

Coon Rapids and Interstate 35 in both directions through Lakeville. # The smashing and crashing didn't stop with the end of the morning rush hour. At 10:15 a.m., MnDOT was reporting more than a dozen spinouts and wrecks across the metro area, including a pair of spinouts on northbound Hwy. 61 at Jamaica Avenue in Cottage Grove and northbound I-35W at Hwy. 36 in Roseville. # Leila Navidi, Star Tribune # A pedestrian crossed 2nd Avenue at 6th Street in downtown Minneapolis on Tuesday night during what normally would be the evening rush hour. # Can't overlook dangers # On the most serious of notes, there has been at least one death attributed to the extreme cold. A man found outside a home early Sunday in Rochester may have succumbed to bitterly cold weather, although authorities are awaiting autopsy results before confirming the nature of Ali Gombo's death. The 22-year-old was found on the back deck of his sister's house, where he had been living, according to police. Authorities said Gombo was dropped off near the house but did not have keys to the residence. # As part of the effort to keep people safe and warm, homeless outreach workers in Minneapolis have been rushing to equip people living outside with warm clothing. A number of shelters in Minneapolis and St. Paul also announced they would remain open around the clock. # Staff writer Tim Harlow contributed to this report. # Mary Lynn Smith is a general assignment reporter for the Star Tribune. She previously covered St. Paul City Hall and Ramsey County. Before that, she worked in Duluth where she covered local and state government and business. She frequently has written about the outdoors.