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A joyful production of 'Annie' begins a five-month run at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. **A2**



Gophers football:
Transfer regrets abound as Purdue smashes Minnesota with the help of former Gophers tailback Fame Ijeboi. **B1**

Weather: Storms Isaias and Rachel inundate both coasts of U.S., flooding rivers and eroding shorelines. **A7**

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2026 ELECTION MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

WHERE’S THE MONEY GOING?

All 201 seats in the House and Senate are on the ballot; groups and parties are spending millions to move the dial

By Mary Murphy
FORUM NEWS SERVICE

All 201 seats in the Minnesota Legislature are on the ballot this November — and there’s plenty of room for seats to flip. Minnesota currently has the

most narrowly divided Legislature in its history, with 101 Democrats and 100 Republicans. The Senate has a 34-33 DFL majority, while the Minnesota House is tied 67-67 — a makeup last seen in 1979. That tie has required every bill going to the governor’s desk to

have bipartisan support. While lawmakers navigated this challenge through budget negotiations and tough policy decisions in the past two sessions, leaders in each chamber are hoping they will win a majority in November. Here’s a look at some of the

most competitive seats statewide, with spending information from the parties and outside groups.

SENATE SEATS

With a narrow DFL majority in the Senate, much of the outside spending is focusing on flipping seats in Greater Minnesota from blue to red.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT

Threats shape political climate

Security is a concern for officials at all levels

By Nick Corasaniti
NEW YORK TIMES

In January, a caller began leaving threats in the voicemail inboxes of members of Congress: “I want to see their throat cut from ear to ear.” Another caller left a blunt threat for a U.S. senator: “I’m going to murder you, and I’m going to start with your children.” A state attorney general received this three-word missive: “Bang, bang, bang.” Serving in public office in the United States is dangerous. From state and local government to Congress, an unending river of violent threats is washing through the mailboxes, offices, voicemail and texts of those who govern the nation. Thousands of public servants are living, working and, in the final weeks of election season, campaigning in a state of fear. And it’s getting worse, officeholders said in dozens of interviews. An investigation by the New York Times examining hundreds of records obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests, court documents and law enforcement logs has found that, over a two-year period from 2024 to August of this year, thousands of violent threats inundated the lives of elected officials in unprecedented ways.

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VIKINGS 23, SAINTS 13

Not home turf, but home



Vikings wide receiver Justin Jefferson, bottom left, talks with Kayla Infante, top middle left, after playing against the Saints in New Orleans on Sunday. The Minnesota star grew up in Louisiana and won a national championship with LSU in the Saints' Superdome before his NFL career. He returned to Minnesota's lineup this week, helping the team improve to 5-0. More in Sports, Section B and in the e-edition. **MATTHEW HINTON — ASSOCIATED PRESS**

SAUDI ARABIA

Terminal of Riyadh airport is struck again

Airport attacks, including Saturday strike that killed 12, are escalation of Yemen conflict

By Samy Magdy,
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CAIRO — A projectile struck a passenger terminal at the international airport in Riyadh on Sunday, a day after a missile hit the same terminal and killed 12 people, the Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen said. The Houthis claimed responsibility for those attacks and others. Saudi authorities said there were injuries in the latest attack on the King Khalid International

Airport complex for terminals 3 and 4, serving domestic flights. The airport — struck four times in the past five days — has been closed since Saturday’s missile attack, which was the deadliest in a Gulf Arab nation since the Iran war began. Over 300 other people were wounded, some critically. The sharp escalation in the war’s new front threatens to draw in greater U.S. military involvement. President Donald Trump has said he is weighing joining the fight against the Houthis.

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People gather Saturday outside a metro station on the road to King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Kyiv: Trump’s ‘energy ceasefire’ isn’t happening

Moscow hits Ukrainian energy sites Sunday

By Susie Blann, Elise Morton
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Sunday that

Russia and Ukraine had agreed to an “energy ceasefire” in the 4 ½-year-old war, but he offered no details on it and Kyiv reported attacks by Moscow on energy sites after his statement.

Trump’s brief social media post said only that the ceasefire took effect immediately, adding: “Do not break it!” Moscow did not immediately comment. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that while his country “welcomed” the

announcement by Trump as “good news for everyone,” Russia was still hitting energy infrastructure in Kyiv and in the city of Kharkiv.

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INSIDE: Senators slam Trump’s plan to buy Russian diesel. **A8**

AGRICULTURE

Few Minn. farmers embrace cannabis

Outdoor growing season and acreage limits can be obstacles

By Noah Fish
FORUM NEWS SERVICE

Minnesota’s cannabis law was written to help new farmers get into the business, and few traditional farmers have started growing it, the state’s top cannabis regulator says. “I don’t think we’ve seen a ton of pickup from people who were in agriculture before switching over product lines,” said Eric Taubel, executive director of the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, in an Oct. 1 interview with Agweek. Taubel was at Aune Hall in Rochester for a stop on the office’s statewide listening tour. He said that industrial hemp growers are the exception, with a fair number of them having switched over to cannabis, which he called “a pretty easy crossover.” Emerging farmers were one of the smaller categories of social equity applicants, he said, with weather being a hurdle.

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