

## Nursing department hosts talent acquisition event

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The Student Nurses Association hosted a Nursing and Healthcare Career Fair Friday in the Minnesota State's Centennial Student Union ballroom.

The fair, which initially started in 2019, has seen significant growth, with an estimated 500 students in attendance and over 38 employers participating this year — the largest number since 2019. The event aimed to help students network, gain confidence and potentially secure internships or full-time jobs.

"The importance of the event is that it provides students with real-world exposure to potential employers," said Dr. Sabrina Imke, faculty advisor for the Student Nursing Association.

The fair has evolved from station-based discussions to featuring speakers.

The ballroom was set up with a variety of tables, each staffed by a different company, where students met with representatives, gathered information, and asked questions.

Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks were also provided for attendees, courtesy of the College of Allied Health and Nursing.

A diverse array of employers were present with affiliations in the fields of nursing, social work, and recreation leadership and manage-

ment.

Alexis Persons, the Assistant Director of the Career Development Center (CDC), explains that the "Student Nurses Association and the Career Development Center aimed to include more majors within the College of Allied Health and Nursing," allowing the participation of students outside of the nursing program.

"In the future, we're looking at bringing out more student associations so they can table at this event," added Imke.

Companies that recruit international students were highlighted from the list of employers supplied on the brochures as a special accommodation for students impacted by immigration laws that restrict employment options.

The fair was student-coordinated and student-run, with career services providing support.

"The event's success is a result of the collective effort of the student nursing association's executive team, who worked all summer to arrange it," said Imke.

Fikir Tebeje, a senior nursing student from Ethiopia, serves as president of the MSU Student Nurses Association and has been involved in planning two career fairs, along with executive board members vice president Meghan Steffens, treasurer Paige Linhoff, and secretary Wendy Orina.

Tebeje acknowledged the con-



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Student filling out a form for an internship at the annual health talent acquisition event hosted by the nursing department.

tributions of volunteers Bria Hayes and Bella Baima, who were not official board members but played crucial roles in planning the event.

She emphasizes that the event's success resulted from a team effort and the support of their faculty advisor.

"I want to shout out to our faculty advisor, Dr. Sabrina Imke. We wouldn't be able to do this without her; she's been my right hand."

She underscored the benefits of career fairs for nursing students, including networking, building connections, and securing job opportunities, noting that MSU's nursing program has a strong reputation.

"Attending this career fair allows you to show your personality and who you are as a person. As a nursing student, you might not have a hard time finding a job because there's always a job somewhere for you.

But getting a chance to chat and talk to these employers and see how they are as managers is important," said Tebeje.

Elena Drake, a senior nursing major, attended the career fair as a requirement for her leadership and management class.

She reiterated the value of the fair in "broadening her career per-

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## Finals week is being re-structured

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Finals week at Minnesota State is undergoing changes in its structure, moving away from a system that presented difficulties in scheduling times and locations for each class and section.

According to the president of the Student Government, Roshit Niraula, changes to the finals week were discussed with administration at Meet and Confer last year.

"Finals week is changing in a way that is new to students. In previous semesters, a student would go into a PDF on the website, where they would check what time and where their class meets," said Niraula. "It's being changed to reflect that students will now have finals during the time of their class meeting date and class meeting time, and that final would happen on the first day that the class (would) meet (during finals week)."

When the change to finals week was discussed with the Student Government, students generally accepted the new approach. However, some concerns were raised.

"The topic was in conversation for about a year in our open town halls. When we talked with students, we heard positive feedback, although there were concerns," said Niraula. "The concerns have been centered around students who need accessibility, and we are advocating for students to make sure that those who need accessibility still continue to get accessibility resources and that this stays a priority."

"What has helped with the scheduling is that the exam timing changes accelerate finals week. With the original plan, exams were often spread across the week. So, if you were dealt with a Friday exam, you are forced to stay on campus until that Friday," said sophomore Andrew Colleran. "Now, the first classes of the week naturally happen on the earlier days of the week. I think this is an overall good change as it allows students to leave campus and be done with school a couple of days earlier than they most likely would if they had not been under the new

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## Photographer aims to promote unity with community collage

By JEREMY REDLIEN  
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Like many people, photographer Josh Madson felt isolated both during, and in the immediate aftermath, of the COVID-19 pandemic. The solution Madson came up with was to photograph members of the Mankato community and use them to create a community collage.

The first showing was at The Coffee Hag in 2023 and featured photos of 800 members of the Mankato community. A second showing opened Saturday at the Madison East Center, with this collage featuring over 5,000 Mankatoans.

"We all went through the pandemic together but alone, right? I felt really isolated and so I wanted to figure out a way to use my gifts, like my skill set, my craft, and just bring people together," said Madson.

At the opening reception Saturday, crowds wandered through the hall by the main entrance at Madison East Center, many looking for their own portrait among the thousands hanging on the wall or square display columns.

"My idea was that if I get peo-



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People visiting Madison East Center in Mankato for Josh Madson's second Community Collage on Sep. 13, 2024.

ple to come and play with me and have fun and create an experiential event, people will get this memory of that, then maybe it would be fun to do, like create collages of a city," said Madson.

As part of the reception, a video documentarian asked attendees their thoughts on the collage with many people therefore getting a chance to offer their thoughts about being part of the overall project.

Madson said he feels the project has helped build the community he feels he lost during the COVID pandemic, a loss further exacerbated through him moving to Mankato with his family at the end of the pandemic.

"I got so much. I mean I literally got community. When I moved to Mankato I didn't know who anyone was," said Madson.

Madson also felt Mankato was a

good community to start the project in.

"Now I know so many people and I have a wonderful community. You're a wonderful community," said Madson.

The success of Madson's initial work has led him to create collages in multiple cities beyond Mankato.

Other cities where Madson intends to expand the project to include St. Peter and Minneapolis. Photography for those locations has already taken place with showings already planned according to Madson.

Madson also said he has plans to further expand the project to even more municipalities including New Ulm and Duluth, among several others.

"I think we photographed about 8,000 people this year already. It's crazy to think about," said Madson.

Given the large number of attendees at the opening reception, it would appear Madson's goal of creating a more united community was in fact successful.

"This collage's existence reflects what's possible here," Madson is quoted as saying on a promotional poster for the Madison East Center opening.

# Campus community getting ready to vote at the presidential elections



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People watch a presidential debate between Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris in Berkeley, Calif., Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024.

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With election day inching closer, efforts are underway to get the campus community registered to vote.

Over 85 student volunteers were on campus and throughout Mankato to help with the “Mavericks Lead the Vote” campaign.

The event was in concurrence with National Voter Registration Day, which is celebrated every September. Since its founding in 2012, the organizers behind the holiday have gotten over 5 million Americans registered to vote.

The local event was non-partisan, as the organization behind National Voter Registration Day prohibits groups from affiliating with certain political parties or candidates.

The volunteers had a host of tasks to choose from. Some tabled at a variety of locations including U-Square, the Centennial Student Union and The Coffee Hag. Those who preferred less interaction had the opportunity to join teams of 4-6 people to hang information

on doors throughout the Mankato area.

The neighborhoods selected for distribution were those that had low voter turnout in previous elections, being 50 percent or less. The door hangers contained voter registration information, common questions about voting, and where to find your polling place.

Liz Steinborn-Gourley is the director of the Women’s Center and is coordinating the event. She is hoping to encourage voter registration across campus and in the community.

“It is our responsibility to encourage our students to be active and engaged citizens, and the election process is a cornerstone of our democracy,” she said.

Steinborn-Gourley also highlighted the importance of early registration.

“Registering ahead of time is making a commitment to voting on or before election day. It also gives you time to view a ballot online before you vote so you can learn about the positions and the candidates.”

To vote in Minnesota, you

must meet the following requirements; be a U.S. citizen, be 18 years old on or before Election Day, be resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days and not currently be serving a felony sentence.

If you meet those requirements, there are several ways to register: online, through the paper form, and even directly at your polling place. Minnesota also has automatic voter registration, where all eligible adults are registered to vote when given state-issued identification. The online registration application is available in multiple languages.

Once registered, there are three ways to vote; by mail or “absentee,” early in person, or on Election Day. Students who wish to vote in their home state can also request an absentee ballot. The process to do so varies by state.

No matter how you vote, Steinborn-Gourley encourages the campus community to make a “voting plan,” and to coordinate with friends and neighbors. More information concerning when, where, and how to vote can be found on the Secretary of State’s website.

# Japanese RSO hosts BBQ event



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Members of Japanese Intercultural Association getting the food at the first BBQ event for the academic year on Sep 12., 2024.

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The Japanese Intercultural Association, a Recognized Student Organization formed by students from Japan, last weekend organized its first event: a BBQ party.

The event gathered over 80 students who played games, competed in trivia and ate cultural meals prepared by JIA members.

“We want to make an opportunity for Minnesota State students to experience Japanese culture,” said the president of JIA Yudai Komiyama. “Without the JIA, there’s no chance to actually touch on Japanese culture.”

JIA promotes culture by tabling at events, creating activities for students and organizing seasonal events. Komiyama said they’ve planned many different events for this academic year, including a Halloween-themed event and participation at the annual International Festival.

The BBQ event is held annually by JIA. Treasurer of JIA Ayaka Hata said this serves as an opening of JIA activities for the academic year.

“JIA has a meeting every week, and we started having a meeting in August, and we were also planning the barbecue event there,” said Hata. “We organize the event every year and we do this as the first event of the semester. For the barbecue, we have prepared meat, corn, vegetables, and some refreshing drinks.”

Attendees had a chance to play trivia and learn more about Japanese culture through such com-

petitions. JIA members randomly assigned people into different groups with an intention to help others make new connections. Attendees appreciated the activity as the favorite part of the event for them was making new friends.

“I came to the event mostly to support my friends, and this is how I met most of my friends last year,” said junior Angshula Khan.

“My favorite part about attending and organizing such events is meeting new people. I think it’s really fun,” said Hata. “It’s nice to see everyone who always comes to our events. But also, new people are coming to our events and they are making new friends and getting to know each other. It feels like we are actually creating places for them to make new connections and networking.”

Komiyama said some Japanese students may avoid coming to the event as they believe they will not have an opportunity to learn more about other cultures while focusing on connections with other Japanese students. However, Komiyama clarified that groups at the events are very diverse and that students find international friends when they attend.

“They want to fully immerse themselves in an English-speaking environment,” Komiyama said. “Meanwhile, we have a lot of international students visiting our event and exchanging their experiences. For our future events, I would like to tell everybody that everyone is invited to visit, taste our food and spend some time playing games.”

# Musk deletes post about Harris and Biden

By BARBARA ORTUTAY  
The Associated Press

Elon Musk has deleted a post on his social media platform X in which he said “no one is even trying to assassinate” President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in the wake of an apparent assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump while he was playing golf.

Musk, who has nearly 200 million followers on the social media site he bought for \$44 billion in 2022, has increasingly embraced conservative ideologies in recent

years and endorsed Trump for president.

While he has removed posts in the past, Musk has also kept up and even doubled down on other such inflammatory comments. Last week, he made a joke about impregnating Taylor Swift after the singer posted an endorsement for Harris.

Early Monday, after taking down the post about the apparent Trump assassination, the 53-year-old billionaire wrote on the platform: “Well, one lesson I’ve learned is that just because I say something to a group and they

laugh doesn’t mean it’s going to be all that hilarious as a post on X.”

The original post was in response to DogeDesigner, one of the 700 accounts that Musk follows, who asked: “Why they want to kill Donald Trump?”

Musk’s reply was quickly condemned by many X users, and “DeportElonMusk” began trending on X on Monday morning.

“Violence should only be condemned, never encouraged or joked about,” said White House spokesperson Andrew Bates in response to Musk’s post. “This rhetoric is irresponsible.”

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exam system.”

Colleran believes there might be a disadvantage of taking an exam in a condensed time but does not think it outweighs the advantages of the new system. Junior Emily Dittrich said the change does not benefit her as much as it does students living outside of the Mankato area, as she preferred having exams spread out throughout the week to allow for preparation.

“My class section had our exam on Friday and I was extremely happy to have had the extra studying

time. Which for me ended up paying off a lot when it came to actually taking the final,” Dittrich said. “I think more than anything, I’m curious to see how this will work out. If the majority end up loving it, then I’m fine with it, but if the opposite is true, I think it’s wise to reconsider the policy in the future.”

The ability to reschedule the exams if there are more than two exams in a day for a student remains. The policy implies that students communicate concerns with faculty members to reschedule the third and consequent exams to eliminate the overload.

## Ohio state police to protect schools after furor over Haitian immigrants



PATRICK AFTOORA ORSAGOS • The Associated Press

Republican Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine holds a news conference Monday, Sept. 16, 2024, at city hall in Springfield, Ohio.

By PATRICK AFTOORA ORSAGOS & MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
The Associated Press

Ohio state police will help protect schools in a city at the center of a political furor over Haitian migrants, the governor announced Monday, while local officials canceled an annual celebration of cultural diversity in the fallout over former President Donald Trump's false claims about pet-eating.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, has denounced the debunked rumors that spread online before Trump amplified them at last week's presidential debate, saying there is no evidence of it. He said at a news conference in Springfield on Monday that dozens of members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol will be stationed in city schools starting Tuesday following a series of threats across the city, sweeping each building every morning before the arrival of faculty or students. Security cameras have also been stationed at strategic spots in the city, and a bomb-sniffing dog will be in the city and available round-the-clock.

"We know that people are very, very concerned," DeWine said. "But we've moved resources into Springfield. People have the right to feel safe as well as being safe."

Springfield City Hall, several schools, and state motor vehicle offices in Springfield were forced to evacuate last week after receiving bomb threats. At least 33 separate bomb threats were made in recent days, all of them hoaxes, DeWine said. He said some of the threats came from overseas, but declined to name the country.

"The people who are doing this are doing this to sow discord in our community," said Andy Wilson, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. "We

just can't let them do that. We can't let them do that. We have to keep providing the services that the citizens of Springfield and Clark County expect."

Springfield has been the focus of intense attention in recent days after Trump, his running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, and the Republican presidential campaign repeated false claims about Haitian immigrants eating domestic pets and waterfowl. President Joe Biden, appearing in Philadelphia at the National HBCU Week Conference on Monday, addressed the situation in Springfield, condemning what he called the "lies and hate."

Springfield canceled its annual celebration of diversity, arts and culture in response to the threats. The city's two-day CultureFest had been scheduled to begin Sept. 27 but was called off "in light of recent threats and safety concerns," Springfield officials announced Monday.

"We deeply regret having to cancel CultureFest, as we know it is a beloved event for our community," City Manager Bryan Heck said in a statement. "However, the safety of our residents and visitors must come first."

Two colleges in Springfield held classes virtually on Monday. Wittenberg University said it received two threats over the weekend, "both of which were targeted toward members of the Haitian Community." Clark State College said it would operate virtually through Friday "due to recent events in Springfield."

The city itself seemed quiet on Monday. Among the diners at a Creole restaurant were friends Bill Teager and Paul Gomia, who had driven more than an hour to help support a Haitian-owned business.

"We've both just been incensed over the last week of what has happened to this town nationally and even locally," Teager said.

mation gathered at the fair."

"I would say come because you meet so many different people; it broadens your view, especially in your last semester, when you're looking at areas to start applying," said Drake.

## Massive pipeline fire burning near Houston

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
The Associated Press

A massive pipeline explosion that sent a towering flame over neighborhoods near Houston for hours on Monday began after a vehicle drove through a fence and struck an above-ground valve, officials said.

Deer Park officials said police and local FBI agents found no evidence of "terroristic activity" and said it appears to be an isolated incident. The ongoing investigation includes an effort to identify the driver. The blaze forced evacuations and shelter orders in the area, including at schools.

Operators shut off the flow of natural gas liquids in the pipeline, but so much remained in the miles of pipe that firefighters could do nothing but watch and hose down adjacent homes until it burned itself out. That could take hours, perhaps into Tuesday, Deer Park Mayor Jerry Mouton Jr. said. "The fire, it's very hot, so a lot of the house structures that are adjacent to that are still catching on fire even though we're putting a lot of water on them," Mouton said at an afternoon news conference.

Firefighters were dispatched at 9:55 a.m., after an explosion at a valve station in Deer Park and right next to La Porte rattled adjacent homes and businesses, including a Walmart. Deer Park officials said an SUV drove into the valve after going through a fence on the side of the Walmart parking lot.

Nearly 1,000 homes were in the evacuation area, said Lee Woodward, a spokesperson for La Porte.

At the news conference, officials said only one person, a firefighter, sustained a minor injury. Later, Deer Park spokesperson Kaitlyn Bluejacket said four people were injured. She didn't provide details about the severity of the injuries.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said in a statement that 20 miles (32 kilometers) of pipeline between the two closed valves must burn off before the fire stops.

Anna Lewis, who was walking into the nearby Walmart when the explosion happened, said it sounded "like a bomb went off." She said everyone inside was rushed to the back of the store and then taken across the street to a grocery store before being bussed to a community center.

"It scared me," she said. "You really don't know what to do when



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A firefighter directs a line of water around a fire on a pipeline carrying liquefied natural gas near Spencer Highway and Summerton.

it's happening."

Geselle Melina Guerra said she and her boyfriend heard the explosion as they were having breakfast in their mobile home.

"All of a sudden we hear this loud bang and then I see something bright, like orange, coming from our back door that's outside," said Guerra, who lives within the evacuation area.

Guerra's boyfriend, Jairo Sanchez, said they're used to evacuations because they live close to other plants near the highway, but he hadn't seen an explosion before in his 10 years living there.

"We just drove as far as we could because we didn't know what was happening," Sanchez said.

Houston, Texas' largest city, is the nation's petrochemical heartland and is home to a cluster of refineries and plants and thousands of miles of pipelines. Explosions and fires are a familiar sight in the area, including some that have been deadly, raising recurring questions about the adequacy of industry efforts to protect the public and the environment.

Letting the fire burn out is better, from an environmental perspective, than trying to attack the flames with some kind of suppressing foam or liquid, said Ramanan Krishnamoorti, a petroleum engineering professor at the University of Houston.

"Otherwise it's going to release a lot of volatile organics into the environment," he said.

Still, there will undoubtedly be negative environmental consequences, including a release of soot, carbons and organic material, he said.

The pipeline's owner, Dal-

las-based Energy Transfer, said air monitoring equipment was being set up near the plume of fire and smoke, which could be seen from at least 10 miles (16 kilometers) away at one point.

A statement from Harris County Pollution Control on Monday afternoon said no volatile organic compounds had been detected. The statement said particulate matter from the smoke was moderate and not an immediate risk to healthy people, although "sensitive populations may want to take precautions." The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said it was also monitoring the air.

Natural gas liquids are used primarily in the manufacturing of plastics and basic and intermediate chemicals, Krishnamoorti said.

The fire burned through nearby power lines, and the website PowerOutage.us said several thousand customers were without power at one point in Harris County.

In addition to damage closest to the flame, the area's extensive pipeline infrastructure will also have to be closely inspected and monitored for damage, Krishnamoorti said.

He said that "in the grand scheme of things," the fire "won't be a major disrupter of supply chains."

The Railroad Commission of Texas, which regulates oil and gas in the state, said its safety inspectors were investigating. The agency said they were receiving information from other pipeline operators about what they were doing to ensure the safety of their systems.

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spective and providing detailed information on different employers."

She discussed the benefit of "being able to choose specific locations and roles based on the infor-

# Editorial

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## Is There Any Benefit To Reading Books You Hate?

There has been a time where a book was assigned in class and we as students were forced to read it to its very bitter end.

Whether it was in elementary school, middle school or highschool, it was a book we could never forget because of our great hatred for it.

There are answers as to why students would deeply despise a book. Perhaps the characters were very unpleasant; they had no morals, no goals, their desires were selfish and the reader was expected to feel sympathy for them due to minor inconveniences.

Maybe a book is disliked because there's 10 pages in the middle of the story where a tablecloth is being described to its greatest details. Sometimes, it could just be the theme that was controversial or not fully understood among its storyline.

So many different answers to want to throw a book against the wall. But despite the negative feelings towards it, is there actually any benefit to reading books that we hate?

When we read a book, we absorb the author's thoughts and we are transported to a whole new world of language and ideas. We meet characters, plotlines and plot twists. But when it comes to reading a disliked book, we become skeptical as we read more and more. We can become uncomfortable with some of the content that eventually, we breathe a sigh of relief when it's finally over.

And besides hating the story and characters, what other components and emotions can be brought to the surface after we finish reading it?

Reading a book we detest can help us figure out what we value most and seek in a book. We are going over our values while also arguing with the author's ideas. We are trying to defend ourselves amidst a novel that has perhaps been proclaimed as one the greatest pieces of literature. That is the difficulty of it. Trying to prove our point of view is right hence where our hatred is coming from.

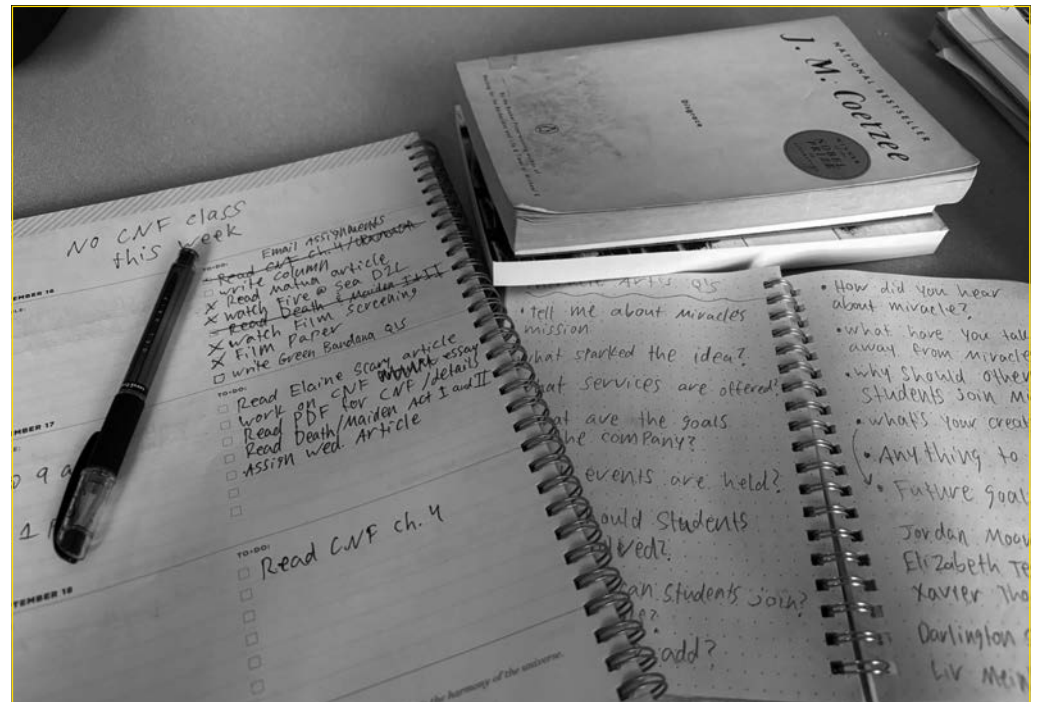
Yet we might not be the only ones to hate the book. Your reaction can reach readers; other students who feel the same way can lead to some of the most compelling discussions and arguments about the book. A talk that can go on and on for hours, unloading what parts of the story we wish didn't exist.

That's one of the most cherished parts in being a reader. Bonding over the love or distaste for a book. Imagining a different story that could fit our own personal narrative and becoming a critic where our expectations need to be met or exceeded.

Books are one of the most treasured items in the world. If you really want to put time into examining the thousands of words written in ink on hundreds of pages to see if you can greatly benefit from its story and elements, start with a book that will certainly make you wish you had never picked it up in the first place.

# Perspectives

## Redhead Ramblings: Oh God, have I worked my life away?



Courtesy Emma Johnson

Anyone who knows me knows I'm a dedicated worker. I devote a great amount of time and energy to schoolwork, my work at The Reporter and studying. I religiously use my planner and rely on a steady stream of caffeine to get me through my days. It's almost reached the point where if I don't do something productive, my mind doesn't know what to do with itself.



Emma Johnson  
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Over the summer, my friends and I were talking about our upcoming senior years of college and I told them I hadn't really had that "college experience" everyone talks about. Had I not joined enough clubs? No. Had wild nights out on the party scene? Wasn't that. No time on the dating scene? Yes, but also no. Then it hit me. Oh God, had I wasted my college years, the years everyone says are some of the best, by working away?

I thought back to the last few years I've been in col-

lege. My course load wasn't too heavy my freshman year; my Snapchat memories were filled with game nights in the dorms, bowling at the Bullpen in the middle of the week and attending several hockey games. It was sometime over the summer — and when I got my 18-credit course load in the fall of my sophomore year — things changed. I still have a fun amount of memories of hanging out with my friends, but most of those times were followed after my saying "We can hang out, but I just have to get this stuff

done for school first."

Growing up, my parents never said we couldn't hang out with friends until our school work was complete. They just encouraged my brother and I to get our homework done sooner rather than later so we wouldn't have to worry about it. However, I only heard the former. With classes that required a lot of reading and writing papers, it was hard to devote time away from my studies to be with my friends when I knew I didn't want to fail or fall behind. This wasn't just a thought buried in my subconscious, waiting to be discovered. I've been told by several people to step away from my schoolwork for a bit. My mom, my friends, my therapist. Even last summer, my boss at my internship practically forced me to go to a concert with my friend (and former boss) Julia after hear-

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# Pulse

### "What is your most unpopular opinion?"

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JACK WALDEN,  
FRESHMAN



JAY LOUIS,  
JUNIOR



QUINN TATE,  
FRESHMAN



OLIVIA PLUDE,  
FRESHMAN



AIDEN STONE,  
FRESHMAN



RILEY MAURER,  
FRESHMAN

"The Vikings are the worst team in football."

"Taylor Swift is overrated."

"Country music is overrated."

"Flair leggings are overworn."

"The Kia Soul is the best car."

"Seafood is gross and has a bad texture."

# Vance and Georgia Gov. Kemp project Republican unity



MIKE STEWART • The Associated Press

Republican vice presidential nominee Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, speaks during the Georgia Faith and Freedom Coalition's dinner at the Cobb Galleria Centre, Monday, Sept. 16, 2024, in Atlanta.

By BILL BARROW  
The Associated Press

A leading conservative Christian group put on a show of Republican unity Monday, cementing the new détente between Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and GOP nominee Donald Trump while vice presidential nominee JD Vance tried to smooth over differences on abortion policy across the evangelical community ahead of Election Day.

The Faith & Freedom Coalition, led by longtime evangelical political powerhouse Ralph Reed, brought Vance and Kemp to the same stage with a shared focus: advocating for Trump, criticizing Democratic nominee Kamala Harris and ignoring several years of tension stemming from Trump's attacks on Kemp for his refusal to help overturn Trump's 2020 defeat. Trump's efforts to undo the election results led to criminal charges against him in the state.

"We have to expand our majority in Congress, take back control of the U.S. Senate and send Donald Trump back to the White House," Kemp told a full ballroom

of evangelical political activists and donors.

Vance, for his part, praised Kemp as "incredible, patriotic and very effective" and added praise for Kemp's wife, Marty — a far cry from Trump's using social media posts and an Atlanta rally in August to accuse the governor of "fighting Unity and the Republican Party" and criticizing Georgia's first lady for saying she planned to write in her husband's name on her presidential ballot.

Kemp and Vance also met backstage during the event.

The Faith & Freedom dinner follows another private meeting between Vance and Kemp that was brokered recently by South Carolina Sen.

Lindsey Graham and aimed at ending public hostilities. Republicans have feared the discord will help Harris keep Georgia in the Democratic column four years after Biden won the state by a mere 11,779 votes out of 5 million cast.

Reed, who became a national Republican player decades ago from his home base in Georgia, said the scene Monday demonstrates a GOP front that is intent on victory.

"We've moved on. He's moved on," Reed said of Trump and his false claims that the 2020 election was rigged.

In fact, Trump still repeats those claims regularly, though the former president over the past month has stopped including Kemp in his list of figures he holds responsible for his defeat.

In addition to praising Kemp, Vance sought Monday to remind his audience of Trump's role in the Supreme Court's 2022 decision that ended the constitutional right to an abortion, a goal of the conservative evangelical movement for nearly a half-century.

"We are united in our gratitude and our admiration for these devoted defenders of the unborn and for the judges, justices, and especially President Trump, who is committed to defending the law and the Constitution allowed this breakthrough after over 50 years," Vance said, celebrating that abortion regulation is now back in control of state governments.

The Ohio senator did not mention any dissension over abortion among conservatives who still want a national ban on abortion access.

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ing about how hard I've been working. Instead of taking their encouragement to heart, I was taking it with a grain of salt.

I had a minor breakthrough earlier this year when the 2023-24 editorial team went out to eat to celebrate the end of the year and when other editors wanted to keep the party going by heading downtown, I was like "screw it, I'm already out of the house, why make them drive me back home?" and it was one of my favorite nights of last school year.

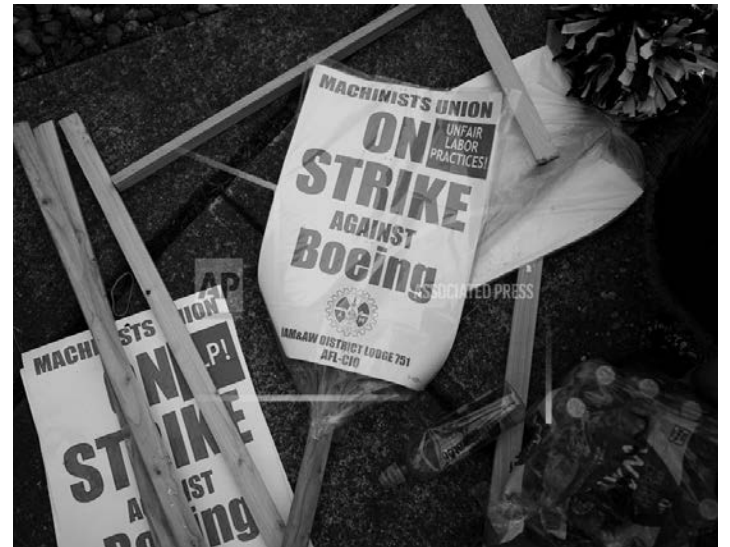
My real epiphany came when I was sitting in my apartment a

few weeks ago by myself while all my other friends were out of town with other plans. It was the rare occasion I didn't have loads of work to finish. As I lay on the couch, doom-scrolling, it occurred to me I shouldn't have waited until I was finished with everything to have gone out and had fun. All my friends had jobs and schoolwork of their own and still managed to have fun. I decided if there wasn't a pressing deadline for an assignment, if someone asked me to hang out or do something, I'd say yes.

Now, with the first few weeks of school behind me, I can say

I'm finally feeling like I'm having the college experience. I know I can't take back the times I said "no" and missed fun times with my friends and coworkers. I prioritized assignments I can't even remember for could-have-been memories I would have remembered. Since I've started setting more time aside for myself, I've been hanging out with friends, getting back into hobbies I enjoy and I even took a four-day vacation up to Duluth to visit one of my best friends who's getting married next year. While school is important to me, it doesn't control my life from here on out.

# Boeing says it's considering temporary layoffs



LINDSEY WASSON • The Associated Press

Extra picket signs sit on the sidewalk as Boeing workers strike after union members voted to reject a contract offer, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, near the company's factory in Everett, Wash.

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The Associated Press

Boeing plans to freeze hiring and reduce travel and is considering temporary layoffs to save cash during a factory workers' strike that began last week, the company told employees Monday.

The company said the moves, which include reduced spending on suppliers, were necessary because "our business is in a difficult period."

Chief Financial Officer Brian West detailed 10 immediate cutbacks in a memo to employees. They include a freeze on hiring across all levels, pausing pay increases for managers and executives who get promoted, and stopping all travel that isn't critical.

"We are also considering the difficult step of temporary furloughs for many employees, managers and executives in the coming weeks," West said.

Boeing's business is in a difficult spot, he said, adding: "This strike jeopardizes our recovery in a significant way."

About 33,000 workers represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers began a strike early Friday. The walkout came after workers rejected an offer of a 25% increase in pay over four years. The union originally sought a pay hike of at least 40%.

Representatives of the company and the union are scheduled to meet Tuesday with federal mediators. The union has started to survey its members to learn what they want most in a new contract.

Striking workers are picketing at several locations around Washington state, Oregon and California.

Outside Boeing's huge factory in Everett, Washington, Nancie Browning, a materials-management specialist at Boeing for more than 17 years, said last week's offer was worse than the one that prompted a two-month strike in 2008. She said that without annual bonuses that workers have come to depend on, the proposed pay increase was more like 9%, not 25%.

"We just want a piece of the

pie like everybody else," she said. "Why should we work all this overtime and bust our backs while these guys (Boeing executives) are sitting sitting up in their suites just raking in the cash?"

The bonuses have emerged as a flash point for union members. Workers say they range from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year.

Boeing says it is hard to calculate bonuses in a way that is fair to 33,000 people who perform different jobs. So instead, the company proposes to ditch the payouts and replace them with automatic contributions of \$4,160 per year to each employee's 401(k) retirement account.

Workers are bitter that in contract extensions over the past 16 years, Boeing ended its traditional pension plan and lowered health care benefits.

"We want our pension back," said Jacob Bustad, a machinist with Boeing for 14 years who was also on the picket line in Everett. "We just keep losing and we never gain, while the people at the top just get more and more money. Boeing has done really good for me and my family, but these last years have been hard."

Boeing has lost more than \$25 billion since the start of 2019, and burned through \$4.3 billion in the second quarter of 2024 alone as it stood poised to post another money-losing year. The strike will delay deliveries of new planes, which are an important source of cash for the company.

Stephanie Pope, the head of Boeing's commercial-airplanes division, cited the company's \$60 billion in total debt in urging blue-collar workers to accept the contract offer last week. She called it the best offer Boeing had ever made — and endorsed by the union's local president and negotiators.

But workers rejected the recommendation of their own leaders, which had not happened since 1995.

Additional cost-cutting moves spelled out in the chief financial officer's memo included eliminating first- and business-class service for anyone on travel that is deemed critical, and stopping spending on outside consultants.

# TikTok and the U.S. face off in court over law that could lead to a ban



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The TikTok Inc. building is seen in Culver City, Calif., on March 17, 2023.

By HALELUYA HADERO  
The Associated Press

TikTok faced off with the U.S. government in federal court on Monday, arguing a law that could ban the platform in a few short months is unconstitutional while the Justice Department said it is needed to eliminate a national security risk posed by the popular social media company.

In a more than two hour appearance before a panel of three judges at a federal appeals court in Washington, attorneys for the two sides - and content creators - were pressed on their best arguments for and against the law that forces the two companies to break ties by mid-January or lose one of their biggest markets in the world.

Andrew Pincus, a veteran attorney representing the two companies, argued in court that the law unfairly targets the company and runs afoul of the First Amendment because TikTok Inc. - the U.S. arm of TikTok - is an American entity.

After his remarks, another attorney representing content creators who are also challenging the law argued it violates the rights of U.S. speakers and is akin to prohibiting Americans from publishing on foreign-owned media outlets, such as Politico, Al Jazeera or Spotify.

"The law before this court is unprecedented and its effect would be staggering," Pincus said, adding the act would impose speech limitations based on future risks.

The measure, signed by President Joe Biden in April, was the culmination of a years-long saga in Washington over the short-form video-sharing app, which the government sees as a national security threat due to its connections to China.

The U.S. has said it's concerned about TikTok collecting vast swaths of user data, including

sensitive information on viewing habits, that could fall into the hands of the Chinese government through coercion.

Officials have also warned the proprietary algorithm that fuels what users see on the app is vulnerable to manipulation by Chinese authorities, who can use it to shape content on the platform in a way that's difficult to detect.

Daniel Tenny, an attorney for the Justice Department, acknowledged in court that data collection is useful for many companies for commercial purposes, such as target advertisements or tailoring videos to users' interests.

"The problem is that same data is extremely valuable to a foreign adversary trying to compromise the security of the United States," he said.

Pincus, the attorney for TikTok, said Congress should have erred on the side of disclosing any potential propaganda on the platform instead of pursuing a divestiture-or-ban approach, which the two companies have maintained will only lead to a ban. He also said statements from lawmakers before the law was passed shows they were motivated by the propaganda they perceived to be on TikTok, namely an imbalance between pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel content on the platform during the war in Gaza. But the panel - composed of two Republican and one Democrat appointed judges - expressed some skepticism, pressing the attorneys on TikTok's side if they believe the government has any leeway to curtail an influential media company controlled by a foreign entity in an adversarial nation. In parts of their questions about TikTok's foreign ownership, the judges asked if the arguments presented would apply in cases where the U.S. is engaged in war.

Judge Neomi Rao, who was appointed by former President Donald Trump, said the creators suing over the law could continue

speaking on TikTok if the company is sold or if they choose to post content on other platforms. But Jeffrey Fisher, their attorney, argued there are not "interchangeable mediums" for them because TikTok - which has 170 million U.S. users - is unique in its look and feel, and the types of audiences it allows them to reach. Paul Tran, one of the content creators who is suing the government, told reporters outside the courthouse on Monday that a skincare company him and his wife founded in 2018 was struggling until they started making TikTok videos three years ago.

He said they had tried to market their products through traditional advertising and other social media apps. But the TikTok videos were the only thing that drove views, helping them get enough orders to sell out of products and even appear on TV shows.

"TikTok truly invigorated our company and saved it from collapse," Tran said.

Currently, he noted the company - Love and Pebble - sells more than 90% of its products over TikTok, which is covering the legal fees for the creator lawsuit.

In the second half of the hearing, the panel pressed the Justice Department on First Amendment challenges to the law.

Judge Sri Srinivasan, the chief judge on the court who was appointed by former President Barack Obama, said efforts to stem content manipulation through government action does set off alarm bells and impact people who receive speech on TikTok.

Tenny, the attorney for the DOJ, responded by saying the law doesn't target TikTok users or creators and that any impact on them is only indirect. For its part, TikTok has repeatedly said it does not share U.S. user data with the Chinese government and that concerns the government has raised have never been substantiated.

# Florida hospitals ask immigrants about their legal status



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A sign is displayed outside a hospital in Miami, on July 9, 2020.

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For three days, the staff of an Orlando medical clinic encouraged a woman with abdominal pain who called the triage line to go to the hospital. She resisted, scared of a 2023 Florida law that required hospitals to ask whether a patient was in the U.S. with legal permission.

The clinic had worked hard to explain the limits of the law, which was part of Gov. Ron DeSantis' sweeping package of tighter immigration policies. The clinic posted signs and counseled patients: They could decline to answer the question and still receive care. Individual, identifying information wouldn't be reported to the state.

"We tried to explain this again and again and again, but the fear was real," Grace Medical Home CEO Stephanie Garris said, adding the woman finally did go to an emergency room for treatment.

Texas will be the next to try a similar law for hospitals enrolled in state health plans, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. It takes effect Nov. 1 - just before the end of a presidential election in which immigration is a key topic.

"Texans should not have to shoulder the burden of financially supporting medical care for illegal immigrants," Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement announcing his mandate, which differs from Florida's in that providers don't have to tell patients their status won't be shared with authorities.

Both states have high numbers of immigrants, ranging from people who are in the U.S. without legal permission to people who have pending asylum cases or are part of mixed-status families. And while the medically uninsured rate in these two states - neither of which have expanded Medicaid - are higher than the national average, research has shown immigrants tend to use less and spend less on health care.

Texas and Florida have a long history of challenging the federal government's immigration policies by passing their own. And

their Republican leaders say the hospital laws counter what they see as lax enforcement at the border by the Biden administration - though Florida's early data is, by its own admission, limited.

Florida GOP state Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, who sponsored the hospital bill, said in a written statement that the law is "the strongest, and most comprehensive state-led, anti-ILLEGAL immigration law," but did not respond to The Associated Press' questions about the impact of the law on the immigrant community or on hospital patients.

Luis Isea, an internal medicine doctor with patients in hospitals and clinics in central Florida, said the law "is creating that extra barrier" for patients who are already exposed to many disparities.

Immigrant advocate groups in Florida said they sent thousands of text messages and emails and held clinics to help people understand the limitations of the law - including that law enforcement agencies wouldn't know an individual's status because the data would be reported in aggregate.

But many outreach calls from health workers went unanswered. Some patients said they were leaving Florida, as a result of the law's impact on getting health care and on employment.

The DeSantis' administration tied the hospital mandate to other initiatives that invalidated some driver's licenses, criminalized transportation of migrants lacking permanent status and changed employment verification policies.

Others, advocates say, languished in pain or needed to be persuaded. Verónica Robleto, program director at the Rural Women's Health Project in north central Florida, fielded a call before the law took effect in July 2023 from a young woman who didn't have legal permission to be in the U.S. and was afraid she would be separated from her child if she gave birth at the hospital.

"She was very afraid (but) she did end up going after speaking with me," Robleto said.

Whatever data Florida and Texas do collect likely will be unreliable for several reasons, researchers suggested.

## SPORTS

# Undefeated Mavs move to 3-0

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After a 35-28 victory against Wayne State University Saturday, the Maverick football team advances to 8th in the national rankings after starting the season 3-0.

The game came down to the last seconds but the Mavericks prevailed yet again. The Mavericks gained possession with 2:54 remaining in the game and marched up the field.

With four rushes, one pass and a Wayne State penalty, the Mavs were 15 yards out from the endzone. MSU forced all the Wildcats timeouts while rushing up the middle which left only 24 seconds remaining for quarterback Hayden Ekern to work his magic. With only one yard to go, the Mavs drew up a quarterback sneak which worked to perfection adding one more touchdown on the board securing the MSU win.

“The players on Wayne State were very motivated and played hard and they did enough to mount a comeback but in the end the Maverick football players showed great resiliency and resolve to get the win on the road,” head coach Todd Hoffner said. “I thought we sputtered a couple of times in the red zone and in order to be great we have to cash in on those for touchdowns.”

Despite the close score, the

Mavericks controlled most of the game. They more than doubled WSU’s yards as they had 281 while the Mavs totaled 586. In the air MSU had 252 and on the ground they had 334. The box score looked very different from the outcome and that is due to errors from Mankato.

On their opening drive, Wayne State capitalized on a mishap during Minnesota State’s punt return, as the ball deflected off a Maverick player, allowing the Wildcats to recover possession at the MSU 2-yard line. The muffed punt resulted in an easy six points from quarterback Nick Bohn which was capped off by a successful extra-point attempt.

In return, the Mavs wasted no time and found the scoreboard quickly. They drove 75 yards on eight plays, including a 10-yard touchdown run by freshman Sam Backer to tie the score at 7-7. Both teams rushed one more TD in the first quarter, the Mavs Tony Anger ran a quick one-yard touchdown while WSC’s Letravious Boyd recorded a 66-yard touchdown run for the Wildcats.

MSU followed the scoring with two field goals from Matthew Jaeger and TreShawn Watson’s fourth touchdown of the season in the third quarter. Wayne State responded with a touchdown and an interception on the MSU nine-yard line allowing them for another quick



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Minnesota State Mavericks advanced to the 8th national rank after starting the season 3-0. The Mavericks defeated the Wayne State Wildcats Saturday 35-28.

score. They converted and left the score tied at 28-28. The game finished with a Maverick interception in garbage time following Ekern’s qb sneak touchdown.

Ekern wrapped up the game with 252 passing yards and one touchdown, while Watson notched his second consecutive 100-yard receiving perfor-

mance, hauling in seven passes for 102 yards and a touchdown. Grant Guyett contributed with four receptions for 59 yards.

On the ground, Backer spearheaded the Maverick rushing game with 159 yards and a touchdown, while Ekern added 66 rushing yards and another score.

Defensively, Khai West led

the Mavericks with nine tackles, followed by Micah Brown and Antonio Alzheimer, Max Sheridan and Max Lommel, who each recorded five tackles.

Minnesota State will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 21, when they host undefeated Minot State at Blakeslee Stadium. Kickoff is set for 12 p.m.

## Revamped Vikings thrive behind deep defense

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
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The changes the Minnesota Vikings made this year to a team that won seven games in 2023 didn’t move the needle much outside of their headquarters, making them a trendy pick for last place in a strong division by the influencers, oddsmakers and pundits who drive the offseason narratives around the NFL.

The new guys have proven to be anything but scrap-heap signings. Behind their carefully revamped defense — and a revitalized quarterback in Sam Darnold — the Vikings stayed undefeated with another head-turning performance to beat the defending NFC champion San Francisco 49ers 23-17.

“A lot of people didn’t really have us on the list. A lot of people really didn’t put any type of emphasis on our team. We’re just going to show the world what we have in our ability,” wide receiver Justin Jefferson said. “We’re the only ones that know the type of guys that we have in this building.”

After fading down the stretch last year, the defense received an infusion of depth, speed and versatility. The Vikings sacked Brock Purdy six times, intercepted him once and recovered a fumble of his, too.

Ten of the 18 players who played against San Francisco are new this season, and only one, first-rounder Dallas Turner, was a draft pick. Edge rushers Jonathan Greenard and Andrew Van Ginkel are good enough for every-down duty. Jihad Ward has provided another pass-rushing option off the bench. Linebacker Blake Cashman has been flying all over the field. Stephon Gilmore, the 13-year veteran, has given defensive coordinator Brian Flores the shutdown presence in man-to-man coverage he missed last season. Shaquill Griffin has helped bolster the cornerback group. From the first day of training camp, the creativity, energy and chemistry of the new-look group was clear.

“For some reason when they brought this group of guys in the offseason, we just jelled immediately. It’s like they knew exactly what this team is built on and



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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Brock Purdy (13) throws a pass as he is pressured by Minnesota Vikings linebacker Jonathan Greenard (58).

they fit the exact mold,” safety Josh Metellus said. “They were our brothers instantly. The connection is ever-growing, and I’m excited to see what we can do with this.”

The ability of coach Kevin O’Connell and his offensive staff to design and develop a productive passing game has been on full display with Darnold, who

brought a 21-35 record as the starter into the season. With his superstar Jefferson absent in the fourth quarter and No. 2 wide receiver Jordan Addison also out, Darnold converted third downs three times during a drive for the game-sealing field goal with completions to Brandon Powell, Jalen Nailor and Powell again.

The 26-yard throw to Nailor was a bullet up the seam threaded between three defenders to the third-year player’s back shoulder at the San Francisco 28.

“Sam put it in the only place you could. That is big-time quarterback play for all those folks out there that want examples of it,” O’Connell said. Only once in the previous four seasons did Darnold post a passer rating better than his first two games with the Vikings.

The Vikings have a lot of room for improvement when the offense is in scoring range. They had five drives that reached the 25-yard line or closer, resulting in just one touchdown to go with two field goals and two turnovers. They ran 13 plays that gained a total of 70 yards, plus one 5-yard penalty.

OLB Patrick Jones II. Conveniently in the final year of his rookie contract, the 2021 third-round draft pick out of Pittsburgh has already matched his career high with four sacks, which are tied for second most in the NFL.

## Sebastian Coe among 7 IOC members to enter race



ASHLEY LANDIS • The Associated Press

IOC President Thomas Bach addresses the audience during the 2024 Summer Olympics closing ceremony at the Stade de France, Aug. 11, 2024, in Saint-Denis, France.

By GRAHAM DUNBAR  
The Associated Press

Two former Olympic champions are in the race to be the next IOC president. So is a prince of a Middle East kingdom and the son of a former president. The global leaders of cycling, gymnastics and skiing also are in play.

The International Olympic Committee published a list Monday of seven would-be candidates who are set to run for election in March to succeed outgoing president Thomas Bach for the next eight years.

Just one woman, IOC executive board member Kirsty Coventry from Zimbabwe, entered the contest to lead an organization that has had only male presidents in its 130-year history. Eight of those presidents were from Europe and one from the United States.

Coventry and Sebastian Coe are two-time gold medalists in swimming and running, respectively. Prince Feisal al Hussein of Jordan is also on the IOC board.

Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. of Spain is one of the four IOC vice presidents, an investment banker whose father was president for 21 years until 2001.

David Lappartient is the president of cycling's governing body, Morinari Watanabe leads gymnastics, and Johan Eliasch is president of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation. Coe is the president of track's World Athletics.

All seven met a deadline of Sunday to send a letter of intent to Bach, who must leave the post next year after reaching the maximum 12 years in office. Bach declined at the Paris Olympics last month to seek to change IOC rules in order to stay in office longer.

The next president's mandate will include the Summer Games in Los Angeles in 2028 and in Brisbane, Australia four years later. Big decisions facing the IOC include picking a host for the 2036 Olympics — with India and Qatar in the mix — assessing the impact of climate change on the global sports calendar and renewing the U.S. broadcast deal that has been a foundation of Olympic finances.

A formal candidate list should be confirmed in January, three months before the March 18-21 election meeting in Greece, near the site of Ancient Olympia.

Only IOC members are eligible to stand as candidates, with votes cast by the rest of the 111-strong membership of the Olympic body.

The IOC is one of the most exclusive clubs in world sports. Its members are drawn from European and Middle East royalty, leaders of international sports bodies, former and current Olympic athletes, politicians and diplomats plus industrialists, including some billionaires like Eliasch.

It makes for one of the most discreet and quirky election campaigns in world sports, with members prevented from publicly endorsing their pick.

Campaign limits on the candidates include a block on publishing videos, organizing public meetings and taking part in public debates. They are expected to publish manifestos before the IOC organizes a closed-door meeting to address voters in January in its home city Lausanne, Switzerland.

The IOC top job ideally calls for deep knowledge of managing sports, understanding athletes' needs and nimble skills in global politics.

The president oversees an organization that earns billions of dollars in revenue from broadcasting and sponsor deals for the Olympic Games and employs hundreds of staff.

Coe has been widely considered the most qualified candidate. A two-time Olympic champion in the 1,500 meters, he was later an elected lawmaker in Britain in the 1990s, led the 2012 London Olympics bidding and organizing committees and has presided at World Athletics for nine years.

But he has clashed with the IOC, Bach and leaders of other sports bodies on several issues, including his strong positions against Russia on state-backed doping and the invasion of Ukraine, and the decision to award \$50,000 cash prizes to track and field gold medalists in Paris.

"A laser like focus on sport must be the priority for the IOC. I believe I can help achieve this and more," Coe said Monday in a statement.

However, he has potential legal hurdles about his ability to serve a full eight-year mandate. The IOC has an age limit of 70 for members, while Coe will be 68 on election day. The rules allow for a special exemption to remain for four more years, but that would mean a six-year presidency unless those limits are changed.

Coventry, who turned 41 Monday, also has government experience as the appointed sports minister in Zimbabwe.

The only woman ever to stand as an IOC presidential candidate was Anita DeFrantz, a former Olympic rower from the United States. She was eliminated in the first round of voting in a five-candidate election in 2001, which was won by Jacques Rogge.

## Panthers QB Bryce Young benched after rough start



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Carolina Panthers quarterback Bryce Young passes against the Los Angeles Chargers during the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday.

By STEVE REED  
The Associated Press

The Carolina Panthers have benched 2023 No. 1 overall pick Bryce Young after the second-year quarterback's rough start to the season.

Andy Dalton will take over as the starter for Carolina's next game on Sunday at Las Vegas.

Panthers head coach Dave Canales said he made the decision after watching game film from Sunday's 26-3 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers.

He informed both QBs of the decision on Monday after consulting with general manager Dan Morgan and vice president of football operations Brandt Tilis.

"After watching the film and taking in all of the information I feel like Andy gives us the best chance to win," Canales said.

Canales wouldn't say if Dalton will remain the starter beyond this week saying "right now the focus is on this week."

Canales also wouldn't say exactly what led to the decision to bench Young.

"I don't want to get into the specifics as those are private conversations," Canales said.

Canales had worked with Geno Smith in Seattle and Baker Mayfield in Tampa Bay, helping turn their careers around. He was hired in part to get the most out of Young, who struggled last season as a rookie with nearly as many interceptions (10) as touchdowns passes (11).

But Young's struggles as a rookie have carried over to this year.

He's completed just 31 of 56 passes for 244 yards with three interceptions as the Panthers have started 0-2 this season for the second straight year and have been outscored 73-13 by the New Orleans Saints and Chargers. Young has run for one touchdown, the only one of the season for Carolina.

When asked if Young still has the support of the locker room, Canales said "that's a

loaded question. Right now our focus is to make sure that we fix the film from yesterday and get ready for the Raiders."

Young is 2-16 as a starter overall since the Panthers traded up eight spots in the 2023 NFL draft to get him.

The Panthers made a significant investment in that deal with Chicago, sending wide receiver D.J. Moore and four draft picks to the Bears — one of which turned out to be the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft after the Panthers finished a league-worst 2-15 last season. The Bears used that pick to take quarterback Caleb Williams.

Young becomes the first quarterback selected No. 1 overall in the common draft era starting in 1967 to be benched for non-injury reasons in his second season.

He hasn't looked much like a No. 1 overall pick since his arrival, continually looking flustered in the pocket and often making poor decisions and throwing into double coverage. His first throw this season was an interception against the Saints in the opener and things only seem to have gotten worse.

Young was booed repeatedly by the home crowd on Sunday after the offense stalled time and time again.

Carolina was 1 of 12 on third down conversions and the Panthers were outgained 349-159.

When asked about his confidence after the game, Young said, "I draw my confidence from the Lord. I'm very blessed. I'm grateful for this challenge. Not an ideal start, but God does everything for a reason. I have faith in that."

Young said he needed to do a better job with his decision-making.

"You always want to make a play. You want to do something," Young said. "Obviously, part of the position is being the game manager. Some bad instances of that on film today. I definitely take accountability for that."



# Palou wins 3rd IndyCar title

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

Chip Ganassi likes winners — its his catchphrase, in case you didn't know — and his celebrations rarely deviate. At least that's what Alex Palou has learned after winning three IndyCar championships in the last four years for his boss.

It starts with an embrace from Ganassi, one that Palou calls "an aggressive hug." But the Spaniard then noted that Ganassi also tends to pat him on the cheek, a slight slap of sorts that Palou didn't even know how to describe.

"He has very big and strong hands. That means maybe he's happy, or that he's not happy at all," Palou explained.

And how was Ganassi on Sunday, after Palou held off Will Power to give Chip Ganassi Racing its 16th IndyCar title in 29 years?

"He was happy. I was happy," Palou said, rubbing his cheek. "I got hurt, but I was happy."

How did Palou get to the top?

It's such a strange turnaround at Ganassi with Palou, a driver who turned up out of nowhere from a Japanese racing series to drive for Dale Coyne Racing during the pandemic-restricted 2020 season. IndyCar operated in a bit of a bubble at the time — the Indianapolis 500 was held without fans for the first time ever — and there wasn't much opportunity to meet new drivers.

Nor was there much reason for the Ganassi camp to even notice Palou, at least not before his early-season podium finish at Road America behind Ganassi driver Scott Dixon and Power of Team Penske — two of the greatest in IndyCar history.

But when the team really took notice of Palou was in August of that season at empty Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Palou and his tiny Coyne team found themselves pitted near Dixon, who was the runner-up that day because of a speeding penalty after Dixon led 111 laps.

Mike Hull, the managing director who has run Ganassi's team for most of three decades, first noticed Palou on Carb Day and then race day.

"I watched the action in his pit box. Then I watched his action on race day," Hull said. "I said to Chip at that time, 'This guy is special.' For the monkey motion that went on in the pit lane for him (with a small team) on race day, for him to do what he did there, was absolutely extraordinary."

The team learned a few months later that Felix Rosenqvist was leaving, and in need of a replacement driver, Ganassi and Hull invited Palou to a meeting in downtown Indianapolis.

"We snuck off to a hotel room in the J.W. Marriott and



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Alex Palou, right, kisses the trophy after winning his third IndyCar championship in four years Sunday, Sept. 15 at Nashville Superspeedway.

sat down and talked about it together with Chip and we chose him. I think it's validated," Hull said.

Oh, it's been validated over and over by a driver who has proven to be unflappable on and off the track.

Palou nearly left Ganassi

After his breakthrough 2021 season with Ganassi, in which Palou won his debut race and two others en route to his first IndyCar championship, he signed a deal with McLaren Racing in May 2022 that gave him a chance to maybe make it to Formula 1.

Ganassi quickly hit the pause button and noted that he held the rights for Palou in 2023, and Palou was not eligible to sign with another team. It got messy fast with civil complaints filed and a mediator ultimately deciding that Palou had to stay with Ganassi for 2023 but could join McLaren in 2024.

And so that was the plan. Until it wasn't anymore.

Palou had another great year in 2023 with five wins and a second championship. He didn't see a seat opening on McLaren's F1 team for him, and he couldn't justify leaving his current IndyCar team for one that wasn't competing weekly for wins.

So Palou did an about-face a year ago and his attorney informed McLaren he was staying put at Ganassi. McLaren has now filed suit for about \$30 million in damages and the two sides are headed to mediation at the end of this year.

But never, not once, did Palou allow his legal mess to derail him on or off the track. His Ganassi teammates basically stopped speaking to him for the second half of the 2022 season and yet he still showed up to every team event, greeted each one with a non-reciprocated "good morning" each day at the track.

He repaired those relationships. Power last weekend at Nashville Superspeedway accused Dixon — who wasn't even speaking to Palou two years ago at a team party in the same city — of running interference on the track to help his teammate win the title.

He ignored all the gossip about his McLaren feud, has never seemed bothered by a potentially financially suffocating lawsuit hanging over him, or the new beef he had with McLaren chief operating officer Zak Brown.

Brown has always been most bothered that Palou never had the guts to call him and tell him directly he was staying at Ganassi. And that's partly why the price tag in McLaren's legal filings continues to increase in what the team hopes to recoup in not having Palou in its IndyCar lineup.

Then back in April, at the Long Beach Grand Prix, the hotel elevator doors opened and Palou found himself staring directly at Brown. The 10-floor ride to the lobby was the only time they've spoken in this messy breakup, with Palou admitting last weekend that he basically gave Brown the freedom in the elevator to voice his displeasure.

Palou's change of mind essentially ruined McLaren's 2024 season. The team reluctantly hired David Malukas to replace Palou, but Malukas broke his wrist in an offseason bike accident and was fired when he missed the first four races of the season.

Three different drivers have been in the car that had been earmarked for Palou this season, and when the season opens next year, Pato O'Ward will be the only driver returning to the three-car lineup.

Hours before the finale, Brown said he wouldn't be upset if Palou won a second consecutive championship.

"No. It kind of stings that we're not going to win the championship," Brown said.

Is Palou worth the fight?

Brown knows the talent he lost, just as equally as the Ganassi camp knows that in keeping Palou, the organization added yet another generational talent.

Palou became just the 13th driver in IndyCar history to win at least three championships. He's just the seventh to win three titles in four years with Dario Franchitti — also for Ganassi — the last to do so from 2009 through 2011.

# Older Texas players enjoy to No. 1 after 16 years



ERIC GAY • The Associated Press

Texas head coach Steve Sarkisian, center, stands with players for the school song following their win over UTSA.

By JIM VERTUNO  
The Associated Press

The Texas Longhorns returned to class Monday as the No. 1 team in the country for the first time in 16 years and with college football buzzing about hotshot backup quarterback Arch Manning, who could very well be leading the team for another game or two.

And while several Longhorns noted that national championships are won in January and not September, the older players admit they like seeing that No. 1 next to the iconic Longhorn logo. It was just four seasons ago Texas was 5-7.

"It's huge for people who grew up Texas fans," senior tight end Gunnar Helm said. "To be the team to bring us back to No. 1 is an honor."

There have been some struggles getting there. Texas (3-0) was last ranked No. 1 over a three-week stretch of the 2008 season. The Longhorns were No. 2 in 2009 after losing that season's national championship game. Those two years ended a decade-long stretch of 10-win seasons that included the 2005 national title.

Then came five losing seasons, and eight more with four or more losses. "Texas is back!" memes mocked the Longhorns on social media. Texas did not win another Big 12 title until 2023, its last season in the league.

And that 5-7 finish season in 2021, coach Steve Sarkisian's first in Austin, is still raw for the many on the current roster.

Being No. 1 "means a good bit to me because I've been 5-7," senior center Jake Majors said. "I've been through that hardship."

Sarkisian has been an assistant at two programs that were No. 1 at USC and Alabama. He'll take the No. 1 ranking, but immediately pointed Monday to the bigger picture in the new era of the College Football Playoff.

Texas earned its first berth in the CFP last season and lost to Washington in the national semifinals.

"Back in the day, the polls were huge because the polls dictated who got to play for, and also who won a national championship. Nowadays, you have to go earn it," Sarkisian said.

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# VARIETY

## Be grEAT: The story of a Maverick athlete

By ANAHI ZUNIGA  
Variety Editor

What does it mean to be great?  
“Being great is something I wrote down in 7th grade. I was motivated. I wanted to make my name present day. I wanted to be great. Everyone can be if everyone plays their role. It means being a teammate for everyone in your life. As a brother, sister, mom, dad and friend, play your role. So everyone can. That’s what it means to be great.”

This was Malik Willingham’s final message at the end of “Be grEAT,” a mini documentary about his final year as Maverick student and athlete.

Having premiered in Ostrander Auditorium Friday, the documentary follows Willingham as he entered his final season of basketball, the 2024 NCAA D-II National Championship run, and the challenges he faced finding success as a student athlete and becoming a role model for the younger generation.

Unfortunately, Willingham couldn’t attend the premiere due to flying to Tbilisi, Georgia a week prior to play for the BC Kavkasia but in a recorded video message, he thanked everyone for the overwhelming support he has received over the past year.

“I want to thank you guys for coming out tonight, being there



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Having premiered in Ostrander Auditorium Friday, the documentary follows Willingham as he entered his final season of basketball at MSU.

for me and my family, just showing love. Just me being a kid to where I’m at now, I can talk about it but I can go on forever about it,” Willingham said. “But long story short, I just want to just appreciate everything that God has allowed me to do and to be with. I met so many great people throughout this journey.”

Ben Stelter, a recent graduate from Bethany Lutheran College and director of the film, shared in his speech at the premiere how grateful he is to have an audience watch the work he created over the

past year and share his and Malik’s talents.

“This is my first premiere and I’m really embracing it. I never thought that this project would take me this far. We started this idea last May,” Stelter said. “We wanted to make an impact with our talents. Something bigger than basketball, but also much smaller than a future-length film, maybe something that was 10-15 minutes. But the team kept winning, and here we are today.”

Within the documentary, it features Willingham and his family

discussing his tough upbringing in his hometown of Waseca, and the support system he and his family developed together over the years. Despite all the hardships, Willingham continued to persevere.

“Just believe in yourself. Don’t listen to what anyone has to say about your dreams or your goals. Be great. Just focus on yourself, your family, the people around you, and let God handle the rest,” Willingham said

As time passed, his basketball journey took off when he began playing at Waseca High School when he was a sophomore. By the time he was a senior, he became the team’s all-time leading scorer and helped his squad advance in the state tournament.

His journey as a Maverick began in 2019. He played basketball for five consecutive years, with his final year coming to a close when the Mavericks faced off against the Nova Southeastern Sharks in the 2024 NCAA DII Championship.

With both teams tied with only a minute remaining in the second half, Willingham passed the ball off to his brother, Kyreese, who nailed a jumper with only 0.6 seconds remaining, sealing the 88-85 victory and national title for the Mavericks.

Even if his journey has ended at MSU, Willingham continues to take his next steps in his basketball journey and encourages everyone

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## Students stock up on produce at Free Farmers Market

By TINA DOLAN  
Staff Writer

A nutritional diet is essential to thrive in school and extracurricular activities. However, access to fresh produce is challenging for many college students living on their own.

On Thursday, hundreds of Mavericks stocked up on fresh fruits and vegetables at the Free Farmers Market held at the Preska Lawn near the Maverick Food Garden.

Minnesota State’s community engagement group, Mavs in Action, hosted the event to educate students about the importance of nutritional foods and provide them with free produce.

“The importance of the event is not necessarily that it’s free; it’s access to good nutrition,” Assistant Director of Community Engagement Crystal Watts said. “We know students do better and function better when they have full tummies.”

This fall, with the help of organizers Maverick Food Pantry and Second Harvest Heartland, the event offered an extensive variety of produce.

“We connect with the Second Harvest Heartland through the Maverick Food Pantry to organize the Free Farmers Market event,” said Watts. “At this event, we have potatoes, onions, celery, mini cucumbers, watermelons, pears and apples. It’s the largest variety we have ever had.”

The vast number of fruits and vegetables at the event allows students to create delicious, healthy meals while reflecting on why nutritious food is important.

“I want to make a stew with the potatoes and onions, but I’m also excited to add the fruit I got to my yogurt,” senior Atlas James said. “I think access to free produce helps a lot with the diet we see in students right now. . . . Fresh food really benefits people in health management.”

“I plan on making salsa with the onions I picked and salads with the cucumbers,” senior Claire Dolan said. “I think, especially for college students, we must receive proper nutrition to feel good and excel in our classes.”

The Mavs in Action volunteers said they had a great time helping out with the event and found it to be a rewarding experience.

“I volunteered because I really liked the purpose behind the event, and it also gave me a chance to meet new people,” student volunteer Fatima Orujova said. “I like how events like this are accessible to everyone, especially for those who may struggle with buying healthy foods.”

If you missed the Free Farmers

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## Silent Disco Returns for a Second Year

By ANAHI ZUNIGA  
Variety Editor

Since the beginning of the new academic year, Minnesota State’s Student Events Team has served up popular events filled with music, food, prizes and memories.

And now, more fun comes as Silent Disco made its return Saturday on the Preska Lawn and featured carnival games.

Sponsored by The Summit and Jacob Heights, the event allowed students to dance their stress away under the stars while listening to music through neon headsets. Music was played through three separate stations that everyone could choose from: throwbacks, Top 40 hits, and international favorites.

Mavericks After Dark Chair Janat Kazibwe shared how, due to the event’s popularity last fall semester, the team and herself decided to bring it back for a second year.

“It happened a week before Thanksgiving break, and the turnout was amazing. People heard about it and they wanted to have it again while they’re around. So we did it again but this time outside,” Kazibwe said.

With the location change, Kazibwe explained how the team worked together to add carnival



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Sponsored by The Summit and Jacob Heights, the event allowed students to dance their stress away under the stars while listening to music through neon headsets.

games to the event, expanding it more and giving students an opportunity to win prizes.

“Last year it was in a ballroom so we figured why not make it a silent disco-type carnival? So we came up with these amazing prizes to give out to people, and different kinds of games to just make it more like a carnival. So just to bring it

more to life, like that kind of summer feeling, because we’re going into winter again,” she said.

Kazibwe said it’s possible silent disco could return next fall.

“I brought it back for the first time in so many years. It hadn’t been happening in a while. So usually I try to be innovative and bring back different ideas. But there’s spe-

cific events that have such an amazing turnout that the students love so we do it again,” Kazibwe said. “If we get good feedback from this and people want it again, it’s all about the students having a good time. So if people would like to have it again, who knows? Maybe we will do it again next year.”

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# What to Stream: Keith Urban, 'The Golden Bachelorette,' Zack Snyder series & More



NETFLIX/DISNEY+/ABC • The Associated Press  
 This combination of images shows promotional art for the Netflix series "Twilight of the Gods," left, the Disney+ series "Agatha All Along," center, and ABC's "The Golden Bachelorette."

The Associated Press

Keith Urban's 12th studio album and Kathryn Hahn starring in the "WandaVision" spinoff "Agatha All Along" are some of the new television, films, music and games headed to a device near you.

Also among the streaming offerings worth your time as selected by The Associated Press' entertainment journalists: season two of the "Frasier" reboot on Paramount+, the debut of "The Golden Bachelorette" and the Strokes' lead singer Julian Casablancas and his rock band the Voidz will release a new album, "Like All Before You."

**NEW MOVIES TO STREAM SEPT. 16-22**

— Writer-director Azazel Jacobs' latest movie stars Carrie Coon, Natasha Lyonne and Elizabeth Olsen as sisters who gather in the New York apartment of their dying father. A highlight of the fall season, "His Three Daughters" is one of the most memorable tales of siblinghood, and of a death in the family, in recent memory. It's out on Netflix on Friday, Sept. 20.

— With Election Day fast approaching, Max is looking back to the last presidential race. The HBO documentary "Stopping the Steal," directed by Emmy-winner Dan Reed, focuses on Donald Trump's

efforts to overturn the 2020 results in Arizona and Georgia, culminating in the attack on the U.S. Capitol. It features interviews with Trump insiders like former Attorney General Bill Barr, former White House Communications Director Alyssa Farah Griffin and White House campaign official Stephanie Grisham. The producers say it "explores and debunks the claims of ballot tampering, illegal immigrants and deceased people voting." The film premieres Tuesday on Max.

— AP Entertainment Writer Mark Kennedy

**NEW MUSIC TO STREAM SEPT. 16-22**

— On Friday, Sept. 20, Keith Urban, a fixture of contemporary country, will release his 12th studio album, "High." He's spent quite a bit of time in Las Vegas, doing the residency thing, but it's clear songwriting — and making new material — has always been a source of creative magic for the veteran performer. And there's range, from the equal parts self-effacing and empathetic "Messed Up as Me" to the life-affirming "Wildside."

— Nelly Furtado's seventh studio album and first in seven years, the appropriately titled "7," arrives at a point of artistic rediscovery for the Canadian singer-songwriter. Just don't expect any rehashing of the singles that made her a superstar

in 2000 (yes, that means "I'm Like a Bird," "Turn Off the Light" and the like.) Instead, she's embarked on a sonic experiment, from the bilingual Latin pop of "Corazón" with Colombian psychedelic cumbia innovators Bomba Estéreo to the electro-pop "Love Bites" featuring Tove Lo and SG Lewis.

— Everyday around the world, or at least, the internet, guitar bands are born out of an obsession with the Strokes. Luckily for those musicians, its members have never ceased music-making, and on Friday, Sept. 20 its singer, Julian Casablancas, and his rock band the Voidz will release a new album, "Like All Before You." There's a lot to dig into — like the metallic riffs of "Prophecy of the Dragon," or the minimalist synth production of "Flexorcist."

— Paramount+ has cornered the market on new music docuseries, and on Tuesday will continue that title when it premieres the three-part "Nöthin' But a Good Time: The Uncensored Story of '80s Hair Metal." Leather pants optional but strongly encouraged.

— AP Music Writer Maria Sherman

**NEW SHOWS TO STREAM SEPT. 16-22**

— Since the reveal in 2021's "WandaVision" that Kathryn Hahn's nosy neighbor Agnes

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Market this Fall, you can attend the second one in the Spring.

"We host the farmers market

once in the fall and once in the spring. We wish we could host it more often, but getting an event like this one together takes a lot," said Watts.

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to keep pushing forward, hoping that everyone will be able to take something away from the documentary.

"I hope you can take something from this. Put it towards your life,

whether that's being a good dad, mom, brother, sister, a friend, teammate, work, sports. I want you guys to really just try to pick something up from this, where you can put it towards your life. This whole title is called 'Be grEAT' and that doesn't

have to be just towards. I want this to be whatever you do in life. I want you to be great at whatever you do." Willingham said.

For more information on the documentary, visit [sedulomedia.com/be-great](http://sedulomedia.com/be-great)

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Freshmen Hailey Woods and Brianna Michels attended their very first silent disco together and also participated in the carnival games.

"There's a lot of stations so it's a lot to change back to. Maybe like five minutes or 10 minutes but it's like every song we've been switch-

ing. They're all like everywhere." Woods said.

"We played all of the games and won a few prizes. It would actually be cool to have this come back again," Michels said.

With the fall semester picking up its pace, Kazibwe revealed that a big after-dark event will be announced later in the following

months.

"We do have one towards the end of the semester. We'll get into that but right now it's kind of on the down low. But, you'll be hearing about it. We do have something for you guys," Kazibwe said.

For more information on more upcoming events, visit [mnsu.edu/StudentEventsTeam](http://mnsu.edu/StudentEventsTeam)

# Tito Jackson, member of pop group the Jackson 5, dies at 70



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 Tito Jackson, a member of the Jackson 5, poses for a portrait in Los Angeles, July 24, 2019, to promote his solo project.

By BRIAN P. D. HANNON  
 The Associated Press

Tito Jackson, one of the brothers who made up the beloved pop group the Jackson 5, has died. He was 70.

Jackson was the third of nine children, including global superstars Michael and Janet, and was part of a music-making family whose songs have sold hundreds of millions of copies.

"It's with heavy hearts that we announce that our beloved father, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Tito Jackson is no longer with us. We are shocked, saddened and heartbroken. Our father was an incredible man who cared about everyone and their well-being," his sons TJ, Taj and Taryll Jackson said in a statement posted on Instagram late Sunday.

The Jackson 5, among the last of the major groups launched through Berry Gordy's Motown empire, included teenage and pre-teen brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and lead singer Michael. Gordy signed them up in the late 1960s, when Motown's power was slipping and tastes were shifting from the slick pop-soul of Motown's prime to the funkier sounds of Sly and the Family Stone.

"I Want You Back," the group's breakthrough hit, was openly modeled on Sly and the Family Stone and topped the charts in 1969. The Jacksons followed with three more No. 1 songs, "ABC," "The Love You Save" and "I'll Be There," and also hit the top 5 with "Mama's Pearl" and "Never Can Say Goodbye."

Some called their music "bubblegum soul."

By mid-decade, the Jackson 5's appeal was fading and the group, except Jermaine, moved to Epic and renamed themselves the Jacksons. Their latter hits included "Enjoy Yourself," "Lovely One" and "Shake Your Body (Down to the Ground)." Michael Jackson became a multi-platinum solo artist in the 1980s and his collaborations with his brothers became rare after the 1984 album "Victory."

The Jackson 5 was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997, introduced at the ceremony by longtime friend Diana Ross.

Among reactions to the death

was a message from the Broadway production "MJ," about Michael Jackson and his family. On X, the show called Tito Jackson "an icon of the music industry who has inspired generations of singers, musicians and performers across the world. None more so than our MJ family." It included a photo of Tito Jackson attending the show.

Raised in Gary, Indiana, the Jackson 5 had been formed under the guidance of their father, Joe Jackson, a steelworker and guitar player. Michael and sibling La Toya would accuse him of abusive behavior. Toriano Adaryll "Tito" Jackson was the least-heard member of the group, working as a background singer who played guitar.

Michael Jackson died at age 50 on June 25, 2009. Speaking to The Associated Press in December 2009, Tito Jackson said that his younger brother's death pulled the family closer together.

"I would say definitely it brought us a step closer to each other. To recognize that the love we have for each other when one of us is not here, what a great loss," he said, adding he would personally never "be at peace with it."

"There's still moments when I just can't believe it. So I think that's never going to go away," he said.

In 2014, Jackson said that he and his brothers still felt Michael Jackson's absence in their shows, which continued with international tours.

"I don't think we will ever get used to performing without him. He's dearly missed," Jackson said, noting that his brother's spirit "is with us when we are performing. It gives us a lot of positive energy and puts a lot of smiles on our faces."

Days before his death, Jackson posted a message on his Facebook page from Germany on Sept. 11, where he visited a memorial to Michael Jackson with his brothers.

"Before our show in Munich, my brothers Jackie, Marlon, and I, visited the beautiful memorial dedicated to our beloved brother, Michael Jackson. We're deeply grateful for this special place that honors not only his memory but also our shared legacy. Thank you for keeping his spirit alive," Jackson wrote.

Jackson was the last of the nine siblings to release a solo project.

# 76th Primetime Emmy Awards: “Shogun”, “The Bear”, & More

By ANDREW DALTON  
The Associated Press

“Shogun” had historic wins in an epic 18-Emmy first season, “Hacks” scored an upset for best comedy on what was still a four-trophy night for “The Bear,” and “Baby Reindeer” had a holiday at an Emmy Awards that had some surprising swerves.

“Shogun,” the FX series about power struggles in feudal Japan, won best drama series, Hiroyuki Sanada won best actor in a drama, and Anna Sawai won best actress. Sanada was the first Japanese actor to win an Emmy. Sawai became the second just moments later.

“Shogun” taught me when we work together, we can make miracles,” Sanada said in his acceptance speech from the stage of the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.

Along with 14 Emmys it claimed at the precursor Creative Arts Emmys, it had an unmatched performance with 18 overall for one season.

“Hacks” was the surprise winner of its first best comedy series award, topping “The Bear,” which most had expected to take it after big wins earlier in the evening.

Jean Smart won her third best actress in a comedy award for the third season of Max’s “Hacks,” in which her stand-up comic character Deborah Vance tries to make it in late-night TV. Smart has six Emmys overall.



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Justin Marks, center, and Hiroyuki Sanada, center right, and the team from “Shogun” accepts the award for outstanding drama series during the 76th Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.

Despite losing out on the night’s biggest comedy prize after winning it for its first season at January’s strike-delayed ceremony, FX’s “The Bear” star Jeremy Allen White won best actor in a comedy for the second straight year, and Ebon Moss-Bachrach repeated as best supporting actor.

And Liza Colón-Zayas was the surprise best supporting actor winner over competition that included Meryl Streep, becoming the first Latina to win in the category.

“To all the Latinas who are looking at me,” she said, her eyes welling with tears. “keep believing, and vote.”

Netflix’s darkly quirky “Baby Reindeer” won best limited series. Creator and star Richard Gadd won for his lead acting and his writing and Jessica Gunning, who plays his tormentor, won best supporting actress.

Accepting the series award, Gadd urged the makers of televi-

sion to take chances.

“The only constant across any success in television is good storytelling,” he said. “Good storytelling that speaks to our times. So take risks, push boundaries. Explore the uncomfortable. Dare to fail in order to achieve.”

“Baby Reindeer” is based on a one man-stage show in which Gadd describes being sexually abused along with other emotional struggles.

Accepting that award, he said, “no matter how bad it gets, it always gets better.”

The Associated Press does not typically name people who say they have been sexually abused unless they come forward publicly as Gadd has.

Jodie Foster won her first Emmy to go with her two Oscars when she took best actress in a limited series for “True Detective: Night Country.”

Foster played a salty police chief investigating a mass killing in the round-the-clock dark of an Alaskan winter on the HBO show. While her castmate Kali Reis missed out on becoming the first Indigenous actor to win an Emmy in the supporting category, Foster praised her, and the show’s collaboration with Indigenous contributors.

“The Inupiaq and Inuit people of northern Alaska who told us their stories, and they allowed us to listen,” Foster said.

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