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## PUBLIC SAFETY

# 24 lives lost to domestic violence

Minnesota advocacy group details last year's toll, and updates risk factors that can precede killings

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Twenty-four people lost their lives to domestic violence in Minnesota last year, which equates to nearly a victim every other week. And such violence should not be minimized by blaming it on someone snapping or losing their tem-

per, Violence Free Minnesota leaders said Monday as they released their annual homicide report.

"Power and control is the root cause of all intimate partner violence," said Joe Shannon, Violence Free Minnesota's communications program manager. While physical abuse may be the most visible form, he said domestic vi-

olence is a pattern of emotionally, sexually, financially and physically abusive behaviors.

At least 24 people in the state were killed by current or former intimate partners in 2022, or they died as bystanders or intervenors, according to Violence Free Minnesota. That matches the average over the preceding five years. So far this year, at least 24 people have already been killed in domestic violence situations.

Violence Free Minnesota has

analyzed four risk factors in its annual homicide reports since 2006 and added a fifth this year — previous strangulations. The other factors are attempts to leave the abuser, previous threats to kill the victim, abuser's access to firearms and abuser's history of violence.

"Strangulation has long been recognized as a risk factor in intimate partner homicide, but we did not previously include it in our reports because, like threats to kill,

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## NEW YORK TRIAL

# TRUMP FRAUD TRIAL BEGINS



SETH WENIG — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former President Donald Trump sits in the courtroom at New York Supreme Court Monday in New York.

## Lawsuit says former president deceived banks, insurers about his property

By Michael R. Sisak, Jake Offenhardt and Jennifer Peltz  
*Associated Press*

**NEW YORK** — Former President Donald Trump spent a day in court Monday for the start of a trial in a fraud lawsuit that could cost him control of Trump Tower and other prized properties.

"Disgraceful trial," he declared during a lunch break, after listening to lawyers for New York Attorney General Letitia James exhort him as a habitual liar. The state's lawsuit accuses the business mogul-turned-politician and

his company of deceiving banks, insurers and others by misstating his wealth for years in financial statements.

"They were lying year after year after year," Kevin Wallace, a lawyer in James' office, said as Trump sat at the defense table. He looked straight ahead, arms crossed, facing away from a screen that showed details of Wallace's presentation.

Trump denies wrongdoing and voluntarily attended a trial that he called a "sham," a "scam," a waste of the state's time and "a continuation of the single greatest witch

hunt of all time." Currently the Republican front-runner in the 2024 presidential race, he reiterated claims that James, a Democrat, is trying to thwart his bid to return to the White House.

"What we have here is an attempt to hurt me in an election," he said outside court, adding, "I don't think the people of this country are going to stand for it."

Trump's campaign immediately began fundraising off the appearance.

Trump left for the day claiming he'd scored a victory, pointing to comments that he viewed as Judge

Arthur Engoron coming around to the defense view that most of the suit's allegations are too old.

The judge suggested that testimony about Trump's 2011 financial statement was beyond the legal time limit. Wallace promised to link it to a more recent loan agreement, but Trump took the judge's remarks as an "outstanding" development for him.

Engoron ruled last week that Trump committed fraud in his business dealings. If upheld on appeal, the ruling could force Trump to give up New York properties including Trump Tower, a

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## WASHINGTON

# Gaetz makes move to sack McCarthy

GOP hard-liner cites cooperation with Democrats

By Catie Edmondson  
*New York Times*

Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., moved Monday to oust House Speaker Kevin McCarthy from his post in an act of vengeance that posed the clearest threat yet to McCarthy's tenure and could plunge the House into chaos.

After days of warnings, Gaetz

rose Monday evening to bring up a resolution declaring the speakership vacant. That started a process that would force a vote within days on whether to keep McCarthy in his post. In doing so, Gaetz sought to subject McCarthy to a rare form of political punishment experienced by only two other speakers in the history of the

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HAIYUN JIANG — NEW YORK TIMES  
Surrounded by reporters, Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., walks down the House steps at the U.S. Capitol on Monday.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

# Manitou Fund set to buy Wilder Forest

Catholic group's plan for youth camp use fell through in August

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The Manitou Fund announced Monday that it has entered into a purchase agreement with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation to purchase the 600-acre Wilder Forest property in northern Washington County.

"I am pleased and relieved that this property — which has been earmarked for conservancy — will now continue to be protected and preserved," said Manitou Fund Trustee Greg McNeely.

The Manitou Fund, based in White Bear Lake, was created by McNeely's father, Minnesota business magnate Donald McNeely, who died in 2009 at age 94. The fund is a major benefactor of River Grove Elementary School, a K-5 charter school that operated out of Wilder Forest from 2017 until the spring.

"For over 50-plus years, my dad committed support for this area," McNeely said. "I am enthusiastic about the future for the land being utilized to promote environmental stewardship connecting people with nature. Now, Manitou Fund can continue that legacy of supporting conservation and education platforms that will benefit the

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## MINNESOTA

# St. Paul still holds most Hmong residents

Cultural center analysis shows some movement between neighborhoods and into the suburbs

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How many Hmong people live in Minnesota?

The answer is 95,094, with more than half of the state's Hmong residents residing in Ramsey County, home to the largest concentration of Hmong in the nation, according to a new analysis.

With more than 36,000 Hmong residents, St. Paul remains home to the largest population of Hmong in any U.S. city, with Fresno, Calif., running a distant second. That's according to the analysis of U.S. Decennial Census by the Hmong Cultural Center, which is based on University Avenue in St. Paul.

That said, there's been some movement in terms of where Hmong residents reside within the Twin Cities. St. Paul's Frogtown neighborhood no longer has any census tracts with more than 1,000 Hmong residents, as it has had for the past several decades. The neighborhood as a whole is still home to more than 2,500 Hmong.

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## Technology

# Microsoft CEO testifies against Google's influence

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella said Monday that unfair tactics used by Google led to its dominance as a search engine, tactics that in turn have thwarted his company's rival program, Bing.

Nadella testified in a packed Washington, D.C., courtroom as part of the government's landmark antitrust trial against Google's parent company, Alphabet. The Justice Department alleges Google has abused the dominance of its ubiquitous search engine to throttle competition and innovation at the expense of consumers, allegations that echo a similar case brought against Microsoft in the late 1990s.

Nadella said Google's dominance was due to agreements that made it the default browser on smartphones and computers. He downplayed the idea that artificial intelligence or more niche search engines like Amazon or social media sites have meaningfully changed the market in which Microsoft competes with Google.

Nadella said users fundamentally don't have much choice in switching out of default web browsers on cell phones and computers.

"We are one of the alternatives but we're not the default," he said.

Google's lead litigator John Schmitz questioned Nadella about instances when users switched from Bing to Google even when Microsoft's search engine had default status on their devices — arguing that Microsoft made missteps with Bing that prevented it from rivaling Google.

When questioned, Nadella denied that Bing's adoption of artificial intelligence had led to dramatic shifts in its market share. Google has argued that artificial intelligence programs like chatbot ChatGPT have increased competition in the search engine market.

"Even the app store downloads are interesting but not ... something you write home about," Nadella said about Microsoft's revamped search engine enhanced with artificial intelligence.

Nadella was called to the witness stand as the biggest U.S. antitrust trial in the past quarter-century moved into its fourth week of testimony before U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta, who isn't expected to issue a decision in the case until next year.

## Tesla summer sales fall below projections

Tesla's summertime deliveries of electric vehicles surged 27% from last year but still fell below analyst projections as Elon Musk's car company navigated through softening customer demand as well as factory upgrades.

The Austin, Texas, automaker sold 435,059 vehicles during the July-to-September period, up from 343,830 at the same time last year. Analysts had predicted Tesla would sell about 461,000 vehicles during the latest quarter, according to

FactSet Research.

As usual, Tesla's sales consisted primarily of its Model 3 and Model Y vehicles, which have been made even more attractive by rounds of price cutting that have eaten into the company's profit margins. The third-quarter sales also marked a step back from Tesla's 466,140 vehicle deliveries during the April-to-June period.

## UAW reaches deal with Mack Trucks

The United Auto Workers union has reached a tentative contract agreement

## Local stocks

NAME	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	HI	LO	WK	MO	QTR	CHG	YTD%	NAME	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	HI	LO	WK	MO	QTR	CHG	YTD%
ANI Pharma	56.87	-1.19	-2.0	65.89	31.21	▼	▼	▼	▼	+14.1	Nthn Oil & Gas	38.62	-1.61	-4.0	43.64	25.56	▼	▼	▼	▼	+25.3
Abbott Labs	95.73	-1.12	-1.2	115.83	93.25	▼	▼	▼	▼	-12.8	Otter Tail Cos	73.88	-2.04	-2.7	92.74	52.60	▼	▼	▼	▼	+25.8
Allelix Inc	50.40	-2.40	-4.5	67.45	47.77	▼	▼	▼	▼	-21.9	Patterson Cos	29.81	+1.07	+3.6	34.53	23.92	▲	▲	▲	▲	+6.4
Ameriprise FncI	326.68	-3.82	-1.2	358.02	251.60	▼	▼	▼	▼	+4.7	Pentair plc	63.56	-1.19	-1.8	71.82	38.55	▼	▼	▼	▼	+11.3
Best Buy Co	69.09	-3.8	-5.5	93.32	60.79	▼	▼	▼	▼	-13.9	Piper Sandler Cos	143.34	-1.97	-1.4	162.20	104.85	▼	▼	▼	▼	+10.1
Bio-Techne Corp	67.15	-3.2	-4.1	90.63	66.59	▼	▼	▼	▼	-19.0	Polaris Ind	102.64	-1.50	-1.4	138.49	91.86	▼	▼	▼	▼	+1.6
Boston Scientific	52.81	+0.1	+0.3	55.38	38.79	▼	▼	▼	▼	+14.1	Proto Labs Inc	26.73	+3.3	+13.0	40.09	22.04	▲	▲	▲	▲	+4.7
C.H. Robinson	85.65	-4.8	-5.6	108.05	84.76	▼	▼	▼	▼	-6.5	Regis Corp	67	-0.3	-0.4	1.85	0.70	▼	▼	▼	▼	-45.0
Canterbury Park	19.70	-15	-0.8	31.60	18.00	▼	▼	▼	▼	-37.0	SPS Commerce Inc	168.80	-1.61	-1.1	196.39	116.58	▼	▼	▼	▼	+31.4
Clearfield Inc	28.78	+12	+0.4	33.90	28.21	▲	▲	▲	▲	-69.4	Sherwin Winslow	25.65	-2.40	-9.4	283.80	186.24	▼	▼	▼	▼	+6.5
Delta Air Lines	36.45	-5.5	-1.5	49.81	27.20	▼	▼	▼	▼	+10.9	Sleep Number Corp	22.65	-1.94	-7.9	41.61	17.50	▼	▼	▼	▼	-12.8
Dulux Corp	18.51	-3.8	-20.2	21.59	13.61	▼	▼	▼	▼	+9.0	Stratusys Ltd	13.12	-49	-3.6	21.72	11.04	▼	▼	▼	▼	+10.6
Donaldson Co	59.72	+0.8	+0.1	66.96	49.02	▲	▲	▲	▲	+1.4	Surmodics Inc	30.87	-1.22	-3.8	39.41	16.00	▼	▼	▼	▼	-9.5
Ecobab Inc	166.90	-2.50	-1.5	191.41	131.04	▼	▼	▼	▼	+14.7	Tactile Systems	13.91	-1.4	-10.2	26.11	6.52	▼	▼	▼	▼	+21.2
Entegris Inc	93.39	-5.2	-5.6	114.47	61.75	▼	▼	▼	▼	+42.1	Target Corp	166.89	-3.88	-2.3	181.70	108.15	▼	▼	▼	▼	-28.4
Fastenal Co	54.86	+22	+0.4	59.43	43.73	▲	▲	▲	▲	+15.9	Tennant Co	74.64	+49	+0.7	87.53	56.04	▲	▲	▲	▲	+21.2
Fuller Hb Co	68.33	-28	-0.4	81.41	61.14	▼	▼	▼	▼	-4.6	3M Company	90.22	-34	-0.3	93.31	92.38	▼	▼	▼	▼	-24.8
General Mills	62.58	-1.41	-2.2	69.89	63.63	▼	▼	▼	▼	-25.4	Toro Co	82.85	-25	-0.3	117.66	78.35	▼	▼	▼	▼	-26.8
Graco Inc	72.91	+0.3	+0.0	87.94	58.18	▼	▼	▼	▼	+8.4	Travelers Cos	162.27	-10.4	-0.6	194.51	152.01	▼	▼	▼	▼	-13.5
Hormel Foods	37.54	-4.9	-1.3	49.73	36.78	▼	▼	▼	▼	-17.6	US Bancorp	32.14	-9.2	-2.8	49.95	27.27	▼	▼	▼	▼	-26.3
Intl Paper	35.47	—	—	41.89	29.01	—	—	—	—	+2.4	UnitedHealth Gr	514.57	+10.38	+2.1	558.10	445.68	▲	▲	▲	▲	-2.9
Medtronic PLC	77.17	-5.9	-0.8	92.02	75.77	▼	▼	▼	▼	+1.1	Wells Fargo & Co	59.61	-1.25	-3.1	64.84	35.25	▼	▼	▼	▼	-4.1
Mosaic Co	35.02	-5.8	-1.6	57.46	31.44	▼	▼	▼	▼	-20.2	Xcel Energy Inc	55.03	-2.19	-3.8	72.99	55.12	▼	▼	▼	▼	-21.5
nvent Electric plc	52.02	-3.7	-1.8	58.98	30.61	▼	▼	▼	▼	+35.2											

## Markets

Stocks mostly slipped in mixed trading Monday as the contractor of higher interest rates tightened its coils around Wall Street.

The S&P 500 edged up by 0.34, or less than 0.1%, to 4,289.39, coming off its worst month of the year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 74.15 points, or 0.2%, to 33,433.35, and the Nasdaq composite rose 88.45, or 0.7%, to 13,307.77.

Slumps for oil-and-gas stocks weighed on the market after crude prices gave back some of the sharp gains made since the summer. The majority of stocks fell alongside them, with more than three quarters of those within the S&P 500 sinking, but gains for Apple and other influential Big Tech stocks helped support indexes.

Stocks have broadly given back 40% of their strong gains for the year since the end of July. The main reason is Wall Street's growing acceptance that high interest rates are here to stay a while as the Federal Reserve tries to knock high inflation lower. That in turn has pushed Treasury yields to their highest levels in more than a decade.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed again Monday, up to 4.67% from 4.58% late Friday, and is near its highest level since 2007. High yields send investors toward bonds that are

with Mack Trucks that covers about 4,000 workers in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida.

Mack Trucks confirmed a tentative agreement on a five-year contract early Monday after the UAW announced the deal just before midnight Sunday.

"The terms of this tentative agreement would deliver significantly increased wages and continue first-class benefits for Mack em-

ployees and their families," Mack President Stephen Roy said. "At the same time, it would allow the company to successfully compete in the market, and continue making the necessary investments in our people, plants and products."

**Feds join lawsuit against UP railroad**

The federal government has joined several former

paying much more than in the past, which pulls dollars away from stocks and undercuts their prices.

Stocks that pay high dividends with relatively steady business-ees see particular pain because their investors are more likely to switch between stocks and bonds. That puts a harsh spotlight on utility companies. PG&E dropped 5.6%, and Dominion Energy sank 5.3% for some of the sharpest losses in the S&P 500.

High interest rates also make borrowing more expensive for all kinds of companies, which can pressure their profits. Since the Federal Reserve indicated last month it likely won't cut rates as much in 2024 as earlier expected, the value of the U.S. dollar has also climbed against other currencies. That can mean a painful hit for S&P 500 companies, which get a big chunk of their revenue from abroad.

Besides hurting financial markets in the aim of lowering inflation, high interest rates slow the overall economy and can cause disruptions in far-flung, unexpected corners of the economy.

The overall U.S. economy has so far been holding up, defying predictions that it would have fallen into a recession by now.

— Associated Press

## Hmong

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The Hmong presence in the suburbs has grown, and the community remains visible in St. Paul's East Side and North End.

In fact, some East Side census tracts appear to have shown growth in their Hmong population since a previous analysis based on 2010 data. A census tract north of Arlington Avenue and east of English Street was home to more than 1,800 Hmong residents.

"There are few other cities in the U.S. (primarily Fresno and Sacramento are the other ones) that have any census tracts with Hmong populations greater than 1,000," said Mark Pfeifer, program director with the Hmong Cultural Center, in a written summary.

Brooklyn Park is home to about 9,100 Hmong residents. Minneapolis is home to 6,900 and Maplewood and Brooklyn Center are home to 5,400 residents. About 2,600 to 2,000 Hmong live in Oakdale, Coon Rapids, Woodbury and Blaine.

After Ramsey County, Hennepin County is home to 24,000 Hmong residents, and Anoka and Washington counties are home to roughly 8,000 residents apiece. Another 2,100 Hmong live in Dakota County.

California is home to the largest numbers of Hmong in the nation — more than 107,000 Hmong call the Sunshine State home — though the community is more tightly clustered in Minnesota.

Following their expulsion from Laos in 1975, Hmong residents began relocating from refugee camps in Thailand and arriving in the Twin Cities in five large waves, with the last wave occurring in 2004. Pfeifer said he expects to assist other scholars in pushing a more thorough analysis of Hmong demographic trends across the nation in the Hmong Studies Journal in early 2024.

WINONA, MINN.

# Charges upgraded in Kingsbury's killing

Forum News Service

New charges have been filed against Adam Fravel, a Winona man accused in the death of Madeline Kingsbury earlier this year, according to Winona County Attorney Karin Sonneman.

Fravel was arrested on June 9 in the death of Kingsbury, the mother of his two

children, after her body was found near Mabel following months of searching. He was initially charged with two counts of second-degree murder.

Following his arrest, a grand jury was convened and recommended a first-degree murder charge while committing domestic abuse with a past pattern of

domestic abuse and a premeditated first-degree murder charge against Fravel, according to Sonneman.

Fravel was the last person to see Kingsbury alive, and law enforcement has connected what they think is Fravel traveling down to the Mabel area in Kingsbury's vehicle, along with other evidence, such as match-

ing tape and sheets found on her body and at the couple's shared home.

Kingsbury is also alleged to have broken off an abusive relationship with Fravel, who admitted to an obsession with Gabby Pettito, a woman who was killed in 2021 by her fiancé.

Kingsbury was reported missing on March 31, 2023.

Fravel's next appearance is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 3.

He is being held on \$1 million bail in the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center.

Phillip Prokopowicz, a former Dakota County prosecutor, is leading the prosecution team for Winona County against Fravel.

## Deaths

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it is underreported and often not documented," Shannon said. "However, in recent years, we have seen an increase in homicides where strangulation was known to have occurred prior to the killing. As relationship abuse escalates, strangulation is often one of the last steps towards the ultimate act of power and control" of homicide.

The statewide coalition of more than 90 member programs working to end relationship abuse highlighted these risk factors and cases in its report released Monday.

## Attempts to leave the abuser

Carissa Joy Odgaard, 31, filed for divorce against her husband in 2021, which was granted six months later. She went to her ex-husband's home in Warren, in northwest Minnesota, to pick up her children

to attend church on Aug. 23, 2022, but one of their children — they had five under age 10 — told police their father didn't want their mother taking them. A court hearing in the divorce was scheduled for Aug. 30, 2022.

Police responded to a 911 call after two of Odgaard's young children flagged down a motorist and said they needed help for their mother. Odgaard's former husband is accused of attacking her while she was holding their toddler and while their kids were present; he allegedly strangled her and fatally beat her.

**Access to firearms**

Katie Ann Fredrickson's boyfriend was convicted of shooting the 34-year-old in her Brooklyn Center home on July 30, 2022. He fled and when he was later arrested, police found him with a bag with four guns. Three had been stolen.

His past convictions prohibited him from possessing a gun, and he was convicted of illegally possessing firearms in 2006, 2014 and 2015. He pleaded guilty to

murder and an illegal weapons charge for shooting his ex-girlfriend's dog days before he killed Fredrickson.

## History of violence

Shanna Renae Daniels' body was found after officers responded to a fire at her North St. Paul apartment on Aug. 25, 2022. She had extensive stab wounds and bruising on her face, neck, arms and legs, and her boyfriend is charged with first-degree murder.

He previously was convicted of violence against two other women and a child in 2008, he pleaded guilty to the attempted murder of his then-girlfriend and to sexually assaulting her 12-year-old daughter. He pleaded guilty in 2019 to third-degree assault, causing substantial bodily harm, to another girlfriend.

## Threats to kill the victim

Peachu E. Yates, 35, had recently moved herself and her daughters out of their Champlin home. She reported to child protection workers that her husband was sexu-

ally assaulting one of his daughters, after which he allegedly threatened to kill her and the children.

Her husband was indicted for first-degree murder after her stabbing in Champlin on March 28, 2022.

Ariel Christine Sakry's husband fatally shot the 25-year-old before killing himself in their Wadena home on April 29, 2022. He was previously charged with strangling Sakry when she was pregnant.

Part of his plea deal involved a stay of adjudication. A judge said, "Every marriage goes through ebbs and flows, peaks and valleys," according to Violence Free Minnesota. Sakry's husband's attorney asked that a firearm restriction not be ordered. Just over a year later, he shot Sakry 11 times.

"The homicides and pre-

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP

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ceding abuse documented in our 2022 report do not represent normal peaks and valleys in relationships," said Meggie Royer, Violence Free Minnesota's prevention program manager, on Monday. "They are violent, inexcusable acts of misogyny, power and control. Year after year, we see women criminalized, dismissed, disbelieved and blamed," along with "sentimentalizing ... that treat women as the instigators of their own murders."

Violence Free Minnesota's report includes recommendations, including increased funding for community-based advocacy programs to continue to work to provide safety to victim/survivors, ensuring medical assistance is offered to victim/survivors because strangulation and traumatic brain injuries can have long-lasting consequences that aren't immediately apparent, and having law enforcement develop ongoing relationships with their local community-based advocacy services.



Peachu Elfreda Yates



Shanna Renae Daniels



Katie Ann Fredrickson



Carissa Joy Odgaard



Ariel Christine Sakry