

## 5th Morrison sextuplet, a girl, has died

One of the two remaining Morrison sextuplets has died, leaving only a boy named Sy-las, who remains in critical condition at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Hospital officials announced Monday that his sister, Lucia Rae Morrison, died Sunday. She was one of two girls and four boys born

on June 10, four and a half months prematurely, to a St. Louis Park couple, Brianna and Ryan Morrison.

Three of the boys died within a week of their birth, and a fourth, a girl, died June 23.

The family issued a brief statement, as it has with the loss of the other children, asking people to "keep us in your

prayers." "Though our difficult time continues, our faith remains strong," the Morrises said. "Our families, friends and churches have provided us with great comfort, for which we are deeply grateful. We continue to express our thanks to the staff at Children's." MAURA LERNER

## Surprise! Expect delays on I-494 in southeast area

Beginning today, motorists driving on Interstate Hwy. 494 in the southeast metro area will face intermittent lane restrictions for the next two weeks, the Minnesota Department of Transportation said.

Lanes will be closed at various times between Concord Street and Hwy. 61 where I-494 passes through Newport and South St. Paul.

The lane restrictions and closings will affect traffic in

both directions, as crews re-align lanes on I-494 to allow for the opening of the ramp from Hardman Avenue to westbound I-494.

TIM HARLOW

## When Tina O really gets going, she puts the O in 'Oh, nO!'



c.j. the dish

Tina O really showed her behind on NBC's "Victoria Beckham: Coming

to America." According to the former Minnesota interior designer with talk-show host aspirations, "It was like comedy; I do stand-up. It was all scripted."

Ahh, really? **Jamie French**, director of primetime publicity for NBC, replied to me Monday via e-mail: "No, not scripted."

We can only imagine what was up, besides Tina O's dress, with her being among the, quoting now, "Beverly Hills socialites" who threw a made-for-reality-TV lunch for Beckham on the show.

I caught up with Tina O on Saturday at a party thrown at the Minnetrista home of **Rebecca Lynch** and **Gene McCaffery**, a mentor to returning Iraq war Marine **Brad Hillstrom Jr.** He's the stepson of Tina O. Among Jr.'s buddies was a full-of-himself guy who ID'd himself as **Matt Lombardo**, a model for Abercrombie & Fitch and "Ralph."

Sen. **Norm Coleman** was there, as was his potential rival for the Republican nomination, retired Army Lt. Col. **Joe Repya**.

Repya's presence created an awkward millisecond for Tina O, who told me that Coleman was her candidate and that she didn't know until Joe arrived that he was thinking of challenging Norm.

By the way, Tina O gave me her *PRICELESS* version of events related to some unprintable gossip. She claims that it was started by Minnesotans and has resulted in an uncomfortable situation for her with La La Land friends who have Minnesota ties.

Returning to the specifics of Tina O's scandalously scripted TV turn ... There was Tina O lifting up her minidress and giving a sideways moon. Then Tina O was on the floor on her back. Hillstrom's wife was cackling and toasting: "To all the men in my life, may they never meet my husband." Oh, the ribaldry of it all.

Explanations, please! "Victoria Beckham yelled at me, Tina, show your best side. So I did," said Tina O, nonchalantly.

At one point, Tina O showed her front. Thankfully, only petticoats can be seen.

Video editing did not explain why Tina O was on her back.

"I was promoting **Suzanne Hughes'** little [exercise] thing. When you are, like, rolling yourself out after you've worked out, it relieves your muscles," said Tina O. "Victoria said, *Are there any volunteers? Tina, you volunteer.* So I got on the floor and started rolling."

Tina O said her husband thought the toast, one of six she did for the camera, "was hysterical." The line is one of her staples.

The doyenne of janetcharltons.hollywood.com told me that she believed the "socialites" were rustled up in a casting call



Video grab from NBC

Tina Hillstrom, also known as Tina O, did her thing on NBC's "Victoria Beckham: Coming to America."

### MORE ONLINE

To see former Minnesota interior designer get in on Victoria Beckham's arrival in America, visit [www.startribune.com/a3129](http://www.startribune.com/a3129) and click on Part Three.

"Yeah," confirmed Tina O, who noted, "I know **Marla Maples** and **Suzanne Hughes**." Those connections probably greased the skids for Tina O putting the *lite* in *social* at the luncheon, which resembled a plastic surgery convention.

"I got paid really well," she said, disclosing no numbers.

Having seen Tina O's derriere, one wonders what's left for her to show, should plans for her to shoot two more shows with Beckham actually happen.

### Tice's Bublé bursts

Jacksonville, Fla., media apparently aren't showing **Mike Tice** enough love.

The former Vikings coach, now an assistant with the Jags, was at **Michael Bublé's** concert on Sunday.

*Don't I get a hug?* WCCO-TV's **Mark Rosen** told me Tice said to him.

"Yeah, let's hug it out in front of 3,000 people," Rosen replied, adding, "I didn't know you cared that much."

KS95's **Ryan@Night** e-mailed that before the show Tice was "standing on the sidewalk begging to be noticed in his stylish sunglasses. It was really quite sad."

Bublé fan **Rosalie Vascellaro** begged to differ. She thought Tice was greeting people without unduly calling attention to himself.

### Stately affairs

When you're falling in love, being at the State Fair is tantamount to dinner at the White House.

Or so it was for former Stribber **John Habich**, who was smitten in St. Paul in 2001 while interviewing **Andrew Solomon**, author of "The Noonday Demon: An Atlas of Depression."

Early in their courtship, Habich was asked to be Solomon's

guest at a White House dinner, writes the New York Times in a recent "Vows" feature. Habich told the NYT that he thought "We should keep everything on an even footing, so I invited him to an occasion of state, too: the Minnesota State Fair."

Despite this, their relationship flourished. Habich moved to the East Coast. On June 30, they entered into a civil partnership at "Althorp, the Spencer family estate in Northampton, England," wrote the NYT. A portrait of **Princess Diana** hangs in the background of the Times' photo of the grooms.

Minnesotans who flew over the pond for the nups included **Dan Buettner**, **Margaret** and **C. Angus Wurtele** and **Alison McGhee**.

Strib colleague **Kristin Tillotson** was also there and tells me there were whispers about **Lord Spencer**, Diana's brother, being at the estate while the ceremony was taking place. But the place is so huge that **Charles**, was never actually seen.

A video of the regal ceremony can be viewed at [johnhabich.com](http://johnhabich.com).

### Verbal Assault

THE QUOTE: "**Rashard Lewis** and \$113 million *does not go together*," said **Stephen A. Smith** on ESPN.

THE PROBLEM: Lewis and the amount of money Orlando paid to sign him are two things, therefore, Smith should have said *do not* instead of *does*. Would you say, *They does not go together?*

Stephen A. probably would, and he'd be wrong again.

C.J. is at 612.332.TIPS or [cj@startribune.com](mailto:cj@startribune.com). E-mailers, please state a subject — "Hello" doesn't count. Attachments are not opened, so don't even try. More of her attitude can be seen on Fox 9 Thursday mornings.

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## Deadlines approaching for Night Out parties

Minneapolis residents wishing to hold a block party in conjunction with National Night Out have until today to submit applications to have their streets closed off.

In Ramsey County, the deadline to register is 5 p.m. Friday.

Minneapolis will not charge a fee to anybody who meets today's deadline, but a \$100 late fee will be assessed on applications received Wednesday through Aug. 2. No applications received

or postmarked after Aug. 2 will be accepted.

More than 1,000 parties with 50,000 participants in Minneapolis are expected to take place Aug. 7, the night that residents are encouraged to come together to meet one another and devise strategies for fighting crime in their neighborhoods.

Applications are available by calling 311 or 612-673-3000 or online at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/)

no. No application for a street closing is necessary for those hosting parties in yards, vacant lots or city parks.

Residents in Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights and White Bear Township have until 5 p.m. Friday to request a registration packet from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. They can call 651-266-7339.

TIM HARLOW

## Cuban inspectors to check out seed potato fields in Red River Valley

BISMARCK, N.D. - Cuban inspectors are going to visit to look at seed potato fields in the Red River Valley.

North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, through a spokeswoman, confirmed the visit but said he could not provide details un-

der conditions of the inspectors' visas.

Duane Maatz, president of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association, said two Cuban inspectors are to arrive today and stay in the region until Friday, touring fields in eastern North Dakota and north-

western Minnesota. Cuba said in May that it would send experts to North Dakota this summer as it closes in on a deal to buy about 100 tons of seed potatoes. Direct sale of food and agricultural products began in late 2001 despite a U.S. embargo.

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