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**ST. PAUL**

## NEW INVESTOR SURFACES

Purchase of Great Northern Building is 'first of many' downtown, Fla. man says

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When an economic downturn hit the national housing market around 2008, Jamie Rand sprang into action, scooping up undervalued properties — mostly

single-family homes — by the thousands over the course of little more than two years. Those houses gradually began to regain their lost value, leaving Rand and the Tampa, Fla.-area based Prime Asset Fund LLC sitting on a proverbial goldmine

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of opportunity. By his account, Rand has retired from the real estate game three times, only to fail out of retirement and jump back in when he finds diamonds in the rough available at prices too low to ignore. The Florida-based real estate

investor, who is in his early 50s, sees exactly those kinds of prospects in downtown St. Paul, where Rand's family trust — dubbed the "Downtown Revival Trust" — recently closed on the purchase of the Great Northern Building at 180 E. Fifth St., a block-length, 14-story office building that once sold for \$50 million.

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**WAR IN IRAN**

## Peace talks attempt falters

Iran's top diplomat leaves Pakistan, so U.S. envoys skip trip

By **Munir Ahmed, Samy Magdy and Jon Gambrell**  
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ISLAMABAD — The latest cease-fire talks between the United States and Iran appeared to fail Saturday before they began, as Tehran's top diplomat left Pakistan and President Donald Trump soon afterward said he had told envoys not to travel to Islamabad.

The negotiations were meant to follow historic face-to-face talks earlier this month between the U.S., led by Vice President JD Vance, and Iran, led by parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf. But Iranian officials have questioned how they can trust the U.S. after its forces started blockading

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**Afton**

## 'A NATURAL HAVEN'



Wayne Ostlie, left, director of land protection for the Minnesota Land Trust, and Washington County planner Serena Rathes, of the county's Land and Water Legacy Program, talk about the future of a 39-acre plot of land overlooking the St. Croix River south of downtown Afton during a visit to the site this month. Afton resident Susan Herreid approached the Land Trust with a vision to protect her property, which will become a park later this year. **JOHN AUTEY — PIONEER PRESS**

Resident's 39-acre property is set to become the city's newest park this summer

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The residents of Afton owe a debt of gratitude to a brother-and-sister pair of yellow Labs

who loved frolicking in a meadow on a bluff overlooking the St. Croix River.

Thanks to Millie, who died in late 2022, and Mike, who died in early 2024, that meadow, part of

a 39-acre piece of land owned by Susan Herreid, will be protected forever as a city park.

"They just loved it up there," said Herreid, who lives just east of the property on River Road in

Afton. "I can remember finding newly born fawns and, you know, a lot of dogs might have messed with them, but they just knew not to."

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**AT THE CAPITOL**

## DFL proposals would assist businesses hurt by surge

But can lawmakers come to bipartisan agreement on aid?

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Months after the wind-down of the federal government's immigration crackdown in Minnesota, local businesses and governments are still assessing the full impact of the operation. Some Minnesota lawmakers want to spend state money to soften the blow, but their proposals face uncertain prospects in the Legislature.

Estimates of Operation Metro Surge's local costs continue to grow. A new filing in a lawsuit brought by the state and Twin Cities mayors against the Trump administration estimates \$600 million in lost revenue for St. Paul and Minneapolis businesses alone, and \$240 million in lost wages.

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## Anthropic's new AI model sets off alarms

Scale of Mythos' potential security risks unclear to countries beyond U.S.

By **Paul Mozur and Adam Satariano**  
NEW YORK TIMES

When Anthropic told the world this month that it had built an

artificial intelligence model so powerful that it was too dangerous to release widely, the company named 11 organizations as partners to help mount a defense. All were from the United States.

Within two weeks, the model, called Mythos, had set off a global scramble unlike anything yet seen in the AI era. Mythos, which Anthropic has said is uncannily capable of finding and

exploiting hidden flaws in the software that runs the world's banks, power grids and governments, had become a geopolitical chip — and a U.S. company held it.

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