

## Secretary of State: campus voter presentation

By Tracy Swartzendruber  
Staff Writer

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon delivered a presentation on voting at the Memorial Library last Tuesday.

“This is an ideal time to talk about some of the new tools in the toolbox in Minnesota. First, because they’re new. Second, because we have local elections coming up in a few days and a giant, attention-grabbing election coming up next year. So, this is a good time to let people know what the new rules are,” he said.

Simon said the role of the office of the Secretary of State is to knit together the various voting systems administered by local governments. Furthermore, the office also sets the guidelines for how the voting system functions in order to make elections fair.

“We don’t ever count votes. We don’t ever lay a finger on anybody’s ballot. That all happens at the local level,” Simon said.

Simon said Minnesota has had a consistent history of high voter turnout. In three out of the last four elections, Minnesota had the highest turnout in the nation. Simon said one major contributing factor is that Minnesota allows voter registration on election day rather than only in advance. Another is that Minnesota makes it easy to vote from home, which was key during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Simon said Minnesota has restored voting freedom to former felons. The reasoning is, if a judge or jury believes a person is safe enough to be part of the community, that person should also have a



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right to vote on who governs over them.

“With a stroke of a pen 55,000 Minnesotans suddenly got their freedom to vote restored,” Simon said.

Minnesota has also incorporated a new Automatic Voter Registration system. For decades, Minnesota has had a Motor Voter Law that gives a person the option of registering to vote at the same time as getting a driver’s license. With the Automatic Voter Registration, one is already registered for voting when one gets their driver’s license

but can opt out at any time.

“The very same information that you provide to get your driver’s license is the very same information that you need to register to vote,” Simon said.

Simon said Minnesota is now also providing pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds. This allows teens to get in the mindset of voting before they are even old enough to vote. According to Simon, studies show that those who vote at an early age tend to make it a lifelong habit.

Simon said in Minnesota col-

lege students are allowed to vote according to the address of their current residency but cannot vote both at their permanent address and current address. He addressed some of the excuses that college students make for not voting. He pointed out that ballot fatigue, which is feeling overwhelmed by the number of candidates, is not a reason not to vote. It is better to vote for the few people that one knows rather than not voting because one has not done the research on every candidate.

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## Student Government: Public schools and campus athletes

By Tracy Swartzendruber  
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Student senators heard presentations concerning a proposed referendum for Mankato public schools and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Paul Peterson, Superintendent of the Mankato Public Schools, spoke concerning the Facilities Bond Referendum election that will take place on Nov. 7. Peterson said the Mankato Area Public Schools serve over 8,000 kids in Mankato and surrounding regions, such as Madison Lake and Skyline.

“The referendum has been a path that our school board has been on for several years,” he said. “Although our facility needs have been high for quite some time, it made sense for our board not to go out for a referendum vote in the middle of COVID-19. So, we’ve had to pump the brakes several times on going to voters.”

Peterson said the school board has assessed voters to determine what could be improved in public school facilities and what is affordable.

“The board made the determination in August to move forward with two questions, and those questions are in front of voters right now. We’ll end the voting on November 7th,” he said.

Peterson said school board members come from a variety of backgrounds and viewpoints, but they agreed on the referendum. His role is informing voters about what is on the ballot and why. Question 2 is contingent on Question 1, which means that if Question 1 doesn’t pass, nothing passes.

“Question 1 covers the top priorities that our board have identified. \$105 million dollars for Question 1 is broken into three categories: safety and security, early learning access, and learning and wellness,” Peterson said. “Question 2 is all about our co-curricular outdoor facilities, such as fine arts, athletics, and co-curriculars.”

Peterson said certain schools in the district need to be updated to new security systems because they allow too free of an access to the entire

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## The SAGE is back after ceasing operations

By AMALIA SHARAF  
Staff Writer

The Registered Student Organization SAGE (Sexuality And Gender Empowerment) is back after ceasing operations several years ago.

SAGE is an alliance of LGBTQI+ community members and supporters who work together to bring awareness to sexuality and gender inequality issues.

“Our mission is to spread awareness about LGBTQ+ issues and LGBTQ people in general,” said the SAGE’s president, Alex Glaser. “Our biggest thing right now is just making sure that we can spread awareness about this club.”

Glaser said SAGE wants to bring awareness to the issues of transphobia they say are spreading all over the country.

“In Florida, there was a bathroom bill that passed saying that everyone has to go to the bath-



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Sage is an alliance of LGBTQI+ community members and supporters who bring awareness to sexuality and gender inequality issues.

room that matches the gender marker on their birth certificate. And if you’re trans but haven’t gotten a legal change, then trans

women are forced to use the men’s bathroom,” said Glaser. “A lot of that is just from the fact that people aren’t educated about trans people,

and if they were a lot of that hysteria would die down.”

According to Glaser, people can be targeted for gender identity in Florida.

“There have been multiple attacks, some lethal, and what’s even worse is that even cis people are getting targeted by this, which just shows how absurd this transphobia is,” said Glaser. “If people just see someone who they think has something the slightest bit wrong about them, they call that ‘grounds’ as they’re trans and I have a right to attack them, which is a very scary thing.”

Members of SAGE said they want to spread awareness about trans people and the continuous harm that is happening in the country.

In the past SAGE had to stop its operations because of the lack of resources. RSO’s Treasurer Andrew Collieran said that the ab-

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## “Learning Isn’t Real” showcases learning disabilities



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The film shown in Ostrander Auditorium was created by Krys Kornmeier and showcased the everyday challenges people face that have learning disabilities.

By ANAHI ZUNIGA  
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Minnesota State’s Accessibility Resources center hosted a special screening of the film “Normal Isn’t Real,” a film about the everyday lives and challenges of people with learning disabilities.

The film, shown in Ostrander Auditorium, was created by filmmaker Krys Kornmeier and features the stories of four young adults with learning disabilities and attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder: university student Audrey Bentley, sculptor Dave Cole, poet and speaker LeDerick Horne, and salon owner Nicole Vaiani.

The four individuals shared their journeys to success in school and work and the many challenges they had to overcome.

Beth Claussen, associate director of the Accessibility Resources Center, said that the film’s purpose is to help young people struggling with LD/ADHD reach their full potential and gain success and support from their peers.

“We wanted to provide this event primarily to raise awareness to students, faculty and staff about people with learning disabilities and ADHD. Because the film featured four young adults with learning disabilities and ADHD, we thought it was relevant,” Claussen said. “Their own narratives are from a strength-based perspective as the film portrayed them as people with challenges but also having various strengths. They each found great success. It’s important to recognize that as often students with learning disabilities and ADHD are looked upon as lazy or not smart.”

The screening was followed by a presentation and Q&A on ADHD and learning disabilities which was led by Allison

Lundahl, a new faculty member in the School Psychology Doctoral Program at MSU.

Lundahl said that, for MSU students with LD/ADHD, resources on campus can help them gain a strong support system in their academic studies.

“The accessibility resources that supported this screening provide many of those opportunities to support academics on campus, and I know students that benefit from it. So for individuals who already have a diagnosis, reaching out to that department and identifying how they could receive more support,” Lundahl said. “There’s a counseling center on campus that provides support as well, especially in college as it can be a stressful time and especially if people are away from home and away from the support that they’re used to.”

With the film having been screened in several locations and institutions, Lundahl hopes that its message will inspire students with LD/ADHD to continue their academic journeys and careers even in the face of difficulty.

“I would hope that they could see the hope behind it; the inspiration; the importance of individuals identifying their needs, their strengths, and as the film quoted, their work around so that they can get themselves to the point of these young adults who are so confident, so self aware, and really be successful long term in careers,” she said.

To learn more about the film, visit [www.normalisntreal.com](http://www.normalisntreal.com) and for accessibility resources provided at MNSU, visit [mnsu.edu/AccessibilityResources](http://mnsu.edu/AccessibilityResources) or stop by the Accessibility Resources Center located in the Memorial Library 132.

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sence of an academic advisor also affected SAGE.

“During the time where there wasn’t any activity to get started like, there was no there was no flyers, no advertising — it’s like it was just chat and no one knew about what we are and what we are doing,” said Colleran.

Vice President Abbey Andree said it was hard to find interest

among students at the time SAGE was established. She said because of that, it was hard for the RSO to keep up with the activities.

Now that the club is back, members are welcoming all interested students. To join, email [andrew@colleran@mnsu.edu](mailto:andrew@colleran@mnsu.edu) or come to the RSO’s meetings, which are held at 3 p.m., Fridays in CSU room 191.

## Ijoema Oluo: “If you don’t do it now, then when?”

By GRACE ANDERSON  
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New York Times Bestselling Author Ijoema Oluo, who wrote the novels, “So You Want To Talk About Race,” and, “Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America,” delivered the Carol Ortman Perkins lecture in Minnesota State’s Centennial Student Union Ballroom Tuesday.

Oluo said she visits campuses in the hopes of supporting students and staff.

“I always hope when I’m visiting a campus that I’m able to create a space of safety and recognition for students of color and a space to feel heard; to feel like somebody gets it,” said Oluo. “I’m also hoping to be able to support the work that students and faculty of color are already doing on campuses.”

Oluo also said her goal is to inspire audiences to discuss the topics included in the lecture.

“Whenever I come in and am giving a talk, I try to look at the space that I’m coming into, not only the campus but what’s happening in the world,” she said. “I try to create space for people to start having really honest, deep conversations on racism and power and to recognize some of their own power. I hope that people who are listening today will leave with some ideas of where their own personal power is and where they can leverage that power for change.”

When the lecture concluded, she said she was overall pleased with the results.

“I think it went well,” she said. “Everyone seemed very engaged,



Courtesy National Center for Women and Information Technology

New York Times Bestselling Author Ijoema Oluo often visits campuses in hopes of supporting students and staff with a goal to inspire.

the questions I received were wonderful and it seemed like people truly heard me and are thinking about and talking about what was discussed.”

Liz Steinborn-Gourley, Director of the Women’s Center here at Minnesota State, said Oluo was a fitting candidate to speak at the lecture due to its purpose.

“The purpose of the lecture is to engage the community in feminist scholarship to talk about advocacy, gender equity and anti-racism and I really feel like Ijoema captured that,” said Steinborn-Gourley. “Each time we have this lecture we try to find someone who is doing strong feminist work. Ijoema’s books have been incredible and have had a huge impact on people.”

She also said it has been years since a lecture such as this has

been held.

“We’ve had a lot of featured book clubs on our campus and in the community,” she said. “It felt like a good time to have this as we haven’t had a lecture like this since before COVID. I think it went really well. We had a good turnout.”

Audience member and student Faith Mader said the event was well structured and she enjoyed the lecture.

“It was amazing,” said Mader. “I think we needed that foundation before the Q&A. It was wonderful to hear her speak.”

Mader also said Oluo’s speech was enlightening and interesting.

“I think it was very liberating and also helped all of us connect our experiences to her own experience as well.”

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# Off duty pilot cut engines off midflight

By CLAIRE RUSH and GENE JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

An off-duty airline pilot riding in an extra cockpit seat on a Horizon Air flight said “I’m not OK” just before trying to cut the engines midflight and later told police he had been struggling with depression, according to charging documents made public Tuesday.

State prosecutors in Oregon filed 83 counts of attempted murder against Alaska Airlines pilot Joseph David Emerson, 44, on Tuesday just before he appeared in court, with his attorney, Noah Horst, entering not guilty pleas on his behalf. Federal prosecutors meanwhile charged Emerson with interfering with a flight crew, which can carry up to 20 years in prison.

According to a probable cause statement filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court, Emerson told Port of Portland police following his arrest that he had been struggling with depression, that a friend had recently died and that he had taken psychedelic mushrooms about 48 hours before he attempted to cut the engines. He also said he had not slept in more than 40



DAVE KILLEN • The Associated Press

Joseph Emerson, left, 44, is accused of attempting to disable the engines of a plane on which he was riding while off-duty last Sunday. Emerson pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

hours, according to the document. Police reported that Emerson

did not appear to be intoxicated at the time of the interview, and in a

statement Tuesday, Alaska Airlines, which owns Horizon, said neither

the gate agents nor flight crew noticed any signs of impairment that might have barred him from the flight. An FBI agent wrote in a probable cause affidavit in support of the federal charge that Emerson “said it was his first-time taking mushrooms.”

While psilocybin is illegal in most of the country — Oregon legalized it for adults this year — the Food and Drug Administration in 2018 designated it a “breakthrough therapy” that might be used for mental health conditions or substance use disorders.

Emerson, an Alaska Airlines pilot from Pleasant Hill, California, was arrested Sunday night after the flight crew reported that he attempted to shut down the engines on a Horizon Air flight from Everett, Washington, to San Francisco while riding in the extra seat in the cockpit. The plane was diverted to Portland, where it landed safely with more than 80 people on board.

The FBI affidavit said Emerson, who as an off-duty pilot was authorized to ride in the cockpit’s jump seat, made casual conversation with the captain and first officer when the plane was between Astoria, Oregon.

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Many students believe their vote does not make a difference in election outcomes.

“Every year that I have had this job as secretary of state, we’ve had at least one election in Minnesota that was either tied or decided by one vote,” Simon said.

Simon pointed out that not voting for a candidate is doubling the vote of someone who disagrees with that candidate.

“Some people even go as far as to say that they are making a state-

ment by not voting,” he said. “The best rebuttal to that comes in the form of a line that I saw on a T-shirt a few years ago. The T-shirt said failure to vote is not an act of rebellion. It’s an act of surrender.”

Simon said election judges are in high demand for Election Day. At least 30,000 people are needed to fill this position, and election judges can be as young as 16 years of age.

“An election judge is a paid position. Even the two hours of mandatory training is paid. It is also re-

quired by Minnesota law that your employer or your school has to let you off that day,” Simon said. “It’s a long day, not going to lie to you. Polls in Minnesota are open for 13 hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., but you are going to be well-paid and make some money.”

After the presentation, Freshman Calvin Smith and Sophomore Damaris De La Torre provided their perspectives on it. Smith, an international relations and ecology major, heard about the presentation from a meeting during his duties as

a community council member. De La Torre, an elementary education major, heard about the presentation from a staff member of the student newspaper.

“I thought it would be cool to see the secretary of state and hear what he had to say,” Calvin said. “I didn’t know some of the laws that Minnesota had because I am an out-of-state student, and I didn’t know how good of a voter turnout Minnesota had.”

“I learned a lot about Minnesota and their overall picture of

the voting system. Since I’m from Ecuador, I didn’t know how voting worked in Minnesota,” De La Torre said. “I really appreciated it when he mentioned the reasons why college students do not want to vote. I also thought it was interesting what he said about people who fail to vote are not making a statement of rebellion but surrender.”

Calvin, a registered voter in Illinois, and De La Torre, a registered voter in Ecuador, have both voted before and intend to continue voting regularly in the future.

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## Campus safety: Is MSU doing enough?

University security at MSU works around the clock, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to serve the community. However, some might argue they might not be doing enough, or are even doing too much. It's unlikely any campus patrol is going to satisfy the standards of everyone enrolled, but it is important for students to continue to advocate for ways they can improve.

MSU's security team's duties include patrol and dispatch, campus lost and found, area access control, safe walks, vehicle jump-starts and unlocks, and a safe and anonymous drug drop box. Their mission is to maintain a safe and secure living, learning, and working environment at MSU, including core values like trust, integrity, and commitment as promised in their value statement.

MSU Security is also the only law enforcement, security, or public safety agency in Minnesota to be awarded accreditation by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) in June 2022, which essentially means they were recognized for their commitment to the cause. This pat on the back was prideful for the agency, and it helps provide some sort of comfort for students' trust in the team.

One of the most beneficial services of MSU Security is silent witness reporting. The university has an online form to report concerning situations, with the option to remain completely anonymous. This is helpful for circumstances when we might be the victim of assault, or witness someone else being a victim, but are not comfortable with our name being tied to the report.

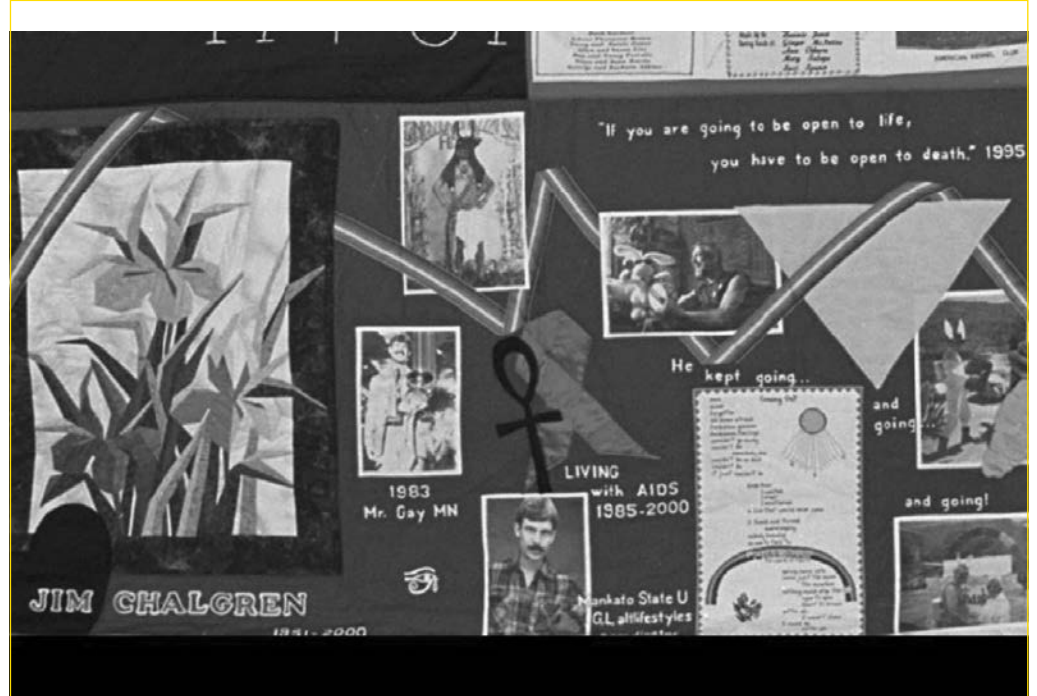
Another duty the team does a good job of is the safe walks around campus. When we might be worried about being followed, feel uncomfortable by a public situation, or simply scared to walk outside in the dark, we can call the number and a member can assist us to our destination. With students living alone the first time ever, having access to safe walks is relieving and a positive thing for this campus.

Where there are pros, there are always cons. A negative factor about MSU Security is the parking. Vehicles are constantly getting hit in the lot, vandalized, and broken into, yet sometimes it seems like the priority is who is parked in the orange, purple, or gold lot without a parking pass. The parking passes are unaffordable for many students, and the free lot is a strenuous walk, especially in Minnesota's winter. There needs to be some sort of compromise between security and students about MSU's parking, because it is always a highly controversial subject.

We can utilize security services by dialing 507-389-2111, which should receive an answer anytime of the day, any day of the week.

# Perspectives

## When the HIV/AIDS crisis came to Mankato



Courtesy National AIDS Foundation

When I first saw "Rent" on Broadway when I was in high-school, I was mesmerized by the rock opera. It was the sort of thing, growing up in a small town in Upstate New York, that I had never gotten a chance to experience.

Recently, the Minnesota State's theater department staged "Rent" and I was able to experience the play for a second time. It was just about as good as when I remember seeing it on Broadway.

"Rent" was written by Jonathan Larson in the 90s. The reason it became a cultural touchstone was because of its willingness to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Multiple characters in the play are diagnosed or described as being HIV positive.

In Mankato, the HIV/AIDS pandemic had a significant impact, and it especially had a significant impact on the LGBTQ community here.



Jeremy Redlien  
Staff Writer

In the 80s and into the 90s, being diagnosed with HIV was considered a death sentence. While treatments have been developed to treat HIV and prevent its spread, the early years of the pandemic were a scary time for the LGBTQ community.

However, when local activist Jim Chalgren was diagnosed as HIV positive, he refused to describe himself as dying of HIV. He instead insisted that he was in fact living with HIV.

As the number of people diagnosed increased, the lo-

cal LGBTQ community rose to the occasion. The Alternative Lifestyle Office (the forerunner to the Jim Chalgren LGBT Center) held educational forums and started distributing condoms.

The crisis would also help push Chalgren and his supporters to make a second effort to push for an ordinance to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in Mankato. The first effort was in 1977 and ended after the Mankato city council voted to simply table the issue.

With the HIV/AIDS crisis in full swing, the need for such an ordinance had never been clearer. At the time, the AIDS/HIV epidemic was used to whip up homophobic and transphobic bigotry by anti-LGBTQ groups. It was certainly a particularly popular subject for the vile Chick Tracts by Jack Trick.

This would result in the  
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# Pulse

### "How safe do you feel on campus?"

Compiled by Alexis Darkow



ALEDA LAWRIE,  
FRESHMAN

"I feel very safe during the day and night."



ALEXUS CHAMBERS,  
SOPHOMORE

"Not super safe when walking at night but safe in the dorms."



DEREK HOFFMAN,  
FRESHMAN

"Yes."



JADEN PALMER,  
FRESHMAN

"I feel safe walking around campus."



PAYTON MUDGETT,  
FRESHMAN

"I do feel safe walking around campus."



TUCKER HAROLDSON,  
FRESHMAN

"I feel safe walking at all times of the day."



# Foreign nationals in Gaza stranded



FATIMA SHBAIR • The Associated Press

Palestinians wait to cross into Egypt at the Rafah border crossing in the Gaza Strip on Monday, Oct. 16, 2023.

By ISABEL DEBRE and NAJIB JOBAIN  
The Associated Press

For more than a week, Talaat Ghabayen, a citizen of Norway who spent his whole life in Oslo, has waited days and nights at the Gaza Strip's land crossing with Egypt as his embassy advised, hoping to flee Israel's bombardment and looming ground invasion and reunite with his wife and sons back home.

"Egypt is literally meters away, I can see it," Ghabayen, a 54-year-old insurance agent who traveled

to Gaza before the war erupted for his mother's funeral, said Tuesday from the Rafah crossing.

Under intense Western pressure, the gates at Rafah opened over the weekend for the first time since the war broke out, letting a trickle of humanitarian aid into the besieged strip and stoking hopes that hundreds of foreign nationals trapped in Gaza would be able to cross into safety.

But with each passing hour, Ghabayen loses hope. And each day that Rafah remains shut, he said, is another day that he could die.

"They tell us to go south, then they bomb south. They tell us to go to hospitals, then they bomb hospitals. They tell us to go to shelters, then they bomb shelters," Ghabayen said of the Israeli army, his voice rising with emotion. "We are not Hamas, we are innocent civilians who don't even live here."

The Israeli military says it goes after only Hamas infrastructure in their war with the militant group. Palestinians reject that, pointing to airstrikes that have hit and damaged U.N. schools and hospitals in the densely populated strip.

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80s becoming perhaps the most volatile and violent era for the local LGBTQ community. No less than three murders of gay men took place during that decade in the area.

Henry "Bud" Quimby was murdered in his home in North Mankato in 1981 before the AIDS/HIV crisis had entered the public consciousness. However the murders of Bill Schae-

fer in New Ulm and David Wagner in Mankato both took place in 1987, during the height of the AIDS/HIV crisis.

However, the efforts to push for a non-discrimination ordinance in 1987 would fail a second time, causing Chalgren to leave Mankato for St. Paul.

Today, HIV is still a serious issue and people should take steps to protect themselves and

others. PREP and condoms are both means that help prevent the transmission of HIV during sexual activities and it's important for people who are at risk of contracting HIV or other sexually transmitted infections to get tested regularly.

After all, we are all living right here, right now, whether we have been diagnosed with HIV or not.

# Hurricane Otis ripped across southern Pacific coast



MARCO UGARTE • The Associated Press

People get help crossing a highway blocked by a landslide triggered by Hurricane Otis near Acapulco, Mexico, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023.

By Mark Stevenson  
The Associated Press

Hurricane Otis ripped across Mexico's southern Pacific coast as a powerful Category 5 storm early Wednesday, tearing through buildings in the resort city of Acapulco, sending sheets of earth down steep mountainsides and leaving large swaths of the southwestern state of Guerrero without power or cellphone service.

While little is known about possible deaths or the full extent of the damage — the main highway into Acapulco was impassable — experts are calling Otis the strongest storm in history to make landfall along the Eastern Pacific Coast.

By late Wednesday afternoon, Otis had weakened to below tropical depression strength and was dissipating over the mountains,

yet many on the coast were left reeling.

Flor Campos had been trudging through mud for more than an hour along a highway outside Acapulco on Wednesday morning before she peeled off her shoes, worried she'd lose them in the muck.

The domestic worker from a small town in Guerrero was among dozens of families, women and children who clambered over tree trunks and other debris left by landslides in the mountainous terrain. It was a daunting escape, but people were desperate to get out.

"We had been waiting since 3 in the morning to get out, so we decided to walk. It was more dangerous to stay. There are trees knocked down, power lines down," Campos said.

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# First major snow storm drops on Montana

By AMY BETH HANSON  
The Associated Press

The first major snowstorm of the season dropped up to a foot (30 centimeters) of snow in the Helena, Montana, area by Wednesday, sending an army of snowplows and sand trucks out onto the roads.

Residents woke up to swirling snow and the sound of shovels on sidewalks just days after temperatures rose into the lower 80s. Trees decked out in fall colors and some Halloween decorations were weighed down with snow.

Helena Public Schools canceled six school bus routes Wednesday morning, but no schools were closed.

The National Weather Service warned of hazardous travel on snowy mountain passes and ice on some highways when snow initially melts and then freezes as road temperatures drop.

Plows scraped snow off the highways, streets and parking lots and sand was scattered on roads to increase traction as the Montana Highway Patrol responded to dozens of crashes and slide-offs, including jackknifed semi-tractor trailers, according to the patrol's incident website.

The first snowfall of the season "is always the most dangerous because people just aren't used to it yet" after driving for months on mostly dry pavement, said Matt Ludwig, a meteorologist with the



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A woman shovel snow, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, in Helena, Mont. The first major snowstorm of the season dropped up to a foot of snow in the Helena area by Wednesday morning, canceling some school bus routes.

National Weather Service in Great Falls. Drivers aren't used to dealing with less traction, slower speeds and longer stopping distances, he said.

Cold air moving down from northwestern Canada has combined with a moist Pacific weather system, leading to freezing tem-

peratures and expected snowfall amounts up 14 inches (36 centimeters) in Washington's northern Cascade Mountains and 18 inches (46 centimeters) in the mountains of Montana, the National Weather Service forecasts. Some higher elevations in the northern Rockies could see snow totals of 2 feet (61

centimeters) or more.

After the first wave of snow, it was Helena that saw the most accumulation, with a couple spots reporting 13 inches (33 centimeters) of snow. However, the official site at the airport had half that amount, said Cody Molvan, chief meteorologist for the National Weather Ser-

vice in Great Falls said Wednesday.

Some towns in central Montana reported 10 inches (25 centimeters) of snow, while other areas along the Rocky Mountain Front had 6 to 8 inches (16 to 20 centimeters) of snow as the storm moved east. There was black ice on roads as the storm moved into the Billings area in southeastern Montana, the state's Department of Transportation said.

The first wave of snow in western Montana ended at midday Wednesday and a second round — less widespread and with much less accumulation — was forecast from Wednesday night into Thursday morning, the weather service said.

The storm brought a sharp change in weather.

Helena tied record temperatures in the lower 80s (high 20s Celsius) late last week, which is about 25 degrees above average for this time of year, Ludwig said. Great Falls also had a day in the low 80s late last week, before being covered in snow on Wednesday.

Temperatures could fall into the low single digits with wind chill values below zero Wednesday night into Thursday morning in Great Falls, the forecast says.

"If that's not a shock to your system, I don't know what is," Ludwig said.

Helena's Walmart store still had a display of kayaks outside on Wednesday, their prices nearly covered in snow.

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# SPORTS

## Historic streak on the line

By LUKE JACKSON  
News Editor

After Minnesota State's first loss of the season, they look to bounce back against Southwest Minnesota State University during family weekend Saturday.

Currently, the Mavs are 7-1 and the Mustangs are 1-7. The Mavericks were on a seven-game win streak until their first loss last week while the Mustangs first win came in their first week. They have been on a seven game losing streak since.

Historically, MSU controls this matchup. Since the two teams first met in 1971, the Mavericks have gone undefeated winning all 20 matchups. MSU averaged 40.1 points against SMSU and their largest win was a 52-0 victory.

Last year, the two teams faced each other at Blakeslee Stadium. Shen Butler-Lawson rushed for 119 yards, Hayden Ekern threw for 262 yards and four touchdowns and Trey Vaval had five tackles and one sack. Their efforts led the Mavs to a 45-24 win.

This year, the Mavericks could put together a similar outcome. The Mavs are averaging 35 points per game on offense and are led by Butler-Lawson

and Ekern.

Butler-Lawson has 1,065 yards to go along with 12 touchdown carries this season while Ekern has thrown for 1,626 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Jacob Daulton, Mavin Kretche and Khai West lead the Maverick defense which only gives up 20 points per game and has recorded 20 sacks.

Concerning the Mustangs, they average a mere 13 points a game and 273 yards of offense. This includes 195 passing yards on average.

The rush is led by Donald Austin who has 598 yards and four touchdowns.

Marcus Martin has thrown for 1,518 yards and eight touchdowns this season. Peter Osman has caught 33 passes for 395 yards and two touchdowns, while Eric Lira has recorded 275 receiving yards and a touchdown.

As a unit, the SMSU defense has allowed 31.3 points and 392.4 yards of offense a game this season, including 241.6 passing yards and 150.8 rushing yards.

Josiah Hedensten leads the SMSU defense with 60 tackles including six for a loss, while Jalani Jefferson has notched 43 tackles and two interceptions. Avery Johnson has notched 20



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The Minnesota State Mavericks look to bounce back against Southwest Minnesota State University after losing their undefeated streak to the Augustana Vikings last weekend.

tackles, including 9.5 for a loss and five sacks also.

After the matchup versus SMSU, Mankato will only have two regular season games remaining. Next week, the Mavericks will go back on the road

to Winona State University and the last game of the season will be back at home versus Minnesota Duluth.

The first round of the playoffs will be Nov. 18 and if the Mavs win out for the rest of the

season, they will likely receive home field advantage.

For now, they need to beat SMSU. The game is set to start at 1 p.m. and could be a chilly game as the low is 28 degrees and the high is 35.

## Maverick soccer still have everything left to play for

By MOHAMED WARSAME  
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State women's soccer team is back in action against the University of Minnesota-Crookston Friday.

The Mavericks are heading into this clash winless in their last two matches.

Their most recent result was only their second loss of the season against Minnesota State University, Moorhead. MSU Moorhead went into the match with a 2-8-4 record.

Despite the Dragons' record, head coach Brian Bahl didn't think the Mav underestimated them prior to their 2-1 loss.

"I don't think we underestimated them. We still created quite a bit. I don't think the chances we created were high quality enough chances, but we still created enough to win the game. We had a few really unfortunate things happen. It was a bizarre day," Bahl said.

In the match against the Dragons, the Mavs conceded two goals from open play, which had happened only once this season before the match.

"We turned the ball over in the back third as we tried to build out and it kind of led to the goal.



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Minnesota State Women's Soccer team will play against University of Minnesota-Crookston this weekend after their loss last weekend to Minnesota State University, Moorhead.

We had a player slip on the play. We had some things happen that we just haven't had happen and didn't bounce our way. We had a shot that bounced from one

post to the other that didn't go in the goal. There was just a lot of crazy things," Bahl said.

The Mavs went into halftime with a 1-0 lead against the Drag-

ons, but the match was flipped on its head when the Dragons scored two early goals in the second half.

"We don't expect to concede

a goal at all, and we definitely didn't expect to concede a goal in that game. So I think it rattled us. As much as we talk about not getting rattled, that was a tough moment to not allow ourselves to get rattled.

I'm hoping that it serves us well. We haven't faced any type of adversity to that level, and I'm hoping it helps us grow as we move forward and prepares us for the adversity that we'll face as we go through the rest of this season and into the postseason," Bahl said.

As the Mavs head into the match against Minnesota Crookston, putting last weekend behind them and looking towards the goals they want to achieve has been the mindset they have had this week.

"We definitely needed a couple of days. Today our message was let's put this past weekend to rest and everything that we want is still on the table for us. Let's focus on the big picture and set our eyes on the future. That's what we tried to present to the team and I think they are motivated by that.

The Mavs will be looking to get back on track and put last weekend behind them.



## Hockey looks for success on the road as Mavericks take on UND



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

After a loss to UMass last weekend, the Mavericks head to their first away game of the season in Grand Forks, N.D. to take on the University of North Dakota to take on the Fighting Hawks.

By LUKE JACKSON  
News Editor

Maverick hockey heads to Grand Forks for a two game series against No.4 North Dakota for the first matchup between the two since 2019. This will be the first away series of the year for MSU.

"It could be a good escape," said head coach Luke Strand in a press conference released by Maverick Athletics. "It could be better on the road if you don't try and make the extra play for the fans."

"North Dakota is a very talented team. A lot of depth up front, a lot of speed, they make a lot of plays and have all new decor and a new goaltender."

Both teams are looking very different this year.

UND has 14 new players this season, seven of which are freshmen. The Mavs have an all new coaching staff plus 10 newcomers to the roster.

This season, the Fighting Hawks have been on a roll.

They have a 3-1 record as they swept their first series against Army and tied their latest series against rival and No.1-ranked Minnesota Gophers.

"In all three zones they have a ton of stick skill and they make plays. They make them individually and they make them collectively. Their goaltender is off to a great start and they have great team balance and depth," said Strand.

The No.19 Mavericks now hold a 2-2 record after getting swept by University of Massachusetts last weekend. They lost 6-3 Friday after giving up their tied score of 3-3 in the second period. The second game was closer, ending in a 1-0 loss.

"We need to take advantage of what we can control and be sharp with our efforts and discipline," said Strand. "We want to keep getting after goals, we want to get after seconds, we need to raise our tenacity around the net. The goose egg is not a good look for us and we need to continue to tend to

that."

Sophomore forward Adam Eisele leads the Mavericks with four points. The Lake Elmo, Minnesota native posted a goal and an assist in Friday's loss to Massachusetts. He is on MSU's second line which is currently the most productive trio on the team.

In the net for the Mavs will be Alex Tracy. Tracy is in for Keenan Rancier, who is working his way back from injury. In the first week of play, Tracy earned himself his second career Central Collegiate Hockey Association Goaltender of the Week. He earned this by stopping 50 shots and only letting in three goals throughout two games which compiled for a .943 save percentage.

"We are happy for Alex and his ability to stay attached to the game," said Strand. "Good start to the season for him after a great summer."

The games will take place Friday at 7:07 p.m. and Saturday at 6:07 p.m.

## Fast starts by the Chiefs and Eagles raise the possibility of a rare Super Bowl rematch

By JOSH DUBOW  
The Associated Press

Kansas City and Philadelphia are setting the stage for the possibility of a rare Super Bowl rematch.

The Chiefs and Eagles both have won six of their first seven games and are tied for the best record in the NFL. This is just the sixth time that the two teams that played in the Super Bowl the previous season are tied for the league's best record entering Week 8 or later.

The last time it happened

was going into Week 12 of the 2000 season when the Titans and Rams were both 8-2. Neither team ended up making the Super Bowl, with Tennessee losing in the divisional round and St. Louis in the wild-card round.

It also happened in 1993 when Buffalo and Dallas finished the season tied for the best record at 12-4 a year after playing in the Super Bowl. They met again in the Super Bowl that season, with the Cowboys repeating as champions in the only time the same two teams

met in the Super Bowl in back-to-back seasons. The win over the Chargers gave the Chiefs a three-game lead in the AFC West — just the fourth time in the past 10 seasons that has happened after seven weeks.

Kansas City already has won division games against Denver and the Chargers to improve to 29-3 against division opponents with Patrick Mahomes at quarterback. Mahomes' .906 winning percentage in the division is the best of any QB since the merger with at least 20 starts.

## Former NBA star Dwight Howard denies sexual assault lawsuit



CHRIS SZAGOLA • The Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers' Dwight Howard looks on prior to an NBA basketball game, Jan. 27, 2022, in Philadelphia.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dwight Howard has denied accusations by a Georgia man who says he was sexually assaulted by the former NBA star and another person.

Stephen Harper filed a state civil suit against Howard in July, alleging assault and battery, false imprisonment and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

In a response filed this week by his attorney, Howard described the 2021 encounter at his home in the Atlanta suburbs as consensual and requested that the case be dismissed.

Harper's lawsuit says he met Howard through Instagram and they exchanged explicit text messages before arranging

to meet at Howard's home on July 19, 2021.

While on his way to the Gwinnett County residence, Harper says Howard texted him to ask if another man or woman could join their planned sexual encounter. Harper says he told Howard he was not interested.

Once at Howard's home, Harper claims they were joined by a man dressed as a woman who identified only as "Kitty."

Harper says he tried to resist the two men, but Howard and Kitty forced him to participate in sexual activity.

"Mr. Harper was trapped in Defendant's bedroom and believed that he would suffer imminent bodily harm if he resisted Defendant's sexual ad-

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# Bob Melvin is coming home to San Francisco as Giants manager



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San Francisco Giants manager Bob Melvin listens to questions during an introductory baseball news conference at Oracle Park in San Francisco, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023.

By JANIE MCCAULEY  
The Associated Press

At least once every time Bob Melvin came to San Francisco as a visiting manager, he allowed himself to believe that maybe someday he would wear a Giants uniform again.

Running the bleachers before games, Melvin would glance out at iconic McCovey Cove. Admittedly superstitious, he used to take good-luck, head-first plunges down the 60-foot Coca-Cola slide beyond left field until they locked the attraction.

On Wednesday, after buttoning up his new No. 6 Giants jersey as the franchise's 39th manager, Melvin called it "surreal" that this moment was actually happening.

After 20 years as a big league manager — including a recent, turbulent end to his time guiding the rival San Diego Padres — Melvin is coming home.

"I think probably every series I would look in that dug-out and look over to the other side and say, 'Maybe someday, hopefully,'" said Melvin, who turns 62 on Saturday. "There were always times here, I can admit that now, that I was hoping at some point in time I'd come back."

The Giants are counting on their recent division rival immediately turning them back into a contender in the talented NL West.

Melvin, a Bay Area native and former Giants player who also managed for a decade in Oakland, emerged as a candidate to replace Gabe Kapler even as he remained contractually obligated to the Padres for one more year. San Diego granted permission for the Giants to pursue Melvin, and Wednesday completed a whirlwind few

days for both franchises.

There will be no compensation due to the Padres, according to Giants President of Baseball Operations Farhan Zaidi, who thanked San Diego "for being accommodating and allowing us to pursue the perfect candidate and for giving Bob the opportunity to come home."

Zaidi has agreed to a deal that takes him through the 2026 season along with Melvin's three-year pact. Zaidi had one year remaining on his contract, and Melvin said he wouldn't have signed anything longer than Zaidi's term. The two go back to their time together with Oakland.

Speaking of financial exchanges, Melvin knows he might need to strike an agreement with infielder Casey Schmitt, who had been wearing Melvin's No. 6.

Melvin didn't even interview formally with Zaidi until they realized they might want a chat about that fact.

"We had a really great partnership in Oakland, had success there," Zaidi said. He also said that had little to do with hiring Melvin now.

"We just view Bob as the perfect manager and perfect leader for this team and this organization right now," Zaidi said. "... Hearing from players how passionate they are about playing for him, about his leadership, about his care for them, there are so many players out there who played for Bob who to this day will say he is the best manager they've ever played for, and that carried so much weight for us."

Melvin, a three-time Manager of the Year who has won the award in both leagues, went 171-153 with the big-spending Padres.

He has a career record of 1,517-1,425 with eight post-season appearances while guiding Arizona, Seattle, Oakland and San Diego.

He didn't address a reported rift in his relationship with Padres general manager A.J. Preller other than to say another season in San Diego would have been difficult.

"I think there was a narrative at the end that probably wasn't going to go away, me being on the last year of my contract," Melvin said. "I think as far as that organization goes, it's probably not fair if that narrative continued through next year."

"So all things considered, this opportunity came about, and for all the reasons I stated this feels like the right one for me, but I very much enjoyed my time in San Diego. It just seemed like with a lot of things that were popping up there, it was time to move on."

Preller said the Padres "understood it was a unique opportunity in San Fran for him to go back home."

This was the one job that definitely appealed to him outside of San Diego.

According to Preller, Melvin inquired a day after the season ended how the Padres would handle it if a team asked permission to interview him.

Preller told the veteran manager the club would address it if it happened, and Preller said he and Melvin met last week in Arizona to discuss the coaching staff and roster.

"In the last few days when it was the Giants, I think he just explained that was a job he at least wanted to listen on," Preller said. "We felt like there clearly was a path forward. We have a good group and could have success."

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"We need to make sure we don't underestimate them. They played Augustana this past weekend, and Augustana, one of the better teams in our league, only beat them 1-0. So I just think from a mindset standpoint, we need to make sure

that we're going out there trying to be our best. It's less about the opponent, and more about what we're going to do and how we're going to perform, and the standard we're going to try to play to, and compete with," Bahl said.

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-vances," the lawsuit said. Howard denied the allegations in his response, which says the three men agreed to "engage in consensual sexual activity."

He asked for a summary judgment, with court costs and attorney fees to be assessed against Harper.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault unless they have agreed to be named publicly.

The 37-year-old Howard

was an eight-time All Star, three-time defensive player of the year and one of the NBA's most dominant centers during the prime of his 18-year professional career.

He played for seven franchises, most notably the Orlando Magic — who took him with the No. 1 overall selection in the 2004 draft out of Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy — and the Los Angeles Lakers, the team he was with for his lone NBA title during the pandemic-affected 2019-20 season. Howard had three different stints with the Lakers.

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# VARIETY

## A rowdy Rubiks Cube race

By LAUREN VISKA  
Staff Writer

The Rubik's Cube Club on campus hosted a tournament this week in Morris Hall. Club President Bekdoolot Urustemov said this event was for people who wanted to "further their abilities in fitness club, improve their score, and also make new friends."

Urustemov created the club because he knew he was good at solving Rubik's Cubes and wanted a club on campus to share that passion.

"Two years ago, I was taking part in a competition, and I was like the school's champion three years in a row. And I was thinking, why not open a club on campus?" said Urustemov. "I thought it would be really fun to find new friends, and some guys are also interested in this assembly."

Urustemov said the Rubik's Cube competition was intense, and everyone tried their best to be the fastest.

"In this competition, not only the time of you're solving matters but also your time in general. When you start, you have to touch the table and then the phone, and then your timer starts," said Urustemov. "When you solve it, you have to touch the phone screen as soon as possible because it also takes time. You can lose for half a second if you're not fast enough."

Two people competed head-to-head in each round until there was a final winner, and each round was best out of three. Each person would solve it as fast as possible, and they stopped the clock once they solved the cube. They ended up having only one round. There was someone keeping track of the times so the competitors could fo-



The Rubiks Cube Club is formed around solving the Rubik's Cube, a 3D combination puzzle originally invented in 1974.

ALEXIS DARKOW • The Reporter

cus on solving the cube.

Jordan Mendoza was among the competitors. He said he was there because he likes Rubik's Cubes, which are fun to solve. He said he has made many friends while being in this club.

"I did terrible competing today but had a lot of fun. I usually use Rubik's Cube as a fidget for my hands, so when you can just make friends doing that, that's pretty cool," said Mendoza. "I like that not everyone knows how to solve it. So it makes me feel special."

Mendoza said that for those

who want to start being good at solving a Rubik's Cube, it is to "be patient."

Brandon Tucker was at the event but was not competing; he observed and supported his friend, Urustemov. He said he's tried learning but hasn't had much success.

"I find it interesting how people can solve them. I can't even grasp how they handle the geometrics and symmetry," said Tucker. "It seems like it'll take a lot of time to learn for me, but that'd be cool to learn. I feel like I have to unlock something in my brain in order to

do that, and I haven't yet."

Urustemov said for those who want to start solving Rubik's Cubes but don't know how, he recommends people "find a good person who can teach you clearly step by step slowly."

"When I first was solving the Rubik's Cubes, it took me one month because I couldn't find someone who could really explain to me clearly how to solve it in each step," said Urustemov. "After one month, I found one guy on YouTube who was pretty good and could explain how to solve it."

## BOO! Spooky scary students in the CSU

By MERCEDES  
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Variety Editor

Camp Stomper Lake took over Minnesota State's campus to spook its students Wednesday night.

For the last 13 years, masked Mavericks in haunted gear have taken over the Centennial Student Union for its annual Haunted Takeover. With the help of the Student Events Team and members of student organizations on campus, "fear" filled the halls of the CSU.

MSU student Abby Meyers braved the evening with a group of friends.

"I've been to a lot of haunted houses and it was honestly better," Meyers said. "It was good, the actors were good, it was set up good."

The line for the event extended outside beyond the fountain, inching toward Armstrong Hall. Once inside Ostrander Auditorium, a graveyard of smoke and skeletons greeted students. From there, an introduction video starring fictional slasher Michael Myers was presented, attacking Mavericks on Camp Stomper Lake.

Entering the second floor of the CSU, students were led through 10 different themed rooms. One included a carnival of haunted clowns. The CSU ballroom featured a dark sea of fog, with white masked actors sneaking up on participants. Ghosts, knights, witches, demons and more fulfilled their role as a Halloween crew.

"The clowns were the scariest," MSU student Annabel Gaug said. "It was pretty spooky."

Recognized student organizations on campus were able to be cast as the designated scarers for the evening in exchange for money toward their RSO's.

With a third of the semester left, these students were able to lash out, jump out, and scream to relieve the stress of a heavy course load. Students on the other end of the interaction got a scary distraction out of the evening.

"For a campus haunted house I thought it was pretty good, I was actually scared," MSU student Katey Hodgkins said.

One of the recognized organizations that took advantage of the opportunity was MSU's Anime Club. Club member Mikayla Waskul was a part of the haunted cast.

"Me and my club decided, 'Yeah let's do this, it's fun and we can raise money for our RSO,'" Waskul said.

Dressed in a skeleton mask

## "The Golden Bachelor" shows young love at old age

By MERCEDES KAUPHUSMAN  
Variety Editor

Imagine turning on the TV to a brand new dating show, only instead of young singles fresh off the runway, the contestants are senior citizens looking to spice up retirement. In an attempt to give a unique twist on its classic series, ABC's "The Bachelor" franchise aired "The Golden Bachelor" for elders looking for love late September.

Charismatic bachelor Gerry Turner, a 72-year-old from Indiana, is the face of the show, holding a rose and promising a happily ever after to one lucky lady. The series has released four episodes so far. I have watched them all and I can see why the series has received a lot of applause. Warning: spoilers ahead.

Turner, the golden bachelor himself is a classic Midwestern gentleman. He is a father and grandfa-



Courtesy of ABC

Gerry Turner, a 72-year-old from Iowa, now in Indiana is the first Golden Bachelor in ABC history, showcasing that love stories can get better with age.

ther, was a prior restaurateur, and also lost the love of his life in 2017, who shared a marriage longer than 40 years. His vulnerability and

emotion not only has the women swooning in to repair his broken heart, but also has myself and the rest of America reaching through the screen to give Turner a warm squeeze.

Twenty-two women arrived in limos to the bachelor mansion, all of whom were older than 60-years-old. Age is just a number to these women, and the energy and liveliness they bring to a room is entertaining to watch. The conflict, passion, and intensity in the mansion is just as high as any other season, although Turner proves himself to be a lot more stable than previous young bachelors.

Although the contestants started with double digits, the numbers have dwindled to six. Frontrunner Theresa Nist is one of the six, and my personal prediction of who will be wearing a ring hand-picked by Turner at the season finale. Although Nist has been involved in

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# Love it or hate it, feelings run high over candy corn on Halloween



JULIA RUBIN • The Associated Press

This image shows a pile of candy corn in Westchester County, N.Y. on Oct. 23. Cruel joke for trick-or-treaters or coveted seasonal delight? The great Halloween debate over candy corn is on, with much controversy surrounding the treat.

By LEANNE ITALIE  
The Associated Press

Cruel joke for trick-or-treaters or coveted seasonal delight? The great Halloween debate over candy corn is on.

In the pantheon of high-emotion candy, the classic shiny tri-color kernels in autumn's white, orange and yellow are way up there. Fans and foes alike point to the same attributes: its plastic or candle-like texture (depending on who you ask) and the mega-sugar hit it packs.

"I am vehemently pro candy corn. It's sugar! What is not to love? It's amazing. It's like this waxy texture. You get to eat it once a year. It's tricolor. That's always fun," comedian Shannon Fiedler gushed on TikTok. "Also, I know it's disgusting. Candy corn is objectively kind of gross, but that's what makes it good."

Or, as Paul Zarcone of Huntington, New York, put it: "I love candy corn even though it looks like it should taste like a candle. I also like that many people hate it. It makes me like it even more!"

Love it or loathe it, market leader Brach's churns out roughly 30 million pounds of candy corn for the fall season each year, or enough to circle planet Earth about five times, the company says. Last year, that amounted to \$75 million of \$88.5 million in

candy corn sales, according to the consumer research firm Circana.

When compared to top chocolate sellers and other popular confections, candy corn is niche. But few other candies have seeped into the culture quite like these pointy little sugar bombs.

While other sweets have their haters (we're looking at you Peeps, Circus Peanuts and Brach's Peppermint Christmas Nougats), candy corn has launched a world of memes on social media. It inspires home decor and fashion. It has its knitters and crocheters, ombre hairdos, makeup enthusiasts and nail designs.

And it makes its way into nut bowls, trail mixes, atop cupcakes and into Rice Krispie treats. Vans put out a pair of shoes emblazoned with candy corn, Nike used its color design for a pair of Dunks, and Kellogg's borrowed the flavor profile for a version of its Corn Pops cereal.

Singer-actor Michelle Williams is a super fan. She recorded a song last year for Brach's extolling her love.

As consumers rave or rage, Brach's has turned to fresh mixes and flavors over the years. A Turkey Dinner mix appeared in 2020 and lasted two years. It had a variety of kernels that tasted like green beans, roasted bird, cranberry sauce, stuffing, apple pie and coffee.

It won't be back. "I would say that it was newsworthy but perhaps not consumption-worthy," said Katie Duffy, vice president and general manager of seasonal candy and the Brach's brand for parent Ferrara Candy Co.

The universe of other flavors has included s'mores, blueberry, cotton candy, lemon-lime, chocolate and, yes, pumpkin spice. Nerds, another Ferrara brand, has a hard-shell version.

It's unclear when candy corn was invented. Legend has it that Wunderle Candy Co. in Philadelphia first produced it in 1888 in collaboration with a longtime employee, George Renninger. It was called, simply, Butter Cream, with one type named Chicken Corn. That made sense in an agrarian-society kind of way.

Several years later, the Goelitz Confectionery Co., now Jelly Belly, began to produce candy corn, calling it Chicken Feed. Boxes were adorned with a rooster logo and the tagline: "Something worth crowing for." Brach's began candy corn production in 1920.

Today, kids delight in stacking candy corn in a circle, points in, to create corncob towers. As for nutrition, 19 candy corns amount to about 140 calories and 28 grams of sugar. To be fair, many other Halloween candy staples are in the same ballpark.

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and a dark cloak, Waskul threw together a costume from last year's Haunted house.

"I liked it so much that I just did it again," Waskul said.

The evening was cut short after

the fire alarms rang through the building, leading both students and monsters fleeing to the streets. (As of late Wednesday, the cause of the fire alarm wasn't immediately unknown.) Despite the halt on the haunted house, the students and members that were a part of it will

carry on the hype to continue the event for years to come.

"Being introverted, it's kind of awkward, but when you get people to scream or jump, it's exhilarating," Waskul said. "Sometimes I can't hold back my laughter."

◀**GOLDEN** from page 10  
a quarrel with other contestant Kathy Swarts, Swarts has since left the mansion, leaving more room for Nist to flirt freely with our golden bachelor. The two lovebirds hit it off on their first one-on-one date after relating to losing a spouse, and their connection felt natural as a couple, as if they would pick me off the street and welcome me into a loving home with freshly baked cookies and wine while telling stories of their youth.

Although I don't see a rose in her future, contestant and Kris Jenner doppelganger Susan Noles has been an entertaining character on the show. Her humor and style is giving off a young-at-heart spunk that is fun to watch. An important component to Noles's presence is Turner's confession that she reminds him of his late wife. She takes it as a heartfelt compliment, but I don't see it the same way. I wouldn't be enthusiastic about being told that I

remind someone of someone else they used to love, but I am also admitting this as someone who is a third of the way to their age. Given the circumstances, I do not see any ill intent, but I don't see Noles making it to the end of the aisle either.

The group has conquered stage fright, broken ankles in pickleball, shared milkshakes through a straw, and even missed a daughter's wedding. The group dynamic at the age they are has been entertaining because it is unique. We don't see a lot of aged love stories on streaming services, and that sparks a lot of curiosity. I feel "The Bachelor," after two decades, has gotten less limelight, and this scheme has brought back a lot of viewers that were burnt out from previous seasons.

As the season is halfway through, I am looking forward to seeing more of Turner's blossoming love story — or stories — these next few weeks, 7 p.m. Thursdays on ABC.

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