

## MSU student on Gov. Walz Council

By EMMA JOHNSON  
Editor in Chief

It's not every day that a junior majoring in mechanical engineering finds working with the upper reaches of state government. But that's exactly what Francesca Goma is doing.

Goma was appointed by Gov. Tim Walz this month to the LGBTQIA2S+ Council, a state group that will advise the governor and Legislature on issues affecting LGBTQ state residents.

She found out about the LGBTQIA2S+ Council position through former student body vice president Idman Ibrahim who said Goma looked like someone who wanted to be involved on campus. Goma applied and was accepted for a position as a senator for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

Last year, Goma applied for several positions with Students United, a non-profit organization run by students who are interested in politics and was denied every application. However, she didn't let that stop her.

"I applied for another position and even though I was denied again, at the bottom of the email, it said, 'We see you're wanting to be involved. There are some open positions in the governor's office if you want to



Courtesy Francesca Goma

Junior Francesca Goma was looking for a position with Students United and was denied every position. She now is on Gov. Tim Walz' council for LGBTQIA2S+ people in the state of Minnesota.

apply," Goma said.

The application process included submitting a resume and a cover letter. Goma applied for the equity and equality council first and sent in a video asking about why she would be a good fit for the job. The

LGBTQIA2S+ Council then asked for a background check and a follow-up interview.

Goma said she almost missed the deadline for the follow-up, but she was determined to finish it on time.

"I had to buy some books

downtown and I couldn't take the bus back, so I was applying in a coffee shop downtown and I submitted it while I called them asking if I was late. They said they had received it and I was fine," Goma said.

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## Reflection Space moves to enclosed room

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Last year, a resolution was introduced by former Student Government Vice President Idman Ibrahim to move the campus' Reflection Space to an enclosed area. Now, the Reflection Space is located in CSU room 256.

"Since 2018, it has always been a conversation that the Reflection Space needs a new location, but there was an obstacle each year, so it never happened," said Ibrahim. "It was in the middle of the hallway and did not feel like a quiet space for reflection. When people walk outside, you can hear them talking or playing music at CSU."

New students who are religiously obligated to pray struggled to understand that the previous location for Reflection Space was introduced for them to reflect and pray.

"I didn't know this was a prayer room. But (the Somali Student Association) all met here and then realized this was a prayer room," said senior Tufah Dahir. "We saw that as a problem because of the location of the space. It was loud and there was no separation from the hallway for girls to feel comfortable while praying."

"Girls did not think this place was safe because of how they prayed and felt that people watched them," said Ibrahim. "I would either go to my professors' office when they are not there or to the Women's Center because I would have never focused in that Reflection Space location."

"I didn't know girls could also pray here until the last month of the previous school year when I realized we could also be here, but it was very, very exposed," said senior Iqra Mahamud. "Typically, women pray behind men, and it feels very private, while here you are bending down and doing all these sorts of action, and there's someone who can see you from behind, so it just didn't make you want

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## Greek Life recruitment set to soar with students

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Welcome week has officially come to an end, yet more welcoming is on the horizon for Minnesota State's Greek life.

For sororities, recruitment looks different this year than years prior; rather than having a formal recruitment, Greek life is running a partially structured recruitment with continuous open bidding. Recruitment will stretch for a shorter period of time, with potential new members, or PNMs, able to attend events and meet members. If a sorority and a PNM choose each other, they will become inducted.

"It's definitely a new struggle that we're doing; trying to change from formal recruitment to partially structured recruitment," vice president of recruitment information, Madison Chelmo said. "It's a lot different, but I think that it'll be more beneficial in the long run."

For fraternities, there is both

a formal and informal recruitment process that students undergo. During formal recruitment, those interested spend time with each house, and if they are enjoying their time with the PNM, they are given a bid. Alternatively, informal recruitment consists of one house meeting with a PNM, and the decision to be granted a bid takes off from there.

"A lot of fraternities already have people signed, which is not the case this early in the semester, so it's just really awesome to see," said Collin Jutting, President of the Interpretational Council, which governs the body of fraternity life.

Alpha Chi Omega is one of the sororities on campus, keeping Chelmo on her toes during this recruitment season. Chelmo is entering her senior year at MSU, and joined the sorority during her freshman year.

"I wanted a way to meet friends because I had joined during COVID year, and at that point, it was kind of already



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Potential new members will go through formal and informal recruitment to pick which fraternity or sorority they want to be a part of.

harder to meet people," Chelmo said. "I also wanted to be a part of a group on campus that is doing something for a good reason."

Each fraternity and sorority on campus have a philanthropy to fulfill, which they dedicate time and money toward

throughout the year. Alpha Chi Omega's, for example, is for victims of domestic violence.

"I really partially joined Alpha Chi because of our philanthropy," Chelmo said. "It's fun, it looks great on a resume, it's something to stay involved on

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The Reflection Space, which used to be in the hallway across from CSU 256, has now moved to the old conference room after students advocated to have a safe space to pray in.

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to pray here.” Liz Steinborn-Gourley, director of MSU’s Women’s Center, said the center supports students in their needs. Regarding a quiet space for praying, she said the center was open to inviting students into the office. Now that the area has moved into CSU room 256, the Women’s Center will continue to offer additional space for reflection.

“We did invite students in, and certainly that continues if it gets crowded in the reflection room,” said Steinborn-Gourley. “There are tour groups, and we know how rowdy the hallway gets even within our protective bubble of the Women’s Center, much less when you’re out there with just a screen. And we certainly can understand why it was a priority for Muslim students and for students looking for a quieter reflection area.”

Last year, MNSU students received an email from President Inch about the Vandalism incident that happened in the former Reflection Space location. The Muslim Student Association posted a message on

its social media describing an incident.

The Muslim Student Association issued a statement that read, in part, “One of our Muslim students found a prayer mat and women’s prayer covers in a wastebasket with a fluid substance poured over them. This behavior goes against the teachings of Islam and our values of inclusivity, respect, and brotherhood that we uphold at our university.”

“Whether it was the act of vandalism or not, what is important is how it made the students feel, and I’d certainly say it made Muslim students and us feel unsafe,” said Dahir. “And with that, we really put into perspective that the location that we needed was an urgent matter.”

“Yes, students reacted, and so did the school because the change of the location has to be done. And it has to be quick; there needs to be an action. And I think that’s how Reflection Room came to this point,” said the President of MSA, Hamede Abdulgafur.

MSA members said that the process took a long time. The

collaboration of students from different associations helped them work toward solving the problem they saw.

“We did a Google Doc survey to get students’ signatures. I went to the school, and we got almost 200 signatures on the file,” said senior Deqo Ali. “So with all those signatures, this motivated us even more to find a better space.”

Students are grateful for moving the Reflection Space into an enclosed area. MSA members who already used the new room said that it feels better.

“The ideal room would be right next to a washroom because it’s just more accessible,” said Mahamud. “We just want the space to be a room with a door that can close, a divider and then a big enough space where people can pray. This room has it all.”

“Yes, the space is very different from what it was before,” said Abdulgafur. “Now it’s in a closed space, and for us, it is a matter of safety, and it’s much more secure than before we were in the open area. Now it’s more quieter.”

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She said she was shocked when she got the call.

“I wasn’t expecting that. I thought the Senate would have talked to every candidate or that they wouldn’t have gone through with mine,” Goma said.

Goma’s position started Aug. 4 and will run until Jan. 4, 2027.

“I’m a bit stressed about the upcoming events and what’s going to be needed of me, but at the same time, I cannot wait to face the challenges,” Goma said.

While Goma is unsure of the responsibilities her position will bring, she said she’s excited to help others.

“I want to advocate for the LGBTQ people and let them

have a voice,” Goma said. “I want to be out there helping people who actually need help, regardless of who they are or what they believe.”

Goma said classes like Public Speaking 101, Speech and Debate classes have helped her prepare for this role. She also credits spending time at the Women’s Center while working on the Collective, a bi-monthly group that helps support the Women’s Center’s mission.

“I talked to a lot of people from different countries and cultures and I realized that’s something that can actually help people brought in for this kind of position,” Goma said.

She said she hopes her time on Walz’ council will help prepare her for future challenges and job applications.

“I believe it’ll be beneficial for my education so when people look at my application, they can say ‘she knows how to talk to people. She knows how to read projects, face challenges,’” Goma said. “Being a part of the council will give me a glimpse of what it’s going to be like.”

Goma’s advice for students seeking leadership roles is to apply for everything.

“The worst answer can be no. It’s not always the end of something. It’s maybe the beginning of something better,” Goma said.

She also wants students to treat others with kindness.

“Even if you don’t associate yourself with LGBTQ+ people, we should treat each other the way we want to be treated,” Goma said.

## Biden will observe 9/11 in Alaska instead of Virginia



EVAN VUCCI • The Associated Press

President Joe Biden speaks on the anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act during an event in the East Room of the White House.

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
The Associated Press

President Joe Biden will observe next month’s 22nd anniversary of the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil at an Alaska military base with service members and their families, the White House announced.

Biden will not participate in any of the observances at 9/11

memorial sites in New York City, Virginia or Pennsylvania. Instead, the president will stop in Alaska for a Sept. 11 observance at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage on his way back to Washington after a trip to Asia.

Biden is scheduled to travel to India from Sept. 7-10 to attend a summit with other world leaders.

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campus, you’re raising money for your philanthropy, and you get to meet and do socials with other sororities and fraternities on campus.”

With an overflow of new students on campus, Greek life has put forth a great deal of effort in hopes of growing the organization, and encouraging

those interested to take a leap of faith.

“It just gives you an opportunity to do something bigger than yourself,” Jutting said. “Our community is pretty tight-knit so I know almost everybody in every other fraternity and sorority. You just get to be a part of a big group of like-minded individuals.”

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## 4 astronauts from 4 countries launched on new mission



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Astronauts leave the Operations and Checkout Building before heading to the launch pad to board the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on a mission.

By MARCIA DUNN  
The Associated Press

Four astronauts from four countries rocketed toward the International Space Station on Saturday.

They should reach the orbiting lab in their SpaceX capsule Sunday, replacing four astronauts living up there since March.

A NASA astronaut was joined on the predawn liftoff from Kennedy Space Center by fliers from Denmark, Japan and Russia. They clasped one another's gloved hands upon reaching orbit.

It was the first U.S. launch where every spacecraft seat was occupied by a different country — until now, NASA had always included two or three of its own on its SpaceX taxi flights. A fluke in timing led to the assignments, officials said.

"We're a united team with a common mission," NASA's Jasmin Moghbeli radioed from orbit. Added NASA's Ken Bowersox, space operations mission chief: "Boy, what a beautiful launch ... and with four international crew members, really an exciting thing to see."

Moghbeli, a Marine pilot serving as commander, is joined on the six-month mission by the European Space Agency's Andreas Mogensen, Japan's Satoshi Furukawa and Russia's Konstantin Borisov.

"To explore space, we need to do it together," the European Space Agency's director general, Josef Aschbacher, said minutes before liftoff. "Space is really global, and international cooperation is key."

The astronauts' paths to space couldn't be more different.

Moghbeli's parents fled Iran during the 1979 revolution. Born in Germany and raised on New York's Long Island, she joined the Marines and flew attack helicopters in Afghanistan. The first-time space traveler hopes to show Iranian girls that they, too, can aim high. "Belief in yourself is

something really powerful," she said before the flight.

Mogensen worked on oil rigs off the West African coast after getting an engineering degree. He told people puzzled by his job choice that "in the future we would need drillers in space" like Bruce Willis' character in the killer asteroid film "Armageddon." He's convinced the rig experience led to his selection as Denmark's first astronaut.

Furukawa spent a decade as a surgeon before making Japan's astronaut cut. Like Mogensen, he's visited the station before.

Borisov, a space rookie, turned to engineering after studying business. He runs a freediving school in Moscow and judges the sport, in which divers shun oxygen tanks and hold their breath underwater.

One of the perks of an international crew, they noted, is the food. Among the delicacies soaring: Persian herbed stew, Danish chocolate and Japanese mackerel.

SpaceX's first-stage booster returned to Cape Canaveral several minutes after liftoff, an extra treat for the thousands of spectators gathered in the early-morning darkness.

Liftoff was delayed a day for additional data reviews of valves in the capsule's life-support system. The countdown almost was halted again Saturday after a tiny fuel leak cropped up in the capsule's thruster system. SpaceX engineers managed to verify the leak would pose no threat with barely two minutes remaining on the clock, said Benji Reed, the company's senior director for human spaceflight.

Another NASA astronaut will launch to the station from Kazakhstan in mid-September under a barter agreement, along with two Russians.

SpaceX has now launched eight crews for NASA. Boeing was hired at the same time nearly a decade ago, but has yet to fly astronauts.

Its crew capsule is grounded until 2024 by parachute and other issues.

# President Rubiales won't resign

By GRAHAM DUNBAR  
The Associated Press

Leading officials within the Spanish Football Federation asked suspended president Luis Rubiales to resign on Monday because of his behavior at the Women's World Cup, including kissing a player on the lips after Spain won the championship match.

The heads of the regional bodies that make up the federation (RFEF) made the request in a collective statement.

"After the latest developments and the unacceptable behavior that has caused great damage to the image of Spanish soccer, the presidents request that Luis Rubiales resign immediately as president of the RFEF," the statement said.

Earlier Monday, the federation asked UEFA to suspend it from international competitions because of government interference related to Rubiales. However, in their statement, the heads of the regional bodies urged interim federation president Pedro Rocha to withdraw that request immediately.

The federation's request for a suspension was widely seen as an attempt to silence some of Rubiales' critics, including government ministers who have asked for his removal. Such a suspension would ban Spanish teams from competitions like the Champions League and could sway public opinion in favor of letting him keep his job.

Soccer's governing bodies have longstanding rules barring national governments from interfering with the running of



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The president of the Spanish soccer federation Luis Rubiales has refused to resign despite an uproar for kissing a player without her consent.

domestic soccer federations. However, UEFA will not comply with the Spanish federation's request for a sanction, a person familiar with the issue told The Associated Press on Monday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision-making process was confidential.

Rubiales has faced a torrent of criticism from around the globe over his behavior at the Women's World Cup final, including kissing Spain player Jenni Hermoso on the lips without her consent during the on-field trophy ceremony. He was suspended from office Saturday by soccer's governing body FIFA, which is investigating his conduct.

Rubiales' mother on Monday started a hunger strike in a church in southern Spain in defense of her son, demanding an end to "the bloody and inhumane hounding" of him.

The unprecedented request by the Spanish federation asking for a suspension seemed like a leverage play against its critics by trying to provoke fans and powerful clubs like Barcelona and Real Madrid, plus the men's national team, into backing its efforts to save Rubiales' job. Rubiales is also a UEFA vice president.

Spain's top clubs are due to take part in Thursday's Champions League group-stage draw being made by UEFA, and the men's national team has games on Sept. 8 and 12 in qualifying for the 2024 European Championship.

FIFA opened a disciplinary case against Rubiales on Thursday after taking control of the process because it organized the Women's World Cup. Rubiales' behavior during and after Spain's 1-0 win over England in the final on Aug. 20 in Sydney, Australia has been scrutinized.



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# Climate activists target transportation of ultra wealthy



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Climate activists have spraypainted a superyacht, blocked private jets from taking off and plugged holes in golf courses this summer as part of a campaign against the emissions-spewing lifestyles of the ultrawealthy.

By DAVID BRUNAT  
The Associated Press

Climate activists have spraypainted a superyacht, blocked private jets from taking off and plugged holes in golf courses this summer as part of an intensifying campaign against the emissions-spewing lifestyles of the ultrawealthy.

Climate activism has intensified in the past few years as the planet warms to dangerous levels, igniting more extreme heat, floods, storms and wildfires around the world.

Tactics have been getting more radical, with some protesters gluing themselves to roads, disrupting high-profile sporting events like golf and tennis and even splashing famous pieces of artwork with paint or soup.

They're now turning their attention to the wealthy, after long targeting some of the world's most profitable companies — oil and gas conglomerates, banks and insurance firms that continue to invest in fossil fuels.

"We do not point the finger at the people but at their lifestyle, the injustice it represents," said Karen Killeen, an Extinction Rebellion activist who was involved in protests in Ibiza, Spain, a favorite summer spot for the wealthy.

She said the group is protesting unnecessary emissions such as superrich individuals going to pick up a pizza by boat. "In a climate emergency, it's an atrocity," she said.

Killeen and others from climate activist group Futuro Vegetal — or Vegetable Future — spraypainted a \$300 million superyacht belonging to Walmart heir Nancy Walton Laurie.

Protesters held up a sign

that read, "You consume, others suffer."

In Switzerland, some 100 activists disrupted Europe's biggest private jet sales fair in Geneva when they chained themselves to aircraft gangways and the exhibition entrance.

In Germany, climate group Letzte Generation — which translates to Last Generation — spraypainted a private jet in the resort island of Sylt, in the North Sea.

In Spain, activists plugged holes in golf courses to protest the sport's heavy water needs during hot dry spells.

In the U.S., Abigail Disney, the grand-niece of Walt Disney, was arrested at East Hampton Town Airport, New York, in July along with 13 other protesters for blocking cars from entering or exiting the parking lot.

It was the first of up to eight actions carried out in the exclusive Hamptons area. Activists also crashed a golf course, disrupted a museum gala and demonstrated outside some private luxury homes.

"Luxury practices are disproportionately contributing to the climate crisis at this point," said American University social scientist Dana Fisher.

According to a 2021 report by nonprofit Oxfam, if all planet-warming emissions were attributed to the people producing them, the richest 1% will be responsible for around 16% of emissions by 2030. "It makes a lot of sense for these activists to be calling out this toxic behavior."

Richard Wilk, an economic anthropologist at Indiana University, said luxury travel is "the real culprit" in the emissions of the ultrawealthy.

He published estimates of

top billionaires' annual emissions in 2021 and found that a superyacht — with permanent crew, helicopter pad, submarines and pools — emits about 7,020 tons of carbon dioxide a year, over 1,500 times higher than a typical family car.

And private aircraft in Europe alone last year caused more than 3 million tons of carbon pollution, equivalent to the average annual CO2 emissions of over half a million EU residents, according to the nonprofit Greenpeace.

But University of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann warned that attention away from the fossil fuel companies — which are responsible for at least 70% of all emissions — and toward the rich could be "playing right into the hands of the fossil fuel industry and the 'deflection campaign' they've used to divert attention from regulation by emphasizing individual carbon footprints over the much larger footprint of polluters."

"The solution is to get everyone to use less carbon-based energy," whether wealthy or lower-income people, he said.

David Gitman, president of Monarch Air Group, a Florida private air charter provider, encouraged activists to think twice about whether they're taking the right approach.

"If their activism goes toward some sort of actual assistance to real programs to make real change like sustainable aviation fuel, like carbon offsets, I think that this kind of activism can help achieve those results," said Gitman.

"Now, if they go out and they spray-paint a private jet in an airport in Europe, is that going to get those results? In my opinion, no."

## Son stolen at birth hugs mom for first time in 42 years



CONSTANZA DEL RIO • The Associated Press

Jimmy Thyden, right, sits with Maria Angelica Gonzalez, his Chilean birth mother, as they meet for the first time in Valdivia, Chile.

By NATHAN ELLGREN  
The Associated Press

"Hola, mamá."

What seems like an unremarkable greeting between mother and son was in this case anything but.

Forty-two years ago, hospital workers took María Angélica González's son from her arms right after birth and later told her he had died.

Now, she was meeting him face-to-face at her home in Valdivia, Chile.

"I love you very much," Jimmy Lippert Thyden told his mother in Spanish as they embraced amid tears.

"It knocked the wind out of me. ... I was suffocated by the gravity of this moment," Thyden told The Associated Press in a video call after the reunion. "How do you hug someone in a way that makes up for 42 years of hugs?"

His journey to find the birth family he never knew began in April after he read news stories about Chilean-born adoptees who had been reunited with their birth relatives with the help of a Chilean nonprofit Nos Buscamos.

The organization found that Thyden had been born prematurely at a hospital in Santiago, Chile's capital, and placed in an incubator.

González was told to leave the hospital, but when she returned to get her baby, she was told he had died and his body had been disposed of, according to the case file, which Thyden summarized to the AP.

"The paperwork I have for my adoption tells me I have no living relatives. And I learned in the last few months that I have a mama and I have four brothers and a sister," Thyden said in the interview from Ashburn, Virginia, where he works as a criminal defense attorney representing "people who look like me" who cannot afford a lawyer.

He said his was a case of "counterfeit adoption."

Nos Buscamos estimates tens of thousands of babies

were taken from Chilean families in the 1970s and 1980s, based on a report from the Investigations Police of Chile which reviewed the paper passports of Chilean children who left the country and never came back.

"The real story was these kids were stolen from poor families, poor women that didn't know. They didn't know how to defend themselves," said Constanza del Río, founder and director of Nos Buscamos.

The child-trafficking coincided with many other human rights violations that took place during the 17-year reign of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, who on Sept. 11, 1973, led a Chilean coup to overthrow Marxist President Salvador Allende.

During the dictatorship, at least 3,095 people were killed, according to government figures, and tens of thousands more were tortured or jailed for political reasons.

Over the past nine years, Nos Buscamos has orchestrated more than 450 reunions between adoptees and their birth families, del Río said.

Other nonprofit organizations are doing similar work, including Hijos y Madres del Silencio in Chile and Connecting Roots in the United States.

Nos Buscamos has been partnering for two years with genealogy platform MyHeritage, which provides free at-home DNA testing kits for distribution to Chilean adoptees and suspected victims of child trafficking in Chile.

Thyden's DNA test confirmed that he was 100% Chilean and matched him to a first cousin who also uses the MyHeritage platform.

Thyden sent the cousin his adoption papers, which included an address for his birth mother and a very common name in Chile: María Angélica González.

It turns out his cousin had a María Angélica González on their mother's side and helped him make the connection.



## Electrical wires were possible cause of deadly fires



STEPHEN LAM • The Associated Press

When the winds of Hurricane Dora lashed Maui, they struck bare electrical lines the Hawaiian electric utility had left exposed to the elements

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT, BERNARD CONDON and MICHAEL BIESECKER  
The Associated Press

In the first moments of the Maui fires, when high winds brought down power poles, slapping electrified wires to the dry grass below, there was a reason the flames erupted all at once in long, neat rows — those wires were bare, uninsulated metal that could spark on contact.

Videos and images analyzed by The Associated Press confirmed those wires were among miles of line that Hawaiian Electric Co. left naked to the weather and often-thick foliage, despite a recent push by utilities in other wildfire- and hurricane-prone areas to cover up their lines or bury them.

Compounding the problem is that many of the utility's 60,000, mostly wooden power poles, which its own documents described as built to "an obsolete 1960s standard," were leaning and near the end of their projected lifespan.

They were nowhere close to meeting a 2002 national standard that key components of Hawaii's electrical grid be able to withstand 105 mile per hour winds.

A 2019 filing said it had fallen behind in replacing the old wooden poles because of other priorities and warned of a "serious public hazard" if they "failed."

Google street view images of poles taken before the fire show the bare wire.

It's "very unlikely" a fully-insulated cable would have sparked and caused a fire in dry vegetation, said Michael Ahern, who retired this month as director of power systems at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.

Experts who watched videos showing downed power lines agreed wire that was insulated would not have arced and sparked, igniting a line of flame.

Hawaiian Electric said in a statement that it has "long recognized the unique threats" from climate change and has spent millions of dollars in response, but did not say whether specific power lines that collapsed in the early moments of the fire were bare.

"We've been executing on a resilience strategy to meet these challenges, and since 2018, we have spent approximately \$950 million to strengthen and harden our grid and approximately \$110 million on vegetation management efforts," the company said. "This work included replacing more than 12,500 poles and structures since 2018 and trimming and removing trees along approximately 2,500 line miles every year on average."

But a former member of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission confirmed many of Maui's wooden power poles were in poor condition.

Jennifer Potter lives in Lahaina and until the end of last year was on the commission, which regulates Hawaiian Electric.

"Even tourists that drive around the island are like, 'What is that?' They're leaning quite significantly because the winds over time literally just pushed them over," she said. "That obviously is not going to withstand 60, 70 mile per hour winds. So the infrastructure was just not strong enough for this kind of windstorm ... The infrastructure itself is just compromised."

John Morgan, a personal injury and trial attorney in Florida who lives part-time in Maui noticed the same thing. "I could look at the power poles. They were skinny, bending, bowing. The power went out all the time."

Morgan's firm is suing Hawaiian Electric on behalf of one person and talking to many more about their rights. The fire came within 500 yards of house.

Sixty percent of the utility poles on West Maui were still down on Aug. 14.

## Jacksonville shooter kills family

By RUSS BYNUM  
The Associated Press

A.J. Laguerre worked at a Dollar General store after finishing high school to help support the grandmother who raised him. Angela Michelle Carr was an Uber driver beloved by her children. Jerrald Gallion relished weekends with his 4-year-old daughter.

All three were slain Saturday when a gunman with swastikas painted on his rifle opened fire at the Dollar General where Laguerre worked in Jacksonville.

The sheriff said writings left by the killer, a 21-year-old white man, made clear that he was motivated by racism. Each victim was Black.

"I never thought I'd have to bury my baby brother," Quan Laguerre said Monday outside the family's house not far from the store.

"They say don't question God," he said. "But I just want to know why."

A.J. Laguerre, 19, was the youngest of five siblings, all raised by their grandmother after their mother died in 2009, his brother said.

The family celebrated in 2022 when A.J., like his older siblings before him, graduated from high school. As he looked into going to college to study cybersecurity, he got a job at the Dollar General store several months ago to help their grandmother pay the bills.

When he was off the clock, A.J. played Fortnite and other videogames on the live-streaming platform Twitch, his brother said, using the gamer tag galaxyoul.



JOHN RAOUX • The Associated Press

Residents of the Jacksonville community attend a prayer vigil for the victims of Saturday's mass shooting Sunday.

His goal was to build a large online following.

"He had dreams and aspirations of being a professional streamer," Quan Laguerre said. "So after he would get off work, he'd just stay up until 3 or 4 in the morning just grinding, you know, trying to get that stance and have followers."

A.J. Laguerre was shot inside the store trying to flee the gunman, Jacksonville Sheriff T.K. Waters told reporters.

Carr, 52, was killed in the parking lot when the shooter fired multiple bullets into her car.

"My mother, she was a good woman," son Chayvaughn Payne told The Associated Press in a brief phone call Monday.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who is representing the Carr family, said at news conference later Monday that Carr had just dropped off a customer and was waiting for the per-

son to get back in the car.

Carr joined St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jacksonville when she was 3 years old and still attended services there.

The pastor said the church community has rallied behind her family.

"She was just a loving, caring mother," the Rev. David Green said.

Gallion, 29, was shot while entering the store's front door with his girlfriend, who escaped.

"My brother shouldn't have lost his life," his sister, Latiffany Gallion, said. "A simple day of going to the store, and he's taken away from us forever."

Family members recalled Gallion's sense of humor and work ethic. He worked two to three jobs — including as a restaurant manager — to provide for his daughter, Je Asia Gallion.

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## Stay on top of your schedule

Getting back into the swing of the school year can be a daunting task. The stress of assignments with deadlines to balance with life's other priorities can lead to procrastination. We as students need to push ourselves to stay on top of the workload at this year's beginning to ensure a successful end.

Syllabus week might seem like a piece of cake, and that can be true. However, this is also the time to get your dates in order.

Going through each class and figuring out when to dedicate time to classwork will set yourself up for smooth sailing throughout the semester.

Utilizing a planner of some sort pairs perfectly with student success. As each week continues throughout the year, write down the assignments from every class to stay on top of it. Including any other important obligations as well and a few to-do lists will help you feel more in control and less stressed.

According to the University of North Carolina, studies have shown that students who plan their time were more efficient in allocating individual study time, prepared more appropriately for tutorial group meetings, and achieved higher scores on cognitive tests. We as students can take note of these benefits and incorporate such tools into our daily routines.

Hold yourself accountable as the year progresses. Reward yourself when you successfully complete your weekly checklist and push yourself harder when the list is incomplete. For children, many parents use behavioral charts with a prize at the end if the child repeats an enforced, positive behavior. As adults, you can apply this same idea and treat yourself if you are keeping up the good work.

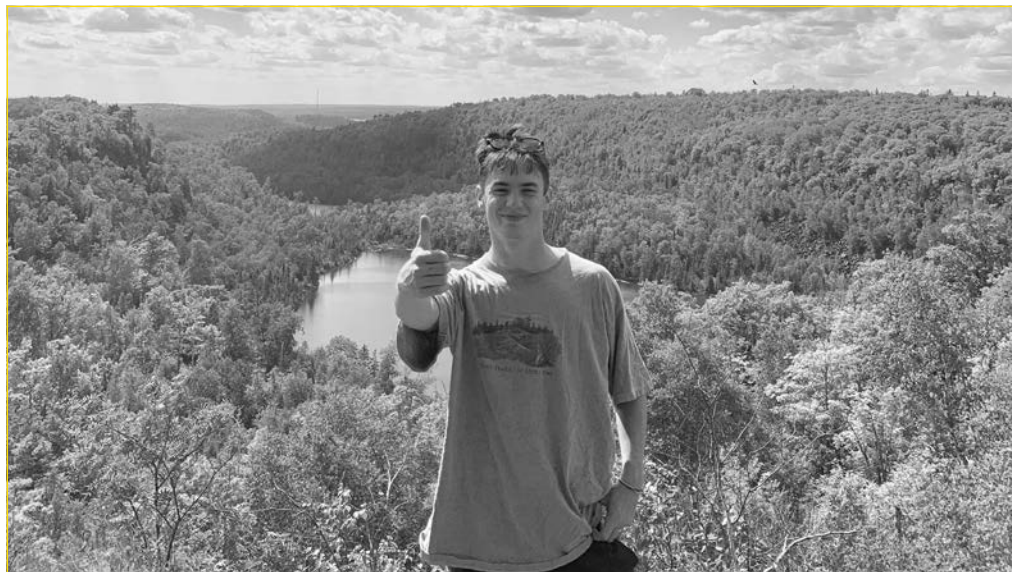
Make sure that, as long as you are managing your time for work efficiently, you include some personal time as well. In order to maintain good mental health, savoring some time in your week for self care or a favorite hobby is important to prioritize as well.

Although academics are important, so is your mind. It is easy to fall into the rabbit hole of stressing about your to-do list, but making quality time for yourself is encouraged and may even improve the quality of your work overall.

We as students should strive to put in the behind-the-scenes work toward the final product in order to produce a great year. Stay productive and balance your workload over each day instead of burning yourself out on one single day of the week. Keep a steady pace and make sure your schedule is always in sight.

# Perspectives

## A Diabetic Talks



Courtesy Luke Jackson

During a seven mile hike of battling high and low blood sugars, I reached the gorgeous overlook that proved to me it was worth it to keep going so I could keep learning how to overcome those difficulties.

When's the last time you relied on something to save your life? Everytime I leave the house with friends I look around to see what they pack before leaving. The classic phone, wallet and keys. Rarely anything more.

Not me.

When I leave I grab my phone, wallet and keys. Then I look for the most optimal bag. I make myself a survival kit for any situation that may occur. This consists of insulin, finger prick device, more insulin if necessary, one, two, three or maybe more juice boxes, candy if I have it on hand and a lovely glucagon revive kit. On top of this, I wear my saviors 24/7; a Dexcom G7 that is always injected into my skin and a medical bracelet just in case I do actually need saving.

Some of you may have caught on. Some of you might have absolutely



Luke Jackson  
Staff Writer

no idea what I'm talking about. And that's OK.

Type 1 Diabetes. My forever disease. Something that has plagued my life over the past three-plus years, and something that will plague it until the day I die.

Forever.

Some days it prohibits me from leaving the house. Some days it doesn't let me sleep. Some days I have to draw my own blood over and over again to see if my body is physically OK. Some days it causes me breakdowns, headaches, anxiety, fear. Somedays, I simply do not want to deal

with it.

Everyday I have to inject myself with needles, over and over again. Everyday, I try my best to give myself the most optimal health. Everyday I struggle. Everyday is different. Everyday — I am different.

But also, everyday is a new day. Everyday I continue to learn. Everyday I try. Everyday I grow.

To most, this autoimmune disease is something completely foreign. Some only know the outrageous stereotypes of diabetics being overweight or not physically active. People don't understand the struggles we diabetics face daily that were passed on to us by our messed up genetic pool.

I know the average reader isn't going to understand the concept of insulin and why I need to constantly monitor my blood glucose levels at every single point

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# Pulse

“What’s your favorite part about campus?”

Compiled by Dominic Bothe



SHIKHU SANJEL,  
JUNIOR

“The fountain.”



ETHAN TYLER,  
JUNIOR

“Being able to eat and socialize in the CSU.”



JOSH ADAS,  
JUNIOR

“The Rec Center (not during rush hour).”



EMMA BENJAMIN,  
JUNIOR

“Having a Chik-Fil-A on campus.”



EMMA OLSON,  
JUNIOR

“Hammocking around campus.”



GRIFFIN ATHERTON,  
JUNIOR

“The library because it’s a solid place to work on homework.”



# Texas takeover faces back-to-school anxiety for students



JON SHAPLEY • The Associated Press

Wanda Mosley, national field director of Black Voters Matter, yells during a community information session about the state takeover of Houston's Independent School District on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
The Associated Press

The library at Houston's Lockhart Elementary had been a refuge for 8-year-old Sydney, who has struggled because of dyslexia. The school's librarian, Cheryl Hensley, curated a space that encouraged her to read.

But now Texas has taken over Houston's public school district, and her refuge has been repurposed as a space to be used in part for discipline. While students can still check out books, there will be no one to guide them. Hensley, the librarian, is gone.

"I'm hurt ... and now to know that Ms. Hensley is no longer on the campus, the library has been shuttered?" said Sydney's mother, Lauren Simmons. "I'm at a point where, do I take my baby to school Monday because what's going to happen to her?"

Simmons as well as other parents, teachers, students and local officials have expressed anxiety and fear over what to expect as the new school year begins Monday.

The new state-installed superintendent, Mike Miles, said his message to teachers and parents is about hope as well as the need for dramatic change.

Miles, a former Army Ranger and diplomat whose mixed

record as superintendent of the Dallas school district was marked by upheaval, said recent disappointing standardized test scores only confirmed the need for reform in Houston.

"I've talked about bold, systemic change. I think most people understand that we're not in a good place," Miles said.

Sandra Velazquez, a bilingual elementary school teacher, is not convinced.

"This is my second year. I came in with high expectations ... and now I feel so demoralized," she said.

One of Miles' boldest projects has been a major restructuring of 28 underperforming schools, many of which are located in lower-income neighborhoods.

Their teachers must now follow a centrally scripted curriculum, with in-classroom cameras monitoring their performance and pay based largely on standardized test scores.

Miles, who developed these ideas as CEO of a charter school network, has said he wants to eventually expand his "New Education System" to 150 of the district's 274 schools, whose nearly 200,000 students are more than 80% Latino and Black.

Miles also has disbanded a team that supported students with autism, although his staff

says special education services will continue as part of a restructuring, and filled some vacancies with uncertified teachers.

His most criticized change is transforming libraries at dozens of underperforming schools into "team centers" where students will get extra help and where those who misbehave will be disciplined, watching lessons on Zoom rather than disrupting their classrooms.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner says the libraries plan is creating a prison-like atmosphere in spaces usually associated with learning.

Miles attributed the criticism about the team centers to politics and misinformation.

The Texas Education Agency cited chronically low academic scores at one high school and allegations of misconduct by the district's elected trustees when it announced the takeover.

Democratic leaders said state officials ignored recent improvements reducing the number of low-rated schools from 50 to 10, and blamed the underperformance on underfunding by the GOP-led Texas Legislature.

The takeover in Texas' largest city comes as state GOP leaders around the country seek to assert power over Democratic strongholds.

awakenings, friendships, love and more. I believe diabetes has changed me for the better and I am a better person due to it. It has taught me that life isn't always sunshine and rainbows, and that the beauty in life is in the struggle.

It has taught me that, even through hardships, life

will always have some positive outlook. What I want to share throughout this column is that diseases may not be visible but they are there. I want to inform whoever is reading this about the world of Luke Jackson and how no matter what happens in life it will always be chill.

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of every single day. People aren't normally aware of the dangers I face or what my long-term health consequences could be.

While there are plenty of negatives, this disease has brought me opportunities,

# Global inflation could become harder to manage



ROSS D. FRANKLIN • The Associated Press

Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks at the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company facility under construction in Phoenix.

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
The Associated Press

economy had been moving toward greater integration, with goods flowing more freely between the United States and its trading partners.

Rising trade barriers. Aging populations. A broad transition from carbon-spewing fossil fuels to renewable energy.

The prevalence of such trends across the world could intensify global inflation pressures in the coming years and make it harder for the Federal Reserve and other central banks to meet their inflation targets.

That concern was a theme sounded in several high-profile speeches and economic studies presented Friday and Saturday at the Fed's annual conference of central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

For decades, the global

Lower-wage production overseas allowed Americans to enjoy inexpensive goods and kept inflation low, though at the expense of many U.S. manufacturing jobs.

Since the pandemic, though, that trend has shown signs of reversing. Multinational corporations have been shifting their supply chains away from China.

They are seeking instead to produce more items — particularly semiconductors, crucial for the production of autos and electronic goods — in the United States, with the encouragement of massive subsidies by the Biden administration.

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## Workers exposed to extreme heat have no protection



TY O'NEIL • The Associated Press

A historic heat wave that began blasting the Southwest this summer is shining a spotlight on one of the harshest, effects of climate change.

By GABE STERN  
The Associated Press

Santos Brizuela spent more than two decades laboring outdoors, persisting despite a bout of heatstroke while cutting sugarcane in Mexico and chronic laryngitis from repeated exposure to the hot sun while on various other jobs.

But last summer, while on a construction crew in Las Vegas, he reached his breaking point.

Exposure to the sun made his head ache immediately. He lost much of his appetite.

Now at a maintenance job, Brizuela, 47, is able to take breaks. There are flyers on the walls with best practices for staying healthy — protections he had not been afforded before.

“Sometimes as a worker you ask your employer for protection or for health and safety related needs, and they don’t listen or follow,” he said in Spanish through an interpreter.

A historic heat wave that began blasting the Southwest and other parts of the country this summer is shining a spotlight on one of the harshest, yet least-addressed effects of U.S. climate change: the rising deaths and injuries of people who work in extreme heat, whether inside warehouses and kitchens or outside under the blazing sun. Many of them are migrants in low-wage jobs.

State and federal governments have long implemented federal procedures for environmental risks exacerbated by climate change, namely drought, flood and wildfires. But extreme heat protections have generally lagged with “no owner” in state and federal governments, said Ladd Keith, an assistant professor of planning and a research associate at the University of Arizona.

“In some ways, we have a very long way to catch up to the governance gap in treating the heat as a true climate hazard,” Keith said.

There is no federal heat standard in the U.S. despite an ongoing push from President

Joe Biden’s administration to establish one. Most of the hottest U.S. states currently have no heat-specific standards either.

Instead, workers in many states who are exposed to extreme heat are ostensibly protected by what is known as the “general duty clause,” which requires employers to mitigate hazards that could cause serious injury or death.

The clause permits state authorities to inspect work sites for violations, and many do, but there are no consistent benchmarks for determining what constitutes a serious heat hazard.

“What’s unsafe isn’t always clear,” said Juanita Constible, a senior advocate from the Natural Resources Defense Council who tracks extreme heat policy. “Without a specific heat standard, it makes it more challenging for regulators to decide, ‘OK, this employer’s breaking the law or not.’”

Many states are adopting their own versions of a federal “emphasis” program increasing inspections to ensure employers offer water, shade and breaks, but citations and enforcement still must go through the general duty clause.

Extreme heat is notably absent from the list of disasters to which the Federal Emergency Management Agency can respond. And while regional floodplain managers are common throughout the country, there are only three newly created “chief heat officer” positions to coordinate extreme heat planning, in Miami-Dade County, Phoenix and Los Angeles.

Federal experts have recommended extreme heat protections since 1972, but it wasn’t until 1997 and 2006, respectively, that Minnesota and California adopted the first statewide protections. For a long time, those states were the exception, with only a scattering of others joining them throughout the early 2000s.

But as heat waves get longer and hotter, the tide is starting to change.

## Faculty member shot at UNC

By HANNAH SCHOEN-BAUM, GARY D. ROBERTSON and SARAH RANKIN  
The Associated Press

A shooter killed a faculty member in a science building at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Monday, police said after a lockdown that paralyzed the campus community as authorities searched for the suspect.

Police arrested the suspect over three hours after the initial reports of shots fired came in from Caudill Labs, officials said at a news conference.

Charges were pending, and the suspect was not immediately identified.

University officials also did not immediately identify the staffer who was killed and said it was too soon to offer a possible motive.

“This loss is devastating, and the shooting damages the trust and safety that we so often take for granted in our campus community,” Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz said.

Emergency sirens sounded about two minutes after a 911 caller reported gunfire around 1 p.m. at the laboratory in the heart of the flagship campus, UNC Police Chief Brian James said.

Students and faculty barricaded themselves in dorm rooms, offices and classrooms until the lockdown was lifted around 4:15 p.m.

No other injuries were reported.

Adrian Lanier, a sophomore computer science major, told The Associated Press that he and others sat against a wall in a gym, trying to stay as far



KAITLIN McKEOWN • The Associated Press

Law enforcement and first responders gather on South Street near the Bell Tower on the University of North Carolina.

away as possible from doors and windows as rumors spread.

“No one really felt safe enough to leave. I didn’t,” Lanier said.

Oliver Katz, an exchange student from Copenhagen Business School in Denmark, said some students crowded into gym locker rooms to get away from windows while others crouched in corners and sat on the floor, he said.

“This never happens where I’m from,” Katz said. “It was intense. But I was a little surprised that other people weren’t panicking that much.”

Katz, who has only been on campus for two weeks, said he’s worried his home university will bring the exchange students back early.

“I don’t want to leave. I like it here, and I do still feel safe.”

During the news conference, Guskiewicz apologized to students who are “feeling uncertain about your safety right

now.”

James, the campus police chief, said it was unclear if the suspect knew the victim. He also said the weapon has not been found.

“We are looking for a firearm. It is too early to determine if the firearm was legally obtained,” he said.

During the lockdown, the university repeatedly sent alerts urging campus community members to remain sheltered in place.

About two hours after the first alert went out, officers were still arriving in droves, with about 50 police vehicles at the scene and helicopters circling over the school.

It took about an hour and a half to lift the lockdown after the arrest because authorities were making sure they had the right suspect in custody, James said.

Police also had received calls around campus.

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# SPORTS

## Brighter days ahead as soccer begins new season

By MOHAMED WARSAME  
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State Women's soccer team is back in action Thursday to kick off its regular season against Oklahoma Baptist. The Mavericks get to start the season at home as they welcome the visitors to The Pitch.

In the team's third and final exhibition game before the start of the regular season Saturday, the Mavericks defeated Simpson College 3-1.

The Mavs fell behind early in the second half but scored three times in the second half to win it.

Head coach Brian Bahl said he saw the game against the Bisons as another opportunity to grow as the team prepares for the start of the new season.

"We played a quality team," said Bahl. "They're going to have a really good year, so we knew that they would test us a little bit. They have a really really talented player up top and she obviously got loose on us one time but that was good for us to be exposed to that type of speed. All in all for us it was another good opportunity to get out and try to grow a little bit in preparation for next Thursday's game."

While Bahl's team improved on certain things in each of the exhibition games, he noted the learning process will take some time for his young players.

"We're just a really young team and I think it's going to be a slow



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter  
The 2023 Mavericks' women's soccer team kicks off their season Thursday, August 31 at The Pitch.

learning process for this group," he said. "But I think if we can just keep getting better each time we get the opportunity to take the field, I think we're going to go to a good place."

One thing Mavs fans can look forward to seeing from their team going into Thursday's game and beyond is its competitive mindset.

"I think we have a motivated group. I'm confident in the fact that I think they're going to go out

and compete and fight," Bahl said.

Something the team is looking to improve on is capitalizing on opportunities in the final third of the field.

"We just need to clean up things in the final third, clean up things in the back so we don't give up a counter goal like we did," he said. "And we've just got to be able to capitalize on opportunities that we get going forward."

The Mavs recent game will have given the team a bit of a preview of what it can expect to see Thursday against the Bisons.

"They have a similar thing that we faced today, it'll be an overloaded midfield and I think they're a physical team. They can be dangerous in a lot of ways and so they're going to work hard, they're going to compete and we'll have to be ready for a very challenging game," Bahl said.

## New additions look to rebuild Maverick hockey

By LUKE JACKSON  
News Director

After a summer of losing coaches, players and staff, the newly led Minnesota State Maverick men's hockey team is building itself back up.

Head Coach Luke Strand announced the signing of ten new student-athletes along with his new assistant coach Cory McCracken. McCracken's formidable resume should be a welcomed addition to the team after the loss of former assistant Darren Blue. Since 2006, McCracken has served as Notre Dame Academy's head coach in Green Bay, Wis. He also coached two separate championship teams and was named Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 2012.

"Cory brings experience as a head coach as well as a tremendous background in player development and recruiting," said Strand in a press release posted on the MSU Athletics website. "His knowledge base of the player pool is second to none and he is familiar with our teaching and methods. I am excited for Cory to get on board and help our program continue to move forward."

Eyes will be on Strand and McCracken as they lead their new recruits into the season. Some players to look out for are Bret Moverac, Kade Nielsen and Kaden Bohlsen. Moverac joins the Mavs as a true freshman who spent two seasons with the Penticton Vees of the British Columbia Hockey League. During his last season, he played in 54 games. Throughout these games, he tallied 29 goals and 28 assists. He also played with current Mavericks, Luc Wilson and Adam Eisele.

"Bret brings a championship pedigree joining us from Penticton in the BCHL. His offensive attributes and two-way play will add to our forward depth."

Nielsen is another true freshman that will be joining the Mavericks this fall. Nielsen is coming from the Chippewa Steel. He played in 79 games over the course of two seasons. He scored 56 points across 58 games of the 2022-23 season.

Lastly, Bohlsen's experience will be another help. Bohlsen spent three years at Nebraska-Omaha where he appeared in 26 games. Prior to that, he played two years with Des Moines and two with the Fargo Force in the USHL. While at Des Moines, he played with current Maverick senior Tony Malinowski.

With the new additions, the Mavs will look to continue their CCHA reign.

## How it Works: Cross country crash course

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

For those of you wondering if cross country is as simple as it sounds, this article will quench your thirst for that knowledge. Cross country is often an overlooked sport, especially at MSU, with football and hockey taking center stage while cross country is in season.

However, that doesn't bother coach Jen Blue and the women's cross country team.

"It is what it is. We don't get the publicity that sports like basketball, football and hockey do, but we are satisfied with just reaching our goals," Blue said.

Last season, Blue and the Mavs finished second at the NSIC championships before Amanda Montplaisir and McKenna Thurston led MSU to 16th place in Seattle, Washington at the NCAA Division II Championships.

"That was their goal from day one. That was their vision, that's what they focused on through every meet," Blue said. "They knew they all had to work together to get to that team goal."

With a little bit of context, you can see how hard the runners push

each other to achieve their ultimate goal, but let's finally answer this question; How does it work?

Most people know cross country is a sport based on running long distances. But how does a cross country meet actually work?

There is only one race, and it is a 6K. If you are unfamiliar with the term '6K', it is equal to 3.73 miles. Anybody can run the 6K, but only the five top finishers count toward the team score. However, if the sixth and seventh place runners on a team are higher than another competing schools, then they would place higher.

The first place runner receives one point, second place receives two points, and so on and so forth. The lowest score wins.

Some races may be shorter than a 6K, but for nationals, conference, regions and other big races, the distance remains the same.

For the Mavs, they have only five meets this year, all in different places, but none at home.

Each of the five courses comes with its own challenges and unique obstacles.

"They are all different. Augie (Twilight) is flat, it's at a soccer complex. (Roy) Griak is tough, it's a lot of ups and downs and turns,



File Photo

With both MSU cross country teams ranked in the top five of their respective divisions, it is time to learn a little bit more about cross country.

Carleton simulates the region course, and Joplin is kind of hilly and open, and St. Cloud is also pretty flat," Blue said.

According to Blue, the most important physical tool to have as a cross country runner is to "be in shape." Which makes sense. For a sport based solely on running long distances, you have to be conditioned.

"You have to have the lung capacity and endurance. You can't run 20 miles a week and expect to go out and race well. You just have to find the optimal mileage for each runner," said Blue.

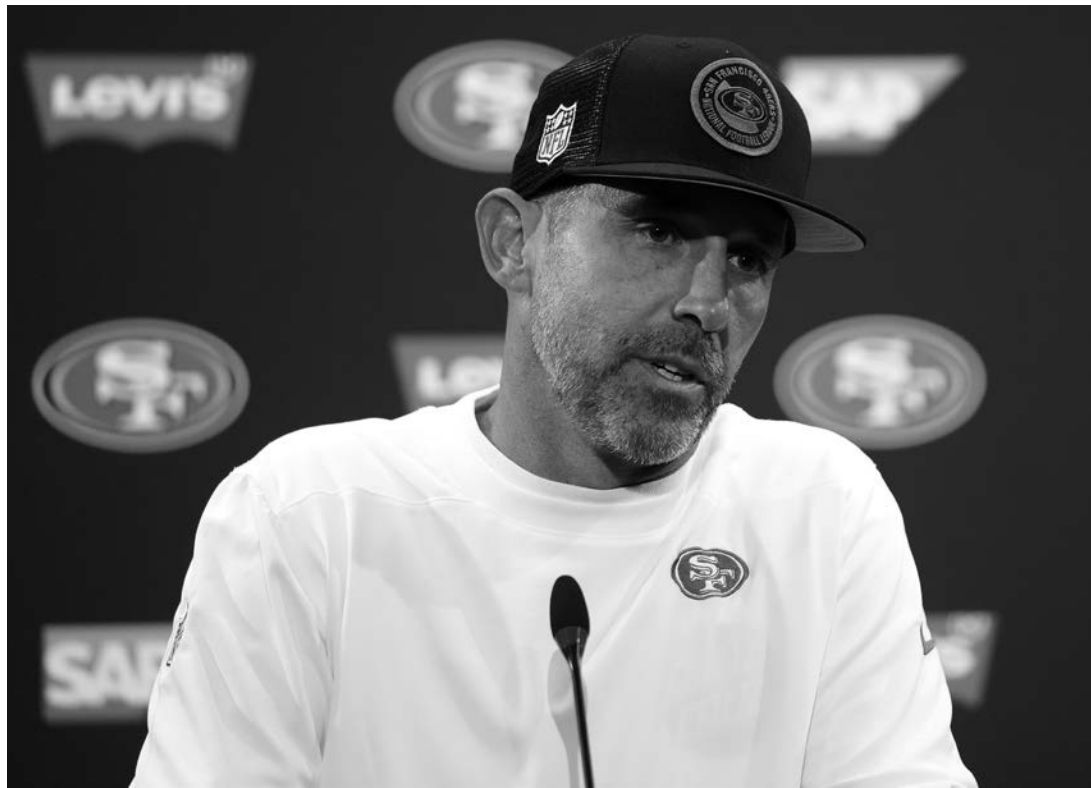
However, running that far for that long, every single day, you also need to be mentally tough.

"You have to stay engaged. You

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## 2023 NFL Season Preview: NFC West Edition



GODOFREDO A VASQUEZ • The Associated Press

This season, there will be a lot of teams looking to make a push in the NFC, but all of them will have to run through the 49ers. They are primed to make a run at the Super Bowl yet again.

By MOHAMED WARSAME AND HAYDEN LEE  
Staff Writer and Sports Editor

This division has been one of the best in the NFL over the past decade, producing 10 NFC Conference Champions this decade alone. Long gone are the days of Kurt Warner, the Legion of Boom and Colin Kaepernick. Born anew are the Kyle Shanahan-led, Geno Smith legacy seasons, the first round pick-less Rams and the retirement home Cardinals. This division has a chance to yet again produce a Conference Champion...

San Francisco 49ers

Mohamed: 1st: The 49ers arguably have the best roster in the NFL. After having a 13-4 record in the regular season and making another trip to the NFC Championship, I believe the 49ers will have another excellent season. Despite having a tremendous roster, the focus on the 49ers from the NFL world has recently been surrounding their quarterback situation. They will go into the season with Brock Purdy as the starter which isn't surprising considering his solid play last season. Purdy went 8-1 as the starter with the only loss coming against the Eagles in the NFC Championship, where he sustained a shoulder injury early in the game. The bombshell that was dropped by the 49ers last week was when they named Sam Darnold the backup which led to Trey Lance being traded to the Cowboys for a fourth-round pick. Amongst all the chaos, I believe Purdy showed enough last year for the 49ers offense to be really good again this year. He has an all-star team of weapons and mastermind calling the plays for him, all he needs to do is be a classic point guard and let his guys make plays. If for some reason the offense isn't clicking, they have a dominant defense that can hold it down for them. In the 2022 regular season, the 49ers defense held their oppo-

nents to the fewest points in the entire league and the second lowest rush yards allowed per game with their opponents averaging 77.71 yards per game.

Hayden: This is the team that will make the Super Bowl from this conference. Trey Lance's reign of terror is over, they have the greatest artillery of weapons this league has to offer, and they are coached by a future first ballot hall of famer. The 49ers have realistically two teams standing in their way. The Eagles, half of the Cowboys and half of the Vikings.

Seattle Seahawks

2nd: After trading former franchise quarterback Russell Wilson last offseason, the Seahawks shocked the NFL world by having a 9-8 regular season record and making it to the playoffs. Geno Smith was arguably more of a shock as he had a fantastic season by throwing for 30 touchdowns and having 11 interceptions. He went on to win Comeback Player of the Year. They had an excellent draft last season by hitting on guys like Charles Cross, Kenneth Walker, Coby Bryant and Tariq Woolen. I expect those guys to keep getting better as they head into their second season. They brought back the heart and soul of their defense for years in Bobby Wagner. He may be old, but he is still a productive player and will bring leadership to a young locker room. On offense, Smith has a fantastic receiving core with guys like DK Metcalf, rookie Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Tyler Lockett and Noah Fant. With Pete Carroll at the helm, the Seahawks will be well-coached on both sides of the ball.

Hayden: While I think Geno will take a step back individually this season, the Seahawks still have such an amazing young core around him that I don't think it

matters. Statistically speaking, the Seahawks are the most likely team from last year's crop of NFC teams to not make it back. The playoffs will not be a repeat of last year, and I think the Seahawks fall out of them this year, I'm sorry.

Los Angeles Rams

3rd: The Rams had by far their worst season under Sean McVay. They had a 5-12 record and had a ton of injuries with key guys like Cooper Kupp and Matthew Stafford being amongst them. Last off-season they lost important players that helped them win the Super Bowl like Odell Beckham Jr. and Von Miller. They signed Allen Robinson to try to strengthen the wide receiver room after Beckham's departure, but he turned out to be a disaster. This all led to the horrid season that they had. Heading into this season, I don't see a reason the Rams will make drastic improvements. It is a top heavy team with not much depth and they didn't have a lot of money to improve the team in free agency. They didn't have many draft picks either as they went all out to win the Super Bowl. A huge positive for them is that McVay has come back after a lot of speculation that he may retire the last two off-seasons. I believe they will be better and win a few more games than they did last year by just getting Stafford and Kupp back.

Hayden: Well. This is what happens when you mortgage your future for a moment of glory. I am sure that all 7 Rams fans would not take back their Super Bowl win, but the second half of last year is a sign of things to come this year. Matthew Stafford is going to be eaten alive, Cooper Kupp is limping into the season and Aaron Donald needs to get out. I really just hope they keep their pick this year.

Arizona Cardinals

4th: I'm just so overwhelmed by this team. Even bad teams  
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## 2023 NFL Season Preview: NFC South Edition



MARTA LAVANDIER • The Associated Press

The Atlanta Falcons will be the feel-good story of the NFL this season, winning their division and winning their home playoff game. Against the Cowboys. :)

By HAYDEN LEE  
Sports Editor

from it.

New Orleans Saints: 2nd.

Time to wrap up the NFC. The worst division in the conference features four teams, each with their own problems. The Falcons, Saints, Panthers and Buccaneers are in for a long year. Let's go through them team-by-team.

Atlanta Falcons: 1st.

TE Kyle Pitts. WR Drake London. RB Bijan Robinson. These three players are the last three first round picks of the Atlanta Falcons, all drafted inside the top ten. Three skill position players on the offensive side of the ball with unique skill sets that will influence this offense. Not to mention their offensive line, which features one of the best guards in the game in Chris Lindstrom and offensive tackles Kaleb McGary and Jake Matthews. Their offense has all the tools to become a lethal unit. But then there's QB Desmond Ridder. He is the weak link as of now, but I believe he can manage this offense well enough to lead them to a division title. They also signed one of the best available free agents in S Jessie Bates III to add to a defense that features CB AJ Terrell and defensive linemen Calais Campbell and Grady Jarrett. They have the most high-end talent in this division, and I believe that it will lead to them being the only playoff team

Then there's the Saints. Still recovering from the loss of Drew Brees, their talent has not been able to take them to the playoffs since he retired. Derek Carr enters the fold this year, but what has he done in years prior to make me believe that he can turn the ship around? I do believe that they will have a breakout superstar in WR Chris Olave this year, but his talent may go to waste. They also have fallen stars in WR Michael Thomas and RB Alvin Kamara, but how many games will they play? Both players have been the definition of inconsistent since the departure of Brees. It is about consistency with the Saints, and I do not believe that they have any. They will not finish last, but they just don't have the ceiling or momentum that Atlanta carries into the year.

Carolina Panthers: 3rd.

Apparently, they are a Super Bowl contender, according to Adam Thielen. The former Vikings receiver said that he would not have signed with them if he didn't believe they had a realistic chance at making it. Well, Adam, I hate to break it to you but a rookie QB, new head coach, and very mediocre talent around them usually does not equal contenders. They are forced to

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# US eases past Greece 109-81 at Basketball World Cup

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
The Associated Press

The first required step at the Basketball World Cup for the Americans is now complete. They're going to the tournament's second round. An achievement, technically — but one barely worth acknowledging.

Winning gold is the only goal for the Americans on this end-of-summer trip to Manila, and Monday was just another step, they hope, toward getting there. Austin Reaves led a balanced scoring effort with 15 points and the U.S. topped Greece 109-81 to clinch a spot in the second round that starts Friday.

"There's only really one thing that gets us excited out here," U.S. guard Tyrese Haliburton said. "We've got to take care of business every night to be able to do that."

Jalen Brunson and Anthony Edwards each scored 13 for the Americans (2-0), who haven't lost in seven games overall this summer. Brunson made all five of his shots, Bobby Portis had 10 points and Josh Hart grabbed 11 rebounds for the winners.

The win, combined with New Zealand's 95-87 overtime victory over Jordan earlier Monday, ensured that the U.S. is moving on. The Americans will finish group play against Jordan on Wednesday, then play Lithuania and Montenegro — in some order — on Friday and Sunday in Round 2.

"We're really excited to win the first two and to guarantee ourselves moving to the next round," U.S. coach Steve Kerr said. "But we just keep on, one game at a time — and, hopefully, six more."

Georgios Papagiannis led Greece (1-1) with 17 points. Nikos

Rogkavopoulos added 14.

"We couldn't compete the way we wanted to," Greece coach Dimitrios Itoudis said. "We wanted them to feel us a little bit on the court."

Getting to the second round isn't exactly a surprise for the U.S., the current tournament favorites and a team seeking a sixth World Cup gold medal. There was no real gold-medal contender in Group C along with the U.S., and the Americans followed up a 27-point win over New Zealand in Saturday's opener with a 28-point victory that was never in doubt Monday.

But France — the reigning Olympic silver medalist — getting eliminated in Round 1 of this World Cup served as a reminder: Even for basketball superpowers, nothing is guaranteed anymore. And the U.S. took a businesslike approach to get past Greece.

"All respect to Greece," Brunson said. "That team over there, they play hard, they're well-coached. A lot of respect for that squad. And for us, we're still getting better."

Greece is playing this summer without its best player, two-time NBA MVP and 2021 NBA Finals MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks. He said he needed more time to recover from offseason knee surgery.

Without Giannis, Greece went to Papagiannis instead. The former lottery pick — taken No. 13 in the 2016 draft — played 39 games in the league with Sacramento and Portland, last appearing in the NBA in 2018. He provided a flash of what he could do, scoring 11 points in the first quarter, 15 in the half, and trying to keep Greece's upset shot afloat. It wasn't anywhere near enough. The U.S. lead was 50-37 at



MICHAEL CONROY • The Associated Press

U.S. forward Paolo Banchero (8) gets dunk against Greece during the first half of a Basketball World Cup group C match in Manila, Philippines.

the half, and the Americans pushed the margin out to 79-56 going into the final 10-minute period.

"We're 12 deep on our roster and we're just trying to stay solid on every possession and put pressure on the opponent," Kerr said. "We needed to do that tonight. ... Eventually, we broke the dam and opened up the game."

**TIP-INS**

USA: Reaves also had six assists and five rebounds. ... The Americans improved to 10-1 all-time in senior men's national competition against Greece including exhibitions (like the one earlier this

month in Abu Dhabi), and 5-1 when those games come in what is now called the World Cup. ... A weird sequence: In the second quarter, Hart — who was seated on the court at the time — threw a bounce pass to Cam Johnson, who also was seated on the court at the time.

Greece: The winner of the Greece-New Zealand game on Wednesday goes to the second round. Both teams are 1-1. ... Thanasis Antetokounmpo, Giannis' brother, missed two shots in a 14-second span of the first quarter — both blocked by Jaren Jack-

son Jr., the reigning NBA defensive player of the year. The first was a shot in the lane off a post-up; the other a dunk attempt in transition.

**PERFECT START**

The U.S. made its first 22 free throws before a miss. The Americans finished the game 30 of 34 from the foul line.

**JORDAN OUT**

Jordan cannot reach the second round, even if it beats the U.S. on Wednesday in the Group C finale for both squads.

**UP NEXT**

USA Faces Jordan on Wednesday in group-stage finale.

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have to focus. We have our weeks to train, but it is all individualized based on the athlete's needs," said Blue. "Everyone has their own unique thing before the race, like how a basketball player prepares to shoot a free throw. They all have their own routine."

Despite the runners trying for individual high placement and scores, cross country is still a team game, and Blue is the one who pulls the team together.

"I need to be able to get everyone back into the right mental state and focused on their race, wherever they are so that when the gun goes off, they are ready to go," Blue said.

To build a great team, you need great team chemistry. The Mavs are a team that prides itself on its relationships, and a lot of the runners on the team are multi-sport athletes, also participating on the Track and Field team at MSU. Cross country is a unique sport that can be used as a way to condition athletes, but some may have higher goals and can be really passionate about their sport. That's the beauty of it. So that's how it works. If you ever get confused on how a meet works, just remember this quote: "We line up at the starting line, and the time goes on until everyone finishes," said Blue.

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at times have interesting aspects about them. I don't believe they have any. They have a new coach in Jonathan Gannon who was the defensive coordinator for the excellent Eagles' defense last year, but the problem is that the Cardinals have very little talent on that side of the ball and I don't think he'll work miracles with them. The only thing that would have made them remotely interesting for me this year, Kyler Murray, will likely miss the first half of the season at a minimum. They are my favorites to get the number one pick in next year's draft and then they will be worth my time when the talk is about whether they should trade the pick or Murray.

Hayden: I have no words. The Cardinals will be the most awful team of all time. Even the '08 Lions and the '17 Browns would have mercy on this team. Seriously. Tell me ten players on this team. I wonder if they have heard of Caleb Williams, he's pretty good.

This division could realistically have the Super Bowl Champions and the winners of the #1 pick. The most talent in the NFL and the worst roster in the NFL. When the Cardinals and 49ers play each other, please don't watch, just check the box score. Skol.

◀**SOUTH** from page 10

be competitive due to the fact that they traded their 2024 first round pick to the Bears in their trade-up for Bryce Young. DE Brian Burns should help keep them relevant, he is the only player that will even be close to All-Pro level. Maybe in a few years, the prophecy of Thielen will come true, but not this year. I miss you Adam, you won't look right in that silver and blue. :(

Tampa Bay Buccaneers: 4th.

The Buccaneers easily had the biggest loss of the offseason, obviously. They looked bad last year at times, even with Tom Brady. Now, replace him with Baker Mayfield and try not to puke. That's their reality now. Baker leads the way while Mike Evans and Chris Godwin try to hang onto their stardom. They do still have an upper-tier defense with LBs Lavonte David and Devin White, S Antoine Winfield Jr., and EDGE Shaq Barrett, but how good can a defense be if they are constantly on the field?

I do not think that any of these teams will be the worst in the league, the Cardinals have made that clear that the #1 pick is their property, but I do not expect a lot of good football games to come out of this division. Just watch how the Vikings demolish the Bucs in Week 1. Skol.



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## New women's pro hockey league to unveil homes for its 6 teams



JEFF MCINTOSH • The Canadian Press

The Professional Women's Hockey League has scheduled a news conference to make its long-awaited announcement on where its six franchises will be based.

By JOHN WAWROW  
The Associated Press

The newly established Professional Women's Hockey League has scheduled a news conference for Tuesday to announce where its six franchises will be based, with Washington, D.C. Boston, Minneapolis and the New York City/New Jersey region in the mix of United States sites.

Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and London, Ontario, were among the Canadian sites considered, three people involved in the discussions told The Associated Press over the past week. The people spoke to The AP on condition of anonymity because those conversations were private and no announcement had been made.

The eight potential sites were still being considered as of late last week. Among the priorities: Settling in markets that offer large enough arenas to host games as well as dedicated training facilities for each team.

The PWHL plans to launch play in January and is backed by Los Angeles Dodgers owner Mark Walter and retired women's tennis star Billie Jean King. The group is moving swiftly in essentially building a league from scratch, a process that was spurred in late June when Walter bought out the rival Premier Hockey Federation to clear the way for one North America professional women's hockey league.

In that time, the new league has completed second interviews with a group of general manager finalists, who include former U.S. national women's team captain Natalie Darwitz and former Swiss national team goalie Florence Schelling, one person said.

The new league will also announce it will be holding a player draft next month followed by a free agency signing period. Also discussed was the possibility of whether each team will have the opportunity before the draft to sign at least one — and perhaps more — exclusive rights' player, two of the people said.

Two of the people told The AP the league's schedule is expected to go as late as June, with the season overlapping the women's world championships in April.

There is still much work to be done before training camps are scheduled to open by December, with coaching staffs needing to be hired and the league identifying broadcast partners.

In another development, a fourth person confirmed to The AP that former NHL executive Brian Burke has been hired to become the PWHL Players Association's first executive director. Burke, who last served as the Pittsburgh Penguins president through April, has a lengthy track record of involvement with women's hockey dating to 2013 when he was a board member of the now-defunct Canadian Women's Hockey League. The Hockey News first reported Burke's hiring.

Burke has a law degree from Harvard, and takes over for Jayna Hefford, who previously served as the union's chief consultant. Hefford had to step aside from her union duties because she is now part of the new league's executive team.

The PWHL has been four years in the making, and launched by the formation of the PWHPA in the aftermath of the CWHL folding in 2019. The PWHPA, made up of a majority of U.S. and Canadian national team members, balked at joining the rival PHF, which at that time was known as the National Women's Hockey League.

The NWHL began as a four-team league and launched in 2015 as North America's first women's hockey league to pay players a salary. The PHF grew to seven franchises with each team preparing to open next season with a \$1.5 million salary cap. PHF teams were based in Boston, Toronto and Montreal, along with East Rutherford, New Jersey; Hartford, Connecticut; Buffalo, New York; and Richfield, Minnesota.

The PWHPA instead chose to pursue its vision of having a controlling interest in a league with what it viewed as a more sustainable economic model and fair wages for players. The framework of that vision came together in May 2022 when the PWHPA formed a partnership with Walter and King.

## Bronny James is doing well, 'be patient'

By JOE REEDY  
The Associated Press

Bronny James, the 18-year-old son of Los Angeles Lakers superstar LeBron James, is doing well and attending classes after the highly regarded freshman guard went into cardiac arrest during a workout last month, Southern California basketball coach Andy Enfield said Monday.

"The good thing is he's doing extremely well and he's in class right now. And we all love him," Enfield said. "I think everybody is hopeful that Bronny will return to the court. We just have to be patient and take it step by step."

The James family released a statement Friday saying a congenital heart defect was the probable cause of James' cardiac arrest.

The statement said the heart defect can be treated and that the family is confident in James' ability to make a full recovery and return to the court in the near future.

James was hospitalized at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and released three days after being stricken on July 24.

"Our goal is to support Bronny in any way we can academically, athletically, and be patient with how things develop in his return," Enfield said.

James, a 6-foot-3 guard, committed to USC in May and bolstered what was already one of the nation's top recruiting classes.

He is the sixth McDonald's All-American to join the program since Enfield became coach in 2013.

The Trojans had the nation's fourth-ranked recruiting class, including the top-rated player in guard Isaiah Collier.

Enfield said the pitch to James



GREGORY PAYAN • The Associated Press

Bronny James went into cardiac arrest during a basketball workout at the University of Southern California last month because of a congenital heart defect.

and his family wasn't different compared to other recruits.

"He's a terrific basketball player and was playing very well (before the cardiac arrest). We all think there is a big upside in his game and he can help our team win," Enfield said. "It was a little later in the recruiting cycle and also was different because he comes from a pretty good basketball family. But it really didn't change our recruiting pitch because we're very honest with people and showed him an opportunity that we thought he could have here at USC. His parents were terrific through the whole recruiting process and have been very supportive since."

Enfield also said he was pleased with his team's development during a recent trip to Europe that saw his squad play games in Greece and Croatia.

Fifth-year senior guard Boogie Ellis has embraced the role of being a team co-captain while Collier and forward DJ Rodman,

a graduate transfer from Washington State, got to mesh with new teammates in game situations.

Enfield said Collier is one of the best passers he has seen come out of high school in a while while Rodman can be a threat with his skills on offense.

The player who made the biggest strides on the trip was junior guard Kobe Johnson, a co-captain who averaged 9.3 points last season.

"He's the best defensive player in our league and also improved his offense," Enfield said.

USC — which has made the last three NCAA Tournaments — will have a challenging nonconference schedule before starting its final campaign in the Pac-12.

The Trojans open against Kansas State in Las Vegas on Nov. 6 and will play in a Thanksgiving week tournament in San Diego that includes Seton Hall, Iowa and Oklahoma. USC also has a road game against Auburn.

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## Women's Center is safe for all



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

The Women's Center houses a healthy, safe, and engaging campus community that supports and lifts the voices of all women, though all are welcome.

By LILLY SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

The start of the year always makes a splash on campus life, and the Women's Center made sure to get in on the fun with the Dive into the Women's Center event last Friday.

The event was used as an introductory to what the space offers to campus.

Women's Center staff member Darnell Speltz spoke about the importance of having such an offering, "Having a space like the Women's Center on campus is really important to make everybody feel included, especially people from minority groups"

Speltz continued, "It's very important for women to have a safe space on campus, or anybody for that matter." The Women's

Center is welcoming to people of all gender identities and backgrounds. "It doesn't matter who comes into the Women's Center. Anybody should be able to have a safe space where they feel welcomed."

Students who attended the event were able to grab a snack, meet the staff, and grab a copy of Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* for the center's upcoming

book club this semester.

For freshman Emma Gilberts, this event was her first time at the Women's Center. Right away, Gilberts felt at home. "I love it. The environment is so vibrant. Everyone's so happy and excited to see each other. I've already made a couple of friends so far. [They] have so many events you can sign

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## CSU dock brings foam and fun

By LAUREN VISKA  
Staff Writer

What do most college students do on the last day of the first week of college? Drop classes. Stress out about how hard college is. Drop out. And for some at MSU: party at the 11th Black Light Foam Party.

Student Events Team member Janat Kazibwe was in charge of helping get this annual event in gear. She said she hoped students who weren't here for past foam parties enjoyed it.

"I've never been to a foam party here before, and the majority of the people that are here right now haven't experienced it either. It's something for everybody," said Kazibwe. "So many people are new here, and this was a chance to step away from school and to have fun with their friends."

In 2020, they could not have this event because of the pandemic.

"The last time this event was a success was before COVID. They tried it again last year, and it rained in, so it was terrible. So I'm happy that it came back," said Kazibwe. "Students had fun, listened to great music, had some snacks, and got to feel like a kid again and have a good time."

The Student Events Team had many flyers around campus, making it hard for students to miss. Ella Fellman was one of those students who saw the poster and showed up for the foam.

"I think it was pretty fun. It's creative, and I definitely would (go again.) The music was good as well," said Fellman. "I heard about it from word of mouth, and there were signs all over campus."

The main attraction at the event was the foam machine and the music. There were two machines set up, shooting bubbles for the crowd. Ben Bowden said he enjoyed being there and soaking up the bubbles.

"I didn't get to go last year, so I'm very happy I got to do this," said Bowden. "My favorite part has to be the bubbles; I love bubbles."

Partygoer Paige King and her friends soaked up the bubbles and danced to the DJ's music. She said this event is better with friends.

"I'm just here with some friends. Just to have fun and just get involved on the campus. It's very fun, very high energy. I like it," said King.

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## Opinion: "The Idol's" idyllic potential falls flat

By EMMA JOHNSON  
Editor in Chief

Anyone who knows me knows better than to bring up *The Weeknd* unless they want me to go off into a long-winded presentation about why he's one of my favorite musicians ever. Besides the fact "After Hours" changed my life, (highly recommend you check that story out) he's constantly reinventing himself and his wide-spread discography changed R&B, rap and pop music.

With taking new risks comes his step into cinematography. Over the summer, he teamed up with 'Euphoria' director Sam Levinson to create "The Idol." The show follows Jocelyn, played by Lily Rose-Depp, who is a pop-star coming out of

a dark place but things change when she falls for Tedros, played by *The Weeknd*, a mysterious club owner/cult leader.

The trailers leading up to the show's release and the description alone sound dark. Intriguing. Captivating. By the end of the first episode, I thought "there has to be more than what I just watched."

My god was I wrong.

I'm fine with the first two episodes being used for backstory as long as the following episodes propel it forward. Each minute crept by and I wondered when the plot was going to pick up, but sure enough, I wasted an hour a week and I was left questioning if the writers knew what they were doing. There was nothing compelling me to want

**IDOLS on page 14**



EDDY CHEN • The Rolling Stone

*The Idol* is co-created by Sam Levinson, Abel "The Weeknd" Tesfaye and Reza Fahim, and stars Abel "The Weeknd" Tesfaye and Lily-Rose Depp. Five episodes premiered and received a 22% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes.



# Bob Barker, 'Price is Right' host and animal advocate, dies at 99



DAMIAN DOVARGANES • The Associated Press

Legendary game show host Bob Barker, 83, smiles as he takes questions from the media after taping his final episode of "The Price Is Right" in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. Barker died Saturday in his home.

By FRAZIER MOORE

The Associated Press

Bob Barker, the enduring, dapper game show host who became a household name over a half century of hosting "Truth or Consequences" and "The Price Is Right," has died. He was 99. Barker — also a longtime animal rights activist — died Saturday morning at his home in Los Angeles, publicist Roger Neal said.

"I am so proud of the trail-

blazing work Barker and I did together to expose the cruelty to animals in the entertainment industry and including working to improve the plight of abused and exploited animals in the United States and internationally," said Nancy Burnet, his longtime friend and co-executor of his estate, in a statement.

Barker retired in June 2007, telling his studio audience: "I thank you, thank you, thank you for inviting me into your home for more than 50 years."

Barker was working in radio in 1956 when producer Ralph Edwards invited him to audition as the new host of "Truth or Consequences," a game show in which audience members had to do wacky stunts.

— the "consequence" — if they failed to answer a question — the "truth," which was always the silly punchline to a riddle no one was ever meant to furnish. (Q: What did one eye say to another? A: Just between us, something smells.)

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more, yet I'm a fan and wanted to watch the whole show.

Besides a script that lacked depth and captivation, the acting was flat out terrible. Within the first few minutes, Rose-Depp shows her (limited) skills as she goes through multiple emotions shouted out by a photographer as they take shots for an album cover. However, that's about as impressed as I was. The Weeknd has done voiceovers for shows like "The Simpsons" and "American Dad" but there's more technique when a camera is placed on you. As a fan, I appreciate the efforts he went, but the character of Tedros had no effect on me. It was more thoughts of "why is he still talking" or "Ew" instead of "what is going to happen next?"

Besides the flat acting and poorly written script, there was a fair amount of controversy surrounding the show. Levinson scrapped the nearly finished project created by Amy Seimetz which not only put the production studio out millions, but had questionable changes. Scenes of violence and sexual situations were cut out of the script for their graphic portrayal along with nude scenes that Levinson

is known for writing in excess.

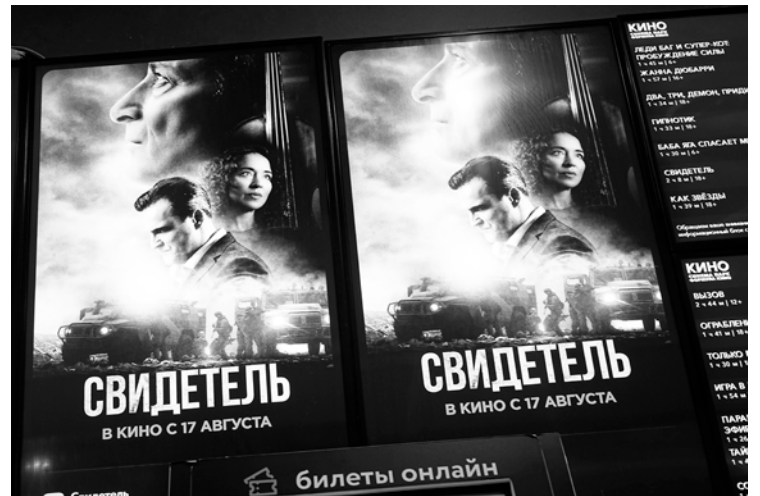
The show was marketed as a dramatic, satirical portrayal of how Hollywood treats women, oversexualizing them, showing them as mentally incapable of making decisions and trying their hardest to make others like them by doing whatever it takes to stay at the top of their game. Instead of it being a feminist approach, it comes off as sleazy with elements made to shock you with no significant meaning. In a way, it becomes what it was supposed to make fun of. Jocelyn chain smokes all day because she can. Haven't we all seen that before? Some of her every day clothes make swimsuit models seem like prudes. The sex scenes don't contribute much to the plot than it being a shock factor (and coming off creepy). It seems production was spent more here than crafting a worthwhile story.

The only positive of the show is the soundtrack which absolutely shines. The main theme called "The Lure" is a beautiful intoxication of ethereal unease. It defines captivating mystery you can't get enough of, immersing the listener into a world of intrigue, fear, and sensuality. The Weeknd teams up with

Madonna and Playboi Carti for "Popular" which sounds like early 2000s pop. He also collaborates with Future on "Double Fantasy" and Lil Baby on "False Idols," bringing his signature touch, reminiscent of his 2015 album "Beauty Behind the Madness." Newcomer Suzanne Son, one of Tedros followers, shows off her impressive skills as well with songs "Family" and "Crocodile Tears." Even Jocelyn's "World Class Sinner," designated to be a parody of dirtier pop, is catchy. Is it because we've trained our brains to associate songs like this as chart toppers or is it so bad it's good?

As big a fan I am of The Weeknd's, I was thoroughly disappointed in the show. The trailer promised me an edge-of-my-seat drama, but I was checking to see how much time was left in each episode. I'd almost prefer watching a trashy reality show than rewatch this series. If you're looking for a mindless way to pass five hours, then I'd recommend checking it out. Going forth, The Weeknd should stick to what he's good at: producing music worthy of multiple streams (where is his newest album? I've already memorized The Idol's soundtrack).

# The Ukraine war is coming to Russian movie theatres



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO • The Associated Press

A ticket machine with a poster of "The Witness," a state-sponsored drama, is displayed in a cinema lobby inside a shopping mall in Moscow.

By DASHA LITVINOVA

The Associated Press

The movie centers around a renowned violinist from Belgium arriving in Kyiv to perform. The date is February 2022, and his trip is upended as Russia starts bombing Ukraine. The musician survives a series of "inhuman crimes and bloody provocations by Ukrainian nationalists," and he wants to tell the world "what it was really like."

"The Witness" — a state-sponsored drama that premiered in Russia on Aug. 17 — is the first feature film about the 18-month-old invasion. It depicts Ukrainian troops as violent neo-Nazis who torture and kill their own people. One even

wears a T-shirt with Hitler on it; another is shown doing drugs. It also has the main character's young son wondering: "Isn't Ukraine Russia?"

It's the narrative the Kremlin has been promoting since the first days of the war — all packaged up in a motion picture.

The release of "The Witness" comes after Russian authorities announced a plan to boost production of movies glorifying Moscow's actions in Ukraine and is part of a growing number of propaganda films.

But in an era of instantaneous information and disinformation in wartime and other times, two questions present themselves: are the films effective and are they any good?

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"My friends and I went directly underneath the foam machine, so we got soaked but had fun."

Joe Kingston went to the event after having a good day at football practice and wanted to relax with some friends.

"It was pretty fun. It looked exciting, so I thought, why not go to it with my buddies," said Kingston. "I love the bubbles, too; they're just awesome."

Check out the Student Events Team tab on the MSU website for more fun events with friends.

◀WOMEN from page 13

up for or attend and there's so many resources I found out that we can use today."

The Women's Center has an abundance of supplies that women on campus may be in need of; they offer menstrual products, condoms, a lactation space, and even a charging station.

Additionally, the Center offers a safe space. Gilberts said, "Personally, if I get really stressed out about school or classes, I know that I can come here and sit for a couple minutes and decompress, and then get back to studying. They have study groups here too. You can sit and watch a movie in here and then go on with your day."

Women's Center staff member Sarah Padoko encouraged students to check out the space even if they missed the event.

"This is a space where everyone is welcome to come and feel safe. This is a place where you should be, and it's a place where you can chat, relax, interact and

ask questions. Anything that you want, you can ask."

On the weekly, there are a variety of activities being hosted at the Women's Center, including Crafternoons, movie nights, and educational events that offer valuable learning opportunities.

"This is such a good space to have, and a lot of people don't know about it," Speltz explained.

"I would definitely love more people to come here because all of the energy here is really positive. Everybody's just having a good time and talking to each other. That's what we want to be here; a nice place for people to be able to talk to each other about anything and everything."

For any students interested in learning more about the center, Speltz offered, "Any of the workers here including myself would be happy to show you around."

I would love for people to become more accustomed to the space and feel free to come pop in at any time."



# 'Last of Us' composer says silence is the key

By LESLIE AMBRIZ  
The Associated Press

When composer Gustavo Santaolalla sits with a new script, the words on the page often trigger visual elements, allowing him to hear the musical journey as the story travels from scene to scene.

It's a trait that's served "The Last of Us" composer well in creating the music for both the acclaimed video game and its Emmy-nominated HBO adaptation, including a nod for Santaolalla's music.

Santaolalla was never formally trained to read or write music, but his instinctual method has led him to create Academy-award winning compositions for Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain" and Alejandro González Iñárritu's "Babel."

His first Emmy nod was for AMC's "Hell on Wheels" in 2012, a year before the release of the first "Last of Us" video game.

Santaolalla says he never felt like he was "just writing music" for a video game. From the very beginning he said he knew that "The Last of Us" "felt like a great story" that could easily be retold through any medium.

"The music translated so perfectly to the series," said San-



CHRIS PIZZELLO • The Associated Press

Composer Gustavo Santaolalla, a recipient of one of this year's Latin Grammys Trustees Awards, poses for a portrait in his home studio, Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023 in L.A. At 72, the musician has no plans of taking a break.

taolalla who brought a sense of nostalgia to fans by reusing the game's beloved theme song.

The video game is set in the aftermath of a global pandemic that has turned civilians into zombie-like creatures. It follows

the story of a smuggler named Joel who finds himself escorting an immune teenage girl named Ellie across the United States. The television series stars Pedro Pascal and Bella Ramsey and received 24 Emmy nominations

this year.

Santaolalla transports the audience into the dystopian nightmare with one constant sound: the warm twang of his ronroco — a stringed mandolin that he calls "this wonderful lit-

tle instrument from the Andes Mountains." It can be heard throughout the "Last of Us" theme song and in almost all of the composer's projects.

"One thing that I really felt was very rewarding was that (writers) Neil Druckmann and Craig Mazin, they have said that my music, somehow, it's part of the DNA of 'The Last of Us,' he said. "It's like a character in the story."

Santaolalla's Emmy nomination is for the third episode where the show expanded on the relationship between two characters named Bill and Frank — portrayed by Nick Offerman and Murray Bartlett.

Bill's sexual orientation was only implied in the original video game, without much explanation about his partnership with Frank.

In the series, Mazin and Druckmann create a romantic backstory for the two characters, creating one of the series' most talked about tearjerker episodes.

"I knew the impact that that episode had in the audience," said Santaolalla. "I was surprised (about the nomination), but at the same time, it was something that I got the feeling that it could happen," he said. "I'm so grateful."



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Fall, 2023 - Spring, 2024 Semester  
August 14, 2023 - May 3, 2024

ALL ROUTES BEGIN AT THE TIME LISTED AND DEPART AT THE TIME AFTER THE HOUR LISTED IN THE TABLES

**HOURS OF SERVICE 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**MSU ROUTE 1A NORTH: MONDAY - THURSDAY**

Departs CSU	College Station	The Grove at Mankato Apts.				Ellis/Val Imm	Arrives CSU
		D	C	B	A		
:10	:16	:17	:18	:19	:20	:24	:27
:30	:36	:37	:38	:39	:40	:44	:47
:50	:56	:57	:58	:59	:00	:04	:07

**MSU ROUTE 1B NORTH: MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Departs CSU	Stadium Heights	College Station	The Grove at Mankato Apts.				Myers Field House	Arrives CSU
		D	C	B	A			
:20	:32	:36	:37	:38	:39	:40	:42	:46
:50	:02	:06	:07	:08	:09	:10	:11	:13

**HOURS OF SERVICE 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**MSU ROUTE 1A SOUTH: MONDAY - THURSDAY**

Departs CSU	McElroy Shelter	Maywood Ave./Warren St.	Lots 20-23	The Quarters	Heron Drive Shelter	Lots 20-23	Arrives CSU
:00	:02	:03	:05	:13	:18	:20	:25
:30	:32	:33	:35	:43	:48	:50	:55

**MSU ROUTE 1B SOUTH: MONDAY - THURSDAY**

Departs CSU	McElroy Shelter	Maywood Ave./Warren St.	Lots 20-23	Kanagar Road A	Kanagar Road B	The Quarters	Heron Dr. Shelter	Lots 20-23	Arrives CSU
:15	:17	:18	:20	:28	:29	:31	:36	:38	:43
:45	:47	:48	:50	:58	:59	:01	:06	:08	:13

**HOURS OF SERVICE 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

**MSU CAMPUS EXPRESS: FRIDAY**

Departs CSU	McElroy Shelter	The Grove at Mankato Apts.				Fire Station	The Quarters	Heron Dr. Shelter	Lots 20-23	Arrives CSU
		A	B	C	D					
:00	:02	:06	:07	:08	:09	:10	:13	:16	:18	:23
:30	:32	:36	:37	:38	:39	:40	:43	:46	:48	:53

**HOURS OF SERVICE 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

**MSU CAMPUS EXPRESS: MONDAY - THURSDAY NIGHTTIME**

Departs CSU	McElroy Shelter	The Grove at Mankato Apts.				Fire Station	The Quarters	Heron Dr. Shelter	Lots 20-23	Arrives CSU
		A	B	C	D					
:00	:02	:06	:07	:08	:09	:10	:13	:16	:18	:23
:30	:32	:36	:37	:38	:39	:40	:43	:46	:48	:53

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**HOURS OF SERVICE 6:33 A.M. - 5:55 P.M.**

**CITY-WIDE ROUTE 6 BUS MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Departs CSU	The Grove at Mankato Apts.	Wal-Mart	River Hills Mall	The Grove at Mankato Apts.	Arrives CSU
:55	:03	:15	:27	:41	:53

**HOURS OF SERVICE 10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

**DOWNTOWN/MSU EXPRESS ROUTE 7 BUS MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Hubbard Building (Riverfront Drive)	Nelson Hall MSU Campus
:10 / :40	:00 / :30

**HOURS OF SERVICE MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

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Departs CSU	McElroy Shelter	Bakerzak Drive B	Campus View	Summit Apts.	University Parking Lots 20-23	Arrives CSU
:10	:13	:14	:15	:20	:23	:28
:30	:33	:34	:35	:40	:43	:48
:50	:53	:54	:55	:00	:03	:08

**HOURS OF SERVICE 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

**MSU ROUTE 9 MORNING EXPRESS MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Nelson Shelter	Stadium Heights	Bunting Lane	Monks Avenue	Nelson Shelter
:00	:05	:06	:10	:14
:20	:25	:26	:30	:34
:40	:45	:46	:50	:54

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:02	:04	:07	:09	:13	:19	:23	:30
:32	:34	:37	:39	:43	:49	:53	:00

**HOURS OF SERVICE 6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.**

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Outbound	Bus Stop Location	Outbound	Bus Stop Location
:02	CSU	:59	CSU
:03	Julia Sears Complex	:56	Summit Apartments
:04	McElroy Complex	:53	Stadium Heights
:07	Warren/South Road	:50	The Grove at Mankato Apts.
:09	Stadium Heights Apartments	:44	Hoffman/Hilltop Apartments
:12	Summit Apartments		
:15	The Grove at Mankato Apts.		
:20	Hoffman/Hilltop Apartments		
:25	Wal-Mart		
:27	Old Navy		
:28	HyVee		
:33	River Hills Mall		

**HOURS OF SERVICE 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**ROUTE 10 SUNDAY SERVICE**

Departs CSU	Howard & Marshall	Stadium & James Ave	Stadium Union	MSU Library	The Grove at Mankato Apts.	Howard & Black Eagle	Wal-Mart	River Hills Mall	Overseas Plaza	Upper Grove/Man St	Adams & 3th	Cherry St	Arrives The Grove at Mankato Apts.
:00	:05	:10	:12	:13	:18	:23	:28	:35	:41	:46	:54	:00	:17

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Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

# CAMPUS BUS ROUTES

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- Monday, Aug. 21 Fall semester classes begin - Off-Campus and Campus Circulator begin service at 7:00 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 4 Labor Day - No Bus Service
- Thursday, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Holiday - No Bus Service
- Friday, Nov. 24 No Off-Campus and Campus Circulator (Except Stomper Express)
- Friday, Dec. 8 Last day of Fall Semester - Last day of Off-Campus and Campus Circulator Service Saturday, 12/9/23 to Sunday, 1/7/24
- Monday, Jan. 8 Spring semester classes begin - Off-Campus and Campus Circulator begin service at 7:00 a.m.
- Monday, Jan. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Bus Service
- Monday, Mar. 4 Spring Break - No Off-Campus and Campus Circulator. (Except Stomper Express)
- Friday, Mar. 8 Last day of Spring Semester - Last day of Off-Campus and Campus Circulator

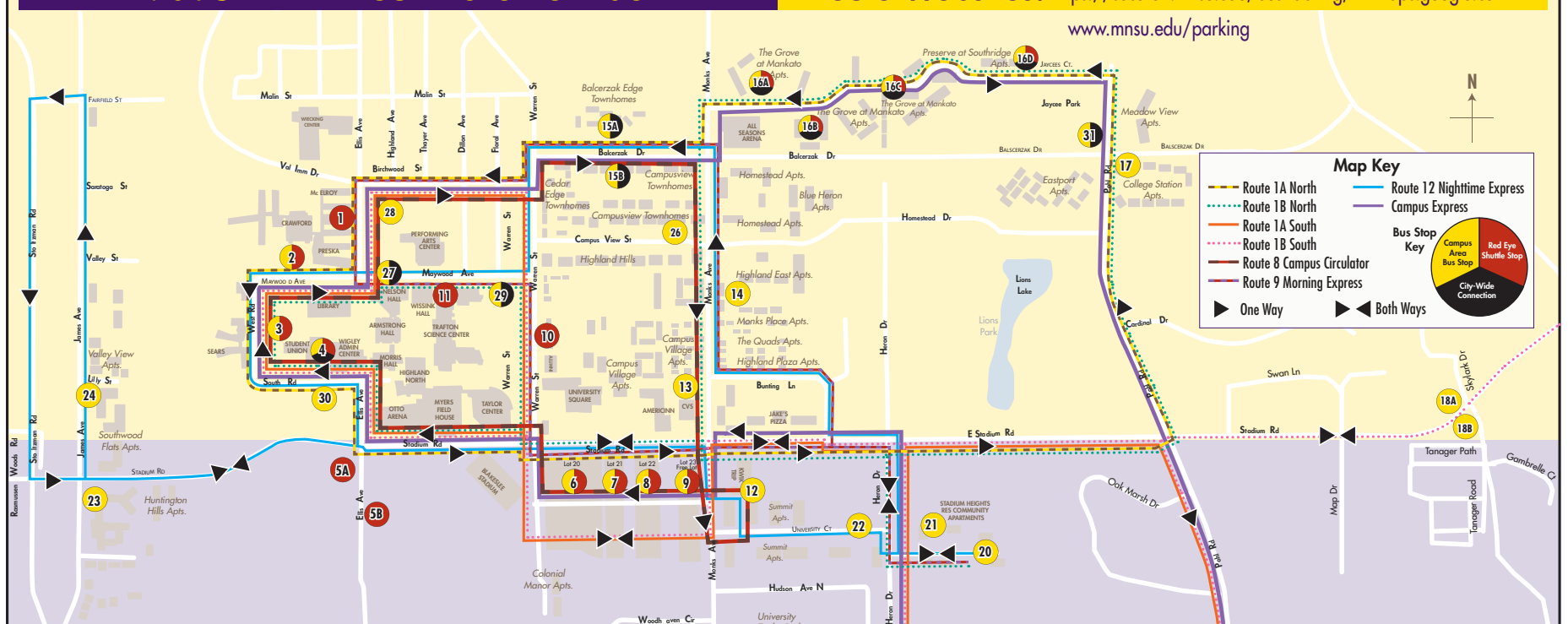
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