

American Indian Homelands documentary shown

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Last Thursday the documentary “American Indian Homelands: Matters of Truth, Honor and Dignity” was shown in the Ostrander Theater as part of a series of events around Indigenous Peoples Day sponsored by the Indian Affairs and Multicultural Affairs Office.

“We’ve been talking about Columbus history for a long time, but we haven’t really been talking about Indigenous history for a long time. There are a lot of people who don’t know the history of this land, the history of our country and so it’s important for people to know that there’s various perspectives to this world and to be able to learn about those perspectives,” said Megan Heutmaker, Director of Indian Affairs and Multicultural Affairs.

The documentary covers the extensive legal history of Native American land ownership, highlights the various injustices faced by Native Americans when it comes to their ability to own land and the bureaucratic and legal challenges they face when managing the land they do own.

“There are policies that the federal government controls that would be important for people to read and look at and learn about, that talk about Indigenous land ownership and community, indigenous community land ownership,”



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Grupo Coatlicue performs a traditional Aztec dance, an agricultural prayer ceremony in motion, during an Indigenous Peoples’ Day event, Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, in Phoenix.

said Heutmaker.

One of those policies according to “American Indian Homelands” is the policy that the U.S. government can legally seize lands held by Native Americans.

“The law provides that the federal government can absolutely

take Indian land at will, without paying any compensation, without due process of law, for any reason whatsoever. Now the federal government can’t do that to anyone else in the United States, only an Indian tribe,” said Robert Coulter, Executive Director of the Indian

Law Resource Center in Helena, Montana, in “American Indian Homelands.”

Another issue covered by the film is the various bureaucratic issues surrounding Native American land ownership, such the problems

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October Marks Cybersecurity Awareness Month

By AMALIA SHARAF
News Editor

Every October, the importance of cybersecurity takes center stage as Cybersecurity Awareness Month is observed.

This month-long initiative, originally launched in October 2024 by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), serves as a crucial reminder of the role we all play in staying safe online.

The month was created to educate the public on how to protect their personal data and secure their online systems. Over the years, it has grown, adapting to the ever-evolving digital landscape.

Michael Menne, Chief Information Security Officer at Minnesota State, explains that the month serves as an opportunity to educate the public on how to protect their personal information.

“Cybersecurity attacks have increased exponentially in the last few years. We’re attacked every single day, it’s never ending. I’m generating statistics right now about which types of attacks we’re experiencing and where they’re coming from, so we can implement security controls to try and prevent that,” Menne said.

Cybersecurity has become increasingly relevant as more aspects of daily life move online. From social media and email to banking and shopping, the internet is embedded in everyday routines. With that shift comes the risk of data breaches, phishing scams and identity theft.

Menne points out that individuals increase their awareness of cybersecurity, which will help lower the vulnerability to cyberattacks.

“They’re trying to get in our systems any which way they can. And they’re constantly testing our systems and evolving their attacks to trying to get in, to get at especially students money,” he said.

While large companies are frequent targets, cybercriminals often focus on individual users because they can exploit weaker security practices and attack their financial identity.

College students are often at particular risk for cyber-

Developing research skills with CESR

By BEN LIVINGSTON
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Every semester, the Center for Excellence in Scholarship and Research (CESR) hosts an array of workshops and other programs focused on helping individuals hone their research skills. Outside the workshops, CESR is responsible for other programming like organizing lectures and other presentations from faculty.

CESR, along with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL), Research and Sponsored Programs (RASP), and a team of instructional technologists are all part of the greater Center for Excellence and Innovation (CEI).

Aaron Hoy is the director of CESR. He said the goals of their workshops and programming is to “help anyone engaged in research or scholarly activities develop or sharpen the skills they need to achieve their goals.”

Hoy says participating in CESR programming is beyond beneficial.

“They can help you build your knowledge and skills, but in the



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The associate professor and director of the Center for Excellence in Scholarship and Research (CESR) Aaron Hoy.

process, they can also help you build your résumé or CV,” he said. “Many of the workshops we offer focus on skills that are highly in-demand right now, especially those related to data analysis and visualization, and being able to show potential employers that you’ve sought out training for these can go a long way toward landing a

good job.”

Literature reviews, data visualization, and strategic AI usage are some of the workshops being offered this semester.

Hoy also pointed out the opportunity to network with like-minded Mavericks.

“CESR programs are a great

way to connect with others across campus who share your interests – others who are interested in the same topic or issue, others who are working with the same software, or whatever the case may be,” he said.

On Oct 31, CESR will be teaching how to prepare and write literature reviews, especially for those writing one for their capstone project such as a thesis or Academic Preparation Program (APP).

Later on Nov. 12, they will host the workshop on data visualization. This is intended for those who must create visual aids, like graphs, tables.

And finally on November 15th, the group will be training attendees on how to use AI strategically “to make aspects of the research process, like synthesizing large bodies of research, more efficient,” according to Hoy.

Alongside the upcoming workshops, some of the upcoming faculty presentations include Dr. Laura Harrison sharing her knowledge of sleep-related infant deaths on Oct. 23, and a virtual question and answer with psychology professor

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Students at the Centennial Student Union are working on their laptops and taking advantage of the secure university resources, such as the secure eduroam network.

security issues, as they manage numerous online accounts and devices. Menne suggests students focus on four aspects of cybersecurity, including phishing, patching, protection and passwords.

"Make sure your passwords are secure. Make sure you're using unique passwords. Phishing is another one," Menne said. "Phishing is a way for them to gain those passwords, and again, to gain those credentials to get into your systems. And then patching your devices, making sure that your

devices are up to date. Unpatched systems become like rusty cars. They get holes in them."

Phishing scams remain a significant threat to students, often arriving in the form of emails that mimic legitimate messages from trusted organizations.

"The number one thing they need to look for is phishing, any site that doesn't look legitimate, or any site that looks a little bit off," Menne advised. "Be suspicious of those emails that are coming from anywhere that's not inside the uni-

versity. Always be suspicious."

Menne said students can verify their suspicion on phishing or attacked accounts with IT Solutions, where students workers carefully review every request. Menne also advised to check the credit report. "This is important to ensure that attackers have not opened fraudulent credit accounts in the student's name that they may be liable for," he said. The credit report could be viewed on www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action website.

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around inheritance and the extensive time the Bureau of Indian Affairs can take when it comes to releasing Native American land held in probate to the rightful heirs. In certain cases covered by "American Indian Homelands," family members had been waiting decades and the BIA still had not released the property from probate.

Another example of the bureaucratic problems faced by Na-

tive Americans regarding land ownership is the issue of parceling where certain tracts of land can wind up having large number of co-owners leading to issues where decisions regarding how that land is to be managed or utilized can become almost impossible.

The film also covered ways that Native Americans are trying to reclaim ownership of their own lives and property such as building and operating casinos as well as filing the class action lawsuit Cobell vs.

Norton. In that case the plaintiffs allege the government owes them and their heirs \$137 billion.

After the showing of "American Indian Homelands," Heutmaker asked people to ask questions or share what they found surprising.

The fact that a large amount of land on reservations is not directly owned by Native American tribes or individuals is one issue that was cited as being surprising by one student.

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Dr. Eric Sprankle, where he will talk about this new book on the history and science of masturbation.

Outside their programming,

CESR also is known for their other service, which is research consultation.

Hoy says the program can help with "analyzing, interpreting, or reporting your data," and that "our

team of research consultants have wide-ranging skill sets and expertise; they can help with quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods projects, and they can help with writing and formatting research reports."

Man with loaded gun arrested at checkpoint

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER
The Associated Press

A Nevada man with a shotgun, loaded handgun, ammunition and several fake passports in his vehicle was arrested at a security checkpoint outside Donald Trump's rally Saturday night in the Southern California desert, authorities said. He was released the same day on \$5,000 bail.

The suspect, a 49-year-old resident of Las Vegas, was driving an unregistered black SUV with

a "homemade" license plate that was stopped by deputies assigned to the rally in Coachella, east of Los Angeles, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco said at a news conference Sunday afternoon.

The driver claimed to be a journalist but it was unclear if he had the proper credentials. Deputies noticed the interior of the vehicle was "in disarray" and a search uncovered the weapons and ammo, along with multiple passports and driver licenses with different names, Bianco said.

The man was arrested on suspicion of possessing a loaded firearm and possession of a high-capacity magazine, the department said in a statement.

"This incident did not impact the safety of former President Trump or attendees of the event," the Saturday statement said. Trump had not yet arrived at the rally at the time of the arrest, the sheriff said Sunday. The suspect is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 2, 2025, according to online records.

Curiosity Podcast to inspire and open minds



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Curiosity Podcast for college-age students discusses a variety of topics. The podcast is available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify services.

By EMMA JOHNSON
Editor in Chief

When college-age students turn to forms of entertainment, many look for content that won't just keep them interested, but also allow them to think differently. The "Curiosity Podcast" does just that.

The podcast was Communications Prof. Dave Engen's idea, but it's become a student-run podcast where students are free to discuss any subject that crosses their minds.

Producer Katie Danhof said the podcast's name correlates with the podcast's theme, which is to stay curious about everything.

"I feel like when we open our minds and we're curious, we're less judgmental, we have less bias and we're more willing to listen to each other and have open conversations," Danhof said.

Danhof's responsibilities as a producer are to coordinate schedules, find roles that utilize students' skills and help bring story ideas to the table.

As the podcast enters its third season this fall, Danhof said its structure has improved.

"Early episodes were student projects which was cool and great, but now we have a team and we focus on specific topics each week," Danhof said.

As podcasts increase in popularity as a form of entertainment, Danhof said this one's diverse team and topics set it apart.

"We're a very diverse campus, so I think having that variety opens up conversations," Danhof said. "For example, we have a grad student and a first-generation student on our team. It emphasizes what our values are."

Producer Jessica Pastrana said she joined the "Curiosity" team after being encouraged to get involved with a project relating to communications.

She said her favorite part of being on the Curiosity staff is the community they've built.

"It's so fun to me," Pastrana said. "We have so many laughs where we have to cut out two minutes worth because it's just too funny."

Danhof said her favorite part is the moments before recording an episode.

"When we're on a podcast, we want to sound more formal and put together. It can be a little daunting to put on the headphones and speak into a microphone," Danhof said. "Being in the same room with all these people and getting comfortable with each other and talking casually is my favorite part."

Episodes are between 25 to 30 minutes in length, a decision made to keep student's attention.

"We want to have enough time to get our message out, but we don't want it to be too long where they don't want to invest in listening to it," Danhof said. "Twenty-five to 30 minutes has been that sweet spot for people where they can listen to it when they are doing homework or washing dishes."

Topics covered by the team range from student and faculty interviews to advice episodes.

Future episode plans include street interviews and highlighting favorite spots on campus.

Danhof said she hopes listeners of the podcast help foster conversations and encourage students to engage in more interactions.

"I think in this day and age, loneliness is becoming a huge program, especially among young adults because we have our phones, homework, TV, all these things to distract us, but we're not making those human connections that really bring us to life and encourage us and foster growth," Danhof said.

Pastrana said she hopes students take out what they need from listening to the podcast.

"Whether it's advice or switching majors or if they're looking for a sense of community, they can find it all on the 'Curiosity' podcast," Pastrana said.

"Curiosity" is available to listen to on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

For those looking to join the podcast, students can contact their Instagram @curiositypod_mnsu or david.engen@mnsu.edu.

Harris and Trump hold rival events

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The Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump took their fight for Pennsylvania to opposite ends of the state Monday, with Harris speaking in the northwest corner in Erie and Trump in the southeastern suburbs of Philadelphia.

Democrat Harris and Republican Trump have been making regular appearances in what is the country's largest battleground state — it was Harris' 10th visit to Pennsylvania this campaign season, and just last week Trump made stops in both Scranton and Reading.

Harris at an evening campaign rally homed in on Trump's comments over the weekend suggesting that the U.S. military could potentially be used to deal with "the enemy from within." She argued that the comments made in a Fox News "Sunday Morning Futures" interview are the latest example of threatening rhetoric from the former president that should concern Americans about what a potential second Trump term could look like.

"He considers anyone who doesn't support him or who will not bend to his will an enemy of our country," Harris said after playing a clip of the comment on the jumbo screen in the Erie are-



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Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during a campaign rally at Erie Insurance Arena, in Erie, Pa., Monday, Oct. 14, 2024.

na. "This is among the reasons I believe so strongly that a second Trump term would be a huge risk for America and dangerous."

She added that Trump is increasingly displaying "unstable and unhinged" behavior. Trump made the comment in response to

a question about "outside agitators" potentially disrupting Election Day, pivoting to what he said is a foe closer to home.

"I think the bigger problem is the enemy from within," Trump said. He added: "We have some very bad people. We have some

sick people, radical left lunatics. And I think they're the big — and it should be very easily handled by, if necessary, by National Guard, or if really necessary, by the military, because they can't let that happen." Trump's running mate, Sen. JD Vance, defended Trump's com-

ments during a campaign stop in Minneapolis earlier Monday. "Is it a justifiable use of those assets if they're rioting and looting and burning cities down to the ground? Of course it is. Right?" Vance told reporters. "I think the question is, is it a justifiable use of assets, depends on what's actually happening."

Trump beat Hillary Clinton by more than 40,000 votes in Pennsylvania on his way to winning the presidency in 2016. But Joe Biden, a Scranton native, beat Trump by about 80,000 votes in the state four years ago. Harris' called Erie a "pivot" area for her campaign, a Democratic-majority city of about 94,000 people bordered by suburbs and rural areas with significant numbers of Republicans. Erie County is often cited as one of the state's reliable bellwether regions, where the electorate has a decidedly moderate voting record. Trump visited Erie on Sept. 29. Harris also talked up early voting during her rally. Mail-in voting is well underway in the state where some 7 million people are likely to cast votes in the presidential race.

"If you have already received your ballot in the mail, please do not wait," Harris urged her supporters. "Fill it out and return it today or tomorrow. But please get it out." Beforehand, she stopped by a newly opened coffee shop and record store in Erie as she continues to press her case for Black men's support.



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Diverse education needs to be taught

In the United States, a majority of what we learn in schools is tied to the history of America. Only sparse details of history in Europe are taught, mainly when we claimed independence from England. If we're lucky, when we get to college, we'll take classes that expand our knowledge by discussing the history of other continents and how immigrants in America were treated upon their arrival. Diverse education isn't something school districts should consider; it should be required. A good example of white-washed history is the celebration and remembrance of Columbus Day. The so-called "holiday" describes Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Caribbean and America. However, Columbus and other settlers drove Native Americans off their land and subjected them to centuries of misery. Despite being instituted by Berkeley in 1992, Indigenous People's Day has only been recognized since 2014 by other schools nationwide. This holiday coincides with Columbus Day as a way to recognize the mistreatment of Native Americans throughout history.

It's rare to find a school district willing to tell the truth of not just national historical events, but ones on a global scale. More often than not, only people with ethnic backgrounds know of the history in their countries while those in America don't have the slightest clue as to global events. Those who are interested in learning more about the world around them often have to wait to learn about these subjects in higher education courses or seek out the information themselves. As students, we should be able to obtain this information easily, instead of it being withheld from us either due to lack of interest or being banned due to other's personal beliefs.

Multicultural education and awareness is a crucial part of benefiting how students interact with the world around them. It promotes acceptance and better prepares students for interacting with people they may not have thought about interacting with before. School districts should be implementing diversity into their curriculum at a young age to prevent prejudices and misinformation from becoming a part of the way they think later on in life.

It encourages students to be open-minded and to create safe environments for others, knowing they have a little bit of background as to how others live in society. Implementing diversity in the classroom at a young age can also peak curiosity to expand beyond the classroom, encouraging students to attend cultural events throughout their communities to further expand their knowledge.

According to Drexel.edu, the U.S. Census has predicted by 2044, over half of the nation's population will be of people of color. Diversity isn't going anywhere; rather, it's increasing exponentially. Despite the lack of diversity being taught in schools, when students enter the post-graduate workforce, diversity, be it religious, racial, ethnic, language, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation or gender identity is a common fact of life.

Perspectives

Redhead Ramblings: Self-esteem is not what it seems



Courtesy Emma Johnson

I'd like to think for most of my life, I've never cared what other people have thought about me. I've never kept up with the trends other people were obsessed with. I've never felt pressured to look a certain way or change the way I act around everyone. I consider myself lucky to have had little outside pressure affect me.



Emma Johnson
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Then middle school happened. Besides the general feelings of being in middle school with rampant hormones and feeling insecure 24/7, I started to gain a bit more weight. As a kid, leggings used to be baggy on me and I was a normal weight. I can't recall what happened but puberty was not kind to me. Braces, thinking I was cooler than I was and sudden weight gain caused me to second guess myself. I remember having to change in gym class and sucking my stomach in because all the other girls

were a lot thinner than I was.

However, one of my proudest moments was when I was able to tell a group of girls who sat at three empty chairs around me that I didn't care if I was popular or not when they sat with me, clearly reading a Minecraft novel and sporting braces. I'm glad I didn't fall to their "promises" as I know it would have been along the lines of fake friendship. I'll also say I was glad my parents didn't allow me to have social media in middle school as I know it would have been detrimental

to how I viewed myself.

Those inner thoughts continued into high school. While I would occasionally complain about how I looked or felt, most of the time I kept these thoughts to myself. My self-esteem also wavered when my friends started getting into relationships. My friends were getting all this attention, why wasn't I? When I eventually did get Instagram, I would see people I went to school with getting all these comments on their posts and I wondered why people weren't doing that to mine. It took me a while to realize I had to stop seeking validation from others. I had a good group of friends who supported me no matter what and a loving, supportive family.

By the time I was in my senior year of high school, I felt confident in not following the crowd. I remember when I was nominated on the

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Pulse

"What was the best piece of advice given to you?"

Compiled by Troy Yang



BRANDON VEGA,
FRESHMAN

"In life, you'll need to give forgiveness and ask for forgiveness."



ALEXA KLEIN,
JUNIOR

"Always be a hradworker and don't be afraid to ask for help."



PETER BASNET,
FRESHMAN

"One weight plate is always lighter than the problems you're facing."



NANCY DINH,
SOPHOMORE

"Start strong; don't be laid back. Starting off strong gives you a safety net."



NATHAN SCHMIT,
FRESHMAN

"It wasn't given to me, but enjoy what you have and cherish that."



PAYTYN BUSSE,
FRESHMAN

"Don't be afraid to put yourself out there."

Lilly Ledbetter, an icon of the fight for equal pay, has died at 86



CAROLYN KASTER • The Associated Press

Lilly Ledbetter looks to the audience as President Barack Obama speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington, April 8, 2014, during an event marking Equal Pay Day.

By ALEXANDRA OLSON
The Associated Press

Lilly Ledbetter, a former Alabama factory manager whose lawsuit against her employer made her an icon of the equal pay movement and led to landmark wage discrimination legislation, has died at 86.

Ledbetter's discovery that she was earning less than her male counterparts for doing the same job at a Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant in Alabama led to her lawsuit, which ultimately failed when the Supreme Court ruled in 2007 that she had filed her complaint too late. The court ruled that workers must file lawsuits within six months of first receiving a discriminatory paycheck — in Ledbetter's case, years before she learned about the disparity through an anonymous letter.

Two years later, former President Barack Obama signed into

law the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which gave workers the right to sue within 180 days of receiving each discriminatory paycheck, not just the first one.

Ledbetter died Saturday night after a brief illness surrounded by loved ones, according to a brief statement from her family and an obituary sent by the team behind a film about her life. She is survived by her two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ledbetter continued campaigning for equal pay policies for the rest of her life. Last week, she was awarded the Future Is Female Lifetime Achievement Award by Advertising Week, and a film about her life starring Patricia Clarkson premiered at the Hampsons International Film Festival.

"She lost her case and she never saw a dime but she was a tireless advocate for all of us," said Deborah Vagins, director of Equal Pay

Today and the national campaign director of Equal Rights Advocates.

"Every now then, once in a generation, you meet these people who sacrifice everything for something even if it never benefits them," added Vagins, who met Ledbetter and introduced her to then Sen.-Obama soon after the Supreme Court ruling galvanized the movement for what would become the Ledbetter Act.

"She sparked a movement and changed the face of pay equity forever," she said.

In January, President Joe Biden marked the 15th anniversary of the law named after Ledbetter with new measures to help close the gender wage gap, including a new rule barring the federal government from considering a person's current or past pay when determining their salary.

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Homecoming court and I felt so shocked, I thought I was going to get sick. I wasn't popular and I certainly wasn't in hundreds of clubs. When I talked to a few acquaintances, I heard some people nominated me because I was kind and I wasn't someone who was seemingly handed the nomination. Knowing there were people in my corner rooting for me, some of whom I'd never had a conversation with, made me feel happy in knowing I didn't have to be the prettiest person in the room to make a connection with others.

In college was where I started to thrive. I didn't have anyone from my hometown who knew me growing up and all the awkwardness I went through. I felt I was truly living my best life. I was eating well and start-

ing to incorporate yoga into my daily routine. The only time my self-esteem started to tank was when my mental health took a turn for the worse and my anxiety controlled my life for almost a year. During that time, one of my biggest symptoms was nausea, causing me to not eat despite desperately wanting to. Over the course between my sophomore and junior year of college, I dropped nearly 15 pounds. During this time, people who didn't know my struggles, said "wow, you look great!" That really started to mess with my head. It made me wonder if I was overweight and I felt like I was back in middle school.

Of course, I couldn't say "Oh, it's actually my mental health making me lose all this weight, thanks!" It took me around six months or so to get away from

the mentality that my mental health causing me to not eat was making me "look better" than what I had previously and it was not my fault that was a symptom of my anxiety.

Are there still days where I'm insecure about how I feel?

Of course, everyone has those days. Recently I saw a TikTok that said "When you die, no one is going to remember how good you looked, what your weight was or how rich you were. People are going to remember how kind you were, your sense of humor and how you cared for others."

I take that to heart because I would much rather be known for how I treat others than being a part of the in-crowd. Trust me, pretty faces will fade away, but a good heart lasts forever.

UN Security Council voices 'strong concern' for peacekeepers



HUSSEIN MALLA • The Associated Press

UN peacekeepers hold their flag, as they observe Israeli excavators attempt to destroy tunnels built by Hezbollah, near the southern Lebanese-Israeli border village of Mays al-Jabal, Lebanon, Dec. 13, 2019.

By EDITH M. LEDERER
The Associated Press

The U.N. Security Council expressed "strong concern" Monday as Israel has fired on and wounded U.N. peacekeepers in southern Lebanon during intensified fighting, reiterating its support for their role in supporting security in the region.

It's the first statement by the U.N.'s most powerful body since Israel's attacks on the positions of the peacekeeping force known as UNIFIL began last week, drawing international condemnation.

U.N. peacekeeping chief Jean-Marie Lacroix told reporters that Secretary-General António Guterres confirmed Monday that peacekeepers will remain in all their positions even as Israel has urged the peacekeepers to move 5 kilometers (3 miles) north during its ground invasion in Lebanon.

Israel has been escalating its campaign against Hezbollah in Lebanon across a U.N.-drawn boundary between the two countries. The sides have been clashing since the Iranian-backed militant group started firing rockets a year ago in solidarity with its ally Hamas in Gaza.

Hamas' deadly attacks in southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, launched the war.

The Security Council statement, issued after emergency closed consultations on Lebanon, did not name either Israel, Lebanon or Hezbollah. Read by Swiss U.N. Ambassador Pascale Baeriswyl, the council's current president, it urges all parties "to respect the safety and security of UNIFIL personnel and U.N. premises."

The 15-member Security Council has been deeply divided over the war in Gaza, with the United States defending its ally Israel as support for the Palestinians has grown among members and casualties have escalated.

The Biden administration has become more critical of civilian deaths as well as the recent attacks on UNIFIL.

U.S. deputy ambassador Robert Wood told reporters that "it's good that the council can speak with one voice on what's on the minds of all people around the

world right now — and it's the situation in Lebanon."

The council's statement sends a message to the Lebanese people "that the council cares, that the council is watching this issue and that the council today spoke with one voice," Wood said.

Council members also expressed "deep concern" at civilian casualties and suffering, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and the rising number of internally displaced people.

More than 1,400 people in Lebanon, including civilians, medics and Hezbollah fighters, have been killed and 1.2 million displaced in the past month. Around 60 Israelis have been killed in Hezbollah strikes in the past year.

Israel says it wants to drive the militant group away from the border so some 60,000 displaced Israelis can return to their homes.

The Security Council statement called on all parties to abide by international humanitarian law, which requires the protection of civilians.

Council members also called for the full implementation of Security Council Resolution 1701, which ended the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war "and recognized the need for further practical measures to achieve that outcome."

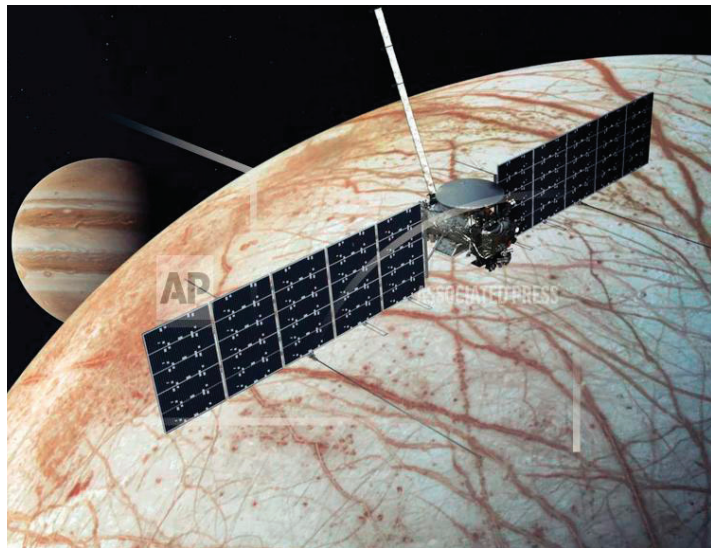
That resolution calls for the Lebanese army to deploy throughout the south and for all armed groups, including Hezbollah, to be disarmed — neither of which has happened in the past 18 years.

Lacroix, the undersecretary-general for peace operations, told reporters after his closed briefing to the Security Council that five UNIFIL peacekeepers have been injured in recent days and that the U.N. has protested to Israel.

Israel has indicated "investigations will be carried out regarding some of these incidents ... and we will see what comes out of this," he said.

Israeli Army spokesman Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani asserted Sunday that Israel has tried to maintain constant contact with UNIFIL and that any instance of U.N. forces being harmed will be investigated at "the highest level."

NASA's Europa Clipper spacecraft will scour Jupiter moon



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This illustration provided by NASA depicts the Europa Clipper spacecraft over the moon, Europa, with Jupiter at background left.

By MARCIA DUNN
The Associated Press

A NASA spacecraft has set sail for Jupiter and its moon Europa, one of the best bets for finding life beyond Earth.

Europa Clipper will peer beneath the moon's icy crust where an ocean is thought to be sloshing fairly close to the surface. It won't search for life, but rather determine whether conditions there could support it. Another mission would be needed to flush out any microorganisms lurking there.

"It's a chance for us to explore not a world that might have been habitable billions of years ago, but a world that might be habitable today — right now," said program scientist Curt Niebur.

Its massive solar panels make Clipper the biggest craft built by NASA to investigate another planet. It will take 5 1/2 years to reach Jupiter and will sneak within 16 miles (25 kilometers) of Europa's surface — considerably closer than any other spacecraft.

Clipper lifted off Monday aboard SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Mission cost: \$5.2 billion.

One of Jupiter's 95 known moons, Europa is almost the size of our own moon. It's encased in an ice sheet estimated to be 10 miles to 15 miles or more (15 kilometers to 24 kilometers) thick. Scientists believe this frozen crust hides an ocean that could be 80 miles (120 kilometers) or more deep. The Hubble Space Telescope has spotted what appear to be geysers erupting from the surface. Discovered by Galileo in 1610, Europa is one of the four so-called Galilean moons of Jupiter, along with Ganymede, Io and Callisto.

What type of life might Europa harbor? Besides water, organic compounds are needed for life as we know it, plus an energy source. In Europa's case that could be thermal vents on the ocean floor. Deputy project scientist Bonnie Buratti imagines any life would be primitive like the bacterial life that originated in Earth's deep ocean vents. "We will not know from this mission because we can't see that deep," she said. Unlike missions to Mars where hab-

itability is one of many questions, Clipper's sole job is to establish whether the moon could support life in its ocean or possibly in any pockets of water in the ice.

When its solar wings and antennas are unfurled, Clipper is about the size of a basketball court — more than 100 feet (30 meters) end to end — and weighs nearly 13,000 pounds (6,000 kilograms). The supersized solar panels are needed because of Jupiter's distance from the sun. The main body — about the size of a camper — is packed with nine science instruments, including radar that will penetrate the ice, cameras that will map virtually the entire moon and tools to tease out the contents of Europa's surface and tenuous atmosphere. The name hearkens to the swift sailing ships of centuries past.

The roundabout trip to Jupiter will span 1.8 billion miles (3 billion kilometers). For extra oomph, the spacecraft will swing past Mars early next year and then Earth in late 2026. It arrives at Jupiter in 2030 and begins science work the next year. While orbiting Jupiter, it will cross paths with Europa 49 times. The mission ends in 2034 with a planned crash into Ganymede — Jupiter's biggest moon and the solar system's too.

There's more radiation around Jupiter than anywhere else in our solar system, besides the sun. Europa passes through Jupiter's bands of radiation as it orbits the gas giant, making it especially menacing for spacecraft. That's why Clipper's electronics are inside a vault with dense aluminum and zinc walls. All this radiation would nix any life on Europa's surface. But it could break down water molecules and, perhaps, release oxygen all the way down into the ocean that could possibly fuel sea life.

Earlier this year, NASA was in a panic that the spacecraft's many transistors might not withstand the intense radiation. But after months of analysis, engineers concluded the mission could proceed as planned. NASA's twin Pioneer spacecraft and then two Voyagers swept past Jupiter in the 1970s. The Voyagers provided the first detailed photos of Europa but from quite a distance.

FEMA workers change hurricane-recovery efforts

By GARY D. ROBERTSON
The Associated Press

Federal disaster workers paused and then changed some of their hurricane-recovery efforts in North Carolina, including abandoning door-to-door visits, after receiving threats that they could be targeted by a militia, officials said, as the government response to Helene is targeted by runaway disinformation.

The threats emerged over the weekend. The Rutherford County Sheriff's Office said in a statement Monday that it received a call Saturday about a man with an assault rifle who made a comment "about possibly harming" employees of the Federal Emergency Management Agency working in the hard-hit areas of Lake Lure and Chimney Rock, in the North Carolina mountains.

Authorities got a description of a suspect's vehicle and license plate and later identified him as William Jacob Parsons, 44, of Bostic, a small community about 60 miles west of Charlotte. Sheriff's officials said in a statement that Parsons — who was armed with a handgun and a rifle — was charged with "going armed to the terror of the public," a misdemeanor. He was released after posting bond.

The sheriff's office said initial reports indicated that a "truckload of militia" was involved in making the threat, but further investigation determined that Parsons acted alone.

Messages left seeking comment at phone listings for Parsons and a possible relative were not immediately returned.

In a Facebook post, Ashe County Sheriff B. Phil Howell said FEMA put some work on hold as it assessed the threats.



ROBERT WILLET • The Associated Press

FEMA employee Jirau Alvaro works with Daniel Mancini, doing a report on the damage to his property on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024 in rural Buncombe County, near Black Mountain, N.C.

"Stay calm and steady during our recovery, help folks and please don't stir the pot," Howell wrote Sunday. FEMA confirmed in a statement Monday that it adjusted operations. It emphasized that disaster-recovery centers remain open and that FEMA continues "to help the people of North Carolina with their recovery."

Workers from the agency's disaster-assistance teams — who help survivors apply for FEMA aid and connect them with additional state and local resources — have stopped going door to door and instead are working from fixed locations while the potential threats are assessed, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because they could not publicly discuss details of the operations.

The person stressed that FEMA was making the adjustments "out of an abundance of caution."

FEMA did not immediately

provide details on the threats.

Gov. Roy Cooper's staff said in a statement Monday that his office was aware of "reports of threats to response workers on the ground," as well as "significant misinformation online." Cooper directed state law enforcement officials to work with local authorities to identify "the specific threats and rumors."

The Washington Post reported Sunday that the U.S. Forest Service, which is supporting hurricane recovery work, sent a message to multiple federal agencies, warning that FEMA had advised all federal responders in Rutherford County to leave the county immediately. The message stated that National Guard troops had encountered "armed militia" saying they were "out hunting FEMA."

FEMA has faced rampant disinformation about its response to Helene, which hit Florida on Sept. 26 before heading north and leaving a trail of destruction across six states.

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SPORTS

Mavs split home series with Merrimack

By EMMA BENJAMIN
Staff Writer

The Minnesota State men's hockey team toppled Merrimack College Saturday after a tough loss on Friday in a two-game home series at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center.

In the Friday showdown, Merrimack scored early and kept the Mavs locked down for a 1-0 victory. However, the Mavericks dominated Saturday, splitting the series with a strong 4-1 win.

Head Coach Luke Strand said the team couldn't seem to capitalize on offensive opportunities and left the game feeling "lousy." Dominating Merrimack would take another level of play.

"Merrimack's no slouch. They're gonna win games, there's no question on that part," said Strand. "We didn't give up next to nothing, but we didn't generate what we could've or should've at the same time. You gotta be a harder brand of hockey."

The energy was intense throughout the arena as the Mavericks came into night two of the series. The team was evidently hungry for redemption after the Warriors' Friday night win.

Coming into night two, the Mavericks were faster, more ag-



TROY YANG • The Reporter

The Minnesota State Mavericks took on Merrimack College where the Warriors won 1-0 Friday and the Mavericks took the 4-1 win Saturday night. The Mavericks will take on University of North Dakota this weekend.

gressive and ready to shut down Merrimack goaltender Max Lundgren and their defense.

The Warriors scrambled as the Mavericks controlled the puck with quick passes, a lot of movement and creative plays.

Early in Saturday's first period, the Mavericks pulled ahead

as right-wing Brendan Olson fired a top-shelf backhand into the net. However, the Warriors came back and tied the score toward the end of the first.

After many attempts to pull ahead, Rhett Pitlick, Josh Groll and Evan Murr made some magic happen at the very end of

the first with a beautiful power-play goal, putting the Mavericks on top coming into the second period.

The energy in the arena and on the ice was electric as the Mavericks took the lead during the power play and the fans loudly chanted to exhibit their

excitement and pride for the team.

Capitalizing on the momentum from Pitlick's goal, the Mavericks put another one on the board early as Luigi Benincasa scored the third goal of the game, distancing victory further from Merrimack.

In desperation to close the gap in the score and shut down Maverick goaltender Alex Tracy, the Warriors grew more physical, but this didn't stop the Mavericks from playing their game.

Maintaining control of the puck, the Mavericks kept the pressure on Merrimack and Brian Carrabes scored the fourth and final goal for the Mavericks off the rebound.

As the buzzer sounded, signifying the end of night two in the weekend's series, the crowd and players were elated. The Mavericks demonstrated they are a force to be reckoned with.

Finishing the game with a well-earned victory and 23 shots on goal, the Mavericks shut down Merrimack. Tracy with 18 saves, played a great defensive game against the Warriors.

The Mavericks take on the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks during this weekend's home series, looking for a win after tying them in their last meeting. Make sure to grab your tickets for what is sure to be an entertaining weekend.

Mavericks drop Moorhead Dragons 24-19

By MATTHEW BEYER
Staff Writer

The Mavericks bounced back this past weekend to earn their sixth victory of the season, defeating the Moorhead Dragons at home 24-19.

The Mavs now stand strong with a 6-1 season record, while also holding an impressive 5-1 record in the NSIC. The Dragons, meanwhile, fall to 2-4, 2-3 in the conference.

In the first quarter, the Dragon's opening drive was put to an end on the fourth down by the Mavericks. The Mavs proceeded to advance the ball downfield within range for junior Matthew Jaeger to score the first field goal of the game from 40 yards, starting the game off with a 3-0 lead.

At the start of the second quarter within the 3-yard line, the Dragons handed the ball to Flynn Ridgeway who managed to get past the Maverick defense, into the endzone. This paired with a field goal by Max Watson put the Dragons ahead 9-3.

The Dragon's lead was soon cut short as Maverick senior QB Hayden Ekern responded with

a 4-yard rushing touchdown, paired with a 10-yard pass to Gabe Hagen who scored a touchdown of his own.

The Mavs ended the first half in the lead despite another 33-yard field goal from Watson, setting the score 17-12.

After a slow first half of the third quarter, the Mavericks pushed their way across the field, sending Ekern up the middle at the 1-yard line resulted in his second touchdown of the game, putting the Mavericks further ahead 24-12.

Moorhead managed one more touchdown before the final whistle as Carson Elbert received a 12-yard scoring pass from Jack Strand.

For the remainder of the game, both defenses stood strong, resulting in the final score of the game 24-19 and a Maverick victory.

For the defense, Maven Krecthe found one sack and forced a fumble. Gage Tennyson and Abe Hesdalen managed a sack each as well. Nathan Drumm, Terrell Hall and Antonio Alzheimer found six tackles each.

QB Hayden Ekern finished off the game with a total of 168 passing yards, 58 rushing yards,



Courtesy Maverick Athletics

The Mavericks defeated the Moorhead Dragons 24-19, increasing MSU's season record to 6-1.

1 passing touchdown and two rushing touchdowns.

Freshman Sam Backer led the team with 130 rushing yards on 19 carries, followed by Ekern

with 59 yards.

Junior Isaiah Emanuel clocked in 65 receiving yards, while senior Grant Guyett followed with 48 yards.

The Mavericks are now scheduled for a bye-week. They'll return to action at home Oct. 26 against Augustana Vikings.

Motorsports in the United States taken a dramatic off-track turn



VINCENT THIAN • The Associated Press

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain gestures during he drivers parade ahead of the Singapore Formula One Grand Prix at the Marina Bay Street Circuit, in Singapore, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024.

By JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

Michael Andretti was at the Circuit of the Americas this time last year trying to drum up support for a Formula 1 team. F1 returns to Texas this week after Andretti shockingly walked away from racing and the future of the second American F1 team he fought so hard for is unknown.

It is a wild time for motorsport in the United States, which hosts F1 for the second of three visits this week. NASCAR opens the third round of the playoffs full of off-track storylines and IndyCar is just looking for a stable offseason in which owner Roger Penske can deliver on his promise of growth. Just to catch up:

Michael Jordan is suing NASCAR, with a court date scheduled the week of the championship-deciding finale. NASCAR's officiating has been under scrutiny for weeks and Alex Bowman was disqualified from Sunday's race in a post-race decision that eliminated the Hendrick Motorsports driver from the playoffs.

Penske this weekend won the IMSA sports car championship, has the WEC title in sight and two of his drivers, reigning Cup Series champion Ryan Blaney and Joey Logano, remain contenders for the NASCAR title.

This comes after a trying year for the IndyCar Series, which is looking forward to a new television partner in Fox Sports, a 2026 race in Arlington, Texas with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones as his partner and a likely announcement of a Mexico City race.

Motorsports has officially entered the U.S. presidential race chat, too.

Kamala Harris said F1 star

Lewis Hamilton is her favorite driver; JD Vance attended NASCAR's playoff race Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway; and retired driver Danica Patrick, at 42, admitted while moderating a Vance appearance that she's never before voted but will this year as her politics have taken a hard-right turn as she seeks yet another reinvention of her post-racing career.

F1 at COTA

F1 makes its second stop of the season in the United States at a time when McLaren — one of IndyCar's most popular teams — is the series darling.

McLaren has passed Red Bull for the lucrative constructor's title and Lando Norris, with some bad luck for Max Verstappen, might have a shot at the driver's championship.

Haas, which is the only American team in the series, last week announced a partnership that brings Toyota back to F1 for the first time in 15 years, but there won't be an American driver in Texas this week: Williams fired Logan Sargeant earlier this year and the Floridian was at the IndyCar season finale looking for a job.

Andretti is unlikely to be back at COTA this weekend after bowing out of his race team and giving partner Dan Towriss control.

Andretti and Towriss told The Associated Press that it was the 62-year-old Andretti's decision to focus his priorities away from Andretti Global, but it's a head-scratcher in that he's spent the last three years banging on F1's door begging for a team.

When F1 said no — and insulted him in doing so by saying his last name doesn't carry the value he believes it does — Andretti vowed to continue the fight. The Justice Department

is investigating F1 rights holder Liberty Media Corp. over potential antitrust violations for denying Andretti a team; Pascal Arimont, a Belgian member of the European Commission, has asked for an investigation into Liberty Media's potential "monopolistic practices."

Andretti also sparred with Penske. He opened the IndyCar season calling on "The Captain" to sell the series if Penske wasn't willing to spend more money to spur growth.

Well, it's the end of the season and the 87-year-old Penske still owns IndyCar. Andretti? He told AP he has no idea how many races he'll go to moving forward.

NASCAR's disruptions

It's certainly a weird time in NASCAR when the mood should be at playoff-level euphoria.

Instead, the brawl and federal lawsuit between NASCAR and 23XI Racing and Front Row Motorsports over charters has dominated. Jordan, co-owner of 23XI Racing along with veteran driver Denny Hamlin, has dug his heels in along with Front Row owner Bob Jenkins. A hearing is scheduled for Nov. 4, the Monday of the championship finale week.

That is not the only thing detracting from the final month of the season. Officiating has been inconsistent for several weeks regarding crashed cars and a caution thrown seconds before Parker Kligerman would have scored his first career Xfinity Series victory — it was the right call, NASCAR just waited until the very last second to throw the yellow — drew ire after Saturday's race.

Bowman was disqualified from Sunday's Cup race for an infraction that knocked him out of the playoff field.

Ricky Pearsall returns to the 49ers practice since shooting



GODOFREDO A. VASQUEZ • The Associated Press

San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Ricky Pearsall sits on the bench during the second half of a game against the New England Patriots

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

San Francisco 49ers rookie receiver Ricky Pearsall returned to the field for practice on Monday for the first time since he was shot in the chest during an attempted robbery nine days before the season opener.

The 49ers opened a window for Pearsall to begin practicing with the team while he remains on the non-football injury list. The team has three weeks to decide when to activate him, and coach Kyle Shanahan said last week there is no timeline for when Pearsall will be ready to play in games.

"I saw him warming up and I started smiling because I know how big of a factor he can be for the team," rookie guard Dominick Puni said. "But more importantly for his health and everything, it was awesome to see him out there after going what he went through."

Just the presence of Pearsall was a lift for the 49ers after what transpired on Aug. 31. Pearsall was shot in the chest during a robbery attempt in San Francisco's Union Square area and was hospitalized

overnight. He avoided damage to any organs and nerves and was back working out at the team facility the following week.

Pearsall could be seen dancing around the field during the brief portion of practice that was open to the media and broke down the team huddle before and after the session.

Fellow rookie receiver Jacob Cowing said he noticed from the first time he met Pearsall in January while preparing for the combine that he had the "it factor" and that only has been reinforced these last few months.

"All the adversity that has kind of been thrown at him in the past few months, just for him to overcome everything against him, to fight and to grind and to get back into shape," Cowing said. "It's a great feeling for everyone to see him put the helmet back on, put that the jersey back on, and then to go out there and be part of that team and go out there and have some fun."

Pearsall, who was drafted in the first round in April, missed the majority of training camp practices with injuries to his hamstring and shoulder but was on track to be ready.

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Weekend of injuries in college football leaves playoff contenders scrambling



MICHAEL CATERINA • The Associated Press

Notre Dame defensive back Benjamin Morrison (20), right, knocks the ball away from Louisville wide receiver Ja'Corey Brooks (1) during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024.

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

As the college football season reaches its midway point, plenty of playoff contenders suddenly find themselves dealing with season-ending injuries to notable players.

Notre Dame cornerback Benjamin Morrison, Tennessee linebacker Keenan Pili and Texas defensive back Derrick Williams are out for the rest of the season, their coaches announced Monday. Ohio State left tackle Josh Simmons also has an injury that puts his availability for the rest of the season in doubt.

All went down as part of a brutal weekend that included Florida quarterback Graham Mertz and Colorado State wide receiver Tory Horton suffering season-ending injuries and Utah quarterback Cam Rising hurting his lower leg severely enough to keep him out indefinitely.

Mertz and Pili both got injured in No. 11 Tennessee's 23-17 overtime victory over Florida. Pili's ACL injury leaves the Volunteers without one of their team captains as they prepare to host No. 7 Alabama on Saturday.

Pili's college career is over. He is 26 and transferred to Tennessee from BYU. He suffered a season-ending triceps injury to start the 2023 season and has used not one but two medical redshirts. Injuries limited him to just seven games in two seasons with the Vols.

"There's nobody that represents Tennessee better than him," coach Josh Heupel said Monday. "He's a great leader and will continue to be that inside of our building. Just heartbroken for him and his family. A guy that does absolutely everything right. Special player,

but special person. He's got a great future."

Heupel said either Arion Carter or Jeremiah Telander will take over for Pili in wearing the in-helmet communication device on defense.

Morrison, who has a hip injury, arguably was the top player to go down for the season over the weekend. The second-team preseason Associated Press All-America selection had nine career interceptions and was regarded as a possible first-round draft pick.

"Obviously it's a blow to our team," Notre Dame coach Marcus Freeman said. "You lose a captain, a great football player. You feel terrible for the kid because he gives football, he gives preparation everything he has. It's just tough. But he's a tough kid. He's a tough individual. He's been through this before, he'll have surgery and get back to work to become the best version of Benjamin."

Morrison is the latest notable Notre Dame defensive player to be lost for the season. No. 12 Notre Dame is ranked eighth in points allowed per game (11.7), 11th in yards allowed per game (270) and fourth in yards allowed per play (4.25), but the Fighting Irish already lost defensive linemen Jordan Botelho and Boubacar Traore to season-ending injuries.

The Irish now lose Morrison just three weeks after cornerback Jaden Mickey announced four games into the season that he was redshirting to preserve a year of eligibility as he prepares to transfer.

Morrison's injury likely moves freshman cornerback Leonard Moore into a starting role alongside Christian Gray as Notre Dame prepares to face Georgia Tech in Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Texas coach Steve Sarkisian

announced Monday that Williams also would miss the rest of the season. Texas officials haven't specified the nature of Williams' injury.

Williams had picked off a pass in a victory at No. 24 Michigan last month, and he forced and recovered a fumble in the top-ranked Longhorns' 34-3 rout of Oklahoma on Saturday. His injury comes as Texas gets ready to host No. 5 Georgia.

Fans of No. 4 Ohio State are still awaiting word on the severity of the injury to Simmons, who was carted off the field during the Buckeyes' 32-31 loss at No. 2 Oregon. Coach Ryan Day sounded pessimistic in his postgame news conference Saturday.

"I'll have to get the update on Simmons, but it doesn't look great in terms of him being able to come back this season," Day said. "That's a big hit for us."

The notable injuries weren't restricted to top teams.

Mertz tore the ACL in his left knee after throwing a touchdown pass in Florida's loss to Tennessee. Mertz, a Wisconsin transfer, has suffered a season-ending injury each of his two years at Florida. He broke his collarbone in a game against Missouri last November.

His latest injury makes freshman DJ Lagway the Gators' starting quarterback.

Utah coach Kyle Whittingham announced Monday that Rising is out indefinitely after suffering a lower leg injury in a 27-19 loss to Arizona State on Friday that knocked the Utes out of the AP Top 25.

Rising, who is in his seventh season, already missed three games this season because of an injury to his throwing hand. He sat out the entire 2023 season with a knee injury.

Italy-Israel soccer match held without incident



ANDREA BRESSANUTTI • The Associated Press

Police patrol ahead of the Nations League soccer match between Italy and Israel, at the Bluenergy stadium in Udine, Italy, Monday.

By DANIELLA MATAR
The Associated Press

There were snipers on the roof of the stadium and a heavy police presence throughout the city of Udine for Italy's home match against Israel on Monday.

In the end, both the game — and an earlier pro-Palestine demonstration — passed without incident as Italy beat Israel 4-1 in the Nations League.

Udine was on high alert, with the game being played against the backdrop of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East which has spread to Lebanon after more than a year-long war in Gaza.

It was the first match Israel has played outside neutral Hungary this year. After the Israel-Hamas war started on Oct. 7 last year, the national soccer team played in Kosovo and Andorra last November.

All Israel matches since then have been in Hungary, including last month's game against Belgium in the Nations League after the Belgian Football Association refused to host the game for security reasons.

"We are going to play this match with the hope of convincing ever more people of the

wrongness of war," Italy coach Luciano Spalletti said. "There are many Israelis who don't want it and we must convince ever more people that this is something that has to stop."

When Spalletti's team played its "away" match against Israel last month in Hungary, a group of about 50 Italy fans clad in all black turned their backs in apparent protest during Israel's national anthem.

There were boos from some fans in Udine when the Israeli anthem was played on Monday but the rest of the stadium tried to drown that out with loud applause — just as they had done when the Israel team was read out. At least one Palestinian flag was held up.

There was a highly visible group of around a dozen Israel fans and they loudly chanted their support.

Fewer than 12,000 tickets were sold for Monday's match — less than half the capacity of the 25,000-seater Stadio Friuli — amid stringent security measures, that also included armed military personnel on the roof of the stadium.

Areas around the stadium were blocked off 48 hours before kickoff.

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VARIETY

Observe the sounds of folk artists

By TINA DOLAN
Staff Writer

Music can be an expression of an artist's inner emotions; their songs can allow audiences to experience their personality, vulnerabilities and outright love for music.

On Thursday, Pieta Brown & The Taken with Erik Koskinen performed at the EJ Halling Recital Hall in the Earley Center for Performing Arts.

The two unique artists perform music closely related to the blues and folk genres. However, Brown doesn't feel the need to label her creations.

"I've never been good with genres," said Brown. "I feel like genres are often limiting, so I don't pay too much attention to them."

Koskinen describes his music as a blend of different sounds that come together to create one interesting genre. He admires authentic blues and folk music, which originated in the late 1800s by poor musicians.

"I perform American roots music," said Koskinen. "Music evolves constantly, but poor people put together the sources of the most interesting music. So, I would say I perform a mix of blues, folk, jazz, mountain music, and music of the American Islands, like Jamaica."



ALEXIS DARKOW • The Reporter

On Thursday, Pieta Brown & The Taken with Erik Koskinen performed at the EJ Halling Recital Hall of the Earley Center for Performing Arts.

Songs are created because of an inspiring moment in an artist's life or simply because they enjoy the rush of the creative process.

"The creative process is the addictive part for me," said Koskinen. "Even after a song is recorded,

I keep revising and manipulating it to keep the old from becoming boring."

Brown, the daughter of Grammy-nominated folk musician Greg Brown, draws inspiration from growing up in a house of bohemian

artists.

"I grew up around a lot of musicians and artists, so for me, music feels very natural...like breathing," said Brown. "Music continues to be a lifeline."

Music allows songwriters to unleash their thoughts and feelings. Sometimes, it brings them inner peace.

"Music is such an endless and open place for expression. I turn to it so often," said Brown.

Koskinen has an eccentric response as to how he expresses himself through the songs he creates.

"I feel it's much easier to express myself behind a guitar than, say, a poet, comedian or politician who stands naked in front of judgment," said Koskinen.

Brown and Koskinen find performing in front of an audience gives them energy and a sense of peace. It is exciting for them to see people being drawn into their craft.

"I always love it when the audience feels like one big collective energy. Then we as musicians can connect in, unify, and be a part of the collective too," said Brown. "Music has never been about 'performance' for me. It's more like a quest."

"When the chemistry between the audience and the music lines up, it's zen-like," said Koskinen. "It doesn't happen often, but it's addictive to me. So the search for that experience is a constant goal."

Listen to Pieta Brown and Erik Koskinen's music on iTunes, Spotify, or YouTube.

Nourish your mental health with Latinx Affairs

By ANAHI ZUNIGA
Variety Editor

Nourishing our mental health is one of the first priorities we have as students.

And it's also a great priority for Latinx Affairs.

Latinx Affairs have planned a mental health series titled "Nourishing Our Mental Health with Latinx Affairs," for Minnesota State students to participate through in the next few weeks. Its main goal is to allow students to take a break from their busy schedules and recharge with calming and engaging activities.

Director of Latinx Affairs Geanella Ochoa-Veloz explained how the activities are meant to be a series "where not only Latin American students but all students are welcome to join and have a space focused on community-based mental health support."

"These events are meant to be both educational and engaging by having students learn how they can nourish their mental health through the activities learned through our events," Ochoa-Veloz said. "As we know, many students experience stress and anxiety related to academic pressures and cultural identity which is why we wanted to create a space where they can prioritize their well-being, individual growth, and learn more about themselves and the person

they want to be in a supportive environment."

As its main purpose is to provide a welcoming and supportive environment where students can nourish their mental health, Ochoa-Veloz said that including other aspects into the mental health series can also help them promote self-care.

"By integrating cultural elements, small educational portions, and hands-on activities, we aim to destigmatize mental health discussions and encourage students to prioritize their self-care and personal growth," Ochoa-Veloz said.

The events will take place 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays in the Multicultural Center. The series begins on Oct. 15, featuring "Dream it, Pin it, Do it: Vision Board Crafting."

"The event encourages students to visualize their goals and aspirations which has shown to promote positive thinking and motivation," Ochoa-Veloz said.

Latinx Affairs is involved in accommodating the ethnic student population and providing support to Latino and Hispanic students, especially with their mental health as Ochoa-Veloz notes that "nourishing our mental health is crucial for everyone, but especially for Latino students who may face unique cultural pressures and challenges."

"These can include navigating expectations from family, dealing



Courtesy of Geanella Ochoa-Veloz

Latinx Affairs have planned a mental health series titled "Nourishing Our Mental Health with Latinx Affairs," for Minnesota State students to participate in a series of activities through the next few weeks.

with cultural stigma around mental health, and balancing academic responsibilities with community obligations," Ochoa-Veloz said. "By focusing on mental health, we em-

power students to build resilience, foster self-awareness, and cultivate supportive networks, which ultimately will lead to greater academic and personal success."

With midterms already underway and finals work approaching soon, Ochoa-Veloz lists several techniques that students can prac-

6 people accuse Sean “Diddy” Combs of sexual assault in new lawsuits



RICHARD SHOTWELL • The Associated Press
Sean ‘Diddy’ Combs participates in “The Four” panel during the FOX Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 4, 2018.

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
The Associated Press

Sean “Diddy” Combs was hit Monday with a new wave of lawsuits accusing him of raping women, sexually assaulting men and molesting a 16-year-old boy — the first time he’s been sued by a person alleging they were abused as a minor.

At least six lawsuits were filed against Combs in federal court in Manhattan, adding to a growing list of legal claims against the indicted hip-hop mogul, all of which he has denied. The lawsuits were filed anonymously to protect the identities of the accusers, two by women identified as Jane Does and four by men identified as John Does.

Some of the Does, echoing others who’ve accused Combs in recent months, allege that he used his fame and the promise of potential stardom to entice victims to lavish parties or drug-fueled hangouts where he then assaulted them. Some allege that he beat or drugged them. Others say he threatened to kill them if they didn’t do as he pleased or if they spoke out against him.

The lawsuits describe alleged assaults dating to the mid-1990s, including at Combs’ celebrity-studded white parties in Long Island’s Hamptons, at a party in Brooklyn celebrating Combs’ then-collaborator Biggie Smalls, and even in the storeroom at Macy’s flagship department store in midtown Manhattan.

The plaintiffs in Monday’s lawsuits are part of what their lawyers say is a group of more than 100

alleged victims who are in the process of taking legal action following Combs’ Sept. 16 arrest on federal racketeering conspiracy and sex trafficking charges. The lawsuits are among more than a dozen in the last year that accuse Combs of sexual assault.

Messages seeking comment were left for Combs’ lawyers and other representatives. When the planned lawsuits were announced Oct. 1, a lawyer for Combs said the rapper and producer “cannot address every meritless allegation in what has become a reckless media circus.”

Combs, 54, has pleaded not guilty in his criminal case, which involves allegations he coerced and abused women for years with help from a network of associates and employees while silencing victims through blackmail and violence, including kidnapping, arson and physical beatings.

Twice denied bail, the Bad Boy Records founder remains locked up a Brooklyn federal jail while awaiting trial in May. Two judges have concluded that Combs would be a danger to the community if he is released. On Friday, an appeals court judge denied Combs’ immediate release from jail while a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals weighs his bail request.

Before Monday’s raft of lawsuits, all of the accusers suing Combs had been adults at the time of their alleged abuse, although a Chicago record producer claimed in a February suit that he had “irrefutable evidence” of Combs sexually abusing minors.

In a lawsuit Monday, a John Doe alleged that Combs fondled his genitals when he was 16 at one of the rapper’s white parties in 1998. The man, who now lives in North Carolina, alleges that Combs told him he had “the look” of a star and then abruptly ordered the teen to drop his pants.

According to the man’s lawsuit, Combs explained to him that it was a rite of passage to becoming a music star, at one point asking him: “Don’t you want to break into the business?” The man said he complied out of fear, anxiety and power imbalance he felt with Combs, only realizing later that what he says happened was sexual assault.

Other lawsuits filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan include allegations of rape, forced oral sex and drugging to incapacitate victims.

One of the Jane Does alleges Combs raped her in a locked hotel room in 2004 after he invited her and a friend there for a party, gave them drinks and told them to snort cocaine. The woman, then a college freshman, alleges Combs also forced her friend to perform oral sex on him and threatened their lives if they didn’t comply.

Another Jane Doe alleged Combs violently attacked and raped her in a bathroom in 1995 at a party in Brooklyn for Smalls’ music video, “One More Chance.” Smalls, also known as the Notorious B.I.G., was killed two years later in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles.

According to the woman, Combs brought her into the bathroom to talk privately.

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tice and aid them in prioritizing their mental health during stressful days.

“Practicing self-care and mindfulness techniques regularly, engaging with others such as connecting with friends or family, creating a

supportive network with people you trust and can rely on, seeking professional help when needed such as counseling services or hotlines which can provide more tailored services and coping mechanisms,” Ochoa-Veloz said.

“Lastly, participating in any

community events that have open discussions regarding mental health to increase one’s knowledge on mental health and the effects it has on our minds, bodies and lives.”

For more information on the events in the series and their dates, visit mnsu.edu/DISH

Christopher Reeve’s kids on new documentary ‘Super/Man’



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Matthew Reeve, Alexandra Reeve Givens, and Will Reeve, children of the late actor Christopher Reeve, appear at the premiere of “Super/Man.”

By BROOKE LEFFERTS
The Associated Press

Christopher Reeve’s children say they made a point to include all the complexities of their father’s life — his strengths and weaknesses — in the new documentary “Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story” — because that’s what he would have wanted.

The film includes family home videos, mixed with interviews and movie clips of Reeve, who famously played Superman in four films, in addition to other acting and directing roles later in his career. Reeve’s three children, Matthew, Alexandra and Will Reeve, say there were no restrictions on topics or video used in their father’s story.

“He wouldn’t have wanted to be viewed through rose-colored glasses. He would want art and cinema and factual, comprehensive storytelling and that’s what he got,” Reeve’s youngest son, Will told The Associated Press. “It’s important to us to be honest and raw and vulnerable and give a 360-degree view of a very human life, of a very human family.”

Known as the Man of Steel, Reeve — an avid athlete, sailor, skier and horseman — was nearly killed in a 1995 horse-riding accident that left him paralyzed for the rest of his life. He used his platform to become an advocate for people with disabilities, starting a founda-

tion in his name.

Directors Ian Bonhôte and Peter Ettedgui were able to access some never-before-seen home movies of the Reeve family before and after the accident. “When we started to make the film, one of the things they were adamant (about) is that they will share everything. They will share the archive, but they will share their emotional states ... everything,” Bonhôte said. “That was the first time they were going to do it, and they were going to go all out.”

Reeve had recorded audio of his memoir before he died in 2004, so his narration is used in parts, adding to the film’s intimacy. The actor became a father to Matthew and Alexandra with his first partner, Gae Exton, and the family was living in the U.K. before Reeve decided he needed a break and moved back to the U.S. alone. Exton, who is interviewed in the film, shares compelling memories of that time, and Matthew and Alexandra admit their father was not around regularly during their childhood.

Other interviews include Susan Sarandon and Glenn Close, who befriended Reeve after he graduated from the Julliard School and started taking on acting roles in New York. Close suggests in the film that Reeve and Robin Williams — Julliard classmates and close friends — had a deep connection.



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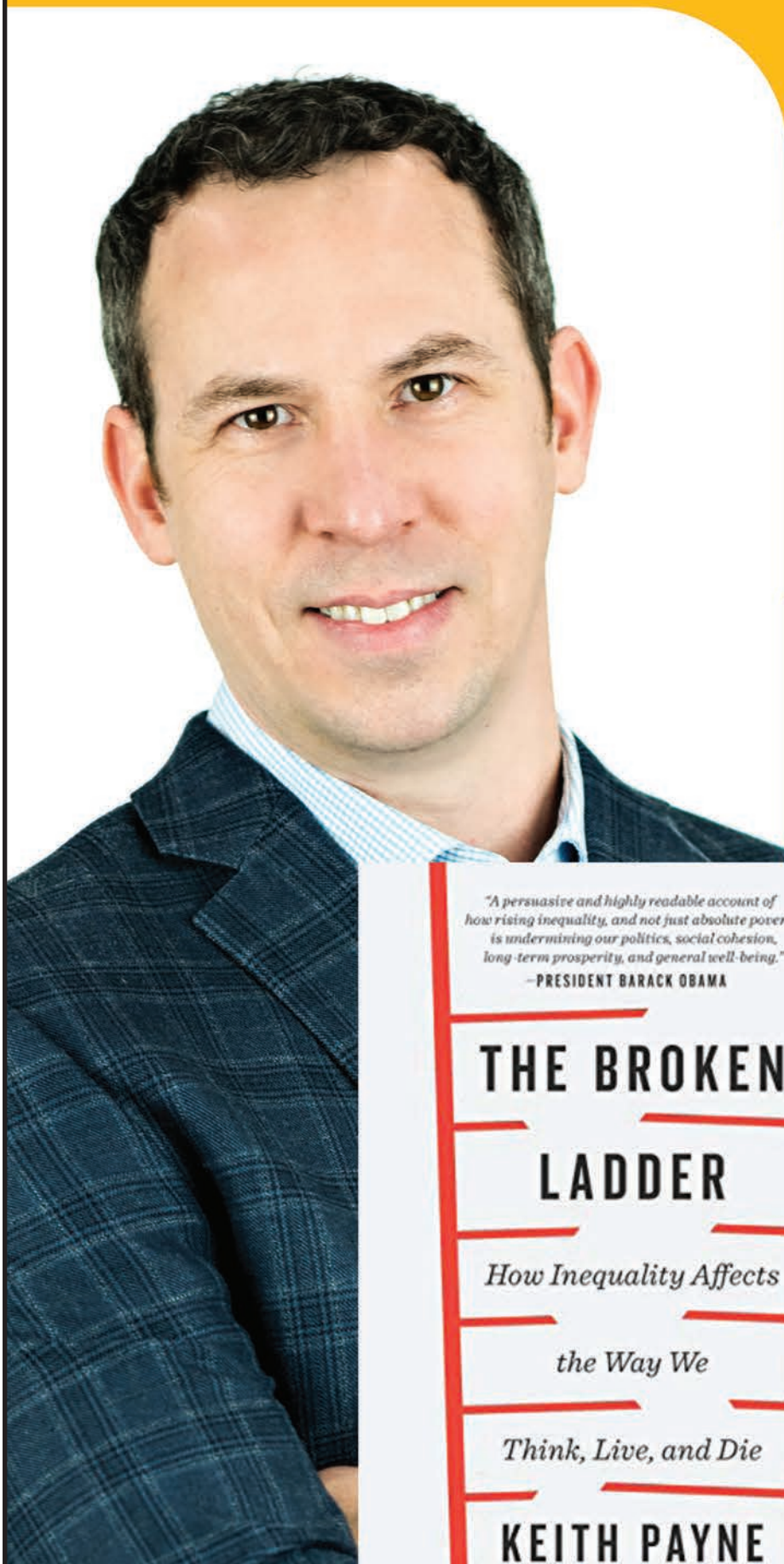




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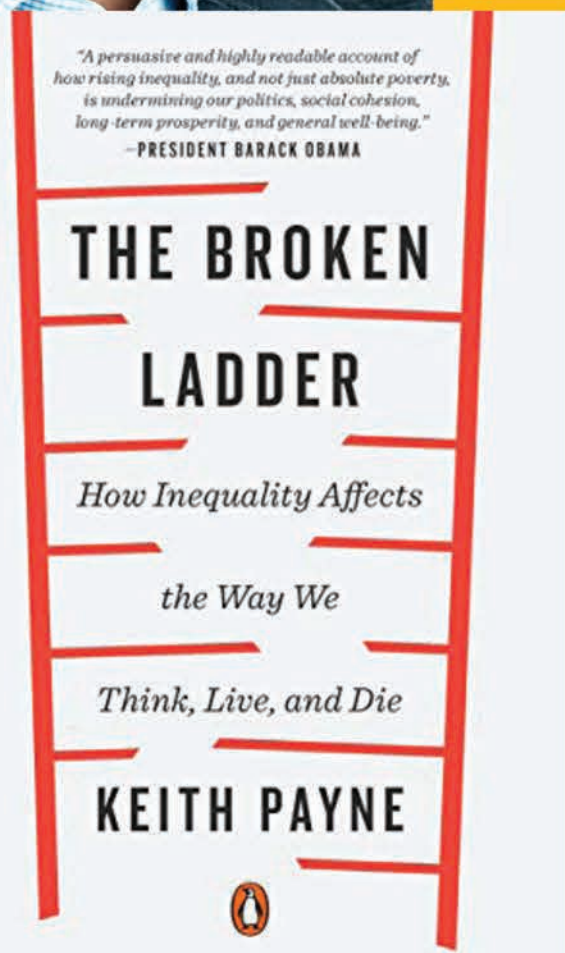
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