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U.S.-IRAN WAR

MISSILE ATTACKS HIT ACROSS REGION

As U.S. strikes Iran's infrastructure, Tehran targets U.S. bases, allies across Gulf states

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The United States launched new airstrikes against Iran early Thursday, and Tehran responded by targeting U.S.-allied Mideast countries in an exchange of fire that threatened an interim deal intended to help end the war in the Middle East.

Back-and-forth attacks, including a day earlier, have repeatedly threatened the ceasefire. But Thursday's appeared bigger all around, with sirens sounding at least three times in Bahrain, home

to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet headquarters, and missiles targeting Kuwait and Qatar.

Sirens sounded Thursday afternoon in Jordan as well, where the U.S. has stationed troops and aircraft.

An Iranian official accused the U.S. of launching an airstrike later Thursday targeting the area around Iran's sole nuclear power plant, and other explosions were reported elsewhere in the country during the afternoon.

The strikes came hours after

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Women react as the coffin of the late Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei arrives at Hasheminejad International Airport from Iraq on Thursday for the final stage of his dayslong funeral ceremonies in Mashhad, northeastern Iran. **MOHAMMAD HASAN SALAVATI — SHAHRARANEWS VIA AP**

MINNESOTA

Fraud trial delayed

Suspect in Feeding Our Future scheme arrested in Somalia, still there

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MOGADISHU, Somalia — When the Department of Justice hailed the arrest of Abdikerm

Eidleh in Mogadishu, Somalia, last month as a breakthrough in its efforts to root out fraud in American social service programs, it vowed that “the long arm of justice” would hunt down

anyone stealing U.S. taxpayer money, even those who were halfway across the globe.

Eidleh had been described by U.S. officials as a central figure in the Minnesota pandemic fraud scandal, in which millions of dollars meant for COVID-19 relief were misused or laundered. The case became a fixation for President Donald Trump.

For years, the U.S. government searched for anyone involved in the crime. The authorities accused Eidleh of stealing money meant to feed thousands of low-income children during the pandemic.

The Department of Justice said his arrest was a turning point in the yearslong investigation into the scheme, and thanked the National Intelligence and Security Agency of Somalia “for their

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ST. PAUL LAKE PHALEN

Council honors Hmong storyteller

Island in Lake Phalen named after Xiong

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The late Tou Ger Xiong, a Hmong advocate, comedian and storyteller who was murdered during a 2023 trip to Colombia, will be memorialized with a sculpture, mural and naming markers installed near Lake Phalen, within a picnic island that will be renamed after him.

The island, a family picnic and fishing destination located at the northwest corner of Phalen Regional Park, is unofficially known as “picnic island” but has had no formal title until now.

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ST. PAUL

‘Where could we go?’



Jeremiah Robinson, 48, who calls himself the president of Pig's Eye, stands at a homeless encampment off Fish Hatchery Road, on the western end of Pig's Eye Park, in St. Paul on Thursday. **JOHN AUTEY — PIONEER PRESS**

Homeless camp residents adrift at news of closures in August; two city council members say the mayor's decision is necessary for safety

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When the tent he's called home for the past two years is removed from the sizable encampment in Pig's Eye Park next month, where

will Jeremiah Robinson rest his head at night?

It's a question that Robinson, 48, has no ready answer to, and one that looms heavily over a recent decision by the St. Paul mayor's office to shut down all

of the major homeless encampments citywide on a rolling basis this summer.

“I helped build this place,” said Robinson, as a shaggy black dog trotted playfully around the makeshift village, while fellow residents collected ice cream, sandwiches and other items donated by two relief groups on Thursday. “If you kick us out, where could we go? Shelters don't get it like this.”

In all, the mayor's office predicts some 150 to 160 people will be displaced across at least three sites, though they're working closely with organizations like the Union Gospel Mission, which recently expanded its men's campus, to find alternate shelter and housing arrangements for anyone who is willing.

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MINNESOTA COUNTRY CLUB FESTIVAL

Here's what to know before St. Paul's newest fest

The Beach Boys, Trampled by Turtles on deck for ‘weekend of roots, folk, country, Americana’

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After two successful runs of the Minnesota Yacht Club Festival, organizers are launching the Minnesota Country Club Festival this weekend at St. Paul's Harriet Island Regional Park with the promise of “a weekend of roots, folk, country, Americana and a few surprises along the Mississippi.”

While Yacht Club, which takes place July 17 to 19, has featured

arena-level headliners like Red Hot Chili Peppers, Alanis Morissette, Green Day and Hozier, the Country Club Festival lineup is filled with much more niche artists. Americana acts Treaty Oak Revival and the Red Clay Strays both headlined concerts at the 8,000-capacity Armory in downtown Minneapolis last year, but the rest of the bill features artists who typically play clubs and theaters. In its first two years, Yacht Club drew about 35,000 fans each day, but it seems unlikely that Country Club will

replicate those numbers. Here's what to know if you're headed to the festival, which runs Friday and Saturday.

TICKETS

As of Thursday afternoon, tickets were still available at a number of price points, starting at \$115 for one-day general admission and going all the way up to two-day platinum tickets for \$1,250, which includes a number of perks including free food and drinks, front-of-stage viewing and access to air-conditioned restrooms.

Discounts are available for military, first responders, medical services, educators, students and

recent graduates. See minnesotacountryclubfest.com for details.

GETTING THERE

Unlike Yacht Club, there's only one entrance this weekend at Harriet Island Boulevard underneath the Wabasha Street bridge.

There is no on-site parking at the festival, but its website lists numerous downtown St. Paul parking lots that are a 10- to 16-minute walk from the site. The rideshare drop-off is at 119 Livingston Ave. S. The festival promises “ample bike parking” just outside the entrance.

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