/18. Prof student. \$260. Leave msg. Dave 612-351-2953.

335 sq ft bright (no kit), w/c, w/c, prkg, ht, smk/dry/ht/water/vents. 5 blks U of M St. 651-647-4944

1E 2 BR apt, 10 min to U. 1 blk to bus. A/C, Indry, prkg. \$598. 651-631-1875.

1F in shr 4BR hse in Dinkytown, free March rent, by BR, prvt entrance, & off street prkg. \$450 incl all vts. Call 612-579-0419

1 MF to share 2BR @ 7 Corners Apt, \$490/mo & \$250 sec. dep. 612-339-6155

1 MF to shr apt w/SM, free cable, Indry, off/prt, Stadium Village, \$380. 651-663-9110

MF shrs house near campus, nice area, Prvt rm, \$340/mo Util incl 651-649-8812

non smoking male/female share house 2blks from dinkytown, own room, good place to study off street parking, no pets. \$275 + util. 612-805-4869

one m/1 roommate wanted, NS, 3 BR apt, for 4/1, \$380/mo + utilities 651-771-8424

Rm in 3BR hse, avail now or 4/1 until 9/1 with option to renew. Hr St Paul campus, \$275 + vts. 651-278-4127

Roommate Referrals  
612-827-5666 rcroommates.com

1-2 spots avail to sublease until Sept. On 8th Ave and 6th St. Daily \$275/mo. 612-724-5190

1BR apt, or U, on busline, prvt entrance, separate dining area, off-street prkg, vts incl. \$750, avail 5/24, 612-258-2494

1 br semi-furnished, 1st fl near U of M St. Paul campus \$625 incl. utilities avail. 610 612-242-8819

713 University Ave NE, 3BR, 1 1/2 BA, great rental, \$188,900, 612-991-6132

**INSPIRATION**

80 Minnie St, 2 BR, 4 up rm, 1077, rms garage, \$900, 681-628-9301

91 Jackson, 74701 mt, nice condition, new flrs, 1 owner, \$2200 681-488-9877.

92 Ford Escort LX 2dr, 5 spd, great shape, \$800, 681-246-8826

92 Ford Tempo, 1200 miles, sunroof, new battery, \$800-call 612-874-6224

**RENTAL BICYCLES 651-692-1697**

Spring Break & Summer Party Party at 100

# Jobs @ the Daily

### Business Manager

Seeking a highly motivated individual to manage every aspect of the business department at The Minnesota Daily. This person is responsible for managing the financial affairs in a fiscally responsible manner while supporting the Daily's business operations including employees, funds and property. Must be a University of Minnesota student with 24 credits completed and a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0. Must have at least one year of successful experience in management at a newspaper or other business. An understanding of newspaper operations, journalistic ethics, and appropriate media law required. Must demonstrate management and staff leadership skills, with the ability to manage and motivate a diverse staff and provide an effective training environment. Being able to handle confidential material is a must. Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to work effectively with others is required.

Qualified applicants may stop by the Daily and fill out an application by 3/27 or contact Rob at 627-4070 ext.3163 with any questions.

### Credit Manager

The Minnesota Daily is seeking an individual to fill the position of Credit Manager. He/She will be responsible for hiring, training, supervising and setting goals for the credit department. This individual reconciles accounts receivables, manages all aspects of billings and enforces the Daily's credit policies. Must be organized, have high problem solving aptitude, and be computer literate. Previous credit/customer service experience desired. Must be University of Minnesota student.

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### Editor in Chief

Seeking a highly motivated individual to manage every aspect of the editorial department at The Minnesota Daily. This person is responsible for managing all of the Daily's editorial operations including the newsroom, editorials/opinions, and production, including the employees, funds, and property in accordance with Board policies and good management practices. Reports directly to the Office of the Publisher. Has exclusive authority over the news coverage and editorial content of the Daily. Ensures that the paper provides fair and accurate information of interest to the University community, reflecting diverse viewpoints and issues of importance. Must be a University of Minnesota student with 24 credits completed and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0. Will have a least one year of successful experience at a newspaper or other news organization. Strong news judgement and an understanding of newspaper operations, journalistic ethics, and appropriate media law are essential. Being able to handle confidential material is a must. Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with others is also required.

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### Office Coordinator

The Daily is looking for individuals with excellent customer service skills, including a pleasant and friendly manner to answer and direct incoming phone calls. This person will also distribute mail, coordinate clips from the paper, and keep the reception area neat and clean while ensuring security policies and procedures. Candidates must enjoy working with people, possess good phone etiquette and have great organizational skills. Must be available to work Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays, and be a University of Minnesota student.

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### Account Executive

We are looking for an individual who likes to work with people to become a member of The Minnesota Daily. This person will be working with clients that have existing accounts and developing new accounts. We are looking someone with good interpersonal skills and someone who is highly motivated. Previous sales and customer service skills are a plus. Must be a University of Minnesota student.

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### Copy Desk Editor

Join The Minnesota Daily team! We are seeking an individual to act as the Copy Desk Editor. This individual would edit the daily copy and write headlines. The editor checks for capitalization, punctuation, style, grammar, spelling, libel, formatting, and readability that are consistent with AP and Daily style.

The successful candidate would achieve an acceptable score on an administered copy-editing test. Newspaper editorial experience is preferred. Must be a U of MN student for consideration.

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### President of the Board of Directors

We are seeking an ambitious individual for the position of President and Chairman of The Minnesota Daily's Board of Directors. The President, along with the Office of the Publisher, consisting of the President, Business Manager and Editor in Chief, must have the ability to focus on long term goals for The Minnesota Daily. The President is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and must help to ensure that the Daily is operating in a fiscally responsible manner and within its mission statement. The President is also responsible for organizing board meetings, working within the Office of the Publisher to ensure equality for all areas of newspaper operations and for supervising the administrative division, which includes the Human Resources and the Public Relations / Development Departments. Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to be an effective spokesperson for the Daily and to work effectively with others is also required. Being able to handle confidential material is a must. Must be a University of Minnesota student with 24 credits completed and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.

If interested in applying, stop by the Daily and fill out an application by 3/27 or contact Rob at 627-4070 ext.3163 with any questions.

### Controller

Seeking a highly motivated individual to allocate the Daily's assets and facilitate long range financial planning. This person is responsible for managing both the accounting and credit departments. Must also provide timely, accurate and complete financial reports, projections and prepare for an annual audit. Ensures the quality of financial statements as well as set and meet quarterly and yearly goals in concert with the organization. Must be a University of Minnesota student and have at least one year of management experience. Being able to handle confidential material is a must.

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## Spring Fling Rental Special

**Your FIRST MONTH'S RENT = The TEMPERATURE on the day you visit us**  
(yep, you read it right...if it's 35 degrees on the day you visit us, your first month's rent will be only \$35.00!)

- 2 BR / 2 BA Split Design
- Full-Size Washer & Dryer
- Free Heat and Central A/C
- No Application Fee

University Village

2br w/over duplex avail. lease. \$600 + util. & mo. lease 2blks from campus, Marshall Magnet 612-333-9164

Franklin Student Coop, First Month Rent FREE. 1 & 2BR avail now from \$499/mo, Indry, jets ok, ht incl, workout rm, walk to U, on busline, 612-338-4574

**2BR apt all vts paid. Off st prkg. On bus. \$800/mo. Avail 4/1. 612-871-8360.**

5BR apt 5/1, 2BA Prkg, A/C, bus line, sun rm up ht great cond. \$1995 952-512-1795

Art Institute area 1br \$560, 2br \$650, express bus, hrdwd fl, sunny fresh decor no smoke/pet ref. check required 612-872-2417.

UPFRONT \$250 off 1st month's rent, 5 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, \$1170, 2bdrms \$820, May 1st. For more info: (612) 821-0565

21st & Irving, 1 & 2BR, hrdwd flrs, sec, off st prkg, bus, refs req'd. \$475 & up + vts. 612-521-4092 or 763-853-0866

2 BR May 1, 401 9th St SE  
CLEAN-FURNISHED FOR STUDY  
NEW Party building 612-378-1119

2 BR + sunrm in 4 unit apt bldg, hrdwd flrs, \$775/mo, Avail 5/1, 1 blk to Prouderhans Pk @ 3245 15th Ave S, call 612-977-8383.

2BR up 14 windows \$1000 ht pd 5/1, ht incl & ht, stove, Indry storage 520 NE 4th St. 1.5 mi to U. 612-374-3624

325 8th Ave SE, 1BR avail NOW, \$625 ht incl. 12 mo lease, security clean, hdy on bus line. Call Brian @ 612-882-7750

3BR, 4/1, on bus line, NW floors, Sun Rms, \$1,175 + UNI., roduct for 2, 612-822-3393

Huge 5+br great for 6 students 2 full kitchen, 2 full bath, 2 car garage 5 min to U, busline \$480 + each lease message avail. 4/1 612-729-5729

BRX 29th Ave, 4BR, avail now. 612-247-3862

9th 17th Ave SE classic 2BR + den, up duplex, updated kitch and bath, hrdwd flrs, nat wood, \$1200 + 678-1878 smk/pr 789-8519

17th & Como 3BR on bus, Indry, prkg avail. Avail 4/1, ht pd or parties. 612-378-1972. Full rentals available 2-5BR.

4BR, newly remodeled, 2BA, study area, 800 13th Ave SE, \$2200/mo, tenant responsible for all vts, 4-5 yrs lease only, 16 mo lease, avail immediately, 612-882-7973 or 612-781-2886

Beautiful 4br house, hrdwd flrs, nat wood, newer kitchen, two 2-car garage, 1 up balcony, 23rd Ave SE, Como area, avail immediately \$1,700/mo, call (612) 612-531-2668 or 681-656-1879 or email rls@9900@gmail.com

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\*\*\*DESIGN: 681-658-0488 by me\*\*\*  
Bright & spacious, apr or bar option, 3BR to 4BR units, kitchen islands, commodes & hrdwd flrs. Good vts w/ht. Avail Now/Anytime.  
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Cozy 2BR up, cplx, skylights, Indry gas on bus, avail ASAP \$940 htd, 612-257-6941

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## Network

**Net:** God wanted to remind us all just how necessary spring break really is. Hopefully most of you out there in Networkia will be heading to warmer climates next week. For those of you who are not, at least there is the best television of the year on right now.

For those of you who mistakenly believe an all-new "ER" constitutes "good TV," we are referring to the NCAA tournament. You want drama, we've got some drama for you. And while you bask in the dramatic bliss of the men's tournament, make sure to check out the Gophers women down in North Carolina as they continue their storied season. If all that weren't enough, the Final Five is here too, which means some great hockey. Rapture.

From *Scottie2hottie*:

I need all of Networkia to weigh in on an issue that is very near and dear to me. What is technically stalking? **Net:** standing outside our window as you write this would qualify. Say you go to a class that you're not actually enrolled in simply because there is a girl that sits in the second row who looks exactly like Mandy Moore (ya know, with the hot dark hair...ooh baby). **Net:** Yes, that is stalking, perv. And it is obvious that she is the only reason I'm going, like anyone would show up for Biogeography of the Global Garden. **Net:** We think we took that eight years ago, but we were high on goofballs most of that semester, so it's a bit of a blur who wasn't being forced there by an evil CLA plot. And yes, I haven't talked to her yet. **Net:** are you mute? But my friend is in her lab section and says her name is Katie, so that's a good step, right? **Net:** It's a good step for a mute I mean, I know her name, she's hot, and I once followed her back to her place. **Stalker meter: BEEP BEEP BEEP** But I'm sure she didn't catch me whacking off in the bushes outside her window! **Net:** We thought that might be you. The authorities have been notified. Now, the question to all of you is can I still approach her and ask her out to a party this weekend, or have I already crossed the line to totally NETTING INSANE and there's no turning back? **Net:** you probably crossed that line in third grade, so go for it.

From *FreedoniaPrez*:

**Net,** I thank the heavens that some collective electronic entities still remember such wonderful films as "Johnny Dangersously." I would complain about the lack of interesting material sent in lately, **Net:** We've been complaining, but to no avail but I'm pretty sure that no one wants to hear me bitch, **Net:** correct and as I am not some sort of reactionary who makes statements intended to incite rioting and then crosses his arms, stands back and laughs malevolently, **Net:** You all suck! Muhuhahahahaha! I will leave any sort of commentary to others. However, I do pose a question to the impoverished masses of Networkia: Who was behind, and what was the real reason for the Kennedy assassination? **Net:** You'll never prove we did it. Was it an evil government shadow group, **Net:** yes Jackie Kennedy, **Net:** yes the Mafia, **Net:** yes Castro, **Net:** no, he's a socialist, and they can do no wrong or perhaps, even Woody Allen **Net:** yes (to later give himself an excuse to avoid sex. **Net:** We've got plenty of excuses for that: not attractive, being physically unappealing, poor social skills, lack of general hygiene, et cetera. If you don't know what I'm talking about, go watch Annie Hall.) I'm sure that we have conspiracy theorist in our midst with fascinating ideas and insights (fascinating read certifiable). **Net:** actually, more uninteresting than certifiable.

In ending, I would like to say that the most beautiful woman in the world is a waitress at the Village Wok. She is a goddess, and a redhead to boot. **Net:** Isn't that redundantly redundant?

And a PSA to those on the West Bank in need of a makeshift sleeping place, the Law School has couches softer than the Expos starting rotation. **Net:** yeah, those couches are great for, um, sleep. Well, **Net,** I'm spent. **Net:** Go take a nap

at the Law School. Happy trails, until we meet again.

From *Target\_Market\_Tool*:

Yo **Net,** how's your motherboard? **Net:** suck it. So I have a new debate to pose to the masses. Forget complaining about how the opposite sex won't "give you any." **Net:** but they won't or that if they do they treat you badly. **Net:** but they do. I'm more annoyed that I walk around this school daily and am surrounded by so many beautiful women. **Net:** none of whom find you attractive. Now as I pass these women I say to myself "DAMN **Net:** They're thinking the same thing, with different motivation and ponder the thought of striking up some sort of lame conversation in an attempt to spark their interest. **Net:** their likely response: "shut your word hole, fatty." And for those five seconds that I admire these girls they are amazingly beautiful until I notice the cigarette they are carrying and am then immediately turned off. **Net:** funny, it didn't take them that long. So my question to you omnipotent one and all of Networkia is A) Why are there so many pretty girls here and yet they all seem to have such an ugly habit, **Net:** so you will stay away and B) What other things are immediate turn offs for the readers of Network, other than the usual bad teeth, bad breath, general overall ugliness? **Net:** arrogance about intelligence? Well, I'm sure that not many will respond since most of this campus will be gone to some distant destination before this is printed. **Net:** or they will be bored to tears by your banality. Oh well, Peace Out, I'm headed to the sunny shores of Lawrence, Kansas (KU) and Las Vegas... wait, there are no shores in Kansas, and I'm not 21. NUT!!! That's the last time I use Budget Bob's Travel Agency! **Net:** oh, ha ha, that's really funny. Wait. No.

From *The\_Big\_Red\_Planet*:

Cheers to you **Net** for trudging through the numerous letters as of late that have seemingly attempted to tarnish your good name. **Net:** We try. Despite what others may think, I thought you were really good last Friday. **Net:** flattery will get you everywhere, or at least into print.

Anyway, now onto my point for writing: why does our basketball team continue to whine about not getting into the big dance? **Net:** beats working for a living I mean, where is the gratitude for being chosen to play in the NIT and continue their season for another week or 2? **Net:** let's be honest, the NIT blows. It just does not seem very gopher-like to whine about being allowed to continue playing. But then what is gopher like (other than stuffing big nuts into your mouth of course)? **Net:** so many jokes to make, all of which would get us into trouble. Use your imagination, Networkia. Actually, given the result of that activity, let it go.

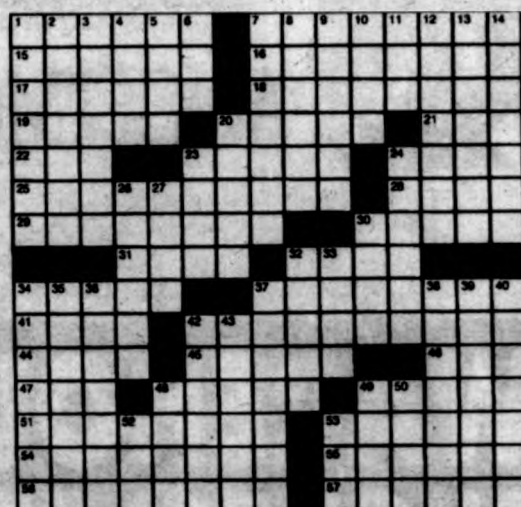
Secondly, why do the weather gods hate us all? We were given a few days of enjoyment last week, and today we get slammed with oodles of snow. **Net:** and the idiots walking around saying "March is the snowiest month." Did we do something to offend the powers that be? **Net:** as if New Coke wasn't punishment enough. Or are we just the unwilling slaves to a merciless brood of weather deities?

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to declare myself as allied member of the squirrel union. **Net:** another one bites the dust Minneapolis chapter. Escape is unattainable, mercy an after thought, and our eventual conquest is an inevitability... Enjoy your Spring break eventual slaves of the cause.

**Net:** Go forth, Networkia, and come back refreshed and with tales of spring break woe and folly. We want to know about the girl you got away, and the guy who wouldn't go away. About the most you ever throw up, and how much it sucked to stay here. But please, no malaria stories. Nobody wants that.

## The Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1978 John Travolta musical
  - Married women in Rouen
  - Made a forward thrust
  - Hooked, as a nose
  - Purpose
  - Moved with a heavy tread
  - Damp
  - Muttleties
  - Docs' org.
  - Thermoplastic resin; abbr.
  - Chill con.
  - Contract in wrinkles
  - Lightweight crinkled fabric
  - line (obsession)
  - In an aimless manner
  - Accumulate
  - Flower holder
  - Mediocre
  - Standee's handgrip
  - Cutter with folding blades
  - Branchlet
  - Golf groups
  - Lasso
  - Marsh grasses
  - Campaign contributor; abbr.
  - Simpson trial judge
  - Washington myth-maker; Parson
  - Actress Scacchi
  - Potential
  - Damaged by heavy use
  - Deserving
  - Harm
  - Goes in again
  - Ribbed



By Matthew Higgins  
Concord, NH

3/16/02

### Friday's Puzzle Solved

BASRA	ONUS	SCAB
ACHED	PONE	AONE
INANE	ERLE	DUET
LEGALBATEFS	RAT	
MERE	SINATRA	
TYPESET	STENO	
ROAD	STY	EARTH
ARS	STALDER	DIE
PESAH	PEN	JELL
TWERE	STEREED	
ECHELON	ARNE	
SHE	FAMILYTRUST	
TUDE	RIOT	RENEE
ETAL	RYE	ERISA
SERP	DYAD	ESTER

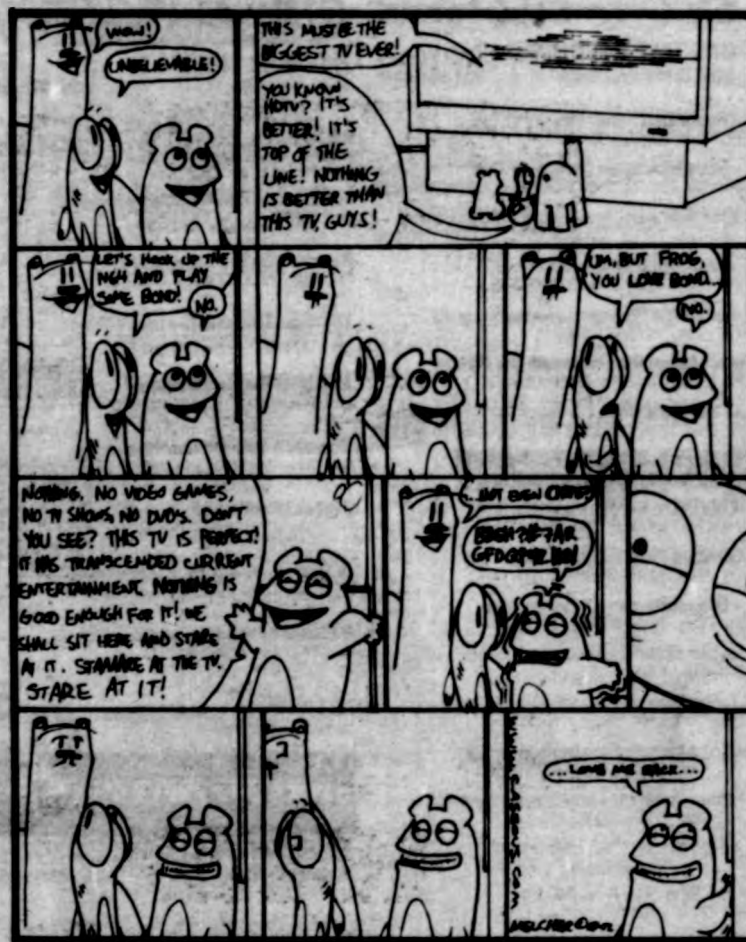
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| 3 Tempter | 4 Mixture | 5 Transmitted | 6 NYC summer hrs. | 7 Bunkum | 8 Horselike | 9 Vacation from school | 10 Claim to a share | 11 Maugham story, "Cakes and..." | 12 Satellite of Uranus | 13 Adversaries | 14 Puta to sleep | 20 Twinned crystal | 23 Film edit | 24 Japanese robe | 26 Wreak havoc | 27 Fastener | 30 Requests | 32 Kernal | 33 Small bits | 34 Type of base | 35 Car color | 36 Counterstroke | 37 Docs-to-be | 38 Moving force | 39 Mash movie | 40 Got away | 42 High-pitched | 43 Cobble, at times | 48 Ice skater | 49 Tiemey of "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" | 50 Hindu prince | 52 Moral transgression | 53 Computer memory quantum |
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By Nate Melcher



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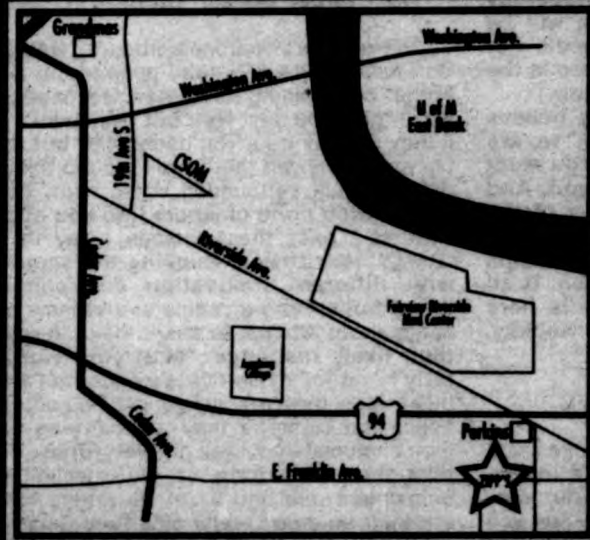
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## THE WEEKEND REEL

### Carmike Cinemas

**OAKDALE STADIUM 20**  
1188 Helms Ave. North 651-661-8411

- Snow Dogs Erika Eleniak (PG)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45
- Showtime Robert De Niro (PG-13) (On 2 Screens)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:00, 12:30, 2:10, 4:04, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00
- Ice Age John Leguizamo (PG) (On 2 Screens)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00
- Resident Evil Mills Jovovich (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
- Harrison's Flowers Andie MacDowell (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
- All About the Benjamins Ice Cube (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15
- The Time Machine Guy Pearce (PG-13) (On 2 Screens)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 9:10, 9:30
- 40 Days & 40 Nights Josh Hartnett (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:50
- We Were Soldiers Mel Gibson (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- Geofford Park Maggie Smith (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
- Dragonfly Kevin Costner (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:45
- Queen of the Damned Stuart Townsend (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 9:50
- Super Troopers Jay Chandrasekhar (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 9:40
- John Q Denzel Washington (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- Return to Never Land Blake Weaver (G)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15
- Big Fat Liar Frankie Muniz (PG)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:45
- I Am Sam Sean Penn (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:15, 4:20, 7:05
- A Beautiful Mind Russell Crowe (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:15, 15:10, 10:00
- Royal Tenenbaums Ben Stiller (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 7:20, 9:45
- Lord of the Rings Elijah Wood (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:00, 4:30, 8:15

### General Cinema

**HAR MAR CINEMA 11**  
2188 N. Snelling 612-546-6780

- Ice Age John Leguizamo (PG) (On 2 Screens)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30
- Harrison's Flowers Andie MacDowell (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:05
- Resident Evil Mills Jovovich (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- The Time Machine Guy Pearce (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- All About the Benjamins Ice Cube (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
- Monster's Ball Bob Thornton (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05
- Geofford Park Maggie Smith (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
- 40 Days & 40 Nights Josh Hartnett (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
- A Beautiful Mind Russell Crowe (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- Iris Judi Dench (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

### UNITED ARTISTS

**PAVILIONS @ CROSSROADS**  
1655 W. County rd. B-2 651-631-1713

- Showtime Robert De Niro (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:00, 9:45
- Ice Age John Leguizamo (PG)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10
- We Were Soldiers Mel Gibson (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30
- Big Fat Liar Frankie Muniz (PG)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:30, 4:30
- Lord of the Rings Elijah Wood (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:15, 4:00, 8:00
- Count of Monte Cristo Guy Pearce (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- John Q Denzel Washington (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05

### Landmark Theatres

**LAGOON CINEMA**  
1238 Lagoon Ave. 612-823-8888

- Last Orders Michael Caine (R)  
Fri. - Tue. (1:45) 4:15, 7:10, 9:30
- Monsoon Wedding Naseeruddin Shah (R)  
Fri. - Tue. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
- Monster's Ball Bob Thornton (R)  
Fri. - Mon. (1:50) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
- Geofford Park Maggie Smith (R)  
Fri. - Tue. (1:00) 4:00, 7:05, 9:55
- Annie Marvyn Kasevitz (R)  
Fri. - Tue. (2:00) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

### INDEPENDENT THEATRES

**HISTORIC SUBURBAN WORLD THEATRE**  
3822 Hennepin Ave. 612-825-8888

- Don't Look Back Bob Dylan (NR)  
Fri. Mon. & Tue. 7:00
- Sat. & Sun. 4:00, 7:00
- Blue Wild Angel Jani Hendrix (NR)  
Fri. - Tue. 9:30
- Shorts/Cartoons  
Sun. 10:00 A.M.
- MANN GRANDVIEW 2 THEATRES**  
1520 Grand Ave. 651-869-3344
- A Beautiful Mind Russell Crowe (PG-13)  
Fri. Mon. & Tue. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- Sat. & Sun. 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- We Were Soldiers Mel Gibson (R)  
Fri. Mon. & Tue. 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
- Sat. & Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
- MANN HIGHLAND THEATRE**  
788 Cleveland Ave. 651-869-3888
- The Time Machine Guy Pearce (PG-13)  
Fri. Mon. & Tue. 5:05, 7:20, 9:30
- Sat. & Sun. 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:20, 9:30
- In the Bedroom Greg Spott (R)  
Fri. Mon. & Tue. 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
- Sat. & Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
- MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS**  
2489 2nd Ave., S. 612-676-3288
- Call theatre for show information
- OAK STREET CINEMA**  
388 SE Oak Street 612-331-9194
- Demy's LOLA 7:30
- Demy's BAY OF ANGELS 8:30
- OMNITHEATRE - SCIENCE MUSEUM**  
38 E. 16th 651-221-8444
- Antarctic Adventure Kevin Spacey (NR)  
Fri. - Tue. 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00
- Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00
- Sun. 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00
- RIVERVIEW THEATRE**  
388 42nd Ave. S. 612-729-7388
- The Endurance Liam Neeson (G)  
Fri. Mon. & Tue. 5:15
- Sat. & Sun. 1:50, 5:15
- Kalle and Leopold Meg Ryan (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 7:10
- Moulin Rouge Ewan McGregor (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 9:30
- Hong Kong Film - Dead Mute Heroine - Midnight
- Jimmy Neutron Martin Short (G)  
Sat. & Sun. 12:15, 2:40
- Rocky Horror Tim Curry (R)  
Sat. 12:00 Midnight
- ROSEVILLE 4 THEATRES**  
1211 Largeview Ave. W. 651-486-4242
- Kate and Leopold Meg Ryan (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- Ocean's Eleven George Clooney (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35
- Heart's War Bruce Willis (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
- Jimmy Neutron Martin Short (G)  
Fri. - Tue. 12:45, 2:40, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25

### ST ANTHONY MAIN

116 Main S.E. 612-831-4723

- Showtime Robert De Niro (PG-13)  
Fri. - Sun. 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:20
- Mon. & Tue. 4:30, 7:20, 9:20
- The Time Machine Guy Pearce (PG-13)  
Fri. - Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:30, 9:30
- Mon. & Tue. 4:00, 7:30, 9:30
- Resident Evil Mills Jovovich (R)  
Fri. - Sun. 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15
- Mon. & Tue. 4:15, 7:15, 9:15
- We Were Soldiers Mel Gibson (R)  
Fri. - Sun. 12:20, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
- Mon. & Tue. 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
- 40 Days & 40 Nights Josh Hartnett (R)  
Fri. - Sun. 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
- Mon. & Tue. 4:40, 7:40, 9:40
- ST PAUL STUDENT CENTER**  
2517 Grand Ave. 612-823-8784
- Call theatre for show information
- U FILM SOCIETY**  
Bell Theatre 176 & Univ S.E. 612-627-4438
- Turvalu - German Dialectessen - 7:15pm
- Kendall - Time Magazine's Film of the Year - 8:30pm
- WALKER ART CENTER**  
725 Washburn Place 612-376-7878
- Women With Vision: The Safety of Objects, 8pm
- W BANK AUDITORIUM - U OF MN**  
Wilby Hall 225 19 Ave. 612-623-2272
- Call theatre for show information
- YORKTOWN CINEMA GRILL**  
3912 Washburn Rd. 652-641-8418
- Ocean's Eleven George Clooney (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 8:50, 8:55
- Monsters, Inc. John Goodman (R)  
Fri. - Sun. 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:10
- Mon. & Tue. 6:30, 7:10
- Jimmy Neutron Martin Short (G)  
Fri. - Sun. 11:45, 1:15, 3:00, 4:45
- Vanilla Sky Tom Cruise (R)  
Fri. - Tue. 8:30
- Mothman Prophecies Richard Gere (PG-13)  
Fri. - Tue. 8:50
- 65-HI Drive-In**  
7 mi. N of 684 on Hwy 65 763-788-3883
- Call theatre for show information
- VALI-HI DRIVE-IN**  
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