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Shoreview photographer Ed Fink's aerial "panoramas" include this 360-degree shot of the state Capitol grounds and downtown St. Paul, with Xcel Energy Center in the middle foreground. Consisting of four digital photos shot with a fisheye lens and electronically stitched together on a PC, it lets Internet users view the landscape in every direction via mouse movements. It appears distorted here because of the flattening involved to create a single panoramic photo. Cut out the image and tape the ends together to get the full 360-degree effect. For story on Fink's work, see Page 1B.

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'Bam! — The gun went off'

Man's struggle for gun leaves robber dead, police say

BY MARA H. GOTTFRIED  
Pioneer Press

One man was pointing a gun at Ebrahima Sallah's head and another was trying to rob him. Sallah said he could take no more, and decided to fight to get the gun.

"I was thinking, 'If I'm to die, let me die the right way. If they are to kill me, let me fight for what I have worked to earn,'" Sallah, 27, said Wednesday, less than 24 hours after police say he tussled with an armed man in St. Paul.

The handgun went off, and Travis Sennell Guise, who allegedly had been pointing the



Travis Guise

weapon at Sallah only seconds before, was shot once. Guise, 26, of St. Paul, died early Wednesday at Regions Hospital.

Sallah was arrested Tuesday but released from jail Wednesday pending further investigation. He has not been charged.

"It is someone's worst nightmare situation," St. Paul police spokesman Paul Schnell said. "But fighting over a handgun is not something we would generally encourage because the risks are typically too great. In this case, the gunman ultimately ended up on the wrong side of his own gun."

But Guise's family disputed the police account, saying Wednesday night that he wasn't a robber. The events that led to the shooting were

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"I was thinking, 'If I'm to die, let me die the right way. If they are to kill me, let me fight for what I have worked to earn,'" Ebrahima Sallah said of the attempt to rob him.

Analog TVs are expected to expire

Congress seeks deadline for digital transition

BY KATHERINE REYNOLDS LEWIS  
Newhouse News Service

WASHINGTON — You might not have heard, but Congress is planning to turn off your TV.

Lawmakers this fall expect to set a deadline, probably Jan. 1, 2009, to end conventional television broadcasts and let tens of millions of U.S. sets go dark.

To watch the tube after that, you'll need to subscribe to cable or satellite, buy a digital TV set or get a converter box that lets regular sets receive the new digital broadcasts.

Politicians, typically wary of messing with Americans' televisions, warmed to the idea recently.

"It has been a real sea change in the last 18 months in Washington,"

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Study finds diet, exercise and stress reduction can slow disease's growth.

In prostate cancer fight, lifestyle may be a new weapon

IN THE STUDY ...

BY JOHN FAUBER  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

None of those who made the lifestyle changes needed any cancer treatment during the study period, whereas six of those in the other group did.

MILWAUKEE — A provocative new study suggests that men with early-stage prostate cancer who elect not to undergo conventional treatment may be able to halt the progression of their disease by making substantial lifestyle changes such as adopting a very low-fat, vegan diet, exercising and meditating.

The authors of the study, published Thursday in the Journal of Urology, say it is the first randomized clinical trial showing that lifestyle changes can halt the progression of prostate cancer.

However, urologists not associated with the research said the length of the study was too short, the number of men

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Cell phones aid in crime probes



Digital evidence increasingly crucial to investigators, prosecutors

BY SHANNON PRATHER  
Pioneer Press

No one saw killers Thanh "Tony" Tran or Derrick Kohene gun down their victims. Police investigators never found the murder weapons for the two separate crimes, and neither suspect confessed to the slayings.

But both suspects and their victims used cell phones in the minutes before and after the crimes, helping Ramsey and Dakota county prosecutors convict Kohene and Thanh Tran of murder.

Cell phones have become the new "smoking gun" for prosecutors and police in the Twin Cities and around the world. This month, British and Italian police helped arrest a terror

suspect by tracing his cell phone usage minutes after London subway blasts.

Prosecutors and police have quickly learned that lacking eyewitnesses, DNA or even a murder weapon, cell phone records can cement a circumstantial case and in some cases help locate suspects. With cell phones as typical as wallets or keys, investigators now frequently turn to digital evidence first.

"We search cell phones on all homicides," said Colleen Luna, St. Paul Police's senior commander of the homicide and evidence units. "Most people keep cell phones pretty close."

Investigators, with the help of global positioning systems, can figure out a suspect's loca-

tion at the time of the crime. Phone records can show communication between suspects, conspirators and victims and help prosecutors check out alibis.

Records of Kohene's cell phone contact with his slain drug dealer, Jennadya Davis, helped prosecutors prove Kohene was the triggerman in the 2005 murder case.

Laura Xiong's repeated, alternating phone calls to her husband and her lover helped Dakota County prosecutors convict her lover, Thanh Tran, of her husband Dao Xiong's murder in December 2003.

And it's not just murders where prosecutors are using

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