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## MINNESOTA'S TWIN

- Kirby Puckett, perhaps the most-loved athlete in Minnesota history, died at 45.
- With his smile, the outfielder was the face of a team that won two World Series.

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On the day Kirby Puckett retired from baseball, he tried reassuring everyone that the sadness of losing sight in his right eye wouldn't diminish the spirit fans had seen him show for 12 seasons in a Twins uniform.

"Kirby Puckett's going to be all right," he said in 1996. "Don't worry about me. I'll show up, and I'll have a smile on my face. The only thing I won't have is this uniform on. But you guys can have the memories of what I did when I did have it on."

On Monday, the sports world held those memories close as Puckett died in a Phoenix hospital, one day after suffering a massive stroke. He was 45.

"It's gut-wrenching," Twins President Dave St. Peter said. "We lost a dear friend. Really, somebody who in many ways was the foundation of this franchise for a long time."

Puckett rose from a Chicago housing project and became a Minnesota sports icon, burning onto the scene in 1984 with an energetic style and an effervescent smile, each all his own.

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DAVID BREWSTER - Star Tribune  
Jan Bacher of St. Louis Park paid his respects at an impromptu memorial at the Metrodome on Monday night.

### A baseball tale of joy spirals into a tragedy

Jim Souhan columnist

PHOENIX - On the afternoon of March 27, 1996, Kirby Puckett flaunted the prowess and personality that made him Minnesota's favorite athlete. On the morning of March 28, 1996, he awoke blind in one eye and unaware of how much his storied life had just changed.

March 27, 1996, dawned as one of those startlingly clear Florida mornings that make you want to stop time. Puckett arrived at the Twins spring training clubhouse around 6 a.m. Almost always the first player to walk through the doors, he carried a bag of bagels for clubhouse workers.

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Fans mourn a loss but also cherish a memory C1

A four-page look back at the man and legacy Section 5

### Broadway's A-list is coming

• After a lackluster year of mostly tepid road shows, the 2006-07 Twin Cities Broadway season looks to be the best in years.

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Things are about to change for Twin Cities theatergoers.

After a watered-down collection of so-so Broadway touring shows over the past year, the 2006-07 Minneapolis season, announced Monday, is the most vaunted lineup in at least a decade. It

includes such hot properties as "Doubt," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and "The Light in the Piazza," plus some high-wattage stars.

"What can I say, the stars were aligned," said Tom Hoch, president of the Hennepin Theatre Trust, which presents the Broadway series in Minneapolis.

"We've never had a season that is as strong and celebrated as this one," he said. "I think our theatergoers will be very, very pleased."

A-list continues: The plays coming here. A5 >

#### HAVE YOU HEARD?

1 To fight counterfeiters, Sweden is introducing paper money that has an image that appears to move when a bill is tilted.

2 Thank goodness for the Internet: Web surfers can learn the "greedy buffet patron" and other dance moves from Napoleon Dynamite. E2

3 Last year, U.S. airlines lost an average of about 10,000 bags a day, a 23 percent increase from the previous year.

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### 30,000 jobs, city center part of big Target plan

• Brooklyn Park OKs retailer's \$1.75 billion expansion proposal for an office-retail-housing complex, plus a new park.

By MIKE KASZURA and CHRIS SERRIS  
Star Tribune staff writers

Target's expansion plans in Brooklyn Park would create a massive \$1.75 billion development that could emerge as a new city center with a concentration of jobs rivaling downtown St. Paul, a report released Monday said.

The city council unanimously approved a letter of intent with the company Monday night, setting in motion a plan that Target and city staff predicted would create more than 30,000 jobs along Hwy. 610 on the suburb's northern edge.

The project's details offered a glimpse of a development that would be at least as eye-popping as the Mall of America, and would exceed the \$1 billion proposal to build a new stadium and retail complex for the Minnesota Vikings in nearby Blaine.

"We won't be quite as dense" as St. Paul, "but we'll be close to it," said Bob Schreier, Brooklyn Park's community development director. Schreier said Target was essentially handing Brooklyn Park, one of the Twin Cities' largest suburbs, an "opportunity to do a new downtown."

As they had before, both Target and city officials stressed that the project would not move jobs from Target's corporate offices in downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Park. The city said roughly 13,000 jobs would be directly created by Target.

Expansion continues: There's concern in Minneapolis. A7 >

### Prosecutor: Moussaoui could have stopped 9/11

• As the sentencing trial opened, the defense lawyer says Al-Qaida officials thought his client was a "headache" and "cuckoo."

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. - If Zacarias Moussaoui had told agents the truth about Al-Qaida's plot to seize and crash U.S. jetliners, the FBI could have swiftly identified most of the Sept. 11 hijackers and contained the "cold-blooded slaughter" of nearly 3,000 people, a federal prosecutor told a jury Monday.

The Federal Aviation Administration would have put 11 of the 19 hijackers' names on a no-fly list and barred passengers from carrying small knives or box cutters, prosecutor Robert Spencer said in his opening statement at Moussaoui's long-anticipated sentencing trial.

Moussaoui, 37, a Frenchman of Moroccan descent who was arrested in Minnesota 25 days before the 2001 attacks, should be sentenced to death because his "lies killed the Sept. 11 victims as surely as if he had been at the controls of one of the four planes," Spencer said.

Trial continues: Defense lawyer dismisses that claim as a "dream." A5 >

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