

Grand Cherokee about 3:10 p.m. Saturday on southbound I-35 near Lakeville and jotted down a partial license number, which included numbers matching the Sarff vehicle. Authorities also received a tip of a possible sighting Saturday afternoon near Owatonna.

Meanwhile, a funeral for David B. John, a friend and co-worker of Connie Sarff's, was planned for today. John, 41, who had dated Connie Sarff, shot himself Monday. He had been with Sarff when she was abducted.

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## MINNEAPOLIS

Medical examiners identify homicide victim: Hennepin County Medical Examiners Thursday said a homicide victim found in an alley near the 1500 block of North Irving Avenue last week was a 24-year-old man from Oxnard, Calif.

According to a criminal complaint filed last week, Frank Runningshield, 25, and Perry Don Skinaway Jr., 21, kicked and beat Lincoln Llinas early in the morning last Thursday. Llinas, 24, later died of head injuries.

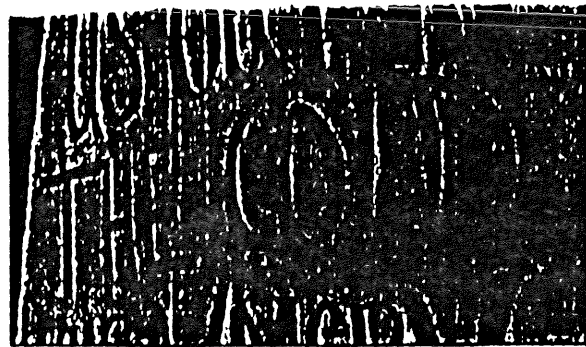
Both suspects initially denied involvement in the beating and then blamed each other for the killing, the complaint said. Witnesses said they saw men fitting their descriptions beating Llinas and heard them call him a snitch. Treads matching those on Runningshield's shoes were found in the snow near Llinas' body, the complaint said.

Both Skinaway and Runningshield have previous criminal histories. They were charged with two counts of murder and have been in Hennepin County Jail since their arrest last Friday.

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## OUTH, MINN.

Police charge, seek suspect in



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Migdalla Loyola, 26, of St. Paul was among 75 protesters Thursday at a Capitol rally formed by the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women and the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

incumbent Republican senator who turned down an invitation to the debate, Miles added a kicker:

"And every one is more qualified than Rod Grams."

The six Democratic candidates taking part were:

Minneapolis trial lawyer Michael Cirelli; Steve Kelley, a lawyer and state senator from Hopkins; Jerry Janezich, a Chisholm bar owner and state senator; David Lillehaug, the former United States attorney for Minnesota; Miles, a geriatric physician and University of Minnesota Medical School professor; and Rebecca Yanisch, a construction and land development executive.

Gibson, the only announced Reform Party candidate, lives in Edina and owns

## About 175 people attended the debate at the Jewish Community Center in St. Louis Park.

ernment's projected budget surplus should be used to pay off or reduce the national debt.

Not all the candidates were asked the same questions, but almost all of them pledged to work for campaign finance reform.

Four of the Democratic candidates — Janezich, Kelley, Lillehaug and Miles — have vowed to not to carry their campaigns to the September primary if they do not win the Democratic-Farmer-La-

Lillehaug, more than the others, aggressively criticized Grams' performance in office, and Cirelli repeated the race is to determine whether the federal revenue surplus should be sent back to taxpayers or whether "there are some things we do better together."

Janezich portrayed himself as an underdog, a Ranger from a humble background.

And Miles, the physician, said the state needs people familiar with an agricultural population and experienced in science and education — a job description that matched his own qualifications.

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## MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Republican calls Jewish colleague 'irreligious'; complaint filed

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Tensions escalated Thursday over a Republican lawmaker's remark that a Jewish colleague had "irreligious left views," as DFLers filed a complaint with the House Ethics Committee.

Rep. Arlon Lindner of Corcoran made the comment toward Rep. Michael Paymar, DFL-St. Paul, during a floor debate over pre-session prayers. The House was deciding whether to lift a year-old ban on religion-specific references

in the prayers.

The DFL members who filed the complaint, which will be heard by a panel of two Republicans and two DFLers, said Lindner's comment was "outrageous" and an embarrassment. They said it breached House rules regarding member conduct and decorum.

The same members had already included a petition of protest in the House journal. Rep. Matt Entenza, DFL-St. Paul, said more than 60 legislators, including nine Republicans, signed on.

"This was an anti-Semitic re-

mark attacking not only Representative Paymar but thousands of Jewish people throughout the state," said Entenza, who is not Jewish.

Lindner acknowledged it wasn't the best choice of words and said he would probably not use them again. As to whether it was an ethical lapse, Lindner said, "I don't think so."

But Lindner said Paymar was trying to assert his view of political correctness on the House and that is an "extreme" view. He said the term "religious right" is often

applied to Republicans.

Paymar is not among the group that filed the complaint and did not immediately return a call.

Lindner said he doesn't owe Paymar an apology, but he plans to speak with other Jewish colleagues.

"I want them to know that I wasn't referring to Jewish people," Lindner said.

It's not publicly known whether past remarks during legislative debates were subject to ethics investigations because the ethics proceedings were conducted in

private until a few years ago.

House Majority Leader Pawlenty, R-Eagan, said it's uncommon for inflammatory comments to pop up in debate.

"There's always strong feeling about politics, and there's always strong feelings about religion," Pawlenty said. "When you mix the two you have a toxic cocktail."

He said incidents are usually cleared up in private with a shake and an apology. Pawlenty worries that the complaint could lead to others, which he said hurt the impassioned flavor of debate.

## MARSHFIELD, WIS.

# Lawyer wants court to rethink decision on Jesus statue

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quantum leap and apply constitutional law to private property, which they can't do."

passersby and it is still on public land.

Annie Laurie Gaylor, editor of

said. "If the demarcation is made very clear that it isn't public property, we'll be content."

