

## Students fight for free parking

By EMMA JOHNSON  
News Director

Since the beginning of the semester, 180 spots have been fee-free in Lot 22 South as a trial run to expand the free lot. The trial ends today, but students are fighting to keep the change.

At the Student Government meeting Wednesday, a resolution passed to continue the expanded free parking in Lot 22 South. The resolution passed again Friday at the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

Chairman of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee David Cowan explained how this is the first year that they haven't experienced any problems regarding people seeking free parking at the beginning of the fall semester.

"There was a boon to a lot of students that wanted to park for free now that it's been going on for 10 weeks," Cowan said.

Prior to the trial run, the demand for available parking spots was greater than the supply. According to the PTAC, between 20 and 50 students could not have parked without the additional free parking from Oct. 24-27.

Student Government President Emma Zellmer said that if the expansion of Lot 22 South passes it will help students, faculty and staff as finding free parking is an equity issue.

"We need to make sure that our students who want to attend



DOMINIC BOTHE • The Reporter

Over the last 10 weeks, Lot 22 South has been an extension of the free lot. Starting today, these spots will no longer be free. Students are able to purchase a \$35 parking pass if they wish to continue to park there.

class and parking is a barrier for them, that they're able to," Zellmer said. "If you show up trying to make it to class and you park in the free lot when there's no spots, you're choosing between going to class and a parking ticket."

Parking Services Coordinator and Citation Appeals Board Liaison Adam Kruger said the expansion of making Lot 22 South free won't help bring in revenue

to upkeep the rest of the lots.

"A lot of these parking lots cost money for them to be cleaned along with the bus shelters and the porta potties. The free lot is going to be one of the first things we let deteriorate because we don't have the money for repairs," Kruger said. "If they want to stay in orange, they have the option to pay for a pass."

Currently, orange lot passes

are \$35 a semester, half of the usual price. Passes are the same cost as a parking ticket. While some members said that \$35 was not a hefty price to pay, Resident Hall Association President Sierra Roiger mentioned how \$35 could be a lot for some students. Zellmer agreed with this statement.

"Inflation is making groceries, rent and utilities skyrocket.

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## DFL candidates visit College Democrats

By CARLY BAHR  
Staff Writer

Attorney General Keith Ellison visited MSU with other Democratic Farmer-Labor candidates to discuss the most important issues of the upcoming election Nov. 8.

Jeff Etinger, running for the first congressional district, joined Ellison along with Julie Blaha running for state auditor, Nick Frenz running for senate district 19 and Luke Frederick running for congressional district 19B.

The candidates each spoke on the pressing issues impacting the state and midterm election.

Ellison and his fellow DFL candidates stressed the importance of voting in this election.

"People say all the time that this is the most important election. I will tell you that it's actually true, these have been the most important elections. Why are they the most important elections? Because every year the stakes seem to get higher and higher and higher," he said.

Ellison spoke on the overturning of Roe v. Wade, which happened in June, and the repercussions this Supreme Court case could have at the state level. According to him, this includes access to abortions and contraceptives as well as marriage equality.

"This country of ours hangs upon our willingness to stand up and persuade people to fight for it. That's really what it's about," he said.

The other candidates echoed Ellison's message about the importance of voting. Midterm elections historically have lower voter turnout than presidential elections.

Blaha talked about the importance of local government and addressed her audience of College Democrats as potential future candidates.

"You'll be doing the things that make people's lives work. You'll make sure that the water turns on, the toilet flushes, that the lights

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## Greater Mankato Diversity Council engages community

By CARLY BAHR  
Staff Writer

Greater Mankato Diversity Council executive director Mohammed Alsadig visited the Minnesota State University campus Tuesday as part of the Sociology Department's Social Justice Lecture Series.

Alsadig spoke to an audience of largely sociology and first-year experience students about his career. He told the group that he moved to the United States from the United Arab Emirates roughly 26 years ago, and has since worked for the Mankato Department of Public Safety and served as a board member and chair of the Greater Mankato Diversity Council before being selected for executive director.

He performed Promote Respect Workshops along with the diversity council for schools and

businesses. For schools, Alsadig tailors the topics of discussion to the grade level and chooses diversity issues, such as sexism, racism and cultural bias among others and educates them with books and videos to promote a broad understanding of differences.

"We try to make sure whatever we talk about in those classes can make sense to those students. It depends on the age, they might not get it all," Alsadig said.

He also talked about his work with new Americans, and said one of the biggest issues they face in the Mankato area is housing. He said he works with investors and developers on finding ways to lower housing costs.

"A lot of families who come from overseas, usually, are bigger families. So mom and dad



DOMINIC BOTHE • The Reporter

Mohammed Alsadig stopped by MSU to discuss his career that started with working for the Mankato Department of Public Safety before becoming executive director of Great Mankato Diversity Council.

might have between four and six kids. So (figuring out) how we

can accommodate them in this

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JULIA BARTON • The Reporter

Keith Ellison (left), Nick Frentz, and Luke Frederick spoke to the College of Democrats on important issues that will be on the ballot during the midterm elections next Tuesday.

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turn out, the plows get out,” she said. “You are doing the things that ensure that people can have a good life and don’t have to think about that all day and they can just get to the work that they do,” said Blaha.

The event was hosted by the College Democrats and coordinated by club president Storm Novak, who was contacted by the candidates’ teams.

Roughly an hour before the event occurred, Novak and the College Democrats were notified of a Facebook post alluding to protesting at the event. Novak said they notified the

campaigns, campus security and those who planned to attend. Campus security was already prepared to be on site.

The point of contact for the candidates was first to say they still wanted to proceed with the event despite the security concern, according to Novak.

“We ultimately made the decision that it didn’t look like there were any active threats that were posted. It was more or less just people lamenting about the fact that Democrats exist,” Novak said.

Election day is Nov. 8. Minnesota offers an early voting

period.

Ellison concluded his portion of the visit by telling the audience to personally convince people in their lives to vote and help them decide which candidates to vote for.

“Anybody who tells you that it doesn’t really matter, tell them ‘if it doesn’t matter, how come they keep on trying to interfere with the right to vote?’ It matters. Tell them that people sacrifice everything so that some people can vote. Tell them ‘this is me talking, you’ve known me for years. I need you to vote.’”

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If you’re living on a budget, a \$35 parking ticket could be a make or break for someone’s groceries for the week,” Zeller said.

While the resolution passed

unanimously, it is not an automatic, immediate change. President Edward Inch will have the ultimate say whether Lot 22 South will continue to remain free at the President’s Cabinet meeting Thursday.

Students have been informed of the change back to paid parking through several emails last week. There will be no grace period between Tuesday and President Inch’s decision.

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community has always been an issue. We’re talking about it, some people are listening, some are not. It’s a really difficult issue to try to figure out, especially when trying to get investors to give money,” he said.

This event was part of a seven-part series sponsored by Carol Glasser and the Department of Sociology. She first organized the speaker series in 2014, and this is the first year it has occurred since COVID-19. Glasser polled her colleagues and students for speaker suggestions and schedules the presentations during her sociology workshop course, Civic Engagement, which cosponsors the series.

“My main goal going into this was that I hoped that through a series of speakers, my students and anyone who came, would be inspired by one person to be more engaged, either in their community or in promoting social justice more broadly,” she said. “I had very specific learning outcomes for the class that have to do with

understanding what civic engagement is, how to do it, and how to do it in a way that will promote social justice more broadly,” Glasser said.

Glasser’s students are currently working on a project related to transportation access and how it affects food insecurity in the community. Alsadig, after his speech, stayed to discuss it with her class.

“He gave us some ideas on how the Mankato community is experiencing transportation and food insecurity linkages to help shed light on our project,” Glasser said.

Ashley Hoehn, a student in Glasser’s Civic Engagement course, introduced Alsadig to the audience, sharing his work background in computer science and with Mankato Public Safety, and his responsibilities with the Greater Mankato Diversity Council of educating local businesses about Mankato’s growing population of new Americans.

Glasser said each year she has a student do background research on a speaker to intro-

duce them. The students reach out to the speaker and ask them questions about their work. They also prepare questions for the question and answer period after the speech.

Hoehn said, “(Alsadig) was my favorite. I thought he was really good at explaining what he does and I felt comfortable asking questions. He was really, really friendly.”

The final speaker in this series will be Rachael Hanel Tuesday at 11 a.m. in CSU 201, who will give a workshop on writing letters to the editor of newspapers. Glasser plans to host another series of social justice speakers next semester.

“I really think meeting people can have an immeasurable impact on how people gravitate towards different stories and different individuals. So I was hoping through a series of speakers each student would find one person that sort of ignited either their vision of what they could do in their own lives, or their passion for a specific issue,” said Glasser.

## Violence Free Zone Training opens eyes on dating violence



AMALIA SHARAF • The Reporter

Shadow Rolan explained about violence in the workplace and in relationships and how to cope with consequences about violence and how to identify it along with advocating for different victims.

By AMALIA SHARAF  
Staff Writer

The Maverick Diversity Institute hosted a speech with Interim Director of the Violence Awareness & Response Program Shadow Rolan on violence topics. The event took place last Tuesday on campus and was attended by graduate and undergraduate students.

Rolan told students about violent situations that could happen at the workplace and in relationships.

“It is important for students to be a part of this training because I feel like a lot of students are confused about what certain definitions are. I feel like this training clears some things that they might be questioning and it also validates victims and survivors of what

they have experienced, and what is going on with them in college,” said Rolan. “It teaches abusers what not to do and makes them take accountability and look at themselves and reflect on their actions.”

Violence Free Zone Training taught attendees what violence is, how to define it and how to cope with consequences.

Passing this training and attending events is suitable for students who conduct research or advocate for victims of various types of violence. This would also interest those who would like to expand their understanding of the term “violence.”

Graduate student Sydney Dumond conducts research on sexual violence and how

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## Center for Global Engagement offering experiences for student's at MSU internationally and domestic

By ANDREA SCHOENECKER  
Staff Writer

The Center for Global Engagement offers travel opportunities for both MSU students and students abroad studying in Mankato.

The Center's main offering is its exchange programs. These programs allow students to spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full academic school year in domestic and international destinations.

The program's purpose is to expand students' worldviews, as well as give them memorable experiences.

As expressed by Assistant Director of Global Exchange Anna Ochs, exchange programs are more than going to school in another country.

"My goal is to really have students step outside their comfort zones and have them visit programs that will enhance both their academics but also their own personal educational goals," Ochs said.

"Studying abroad is academically based, but it also is really beneficial for students personally and their development, both emotionally and professionally, socially, all the above. It is really for students to be able to have a high impact practice to get a global perspective."

For sophomore Brooke Van Gelderen, this is why she has pursued exchange in Tokyo for her 2023 spring semester.

"I've been wanting to go to Japan ever since I was really little," Ochs said. "I can remember being seven years old. I



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

Assistant Director of Global Exchange Anna Ochs encourages students to join exchange programs to get outside their comfort zone and enhance their academic careers around the world.

was in second grade and I went through the book bins, rudderless book bins where they hand the country ones. I picked up a book about Japan and loved it. My mom took me to a Japanese restaurant and, I've been wanting to go ever since."

Another highlight of this program is its financial accessibility. While traveling abroad can be expensive, it does not have to be.

Ochs stressed the importance of students of any financial background being able to participate in exchange programs.

"A student's financial aid follows them wherever they go, Study abroad doesn't need to be expensive. It is a great opportunity for students to be able to travel the world."

Exchange student Sanne Lemelder is from the Netherlands

for the fall semester.

Part of why she chose to come to MSU was because her university helped cover the cost of her exchange.

"My school in the Netherlands partners with universities like MSU. If I were to go to another university, I would have to pay for my own study abroad. Because of their partnership, they pay for my exchange semester here," said Lemelder.

The Center for Global Exchange can be found in the basement of Morris Hall, room 002. Appointments can be made with Anna Ochs in person or through MAV Connect via zoom or face-to-face.

More information about the programs they offer is available on their website [www.mnsu.edu/academics/global-education](http://www.mnsu.edu/academics/global-education).

## S. Korea in shock, grief as 153 die in Halloween surge



AHN YOUNG-JOON • Associated Press

A mass of mostly young people among tens of thousands who gathered to celebrate Halloween in Seoul became trapped and crushed as the crowd surged into a narrow alley, killing dozens of people.

By KIM TONG-HYUNG  
and HYUNG JIN-KIM  
Associated Press

South Koreans mourned and searched for relatives lost in the "hell-like" chaos that killed more than 150 people, mostly young adults, when a huge Halloween party crowd surged into a narrow alley in a nightlife district in Seoul.

It remained unclear what led the crowd to surge into the downhill alley in the Itaewon area on Saturday night, and authorities promised a thorough investigation. Witnesses said people fell on each other "like dominoes," and some victims were bleeding from their noses and mouths while being given CPR.

Kim Mi Sung, an official at

a nonprofit organization that promotes tourism in Itaewon, said she performed CPR on 10 people who were unconscious, mostly women wearing witch outfits and other Halloween costumes. Nine of them were declared dead on the spot.

"I still can't believe what has happened. It was like a hell," Kim said.

As of Sunday evening, officials said 153 people were killed and 133 were injured. Nearly two-thirds of those killed — 97 — were women. More than 80% of the dead were in their 20s and 30s, and at least four were teenagers.

The Ministry of the Interior and Safety said the death count could further rise as 37 of the injured people were in serious condition.

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## Climate Questions: What are solutions to climate change?



PETER HAMLIN • Associated Press

Weather is changing nearly everyday and scientists are working around the clock to find ways to prevent global warming. The temperature of the Earth continues to rise by about 2 degrees each year.

By DANA BELTAJI  
Associated Press

As the world warms and extreme weather events mount, governments and corporations have been called on to address climate change by top officials, climate scientists and activists and to curb levels of heating.

The planet's temperature has already risen by about 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) and the effects will only get worse with every additional tenth of a degree of warming, scientists warn.

Scientists and officials agree that it's important to not make matters worse by burning even more fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas — that emit heat-trapping gases into the air.

In a 2021 report, the International Energy Agency

said there can be no new investments in fossil fuels if the world wants to reach its climate goals.

The most recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change said "immediate and deep" cuts to dirty fuels were needed.

"Our addiction to fossil fuels is pushing humanity to the brink," said U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the 2021 climate conference in Glasgow, known as COP26. The world is currently reliant on fossil fuels for much of its electricity, heating and transportation, as well as agriculture and industry.

It's hoped that cleaner alternatives — such as solar and wind energy — will replace much of that demand.

## SCOTUS takes up college scandals

By MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

The Supreme Court wrestled with persistent, difficult questions of race Monday, debating whether to end the use of affirmative action in higher education. The justices scheduled at least an hour and forty minutes of arguments and were hearing from from six different lawyers in challenges to policies at the University of North Carolina and Harvard. Those policies consider race among many factors in evaluating applications for admission.

Following the overturning of the half-century precedent of *Roe v. Wade* in June, the cases offer a big new test of whether the court now dominated by conservatives will move the law to the right on another of the nation's most contentious cultural issues. Early in the arguments, liberal justices asked questions suggesting support for the schools' policies. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, the court's newest justice and its first Black female, said race



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE • Associated Press

People rally outside the Supreme Court as the court begins to hear oral arguments in two cases that could decide the future of affirmative action in college admissions on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022.

was being used at the University of North Carolina as part of a broad review of applicants.

"There are 40 factors about all sorts of things that the admissions office is looking at. ... They're looking at the full person with all of these characteristics," she said.

Justice Elena Kagan called universities the "pipelines to leadership in our society" and suggested that without affirmative action minority enrollment will drop. The Supreme Court has twice upheld race-conscious college admissions programs in the past 19 years, including just six years ago.

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people form an identity, and attended the event.

"I would definitely recommend this training to others. I think that one of the biggest problems with domestic violence is the lack of awareness and I feel like this was specifically a really good introductory course for people who don't really know anything about intimate partner violence and domestic abuse," said Dumond.

Rolan believes students don't always recognize the sit-

uation they are in.

"People are not always aware that they are being intimidated or coerced into anything," noted Rolan.

The training also raised the topic of how society promotes wrong ideas that people are later convinced of.

"If a partner is jealous, then it's cute, or if a boss happens to believe that he/she holds power over you, then they can make you stay at work longer. People have this dynamic that they don't actually understand

what certain situations look like. Even checking a phone of a partner is a sign to reflect on it," Rolan said.

Visiting the Violence Free Zone training can help people learn about healthy relationships in society.

"I feel like this training is useful just for everyday interactions and experiences between colleagues, coworkers, boss and employees, students and teachers and between partners," said Rolan.

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# Pelosi attacker carried zip ties in Jan. 6 echo

By LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

The man accused of attacking House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband carried zip ties with him when he broke into the couple's San Francisco home, according to a person briefed on the investigation, in what is the latest parallel to the Capitol riot of Jan. 6, 2021.

The person was not authorized to publicly discuss the Pelosi case and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday.

The attack on Democratic leader's 82-year-old husband, Paul Pelosi, less than two weeks before the Nov. 8 election that will determine control of Congress as well as key statewide and local offices, was an unsettling reminder of the nation's toxic political climate. With threats to public officials at an all-time high, members of Congress were being urged to reach out for additional security resources, including increased police patrols of their neighborhoods.

U.S. Capitol Police Chief J. Thomas Manger said in a week-end memo to lawmakers that the attack "is a somber reminder of the threats elected officials and families face in 2022."

Police in San Francisco said



GODOFREDO A. VASQUEZ • Associated Press

A police officer stands outside the home of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi where her husband Paul Pelosi was attacked and severely beaten by an assailant with a hammer who broke into their San Francisco home on Friday.

the assault of Paul Pelosi was intentional. Authorities said the suspect, identified as David DePape, 42, confronted Paul Pelosi in the family's Pacific Heights home early Friday and, the AP has reported, demanded to know, "Where is Nancy?"

The two men struggled over a hammer before officers responding to a 911 call to the home saw DePape strike Paul Pelosi at least once, police said. DePape was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, elder abuse and burglary. Prosecutors

plan to announce the charges on Monday during a new conference and expect his arraignment on Tuesday.

Eerie echoes of the Jan. 6 riot were apparent in the incident at the Pelosi home.

Rioters who swarmed the

Capitol trying to overturn Joe Biden's election victory over Donald Trump roamed the halls and shouted menacingly, demanding "Where's Nancy?" Some in the siege were seen inside the Capitol carrying zip ties. The presence of the zip ties on the suspect in Paul Pelosi's assault was first reported by CNN.

Nancy Pelosi was in Washington when her husband was attacked at home. She soon returned to San Francisco, where her husband was hospitalized. He had surgery for a skull fracture, and suffered other injuries to his arms and hands, her office said.

"Our children, our grandchildren and I are heartbroken and traumatized by the life-threatening attack on our Pop," she said in a letter late Saturday to colleagues. "We are grateful for the quick response of law enforcement and emergency services, and for the life-saving medical care he is receiving."

Paul Pelosi remains hospitalized and "continues to improve," she told colleagues.

With Election Day nearing and Trump relentlessly promoting claims he did not lose to Biden in 2020, federal agencies warned on Friday that domestic extremists fueled by election falsehoods "pose a heightened threat" to the midterms.

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## Students need accessible parking

For students who live off campus, there's a daily struggle to be faced. Running the risk of being late, students have to decide whether they attend class on time or if they should gamble getting a parking ticket.

We, as students, shouldn't have to worry about choosing between tarnishing our academic record and securing a parking spot, no matter where we park.

While we understand that students need to pay for passes that are closer to campus, it's important to recognize that certain students may not be able to purchase passes.

Parking passes range between \$70-360. To some students, that money could go towards rent, utilities and food.

Students should not have to worry about finding a place to live or putting food in their pantry as opposed to buying a parking pass.

Accessible parking prices would allow more students to purchase passes as opposed to limiting them due to their budget.

Limiting parking options for students in turn causes them to seek availability elsewhere. This can lead to cars trickling into nearby neighborhoods, clogging up the streets.

We as students should be good citizens to those homes surrounding campus and park in the designated areas to ensure we are respecting their space.

For students who live off campus, timing is crucial in ensuring they are able to secure parking spots. Some students and faculty do not live in Mankato, making daily commutes to and from campus.

Depending on weather and uncertain events that may appear, obstacles can prevent us from getting to campus; that's out of our control.

Having to receive a ticket after being unable to get to campus due to unexpected occurrences dampens an already sour mood.

We as students already have to worry about the cost of buying textbooks, tuition and dining plans on top of a multitude of other financial responsibilities.

While we aren't saying we should rid parking passes, having more accessible options for students to utilize would be beneficial.

# Perspectives

## Made in China: Brother from another mother



By JULIA BARTON  
Editor in Chief

As someone who has grown up in a family where adoption is normalized, I find myself in a unique situation where I am also a person adopted from a foreign country.

I find it even more interesting that my only brother was adopted from the U.S. and has a totally different origin story than I do.

Having two children who were adopted from different countries but raised practically from birth into a "normal" suburban family was something I didn't think twice about until I became older and inevitability became more curious.

I'm sure any adoptee has asked at one point in their life "where did I come from?" and

"why was I put up for adoption?"

As someone who has no clue why or how I was put into an orphanage, I sometimes wonder if my situation as a foreign adoptee without any knowledge of her past is better or worse than someone who knows their birth parents and the reason why they gave them up.

I have no prior knowledge of my birth parents. I was told when I was little it was a "baby on the doorstep" type of situation. Back in the 2000s, putting children up for adoption was quite common during China's one child policy era.

On the other hand, my older brother, who was born in Minnesota, knew who his birth parents were as it was a set-up adoption.

My parents were at the

hospital when he was born and has been with them ever since. When we were younger, his birth mother would visit us occasionally, yet the emotions were quite complex for both parties.

This made me start to think about which experience would I rather have: mine where ignorance bliss, or my brother's where it is quite complex.

The older I got and the more I thought about adoption and how each adoptee has a totally individualized experience.

When I was younger, adoption was used as an insult by my peers when their sibling was annoying them. Phrases such as "you're adopted" were commonly used when I'd go to a friend's house.

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# Pulse

"What's your favorite Halloween candy?"

Compiled by Dominic Bothe



CARSON MORGAN,  
SOPHOMORE

"Carmel apple suckers."



NICK FETTERLY,  
FRESHMAN

"Candy corn."



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SOPHOMORE

"Carmel apple suckers."



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FRESHMAN

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# Nine arrested after bridge collapses in India, killing 134



AJIT SOLANKI • Associated Press

Search and rescue work is going on as a cable suspension bridge collapsed in Morbi town of western state Gujarat, India. The century-old cable suspension bridge collapsed into the river Sunday evening.

By AJIT SOLANKI, AIJAZ HUSSAIN, KRUTIKA PATHI and SHEIKH SAALIQ  
Associated Press

Police in western India arrested nine people on Monday as they investigated the collapse of a newly repaired 143-year-old suspension bridge in one of the country's worst accidents in years, officials said. The collapse Sunday evening in Gujarat state plunged hundreds of people into a river, killing at least 134.

As families mourned the dead, attention turned to why the pedestrian bridge, built during British colonialism in the late 1800s and touted by the state's tourism website as an "artistic and technological marvel," collapsed and who might be responsible. The bridge had reopened just four days earlier.

Inspector-General Ashok Yadav said police have formed a special investigative team, and that those arrested include managers of the bridge's operator, Oreva Group, and its staff.

"We won't let the guilty get away, we won't spare anyone," Yadav said.

Gujarat authorities opened a case against Oreva for suspected culpable homicide, attempted culpable homicide and other violations.

In March, the local Morbi town government awarded a 15-year contract to maintain and manage the bridge to Oreva, a group of companies known mainly for making clocks, mosquito zappers and electric bikes. The same month, Oreva closed the bridge, which spans a wide section of the Machchu river, for repairs. The bridge has been repaired several times in the past and many of its original parts have been replaced over the years.

It was reopened nearly seven

months later, on Oct. 26, the first day of the Gujarati New Year, which coincides with the Hindu festival season, and the attraction drew hundreds of sightseers. Sandeepsinh Zala, a Morbi official, told the Indian Express newspaper the company reopened the bridge without first obtaining a "fitness certificate." That could not be independently verified, but officials said they were investigating.

Authorities said the structure collapsed under the weight of hundreds of people. A security video of the disaster showed it shaking violently and people trying to hold on to its cables and metal fencing before the aluminum walkway gave way and crashed into the river.

The bridge split in the middle with its walkway hanging down, its cables snapped.

Police said at least 134 people were confirmed dead and many others were admitted to hospitals in critical condition. Emergency responders and rescuers worked overnight and throughout Monday to search for survivors. State minister Harsh Sanghvi said most of the victims were teenagers, women and older people.

At least 177 survivors were pulled from the river, said Jigar Khunt, an information department official in Gujarat. It was unclear how many people were on the bridge when it collapsed and how many remained missing, but survivors said it was so densely packed that people were unable to quickly escape when its cables began to snap.

"There were just too many people on the bridge. We could barely move," Sidik Bai, 27, said while recovering from injuries in a hospital in Morbi.

Sidik said he jumped into the water when the bridge began to crack and saw his friend being crushed by its metal walkway.

He survived by clinging to the bridge's cables.

"Everyone was crying for help, but one by one they all began disappearing in the water," Sidik said.

Local news channels ran pictures of the missing shared by concerned relatives, and family members raced to overcrowded hospitals searching for their loved ones.

Gujarat is the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was visiting the state at the time of the accident. He said he was "deeply saddened by the tragedy" and his office announced compensation for families of the dead and called for speedy rescue efforts.

"Rarely in my life, would I have experienced such pain," Modi said during a public event in the state on Monday.

Modi was the top elected official of Gujarat for 12 years before becoming India's prime minister in 2014. A Gujarat state government election is expected in coming months and opposition parties have demanded a thorough investigation of the accident.

The bridge collapse was Asia's third major disaster involving large crowds in a month. On Saturday, a Halloween crowd surge killed more than 150 people attending festivities in Itaewon, a neighborhood in Seoul, South Korea. On Oct. 1, police in Indonesia fired tear gas at a soccer match, causing a crush that killed 132 people as spectators tried to flee. India's infrastructure has long been marred by safety problems, and Morbi has suffered other major disasters. In 1979, an upstream dam on the Machchu river burst, sending walls of water into the city and killing hundreds of people in one of India's biggest dam failures.

## Letter to the Editor: Vote Paul Blarta for County Sheriff

Dear Editor,

A group of community leaders and members of the greater Mankato community formed a coalition to endorse Captain Paul Barta as the next Blue Earth County Sheriff. We believe Paul Barta is the most professional and experienced candidate for the Office of Sheriff.

Our coalition has a great concern about the safety of women, people of color, and all other voices in our community regardless of race, gender, abilities, etc. Paul Barta has proven his skill time and time again in helping victims feel heard, respected, and safe with law enforcement and within the justice system.

Paul Barta has extensive experience at various levels of law enforcement including administrative responsibilities. He is well-known for doing his work responsibly and fairly.

Paul Barta is the most knowledgeable and articulate candidate for the position,

while being open to conversation and opinions from all levels within our community.

You can depend on Captain Paul Barta to ensure the Sheriff's Office is, and will continue to be, transparent and maintain the agency with the high expectations our community deserves.

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This coalition endorses Paul Barta because of his experience, professionalism, and devotion to our community. Please vote for Captain Paul Barta as your next Blue Earth County Sheriff.

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Barb Carstens, Mankato  
Dawn Campbell, Mankato

For a complete list of signers, please see Barta4Sheriff's website and social media.

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In those situations, I usually stood quiet and let the awkwardness die at the moment. I would frequently think to myself, "is being adopted a bad thing?"

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adoption and am very willing to talk about my personal situation.

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# Musk fires Twitter board, removes verification

By MATT O'BRIEN and  
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Associated Press

Billionaire Elon Musk is already floating major changes for Twitter — and faces major hurdles as he begins his first week as owner of the social-media platform.

Twitter's new owner fired the company's board of directors and made himself the board's sole member, according to a company filing Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He's also testing the waters on asking users to pay for verification. A venture capitalist working with Musk tweeted a poll asking how much users would be willing to pay for the blue check mark that Twitter has historically used to verify higher-profile accounts so other users know it's really them.

Musk, whose account is verified, replied, "Interesting."

Critics have derided the mark, often granted to celebrities, politicians, business leaders and journalists, as an elite status symbol.

But Twitter also uses the blue check mark to verify activists and people who suddenly find themselves in the news, as well as little-known journalists at small publications around the



PATRICK PLEUL • Associated Press

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globe, as an extra tool to curb misinformation coming from accounts that are impersonating people.

"The whole verification process is being revamped right now," Musk tweeted Sunday in

response to a user who asked for help getting verified.

On Friday, meanwhile, billionaire Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal said he and his Kingdom Holding Company rolled over a combined \$1.89 billion

in existing Twitter shares, making them the company's largest shareholder after Musk.

The news raised concerns among some lawmakers, including Sen. Chris Murphy, a Democrat from Connecticut.

Murphy tweeted that he is requesting the Committee on Foreign Investment — which reviews acquisitions of U.S. businesses by foreign buyers — to investigate the national security implications of the kingdom's investment in Twitter.

"We should be concerned that the Saudis, who have a clear interest in repressing political speech and impacting U.S. politics, are now the second-largest owner of a major social media platform," Murphy tweeted. "There is a clear national security issue at stake and CFIUS should do a review."

Having taken ownership of the social media service, Musk has invited a group of tech-world friends and investors to help guide the San Francisco-based company's transformation, which is likely to include a shakeup of its staff. Musk last week fired CEO Parag Agrawal and other top executives.

There's been uncertainty about if and when he could begin larger-scale layoffs.

"I do think there will be a lot of layoffs," said Matthew Faulkner, an assistant finance professor at San Jose State University. Faulkner noted the need for cost-cutting after Musk bought Twitter for a premium and the platform's longtime struggles trying to turn a profit."

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# SPORTS

## A series of firsts: Mavs sweep Falcons

By **KARSON BUELOW**  
Staff Writer

On a warm Halloween weekend, the No.8 Minnesota State University, Mankato played host to unranked Bowling Green at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in downtown Mankato.

Friday night, senior forward Brendan Furry sealed the deal in overtime to capture the Mavericks' first conference win of the season. Senior forward Sam Morton continued his impressive start to the season, picking up his second game-winning goal and leading the Mavericks to a 4-2 win Saturday.

The Mavericks entered the matchup seeking vengeance after being swept for the first time since the 2018-19 season on the road against St. Cloud State. Freshman goaltender Alex Tracy got the start in net Friday night looking for his first win since the series with Duluth.

Friday's contest got out to a very fast-paced start for both teams as the Falcons were able to match the speed and intensity that the Mavericks brought. The first period seemed to go through waves where either team spent several minutes in the other's defensive zone.

With just under three minutes remaining in the first period, junior forward Ondrej Pavel was able to cash in his first goal of the season with a backhand rebound into a wide-open net.

The Mavericks were able to hold onto the 1-0 lead heading into the second period.

Minnesota State kept the momentum rolling into the second period. Nearly four minutes into the second, sophomore forward Tanner Edwards picked up his own blocked shot and fired one top-shelf past the Falcon netminder for his first goal of the season and the Mavericks' second goal of the game.

The Mavericks remained in control for the

## Soccer wins regular season, tournament is underway



The soccer team is set to play at 2 p.m. at home this Friday against Minot State in round two.

By **AYAN MUHAMMAD**  
Staff Writer

Minnesota State's women's soccer team continued their long streak of wins against Concordia.

The Minnesota State women's soccer team defeated Concordia twice at home in the last few days with a 1-0 win Thursday and a 4-1 win Monday in the first round of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament.

At the start of the match both teams put pressure on each other. After six minutes

neither team scored, but the Bears initiated an attack. Mavericks goalkeeper senior Mackenzie Rath was able to make the save. After that, the Mavs went on offense, with one of their shots missing the goal by a few inches. Still, after a long streak of continuous attack and defense, no one was able to score.

The first half ended scoreless. The Mavs came with immediate pressure at the start of the second half. After a long streak of offense and defense Mavs senior Jenny Vetter scored the goal assisted by senior Rachel Luedtke.

"We knew today would be a tough battle and Concordia will make it tough to score. I thought we did a really good job and continued to play until we found an opportunity. Once we found that corner opportunity, we capitalized on it. Ironically, we haven't scored a lot this year up until we stressed up this week so finally finding the goal from the corner and 1-0 game was really the key," head coach Brian Bahl said.

Concordia fought until the last, but the Mavs did not let their defense down and with that, the second half finished.

MSU won the game and the championship.

In the second game, as the 25-minute mark passed in the first half, MSU sophomore Maille Mathis stole the ball and scored the first goal of the game.

MSU kept pressure on the Bears throughout the game. Concordia tried to get back to MSU but missed the potential pass with that first half finish. The second half started with the MSU kick off quickly and the Mavericks senior Jenny Vetter almost got the ball in the goal.

After that Concordia put up a fight and kept attacking but MSU senior Nadia Lowery scored with an assist from freshman Eden Gibson to make it 2-0. Vetter took the ball again and got past the defense but was tackled by the Concordia goalkeeper. Then, Mavericks sophomore Maille Mathis got the chance and scored the goal 3-0.

But the Bears didn't give up. In the last 10 minutes, Mavericks freshman Addison Clarey scored an assist from Luedtke 4-0. Concordia got back to MSU in the last five minutes. CSP Jessica Timpane scored the goal with Nicole Moore assisting.

"We really hit our peak here in the last couple weeks. We settled in who we are as a team, and it's been a lot of fun to see the girls of this group super proud of them," Bahl said.

## Potential postseason after the Cougars fall to the Mavs



The Mavericks won their game Saturday with a final score of 38-24 on the road against the NSIC No. 1 seed Cougars in Sioux Falls, S.D.

By **LUKE JACKSON**  
Staff Writer

Mankato Football defeated the NSIC's No.1 ranked team Saturday and are now on a three-game winning streak.

The Sioux Falls Cougars hosted the Minnesota State, Mankato Mavericks at home in a crucial game for both with only three games remaining in each of their seasons. The Mavs prevailed in the

game and found a way to win in dominating fashion.

USF opened the game with a 5-play, 75-yard drive which ended in redshirt sophomore Jacquize Lockett having a 19-yard rush into the back of the endzone. The Mavs quickly bounced back and scored three times before the end of the first quarter.

The first score came from a quick 7-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Hayden Ekern dishing it off to senior wide receiver Nyles Williams for a touchdown. Following this, junior back Shen Butler Lawson Jr. had a 19-yard run making the score 14-7 Mavericks. With only 28 seconds remaining in the first, Eckern opted to run the ball to earn the Mavericks their third touchdown making it 21-7.

The Cougars quickly answered back in the second

quarter with a 4-yard rushing touchdown. Preceding this, the defense on both sides locked in and made it difficult for both offenses to perform.

The Mavs then broke through the Cougar's defense with two back-to-back scores. The first came from a drawn out 13 plays finishing with Eckern having his second goal-line rushing touchdown. The other was a 32-yard field goal: with only three seconds remaining in the half, quarterback Allen Mullen had a 13-yard reception to Hunter Schnieder to chip away at Mankato's lead making it 31-21.

The second half was slower compared to the first. Only one score occurred making the final score 38-24. The first was USF hitting a 27-yard field goal to cap off the third quarter

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DYLAN ENGEL • The Reporter

Sweeping Bowling Green in the series at Mankato, the men's hockey team currently stands as No. 6 according to the NCAA rankings.

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majority of the second period and carried the 2-0 lead heading into the third period. Bowling Green was able to break the shutout-bid early in the final frame as senior forward Adam Pitters picked up his first goal of the season off a rebound after a great save by Tracy.

The final period remained a tight back-and-forth battle as the Falcons tried to claw back into the game and force overtime. With about one minute left in the third, Bowling Green pulled their goalie for the extra attacker to make it six-on-four as they were also on the powerplay.

It didn't take long, as sophomore forward Austen Swankler potted his team-leading fifth goal of the season which tied the game up at 2-2 and sent it to overtime. The teams played a sudden-death 3-on-3 format to decide a winner.

The Mavericks dominated the overtime period, not allowing Bowling Green a single shot. Senior forward and captain Brendan Furry was able to break through with his first goal of the season after a seemingly harmless shot trickled past the Falcon netminder which gave the Mavericks their first conference win of the season.

Senior forward Cade Borchardt commented following the game about Furry getting his first of the year.

"Just another guy I can't

speak highly enough about," Borchardt said. "He's an unbelievable player and it's fun to watch his game. To see him get that goal is huge and hopefully he takes off from here."

As Maverick fans have seen so far this season, sophomore goaltender Keenan Rancier got the start in net on Saturday as the team still looks to find a consistent starter. Minnesota State got out to a hot start on Saturday night as junior forward David Silve picked up his third goal of the season with a wicked-wrister from the high slot less than five minutes into the game.

The lead didn't last long, as senior forward Chase Gresock tied the game at 1-1 for Bowling Green on their first shot of the game.

Despite the quick burst from Bowling Green, Minnesota State was able to dominate the majority of the frame and allowed two shots during the entire period.

The Mavericks were gifted a powerplay early in the second period, but to no avail. Rather, Bowling Green was able to pot a short-handed goal on the Maverick powerplay, giving them their first lead of the weekend. Minnesota State continued controlling the pace of play during the second period, despite being down 2-1. The Mavericks were able to tie the game up at twos as Furry buried a rebound past the goalie with just under two minutes

left to play in the second.

Seven seconds into the third period, Morton was able to send a shot along the ice that beat the Falcon goalie for his sixth goal of the season, putting the Mavericks up 3-2. With just under 10 minutes remaining, freshman forward Adam Eisele buried a loose puck after a shot from the point for his first career collegiate goal and the Mavericks' 4-2 lead.

The Falcons tried to piece together a comeback like the night prior, but were unsuccessful in their attempts as the Mavericks completed the series sweep in game two by a final score of 4-2.

Minnesota State head coach Mike Hastings gave his comments about game two and the series overall following Saturday night's win.

"We had some issues that were self-inflicted but I like how we stuck with it," Hastings explained. "Giving up a short-handed goal and being down 2-1, I like the way we stayed after it. And I thought it was a really good game for our younger D-core."

With their series sweep over Bowling Green, Minnesota State improves to 5-3 overall on the season and 2-0 in CCHA conference play. The Mavericks will be back in action Friday as they take on St. Thomas on the road before returning back to Mankato Saturday for family weekend.

tinues to harden as five teams are 7-2 and two teams are 6-3.

The Mavs three-game winning streak is furthering their record to set themselves apart from the rest of the NSIC. The last two games of

the season for Mankato will be played at home at Blakesless Stadium. The first is family weekend against the 4-5 Southwest Minnesota State Mustangs and the second is against the 7-2 No. 3 Winona State Warriors.

## Troubles continue for volleyball team



DYLAN ENGEL • The Reporter

Volleyball will play their next game Friday against Wayne State at home at 6 p.m.

By CHARLIE GROEBNER  
Staff Writer

The first two sets were within two points.

Spooky season is coming to an end. Unfortunately, the nightmare continues for Minnesota State Volleyball.

Over the weekend, the Mavericks departed on what was the final road trip of the regular season. The team was unsuccessful as it resulted in back-to-back losses, extending its losing streak to seven. It also marked the team going an entire month without a single win, with the last victory being an Oct. 8 win against Bemidji State.

The team's first stop on the road was a matchup against the University of Sioux Falls Cougars Friday. During the contests, the Mavericks did not make it easy for the Cougars.

One player who shined was sophomore outside hitter Emma Loveall who added nine more kills on the season. However, even with her outstanding play, it was not enough. Entering the third set, they unfortunately struggled and fell short as the Cougars jumped out to a massive lead and sealed the game.

The second day, the team made a pit stop in Marshall for a Saturday afternoon matchup against the Southwest Minnesota State University Mustangs. Even though they were unsuccessful in securing a win, they certainly did not make it easy for the Mustangs.

While the first two sets saw a repeating trend of falling be-  
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# Senior Spotlight: Somon Anderson

By LUKE JACKSON  
Staff Writer

The New Orleans native is adjusting pretty well to his new atmosphere in Mankato at the starting defensive back.

Somon Anderson grew up in New Orleans and spent his time playing basketball and football. He found his love for football in middle school when he realized he may not grow much more for basketball.

Listed at 5 feet and 11 inches, Anderson chose to play defensive back throughout high school. Once college came around he chose to go to Mississippi State to play football for the Bulldogs. He played in four games and made the SEC student honor roll. Anderson then entered the transfer portal as a junior and decided to come to the third coldest state in America.

“Honestly, the summers here are amazing but the winter time is real tough. Last year coming here and seeing snow for the first time was wicked crazy, it is really beautiful to see but to actually live here is really tough,” Anderson said.

Regardless of this change, he has made the most out of it.

“It is different here. It is more like a family because a lot of the guys at Mississippi State don’t stay long and there main goal is to make it to the NFL but here it is like a brotherhood,” Anderson said.

This new brotherhood is allowing him to shine. Anderson secured his first-ever college touchdown Oct. 22 game against the Augustana Vikings.



DOMINIC BOTHE • The Reporter

Somon Anderson #0 picked up his first touchdown with the Mavericks against Augustana this season.

Junior defensive Grant Nagel put pressure on the Vikings quarterback and tipped his pass up in the air giving Anderson a perfect opportunity to intercept the ball and run it into the back of the end zone. This was one of two interceptions he had in the game.

Anderson claimed that it was his proudest moment in football.

“That was the best feeling. I haven’t scored a touchdown yet,” Anderson said. “That is a defensive player’s ultimate goal. When I got the ball I almost froze and then I was like oh, I need to run the ball. Having all my teammates running to me after the touchdown was the best feeling ever and nothing has ever felt like that.”

The Mavericks have two games remaining in the season with a potential post-season ahead as well. Anderson, at a crisp 55-degree practice, was wearing three shirts and two layers of pants.

“I don’t care if you’re from here, cold is cold,” he commented. The cold weather is something everyone has to endure in the late games of the season.

Anderson has his bachelor’s degree in business administration and is currently working on his master’s in sports management. It remains to be seen what happens in his future, whether it is getting more interceptions or making the business decisions for a team.

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hind, the third set was where the Mavericks shined. Both teams were deadlocked matching point for point. However, the heroics were for naught as

the Mustangs claimed victory off an error by junior middle blocker Sophie Tietz and ended a great performance.

With the team finally finished with travel for the season,

the Mavericks prepare to bring a close to their season. With a record of 6-20, the team looks to salvage what they can as they prepare for the final two games of the year.

# Split with Beavers, MSU earn three points in standings



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

The women’s hockey team will be at home this Friday and Saturday where they will match up against Sacred Heart.

By KOLE BUELOW  
Staff Writer

With a series split with Bemidji State University this past weekend, the Minnesota State women’s hockey team earned three points to remain fourth in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association standings.

Minnesota State rode a hot hand into the matchup, coming off a two-game winning streak over St. Thomas last weekend.

The Beavers, on the other hand, had some catching up to do in the WCHA standings. Before this series they were 0-6-0 against conference foes. Bemidji State was hungry for a win, and that showed as they took down the Mavericks 2-1 in game one of the series.

Despite getting the game-opening goal in the first period from junior forward Sydney Langseth, the Mavericks gave up two goals in the second and third periods to fall to the Beavers Friday.

As Saturday rolled around, the Mavericks needed a win

and a Minnesota Duluth loss to remain ahead of the Bulldogs in the WCHA standings. The Mavericks’ wish was granted as Duluth lost 3-4 to the Wisconsin Badgers. Now, all they needed was to finish off the Beavers in regulation.

The first period came to a close without a score, but three consecutive Mavericks goals in the second period helped Minnesota State pull away with a big lead.

Langseth got the scoring rolling for MSU, which was later followed up by goals from freshman Taylor Otremba and senior Charlotte Akervik just 10 and 58 seconds later.

Otremba’s goal was her first of the season and first goal as a Maverick. In addition, Otremba tallied assists on both of Langseth’s goals, helping round out her weekend with three points and a plus-three rating on the ice. For her efforts, Otremba was awarded the WCHA Rookie of the Week.

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# What's at stake in concussion case against NCAA?

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

The NCAA has been defending itself in court against a lawsuit brought by a former college football player's widow, who accuses the governing body of being responsible for the concussions that led to her husband's death.

Matthew Gee died at age 49 in 2018 from permanent brain damage caused by countless blows to the head he took while playing linebacker for Southern California from 1987-91, according to the wrongful death suit filed by Alana Gee.

The NCAA settled a class-action concussion lawsuit in 2016, paying \$70 million to monitor former college athletes' medical conditions, \$5 million toward medical research and payments of up to \$5,000 toward individual players claiming injuries.

Hundreds of wrongful death and personal injury lawsuits have been brought by college football players against the NCAA in the past decade, but Gee's is only the second to go to trial with allegations that hits to the head led to chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease.

A 2018 trial in Texas led to a swift settlement after several days of testimony by witnesses for the widow of Greg Ploetz, who played defense for Texas in the late 1960s.

The Gee case could be the first to reach a jury. Testimony



RINGO H.W. CHIU • Associated Press

Alana Gee, the widow of a former USC football player suing the NCAA for failing to protect her husband from repetitive head trauma, leaves the Stanley Mosk civil courthouse on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022.

began Oct. 21 in a Los Angeles court.

### WHAT CHALLENGES DO THE PLAINTIFFS FACE?

Legal experts say Alana Gee's attorneys must prove proximate cause, that head injuries Matthew Gee sustained while playing college football were directly responsible for the CTE that led to his death.

"The causation issue, that's

been one of the major challenges in all of the concussion lawsuits," said Gabe Feldman, director of the sports law program at Tulane.

Gee didn't have an NFL career. He went through one training camp with the Raiders, but did not make the team and he stopped playing football. While the plaintiff's lawyers make the case that Gee's CTE was the result of concussions suffered

playing in college, proving that definitively is difficult.

"CTE is obviously a buildup of traumatic events in the brain, but you're never really going to know what specific event caused it," said sports attorney Dan Lust, who is not involved in the case.

"That's not to say that you can't win," Lust added "Doctors can show with some reasonable degree of certainty that

wouldn't have happened but for his role in college."

But the NCAA can argue: "What's to say that something else didn't cause these events," Lust said. Attorney Mit Winter, based in Kansas City, said plaintiffs must also convince a jury the NCAA was aware or should have been aware of the long-term effects of head injuries caused by football and failed to warn and protect players.

But it wasn't until the late 1990s and early 2000s that many major breakthroughs were made that linked repetitive head trauma from football to CTE and long-term conditions such as depression and Alzheimer's disease. That's about a decade after Gee played at USC.

### IS THE NCAA RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ATHLETES?

The NCAA has argued previously that as a governing body for thousands of member schools with athletic programs that it plays a supporting role in protecting the well-being of athletes.

"The duty belongs to the individual institutions, and their doctors and coaches are in the best position to protect the health and safety of their athletes," Feldman said of the NCAA's position. "And that's not to say the NCAA does not care about athletes' health, which is often how it gets portrayed. The argument is more nuanced that they don't have a legal duty."

### ◀HOCKEY from page 11

The remainder of the game

was scoreless, propelling the Mavericks to their third win

of the season. Minnesota State now has a break in WCHA ac-

tion for two weeks, where they will first play Sacred Heart Uni-

versity this Friday and Saturday.

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# VARIETY

## LGBT Center hosts Halloween hangout



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

Spooky decorations didn't scare students away from the LGBT Center. Snacks, a movie, and good company made for a fun fall season get-together as a part of the 'Friday Vibes' series. The goal of this series is to create a time an safe space for all students to be included in getting to know each other.

By LAUREN VISKA  
Staff Writer

Oct. 28, the LGBT Center held an event called 'Hey Boo!' which was a Halloween get-to-

gether for MSU students. Everyone was welcome at the event, and it was not limited to just students.

The LGBT Center is a place for students to go as it is an in-

clusive community. The center is also a place to make new friends and meet new people.

Students can go there whenever they need someone to talk to; it is a safe space for every-

one. There is no judgment at the LGBT Center. It is located in the Centennial Student Union in room 194. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Students can

also email them if they need to talk outside those hours.

Many students came to this hour-long event, grabbed candy and wore spooky costumes.

**HANGOUT on page 14**

## CSU Gallery showcases student works in ceramics and sculpture



Photos by Lilly Anderson

The CSU Gallery showcased an exhibit titled "Psychically Real" which featured graduate and undergraduate students in ceramic and sculpture classes. The exhibit had a variety of different styles, mediums, and motives behind each individual piece. The reception for this event was held on October 17.

# Mark Poolos, realtor, brings comedy to 'Kato post pandemic



DYLAN LONG • The Reporter

From real funny to real estate, Mark Poolos uses his skills and passions to the best of his interest; a skill students can learn from. Poolos urges students to follow their passions, with stability backing them up. He is an example of realistically making dreams come true.

By JOEY ERICKSON  
Variety Editor

Comedian Mark Poolos performed a comedy show for students in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom Wednesday. Free Chick-Fil-A dinner was distributed to attendees.

Poolos has been a comedian for over two decades. During that time, he's delivered punchlines across the U.S. and Canada, appearing on comedy TV shows like "The Carbonaro Effect."

"I have been a comic for 22 years. I started in 2000 and quickly started touring. I really enjoyed the road and meeting new people and seeing new places," Poolos said.

Poolos' career as a comedian came to a halt because of a combination of family life and the COVID-19 pandemic, which brought forth his new career as a realtor.

"Eventually I got married and had two kids and had to come home. I was surprised how easily I slid into real estate;

it was very scary only knowing comedy and to start over," Poolos said.

Poolos' initial concerns about adjusting to the real estate world quickly vanished, however, when he realized that selling a house has many similar aspects to selling an audience.

"Once I learned the legal stuff, contracts and whatnot, real estate is very much like comedy. It is all about the relationships and always showing up, going the extra mile, and being likable," Poolos said.

Poolos has performed at high schools and college campuses but this was his first time doing a show on campus at MSU.

Based on the audience's reception to the show, it may not be the last.

"This one was so much fun. Everyone was so nice and the crowd was amazing. Just fun and laughter," Poolos said.

In Poolos' routines, he weaves stories of his life as a

self-proclaimed "bumbling jolly giant" with a fast, engaging storytelling style. Poolos wants the audience to have just as much fun hearing the story as he does telling it.

"I do have some bits and lines people will quote me after and that make me smile. I just enjoy making people laugh and if they remember me years down the line, that is great too," Poolos said.

Poolos knows what it's like to start out as a struggling comedian, and urges wannabe comics to make sure they have a good income first because, as a beginner, comedy won't pay the bills for a while.

"Have a good day job and go from there. These days it is impossible to make a living starting out. Work on marketing and social media; those are your ins now. And write clean sets even if you hate it because corporate, college, and fundraiser comedy sounds boring but it pays the bills between the fun clubs," Poolos said.

## Dancer says fear of Weinstein muted her sex assault



ETIENNE LAURENT • Pool Photo via AP

Former film producer Harvey Weinstein appears in court at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Los Angeles, Calif., on Oct. 4 2022.

By ANDREW DALTON  
Associated Press

An attorney for Harvey Weinstein on Friday repeatedly challenged a woman over why she didn't raise more objections or leave the hotel room in Puerto Rico where she said he sexually assaulted her during a 2003 film shoot.

Attorney Mark Werksman asked the woman, known during Weinstein's Los Angeles rape and sexual assault trial only as Ashley M., whether she ever had a second thought where she said to herself, "I'm just going to walk right back out that door?"

"I was worried," she said. "I knew he was big and I didn't know what to do," she said.

The woman was a 22-year-old dancer on the Puerto Rico set of the film "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights," which was produced by Weinstein's company, Miramax.

In her first day of testimony Thursday, Ashley M. said that she went with Weinstein to the hotel because she had been assured she was headed to a meeting to discuss future opportunities, but she said once they were alone, Weinstein pushed her on to a bed, strad-

dled her, and masturbated.

Werksman asked her whether she really didn't expect anything sexual after Weinstein, according to her earlier testimony, brought up getting a "naked massage" from her during their first conversation at the set.

She repeated that she had been reassured by the woman who was Weinstein's assistant at the time that she would remain with them, and that he only wanted to discuss future projects.

"I just basically did what I thought the people that were running the meeting wanted me to do. I really had no interest in being an actress. I had spent my life dancing," she said. "I was engaged to be married. I wanted to finally start my life, maybe finally wanted to start a family at that time."

She and Weinstein entered the room but the assistant didn't follow them, and instead closed the door behind them, she said.

Ashley M. had said she wasn't sure they were headed to a private room, that they might be going to an office or some other space at the hotel.

### ◀HANGOUT from page 13

They also played 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' for students to watch as they got food and hung out.

Stephen Thomas, the interim director of the LGBT Center, wanted to have more events for students to chill together.

"This event is a part of the 'Friday Vibes' events we have. At the end of each month, we've got these themed hangouts. I just wanted to create an event space where people can come together and relax," said Thomas. "Hey, Boo!" is that, but styled in the fashion of Hal-

loween."

There were many students dressed up at the event.

One attendee was Tai Craft. Her costume was a feminized version of the character Solomon from a dating simulation game called 'Obey! Me.'

"The LGBT Center is where my friends are," said Craft. "It is also asexual spectrum awareness week, and I am a part of that community."

Max Shannon, a second-year student at MSU, was also at the event.

"Halloween means that I can go out and be gay and just

do whatever I want to do for a night," said Shannon. "I am dressed up as Dr. Franken Stein from the anime, 'Soul Eater.'"

September's Friday Vibe event was Game and Vibe, which featured Nintendo games, board games and puzzles.

There will not be an event in November due to Thanksgiving Break.

The next event will be 'Sip and Breathe,' a time for students to relax and prepare for finals week. It will take place Dec. 2 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the LGBT Center.

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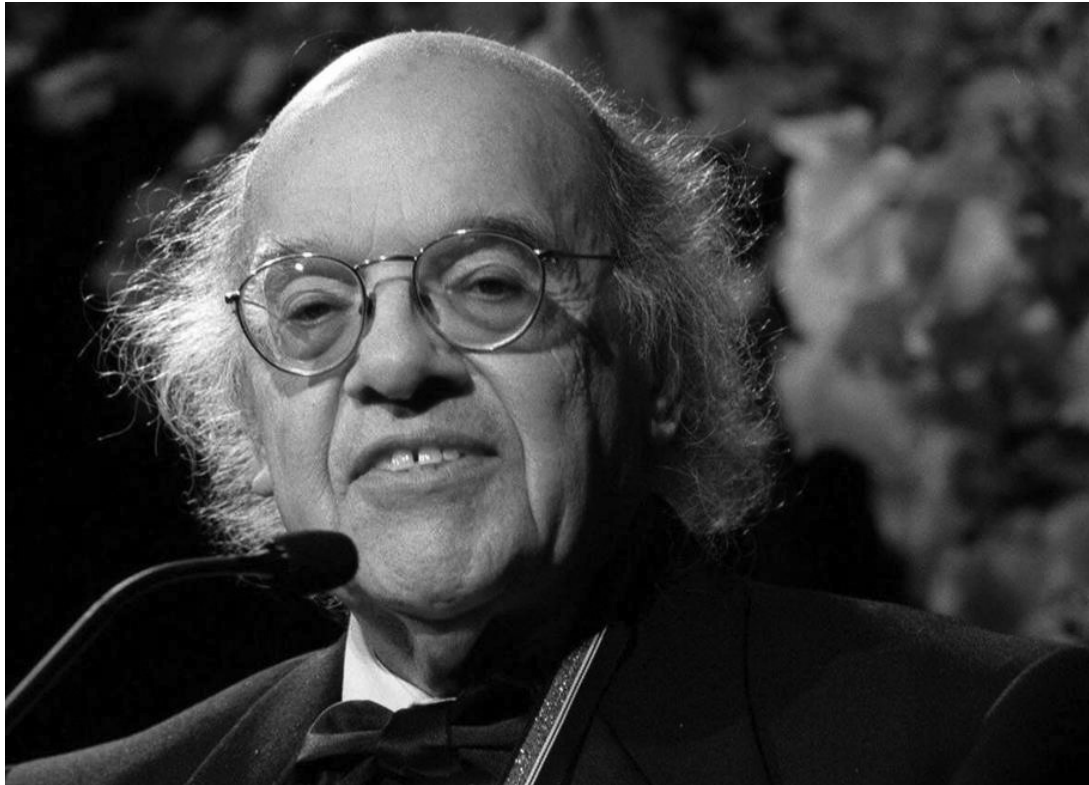
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# Gerald Stern, prize-winning and lyrical poet, dies at 97



OSAMU HONDA • Associated Press

Gerald Stern speaks to the audience during the National Book Awards in New York Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998. Stern, one of the country's most loved and respected poets who wrote with spirited melancholy and earthly humor about his childhood, Judaism, mortality and the wonders of the contemplative life, has died.

By HILLEL ITALIE  
Associated Press

Gerald Stern, one of the country's most loved and respected poets who wrote with spirited melancholy and earthly humor about his childhood, Judaism, mortality and the wonders of the contemplative life, has died. He was 97.

Stern, New Jersey's first poet laureate, died Thursday at Calvary Hospice in New York City, according to his longtime partner, Anne Marie Macari. A statement from Macari, released Saturday by publisher WW Norton, didn't include the cause of death.

Winner of the National Book Award in 1998 for the anthology "This Time," the balding, round-eyed Stern was sometimes mistaken in person for Allen Ginsberg and often compared to Walt Whitman because of his lyrical and sensual style, and his gift for wedding the physical world to the greater cosmos.

Stern was shaped by the rough, urban surroundings of his native Pittsburgh, but he also identified strongly with nature and animals, marveling at the "power" of a maple tree, likening himself to a hummingbird or a squirrel, or finding the "secret of life" in a dead animal on the road.

A lifelong agnostic who also fiercely believed in "the idea of the Jew," the poet wrote more than a dozen books and described himself as "part comedic, part idealistic, colored in irony, smeared with mockery and sarcasm." In poems and essays, he wrote with special intensity about the past — his immigrant parents, long-lost friends and lovers, and the striking divisions between rich and poor and Jews and non-Jews in Pittsburgh. He regarded

"The One Thing in Life," from the 1977 collection "Lucky Life," as the poem that best defined him.

He was past 50 before he won any major awards, but was cited often over the second half of his life. Besides his National Book Award, his honors included being a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 1991 for "Leaving Another Kingdom" and receiving such lifetime achievement awards as the Ruth Lilly Prize and the Wallace Stevens Award. In 2013, the Library of Congress gave him the Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for "Early Collected Poems" and praised him as "one of America's great poet-proclaimers in the Whitmanic tradition: With moments of humor and whimsy, and an enduring generosity, his work celebrates the mythologizing power of the art."

Meanwhile, he was named New Jersey's first poet laureate, in 2000, and inadvertently helped bring about the position's speedy demise. After serving his two-year term, he recommended Amiri Baraka as his successor. Baraka would set off a fierce outcry with his 2002 poem "Somebody Blew Up America," which alleged that Israel had advance knowledge of the Sept. 11 attacks the year before. Baraka refused to step down, so the state decided to no longer have a laureate.

Stern, born in 1925, remembered no major literary influences as a child, but did speak of the lasting trauma of the death of his older sister, Sylvia, when he was 8. He would describe himself as "a thug who hung out in pool halls and got into fights." But, he told The New York Times in 1999, he was a well-read thug who excelled in college. Stern studied political science at the Univer-

sity of Pittsburgh and received a master's in comparative literature from Columbia University. Ezra Pound and W.B. Yeats were among the first poets he read closely.

Stern lived in Europe and New York during the 1950s and eventually settled in a 19th century home near the Delaware River in Lambertville. His creative development came slowly. Only during free moments in the Army, in which he served for a brief time after World War II, did he conceive the "sweet idea" of writing for a living. He spent much of his 30s working on a poem about the American presidency, "The Pineys," but despaired that it was "indulgent" and "tedious." As he approached age 40, he worried that he had become "an eternally old student" and "eternally young instructor." Through his mid-life crisis, he finally found his voice as a poet, discovering that he had been "taking an easier way" than he should have.

"It also had to do with a realization that my protracted youth was over, that I wouldn't live forever, that death was not just a literary event but very real and very personal," he wrote in the essay "Some Secrets," published in 1983. "I was able to let go and finally become myself and lose my shame and pride."

His marriage to Patricia Miller ended in divorce. They had two children, Rachael Stern Martin and David Stern.

Stern mostly avoided topical poems, but he was a long-time political activist whose causes included desegregating a swimming pool in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and organizing an anti-apartheid reading at the University of Iowa.

## Anne Frank's friend Hannah Pick-Goslar dies at age 93

By MIKE CORDER  
Associated Press

Hannah Pick-Goslar, one of Jewish diarist Anne Frank's best friends, has died at age 93, the foundation that runs the Anne Frank House museum said.

The Anne Frank Foundation paid tribute to Pick-Goslar, who is mentioned in Anne's world-famous diary about her life in hiding from the Netherlands' Nazi occupiers, for helping to keep Anne's memory alive with stories about their youth.

"Hannah Pick-Goslar meant a lot to the Anne Frank House, and we could always call on her," the foundation said in a statement. It did not give details or the cause of her death.

Pick-Goslar grew up with Anne in Amsterdam after both their families moved there from Germany as Adolf Hitler's Nazi party rose to power. The friends were separated as Anne's family went into hiding in 1942 but met again briefly in February 1945, at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany, shortly before

Anne died there of typhus.

Before World War II, their families lived next door to one another in Amsterdam, and Anne and Hannah went to school together.

Pick-Goslar recalled attending her friend's 13th birthday party and seeing a red-and-white checkered diary that Anne's parents gave their daughter as a gift.

Anne went on to fill it with her thoughts and frustrations while hiding from the Nazis in a secret annex in Amsterdam. Anne's father, Otto, published the diary after the war.

Pick-Goslar recounted their friendship in a book by Alison Leslie Gold called "Memories of Anne Frank; Reflections of a Childhood Friend." The book was turned into a film, released last year, titled "My Best Friend Anne Frank."

In a 1998 interview with The Associated Press, she said of Anne: "Today, everyone thinks she was someone holy, but this is not at all the case."

"She was a girl who wrote beautifully and matured quickly during extraordinary circumstances," Pick-Goslar said.



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