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MINNESOTA » WEAPONS LAWS

Straw buyer to be sentenced

Could gun purchases by girlfriend of shooter who killed three Burnsville first responders have been stopped?

By Mara H. Gottfried
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The sentencing of Ashley Dyrdaahl this week will mark the only time someone is held criminally responsible in the fatal Burnsville shootings carried out by her boyfriend.

In February 2024, the suspect,

Shannon Gooden, fatally ambushed a Burnsville firefighter and two police officers. Gooden then died by suicide.

Dyrdaahl was legally allowed to buy firearms, but Gooden was not, so it was illegal for her to intentionally purchase firearms for him.

A grand jury indicted Dyrdaahl for straw purchasing the mur-

der weapons, but should her purchases have set off alarm bells before Gooden fired more than 100 rounds at first responders from the Burnsville residence that Dyrdaahl rented?

Authorities have said the two Burnsville businesses where Dyrdaahl made the purchases cooperated with the investigation.

The owners said she did not raise concerns.

"It's always easy to look back in hindsight and think of what could have happened," said Rob Doar, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus vice president. "I think the challenge here is that (Dyrdaahl and Gooden) made very strong efforts to circumvent current laws. I don't think there was anything in her behavior that would have been an immediate red flag."

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FEDERAL POLICING

Many cities say yes to help, no to occupation

Mayors, police chiefs put off by Guard in D.C. would still welcome aid

By Shaila Dewan and Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs
New York Times

In the summer of 2020, President Donald Trump sent federal agents to Kansas City, Mo., as he blamed liberal mayors for a "shocking explosion" of "bloodshed."

Mayor Quinton Lucas, a Democrat, bristled at the suggestion that local officials were to blame for his city's spike in crime. And with distrust of law enforcement at a high after the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis that year, he worried about how federal law enforcement officers would conduct themselves on the ground.

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'SCORE OFTEN AND SCORE FAST'



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Gophers quarterback Drake Lindsey (5) cheers on fellow QB and Stillwater native Max Shikenjanski (6) after Shikenjanski's rushing touchdown against the Northwestern (Louisiana) State Demons in Minnesota's 66-0 win at Huntington Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Saturday. "We were going to score often and score fast," head coach P.J. Fleck said of his team's approach. The Gophers racked up 484 yards of total offense in the game, which ended early because of severe weather in the area. Minnesota is 2-0 to start the season. Find coverage of the game in **Sports**, Page C1. See more photos at [TwinCities.com](https://twincities.com).

ST. PAUL

Summer's almost over, Winter Carnival countdown begins

Here's a sampling of what's new for the 140th St. Paul Winter Carnival, which begins Jan. 22

By Molly Guthrey and Mars King
Pioneer Press

Thursday marked 140 days to the 140th St. Paul Winter Carnival. The St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation — the nonprofit that produces the winter celebration — laid out what's new for the 2026 St. Paul Winter Carnival as

part of its annual meeting on Thursday evening.

While some details are still being finalized, here's a sampling of what's new and what's returning for the 140th St. Paul Winter Carnival, which takes place from Jan. 22 to Feb. 1, 2026.

Treasure Hunt

In honor of the big 1-4-0, the

Pioneer Press will partner with the Winter Carnival in 2026 as the newspaper once again invites the community to take part in our annual Treasure Hunt.

"It's a perfect time to join together for the 140th celebration of the Winter Carnival," said Lori Swanson, coordinator of the Treasure Hunt for the Pio-

neer Press.

With the Pioneer Press and the Winter Carnival joining together, the prize for finding the medallion will be "bigger than ever, especially when the finder possesses a 2026 Winter Carnival button," the SPHF noted in a statement.

As big as \$15,000, actually.

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U.S. ECONOMY » ANALYSIS

Trump's job market promises falling flat

Hiring has collapsed as inflation ticks up, latest data reveals

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON » The U.S. job market has gone from healthy to lethargic during President Donald Trump's first seven months back in the White House, as hiring has collapsed and inflation has started to climb once again as his tariffs take hold.

Friday's jobs report showed employers added a mere 22,000 jobs in August, as the unemployment rate ticked up to 4.3%. Factories and construction firms shed workers. Revisions showed the economy lost 13,000 jobs in June, the first monthly losses since December 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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