

Hanel hunts for Hall in new book

By EMMA JOHNSON
News Director

After nearly 23 years of extensive research and writing, Associate Professor of Creative Writing Rachael Hanel has a new book coming out titled “Not the Camilla We Knew: One Woman’s Path from Small Town America to the Symbionese Liberation Army.”

The book focuses on Camilla Hall, a former St. Peter resident who became part of the Symbionese Liberation Army during the 1960s and 1970s. While most protests were peaceful, the SLA were a radical and violent group. Hall’s life ended in 1974 after getting shot by the Los Angeles Police Department at the age of 29.

Hanel’s intrigue to write the book came from a newspaper article she read in 1999 about a St. Paul woman who was a fugitive and who was involved with the SLA.

“[The fugitive] had been underground for 24 years, so when she got arrested, it was a big news story. Alongside the story was a smaller one about the SLA with a picture of Camilla and I was like, ‘Oh, I never heard of her. I want to know more about her,’ Hanel said. “I just thought, ‘How does somebody from



LILLY ANDERSON • The Reporter

Associate Professor of Creative Writing Rachel Hanel has spent the last 23 years working on her latest book “Not the Camilla We Knew” which focuses on St. Peter resident Camilla Hall and her involvement with the SLA.

small town Minnesota end up in California and a part of a really radical group?”

Hanel’s inspiration to write the book came from the mystery of Hall’s past.

“I love true crime and mys-

teries. I really wanted to try to answer that question of how she ended up in the situation that she ended up in. It just compelled me,” Hanel said.

“Not the Camilla We Knew” is not Hanel’s first book. “We’ll

Be The Last Ones to Let You Down: Memoir of a Gravedigger’s Daughter,” was published in 2013. Hanel said “Not the Camilla We Knew” was easier to write than her memoir due to her training in journalism.

“I feel like I was much more my wheelhouse because I was writing about somebody else and I felt like I was out there researching and reporting on somebody else, rather than focusing totally on myself,” Hanel said.

The hardest challenge Hanel faced was searching for sources who knew Hall.

“There’s no one alive who knew Camilla well. Her family is dead and they moved around a lot, but I did manage to find some people who knew her for specific times in her life. It’s not like she had lifelong friends that I could turn to. Just in terms of piecing her life together was a challenge,” Hanel said.

The SLA focused on raising awareness for inequality, race and gender during the Vietnam War era. With protests on women’s reproductive rights and the Black Lives Matter movement occurring the last few years, Hanel says today’s modern movements parallel those discussed in her new book.

“I hope that this story of Camilla can almost be a cautionary tale, that no matter how frustrated somebody might get over what’s going on in the world, [ask themselves] ‘is violence really the answer?’” Hanel said.

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TPUSA claims of inequality brought to Student Government

By JULIA BARTON
Editor in Chief

Two international students have reportedly claimed that they were denied membership in Turning Point USA, a conservative-leaning student group on campus. TPUSA’s President denied the claim, stating it never happened.

Ashley McGee, a teaching assistant in MSU’s communication studies department, addressed the senate during Wednesday’s meeting saying she was representing two of her students who wished to remain anonymous.

“The TPUSA club on campus told two of my international students that they weren’t allowed to join the club because they’re not American,” McGee said.

David Wing, who is the president of TPUSA and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences senator, denied the claim stating that it was “hearsay.”

“I have done a full investigation over the last week. I’ve

talked to our entire executive team and our members in general. Not once have I heard or has anyone on my team heard of that type of interaction,” Wing said. “It is absolutely hearsay.”

Wing is expected to address the issue at the next senate meeting.

Emma Zellmer, president of student government, commented there is a policy for RSOs titled Recognized Student Organizations privileges and responsibilities.

“Official complaints filed against an RSO do go through student government. If the student experiences something, they are able to go through the university grievance policy, those complaints are sent to us and we are the ones who that investigation,” Zellmer said.

She also voiced that since the issue was brought to light she will remind TPUSA what the policy states are and what their responsibility is as an RSO.

TPUSA is a chapter of a national organization called STUGOV on page 2▶



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Ashley McGee spoke at open forum during the Student Government meeting Wednesday, Sept. 28, on behalf of a claim made by two of her students.

Minnesota's Largest Candy Store owner shares seeds of knowledge



JULIA BARTON • The Reporter

Robert Wagner, the owner of Minnesota's Largest Candy Store, came to speak to the students in the IBE program on Tuesday Sept. 27.

By JULIA BARTON
Editor in Chief

Robert Wagner and his son Clayton Wagner, both who are Minnesota State University, Mankato alum, came to campus with their wealth of knowledge about their family business Jim's Apple Farm which is now known as Minnesota's Largest Candy Store.

Speaking to students currently enrolled in the Integrated Business Experience, Wagner told the young entrepreneurs how his business started and how they can maximize their future business.

"I hope that they absorb information that comes from a very real, current, hands-on business perspective. I think that is important to balance that with the textbook," Wagner said.

The Integrated Business Experience at MSU is a semester-long set of courses in which

those enrolled in the program create, market and sell their product to the public. Tied with the College of Business, the IBE program obtains loans from the United Prairie Bank in Mankato and donates 100% of the proceeds to charities of their choice at the end of the semester.

Becoming the largest candy store in the state of Minnesota, Wagner's daughter, Christine Wagner, also an MSU alumnus, was one of the reasons they continued to sell candy, which eventually took off and became what is it today.

"It started to take on a life of its own," Wagner said. "She started pushing the candy thing, and it threatened my business and my farming operation and it was very upsetting to my grandfather because it was busier than his bakery operation."

Wagner spoke about his personal accomplishments and

failures he encountered with his business and what he looks for in a product as a candy store owner.

"If you came in with a product that appealed to a 5 or 6-year-old or age range you would be golden in my eye," Wagner said. "Create something that brings in the children and grandma and grandpa are right behind them."

Originally only selling produce out of their barn, the candy products were introduced to the store in 2008 after three years of spotting farming weather. Now they sell thousands of candies that range from local to Minnesota to international treats.

During the visit, his son handed out Sweet Tango apples for the class to try as well as their well-known peanut logs made in-house. The "big yellow barn," Minnesota's Largest Candy store is located off Highway-169 in Jordan, Minne.

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tional organization. According to its website, "The organization's mission is to identify, ed-

ucate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government.

Turning Point USA believes that every young person can be enlightened to true free market values."

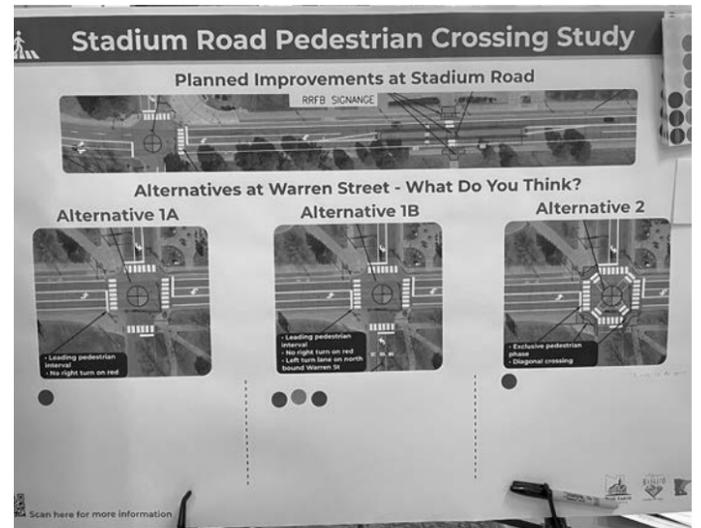
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Hanel hopes readers will ponder about Hall's motives, but also caution about Hall's actions.

they're going to die because of it and she really lost her life because she was a member of this protest group," Hanel said. "I hope people can see the parallels to today and think about maybe how we can avoid

something going so far." Hanel's book is now available for preorder on Amazon and will be available wherever books are sold.

The book's release date is Dec. 13.

Warren and Stadium's intersection potential new look



JULIA BARTON • The Reporter

Above is a diagram of different models that are temporary solutions to the intersection between Warren Street and Stadium Road.

By JULIA BARTON
Editor in Chief

Anyone who visits Minnesota State University, Mankato has most likely walked across the Stadium Road and Warren Street intersection between the university and the free parking lots. A study by SRF Consulting Group started April 1 has gathered data and created models of possible solutions to make that intersection safer and more efficient.

The university, the city of Mankato, Blue Earth County and the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) collaborated on the project. SRF consultants aimed to collect student feedback and propose solutions. On Sept. 8, representatives from SRF came to MSU's

Centennial Student Union to get students' input on possible temporary solutions for the intersection.

"What was driving it was MSU and faculty working with the city and county to study this issue of safety," said Chris Brown, Transportation Planning Lead at SRF.

The engineering planning and design firm has partnered with universities before. Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. currently uses the exclusive pedestrian phase model. The exclusive pedestrian phase or the "diagonal crossing" shown in Alternative 2 was the most popular among students and staff during SRF's visit to MSU. This option reduces crashes by 51% according to the federal highway adminis-

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Hurricane Ian lands in southwest Florida

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

Hurricane Ian made landfall Wednesday in southwest Florida as one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the U.S., swamping city streets with water and smashing trees along the coast.

The hurricane's center struck Wednesday afternoon near Cayo Costa, a protected barrier island just west of heavily populated Fort Myers. The massive storm was expected to trigger flooding across a wide area of Florida as it crawls northeastward across the peninsula.

Mark Pritchett stepped outside his home in Venice around the time the hurricane came ashore about 35 miles (56 kilometers) to the south. He called it "terrifying."

"I literally couldn't stand against the wind," Pritchett wrote in a text message shortly after landfall. "Rain shooting like needles. My street is a river. Limbs and trees down. And the worst is yet to come."

The Category 4 storm slammed the coast with 150 mph (241 kph) winds and pushed a wall of storm surge accumulated during its slow march over the Gulf of Mexico. About 2.5 million people were ordered to evacuate southwest Florida before the storm hit.

Though expected to weaken as it marched inland at about 9 mph (14 kph), Ian's hurricane force winds were likely to be felt well into central Florida.

Deaths from the hurricane had already been reported in

Cuba, where two people were killed as Ian tore into the island as a major hurricane Tuesday, bringing down the country's electrical grid.

"This is going to be a nasty nasty day, two days," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said, stressing that people in Ian's path along the coast should rush to the safest possible shelter and stay there.

Off the coast on Sanibel Island, just south of where Ian made landfall, traffic cameras hours earlier showed swirling water that flooded streets and was halfway up mailbox posts. Seawater rushed out of Tampa Bay as the storm approached, leaving parts of the muddy bottom exposed, and waves crashed over the end of a wooden pier at Naples.

Ian had strengthened rapidly overnight, prompting Fort Myers handyman Tom Hawver to abandon his plan to weather the hurricane at home and head across the state to Fort Lauderdale.

"We were going to stay and then just decided when we got up, and they said 155 mph winds," Hawver said. "We don't have a generator. I just don't see the advantage of sitting there in the dark, in a hot house, watching water come in your house."

The governor said the state has 30,000 linemen, urban search and rescue teams, and 7,000 National Guard troops from Florida and elsewhere ready to help once the weather clears.

Florida residents rushed ahead of the impact to board



CHRIS O'MEARA • Associated Press

Waves crash along the Ballast Point Pier ahead of Hurricane Ian in Tampa, Fla. The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Ian's most damaging winds have begun hitting Florida's southwest coast as the storm approaches landfall.

up their homes, stash precious belongings on upper floors and join long lines of cars leaving the shore. Some decided to try and ride out the storm. Jared Lewis, a Tampa delivery driver, said his home has withstood hurricanes in the past, though not as powerful as Ian.

"It is kind of scary, makes you a bit anxious," Lewis said. "After the last year of not having any, now you go to a Category 4 or 5. We are more used to the 2s and 3s."

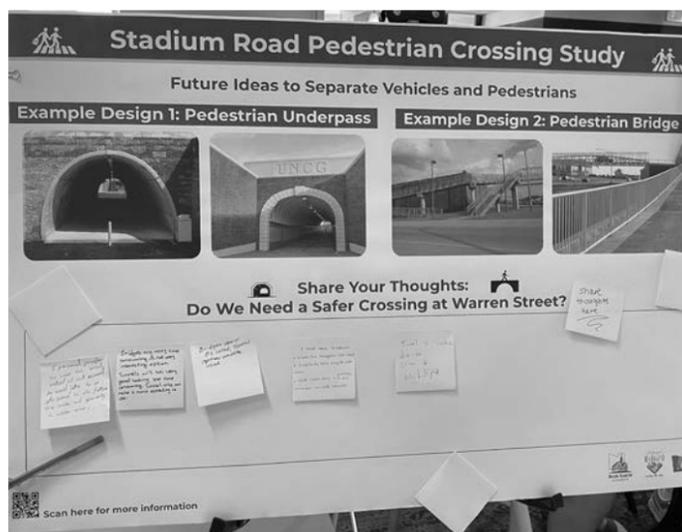
Ian made landfall more than

100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Tampa and St. Petersburg, sparing the densely populated Tampa Bay area from its first direct hit by a major hurricane since 1921. Officials warned residents that Tampa could still experience powerful winds and up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) of rain.

"Please, please, please be aware that we are not out of danger yet," Tampa Mayor Jane Castor said in a video on Twitter. "Flooding is still going to occur."

Flash floods were possible across all of Florida. Hazards include the polluted leftovers of Florida's phosphate fertilizer mining industry, more than 1 billion tons of slightly radioactive waste contained in enormous ponds that could overflow in heavy rains.

Isolated tornadoes spun off the storm well ahead of landfall. One tornado damaged small planes and a hangar at the North Perry Airport, west of Hollywood along the Atlantic coast.



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Above are two permanent solutions to the intersection.

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tration. The study portion will end in early November and then discussion regarding cost and construction will follow. The temporary solutions will likely cost \$90,000-\$100,000.

Abdur Rahman, student supervisor for facilities services at MSU, has been in this role for over four years and has firsthand experience directing traffic during special events such as commencement.

"As a traffic control we have to take care of both sides,

the pedestrians and the cars or buses that need to get to where they're going," Rahman said.

He favored model Alternative 1B as it would take care of both parties and create a left lane for buses so cars are still able to pass by without delay.

As for permanent models SRF suggested two designs, including an underground tunnel and pedestrian bridge. However, these wouldn't be in the works until the future and would likely cost millions.

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Self care is crucial

The thought of midterms approaching next week is enough to put students in a funk. With extensive papers, projects and assignments due throughout the course of the week, it can feel overwhelming. It may seem like a good idea to have caffeine running through your veins and pull an all-nighter to get your assignments done, but that will only make you crash. In order to prevent breakdowns, all students need to do is take time to focus on themselves and partake in a form of self care.

Self care gives you a break from your homework. It may seem ridiculous to take breaks when there are deadlines to be met, exams to study for and projects to complete. There is a difference between a mental break and procrastination. Setting a timer can be helpful in controlling your time so you don't get sidetracked. It can be a five minute break after finishing each assignment or stepping away from your homework at the end of the day to spend the evening recharging your mental batteries.

Your mental health is important, therefore, it's important to take breaks. Some students are expected to cram loads of information into their brains and memorize for exams. Others have to sit and construct well-crafted papers that are several pages in length. The length of assignments and the feeling that there isn't enough time is stressful to students. In order to clear your mind and tackle the workload with renewed motivation, stepping away from your work temporarily helps keep your sanity.

Take time to relax and do something you enjoy. Treat yourself and order takeout or go buy that new coffee you've been wanting to try. It's better than rewriting your notes for the eighth time. Crack open a book that isn't required reading and get lost in a world that's not your own. Spend time with your friends, be it just chatting or going somewhere fun instead of isolating yourself in the library. Hit the gym after you've spent the entire day sitting down reviewing flashcards. However you choose to disassociate from your work for a short period of time is up to you.

Self care helps prevent burnout. We, as students, try to fill our plates with classes, extracurriculars and work to keep ourselves busy. However, focusing on work all the time overloads your mind and can be exhausting. Eventually, getting up in the morning seems like a chore. Knowing when to say "no" and take a step back from school and extracurriculars is an important skill to learn. Once students find the balance, life becomes manageable and smooth sailing.

While education is important, your health is essential. To prevent yourself from falling into a slump and burning yourself out, take time out of your week to focus on yourself. Whether it's 20 minutes between classes or stopping work for an hour, self care isn't selfish.

Perspectives

When the mayor said there's no discrimination here



Reporter Archives

Photo of the Mankato City Council meeting from September 28, 1987

By JEREMY REDLIEN
Staff Writer

When the Mankato Area Gay Consciousness Group first proposed a simple ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in 1976, it would set off a chain of events that would be felt across the state of Minnesota decades later.

It started with six men of the group being kicked out of the Trader and Trapper Discoteque in 1976 for the simple act of dancing together. This and other incidents would lead Jim Chalgren (founder of the Jim Chalgren LGBT Center) and allies to push for a non-discrimina-

tion ordinance in Mankato.

Unfortunately, the Mankato city council would simply table the issue. Then Mayor Herb Mocol would famously dismiss the issue by claiming that such incidents were rare in Mankato.

He would be proven wrong almost immediately when two members of the Mankato Police Explorers Post were kicked out a few weeks afterwards for being gay. This incident was notable for being the first time two members of a Boy Scouts of America program would be expelled for their sexual orientation.

Other incidents of anti-queer discrimination took

place in Mankato following these events but there was no major push to pass an ordinance in Mankato until 1987. That was the year that Mankato City Council member Mary Lofy proposed an expansion of Mankato's Human Rights Ordinance to include sexual orientation.

Once the ordinance was proposed, it ignited a veritable maelstrom. Supporters of the proposal found themselves at the center of a fierce, months-long debate. Several supporters were targeted with death threats and harassment.

To add further fuel to the fire, two murders of gay men

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Pulse

“What’s the best purchase you’ve made?”

Compiled by Ajay Kasaudhan



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SOPHOMORE

“My Honda Civic 2018.”



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“Apple Watch.”



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SUMIA,
FRESHMAN

“A Land Rover Discovery 4.”



WEICHE WANG,
SOPHOMORE

“Mercedes Benz C300.”



ASHANA GAUTAM,
FRESHMAN

“My new iPhone.”

Schwarzenegger visits Auschwitz amidst hatred claims



MICHAL DYJUK • Associated Press

Arnold Schwarzenegger, left, hugs Holocaust survivor Lydia Maksimovicz, right, in Oswiecim, Poland. Schwarzenegger visited the site of Auschwitz on Wednesday to send a message against hatred.

By VANESSA GERA and RAFAL NIEDZIEKSKI
Associated Press

Film icon Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the site of the Auschwitz Nazi death camp on Wednesday, meeting a Holocaust survivor and the son of Holocaust survivors and saying it is time to “terminate” hatred.

The “Terminator” actor and former California governor viewed the barracks, watchtowers and remains of gas chambers that endure as evidence of the German extermination of Jews and others during World War II.

He also met with a woman who as a 3-year-old child was subjected to experiments by the notorious Nazi doctor Josef Mengele.

“This is a story that has to stay alive, this is a story that

we have to tell over and over again,” he said after his visit to the site of the death camp, speaking in a former synagogue that now is home to the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation.

He stood alongside Simon Bergson, the foundation’s chairman, who was born after the war to Auschwitz survivors, and mentioned his own family history.

“I was the son of a man who fought in the Nazi war and was a soldier,” the 75-year-old Schwarzenegger said in Oswiecim, the town where the Auschwitz site is located.

He said he and Bergson, who are close in age, were united in their work.

“Let’s fight prejudice together and let’s just terminate it once and for all,” Schwarzenegger said.

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took place during the debate over the ordinance. In New Ulm, the owner of Jake’s Pizza, Bill Schaefer, was murdered by his employee John Miller. Then in Mankato, David Wagner was murdered by Carl Wayne Davis.

Mayor Vernon “Sarge” Carstensen came out against the ordinance. This meant the ordinance needed four members of the city council to vote in favor of it in order for it to pass. Two members, Lofy and Claire Faust, came out in favor of the ordinance in advance.

By the time the Mankato City Council was ready to vote on the ordinance on Sept. 28, tension was at an all time high. On that night, 59 people testified at the city council meeting.

“All of us who testified were very nervous, except for Jim probably, and when we got in there it was packed,” said Jeanne Burkhart, who had worked with Jim on the ordinance and had testified herself at that meeting.

Unfortunately, there weren’t enough votes and the proposal failed, with Lofy and Claire

Faust being the only members of the city council voting in favor.

“It was heartbreaking, we thought that we had the votes that we had needed,” Burkhart said.

Chalgren announced he was leaving Mankato for St. Paul that very night.

“There’s no reason for me to stay here, it’s a very inhospitable environment,” Chalgren is quoted as saying in The Free Press in a speech he gave following the vote.

However, the effort to pass the ordinance wasn’t entirely in vain. By bringing attention to the issue of anti-queer discrimination, Mankato activists can be given some credit for helping lead Minnesota to becoming the first state to pass legislation banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in 1993.

The lesson here is that the fight for LGBTQ rights is rarely straightforward. What began as a simple proposal made after six men were kicked out of a discotheque ultimately became part of a much larger fight for human dignity.

Alzheimer’s drug in early studies

By TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

Shares of Biogen and other drugmakers researching Alzheimer’s disease soared early Wednesday after Japan’s Eisai Co. said its potential treatment appeared to slow the fatal disease in a late-stage study.

The drugmaker said early results showed that its treatment, lecanemab, reduced patient clinical decline by 27% when compared to a placebo or fake drug after 18 months of the infused treatment.

Eisai announced results late Tuesday from a global study of nearly 1,800 people with early-stage Alzheimer’s.

Patients were monitored using a scale that measures mental decline and their ability to do daily activities like getting dressed or feeding oneself.

Eisai Co. Ltd. said it would discuss full results from the research at a conference in late November.

It also plans to publish findings in a peer-reviewed medical journal.

The company is already seeking an accelerated approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the agency is expected to decide by early next year.

Eisai and Biogen will co-promote the drug.

Researchers typically urge caution in evaluating a study until the full results are released. But the initial findings appear to be “quite robust” and will likely support regulatory approval, Mizuho Securities analyst Graig Suvannavejh said in a research note.



STEVEN SENNE • Associated Press

Shares of Biogen and other drugmakers researching Alzheimer’s disease soared early Wed, Sept. 28, after Japan’s Eisai Co. said its potential treatment appeared to slow the fatal disease’s progress in a late-stage study.

A statement from the Alzheimer’s Association called the findings the most encouraging to date for potential treatments of the underlying disease causes.

Some 6 million people in the U.S. and many more worldwide have Alzheimer’s, which gradually attacks areas of the brain needed for memory, reasoning, communication and basic daily tasks.

Alzheimer’s has no known cure. Long-standing treatments on the market just manage symptoms, and researchers don’t fully understand what causes the disease.

Last year, Biogen’s Aduhelm became the first new Alzheimer’s drug introduced in nearly two decades. But it has largely flopped after debuting with a price tag of \$56,000 annually, which Biogen later slashed.

Doctors have been hesitant

to prescribe it, given weak evidence that the drug slows the progression of Alzheimer’s.

Insurers have blocked or restricted coverage due to concerns over the drug’s high price tag and uncertain benefit.

Earlier this year, the federal Medicare program imposed strict limits on who can get the drug, wiping out most of its potential U.S. market.

Biogen announced afterward that it would stop most of its spending on the treatment.

Like Aduhelm, lecanemab, which Eisai developed, aims to clear a protein called beta-amyloid from the brain.

The protein forms a plaque that researchers believe is a contributor to Alzheimer’s.

They also point to other potential factors like family history and chronic conditions such as diabetes.

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SPORTS

Showdown in St. Paul, Mavs take on the Bears

By CHARLIE GROEBNER
Staff Writer

With the festivities from last week's celebration finally starting to clear, there is no rest for The Minnesota State University, Mankato Mavericks as they are once again back on the road and looking to seek another win on the Gridiron.

The Mavericks closed out Homecoming week with a thrilling 31-28 victory over the University of Mary Marauders. After falling behind by 14 in the first quarter, the Mavericks would proceed to turn the game into a shoot-out with junior running back Shen Butler-Lawson running for 100 yds and two touchdowns. Even for his performance and putting the team on his back, the Georgia native talks about how it was not him doing it alone.

"It felt good to go out there during homecoming and defend the Blake. I had a great day running the ball, but I couldn't have done it without the guy's up front and my teammates. Giving me the time to find an opening at the line and running through," said Butler-Lawson

This week the team heads up north to the Twin Cities for a showdown against the Concordia-Saint Paul, Golden Bears on Saturday at noon. The last time the Mavericks made the journey to Sea Foam Stadium was in 2019, where the Mavericks put on an impressive display that led to a 29-3 victory courtesy of the



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The last time the Mavericks made the journey to Sea Foam Stadium was in 2019. They are set to play this Saturday Sept. 10. at noon.

defense holding the Golden Bears scoreless until late in the fourth quarter. This time around, they look to seek another win against the Golden Bears to continue to rise in the divisional standings after falling to fourth place.

As for their host the Golden Bears, they look for their first win of the season and have yet

to beat the Mavericks since 2010. Last week, they would fall to Wayne State and trail for the majority of the contest. This week they look to close out their homecoming week with an upset over the Mavericks in front of the fans in the metro area.

The Golden Bears have not won a single win this year,

however, the Mavericks are treating them as if this is a playoff team.

The clear expectation is to be victorious, however, the saying is that it is never over until the clock hits zero. Regardless, Butler-Lawson and the Mavericks are not overlooking what is in front of them.

"It's the next game on the schedule, so it's the biggest and most important game. We got to go in there with the same mentality regardless of the record or game they previously had. We need to treat every game as if we are 1-0 and looking to get another win under our belt," Butler Lawson said.

History in the making, Mavs have potential with new team

By KARSON BUELOW
Staff Writer

After a nearly six-month wait since their heart-breaking loss to the University of Denver in the national championship game, the #3-ranked Minnesota State University, Mankato men's hockey team is set to return to the ice this weekend to kick off the 2022-23 season. This season, the Mavericks will be led by senior forwards Brenden Furry and Cade Borchardt as captains, alongside junior forward Sam Morton and junior defenseman Jake Livingstone as alternate captains.

In addition to a veteran

leadership group, the Mavericks will be coached by longtime head coach Mike Hastings who is heading into his 11th season with the program. Over his 10 seasons with Mankato, Hastings has racked up a national-best 274-96-24 overall record including capturing three Spencer Penrose Awards as national coach of the year.

"We've been fortunate to have some consistency in our staffing, where there hasn't been a ton of change," Hastings said. "Providing support and stability throughout the organization, the team has been fortunate enough to have some outstanding student-ath-



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Next week on Oct. 7 and Oct. 8 the Mavericks will play fellow Minnesota school University of Minnesota as their seasons first series.

letes within the past decade. They've continued to raise the

bar on how they've finished. That's now the goal for this

young group to go and raise the bar another level in '22-'23," Hastings continued.

With last year being the most successful season in program history, the road for this year's group becomes much longer as they begin their quest for a national championship. If the Mavericks plan on doing so, they will be without several key members of last year's team including 2021-22 CCHA Player of the Year, Nathan Smith, and Hobey Baker winner, Dryden McKay.

To counter the heavy losses, the Mavericks have added firepower on the front end with the additions of freshman for-

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Kittley coaching tree at Texas Tech adds football to track



JUSTIN REX • Associated Press

Texas Tech offensive coordinator Zach Kittley congratulates offensive lineman Ethan Carde after a scoring drive against Houston during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Sept. 10, 2022.

By SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

Texas Tech offensive coordinator Zach Kittley remembers everything about telling his dad his future was going to be in football.

Wes Kittley was fine with it, even though his life's work was track and he coached the first NCAA team championship in men's athletics with the Red Raiders.

Dad is thrilled now because he shares a lunch room in the athletic complex with his youngest son and gets to check out football practice whenever he wants.

"It's just a dream come true for me and his mother, and his brothers," Wes Kittley said. "Zach is beloved in this town."

We kind of say this in the Kittley family, 'We'll die for you if we know you're for us.'"

There has been a Kittley coaching at Texas Tech since 1999, when 8-year-old Zach was watching Kliff Kingsbury play quarterback for the Red Raiders.

When Kingsbury was hired as coach a decade ago, the younger Kittley remembers where he was when he heard the news — and what that Texas Tech student told his dad, sitting next to him in a restaurant.

"I told him, 'That's what I want to do. I want to go work for this guy and learn from this guy,'" said Zach Kittley, who was helping his dad with the track program at the time. "He said,

"This is your deal and you've

got to go approach it and attack it."

Wes Kittley gave his son the phone number of Texas Tech assistant Sonny Cumbie, another former Red Raiders QB. But that's it. Dad wasn't going to call in any favors for his son.

Before long, Zach Kittley was the graduate assistant whose only job was helping Kingsbury.

Dad says his son was getting to the office before Kingsbury, a noted early riser who was usually there by 5:30 a.m.

"And they noticed that," Wes Kittley said. "And Kingsbury just said, 'Wes, this kid, I got to have him for myself.' I knew he'd learn a lot, but I didn't realize he'd learn a lot so quickly."

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wards Luc Wilson and Simon Tassy among many others. Both guys had breakout seasons in the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL) where Tassy tallied 78 pts in 53 games and Wilson put up 75 pts in 52 games played.

But one main question still looms over the coaching staff with the absence of McKay. Who is going to fill that role in the net? With a quick tune-up this weekend in Omaha before the season begins on Oct. 7, Hastings remains adamant that the door is open for any of the three young goalies to take the top spot in net.

"We've got a player coming in as a freshman in Alex Tracy that had a really good

senior year and was USA Hockey goalie of the year," Hastings said. Tracy won a championship in Sioux City and returning Mavericks Keenan Rancier and Andrew Miller haven't gotten many opportunities for goaltenders last season." "We plan on using more than one goalie in our exhibition game this weekend regardless of how it goes to give them an opportunity to show themselves," Hastings continued.

+After their exhibition game this weekend against Nebraska-Omaha, Minnesota State will open with arguably the toughest schedule over the first three weekends in all of college hockey, playing three top-15 teams.

The Mavericks will start out with a home-and-home series with the #2 University of Minnesota, before staying home for a quick date with #5 Minnesota Duluth, and then ending on the road against #13 St. Cloud State before they start the thick of their conference play.

"We're excited to turn the page," Hastings said. "This group has the opportunity to write history. Right now we've got a lot of work to do. Our leadership group has to continue to evolve and our freshmen are feeling more comfortable. We just need that process to continue here over the next 10-12 days here before we play our first game at Minnesota."

Hockey home opener against Ohio State this weekend



DYLAN LONG • The Reporter

Women's Hockey will play at the Mayo Clinic Event Center on Friday Sept. 30 at 3p.m. and Saturday Oct. 1 at 12p.m.

By KOLE BUELOW
Staff Writer

In their first glimpse of the new season, the Minnesota State University, Mankato women's hockey team definitively handled the University of Manitoba 5-1. Although it was only an exhibition game and did not affect the team's overall record, the Mavericks now have a feel for who they are before conference play starts this weekend.

MSU will be competing in the WCHA (Western Collegiate Hockey Association) once again this season, and it will be their 25th anniversary of competing in the WCHA this year. The women's hockey team pulled the short straw to begin their 2022-23 campaign and is tasked with facing the defending National Champions, Ohio State, for their first home series this season.

The Ohio State Buckeyes are highly regarded as the No. 1 team in the Nation again this year and have already claimed the top spot in the USCHO Division I Women's Preseason Poll.

The Buckeyes earned 18 first-place votes while the University of Minnesota and Northeastern University found themselves claiming one first-place vote each.

Minnesota State should not fret, however, as they were not far behind making the top 15 rankings themselves.

MSU notched five votes to be inside the top 15, and with a close series, series split, or series sweep they will earn themselves more credibility for upcoming weeks.

The Mavericks added some talent back to the roster in the offseason, which is looking

promising already through just one preseason match. The most notable addition happens to be senior defenseman Anna Wilgren.

Wilgren had previously played for the Mavs, but a short year-long stint with the USA Women's National Team had her miss all of last season. Wilgren is now back and arguably better than ever, as she collected two goals in the exhibition contest against Manitoba this past weekend.

The senior defenseman also captains this Mavericks team along with fellow seniors Claire Butorac and Charlotte Akervik. Outside of Wilgren come a few transfer students alongside MSU's incoming freshman class.

There is a lot to be excited about, as freshmen Oceane Asham, Lillie Ramirez, Whitney Tuttle, Kianna Roeske, and Taylor Otremba will be making their Maverick debuts against Ohio State.

From the transfer portal, Minnesota State added one senior to their active roster which includes goaltender Alexa Berg from Norwich University.

Berg will look to add to a very experienced goaltending group, bringing solid stats from her time in Norwich. Berg earned All-NEHC Third Team Honors in 2021-22, posting a 9-7 record while allowing 1.51 goals per game while saving .936% of shots.

Although the Mavericks will only have Berg for one season, goaltending injuries have riddled Minnesota State in the past, and depth and more players at the position will benefit the team tremendously going forward.

Big 12 teams finding identities as conference play looms



CHRISTIAN SMITH • Associated Press

Kansas quarterback Jalon Daniels (6) escapes a tackle by Houston defensive lineman Nelson Ceaser en route to a touchdown during the second half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022.

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

Kansas has managed to forge an identity for itself through its first three games — all wins, surprisingly enough — as an offensive-minded team capable of putting up big points without necessarily throwing the ball all over the yard.

Kansas State has embraced the image of a physical, defense-first team that can barely score.

The rest of the Big 12 is also trying to find its identity as six teams play their first league games Saturday — Iowa State with the eighth-ranked defense in the nation, TCU with the ninth-ranked offense or top-10 teams Oklahoma and Oklahoma State that have been brilliant on offense and shown some defensive chops as well.

“Tough. Resilient. Edgy. Hungry. Never satisfied. I think those would be the best,” said first-year Sooners coach Brett Venables, when asked to describe his team. “I love the way we are developing. Our leadership and our mindset. These guys are super hungry, and they want you to coach them hard. When I say they are literally sitting on the edge of their seats in every meeting, I can’t say it any more clearly and truthful. And when we go to practice it is the same thing.”

Venables, a longtime defensive guru who arrived from Clemson added: “We are still have a long way to go, but we are making steady improvement.”

The biggest surprise in the Big 12 through the nonconference portion of the season is undoubtedly the Jayhawks, and it’s not only because they’re 3-0 for the first time in more than a decade.

They’ve been dynamic on

offense behind Jalon Daniels, who may be the impressive quarterback in the league so far.

The league’s offensive player of the week following another big performance in a win at Houston, Daniels is doing what would get a player on a national title contender in the Heisman Trophy conversation. He accounted for 281 yards and five touchdowns in the 48-30 win over the Cougars, pushing his TD total to 10 through the first three games.

He is both the Jayhawks’ leading rusher with 244 yards and passer with 566 yards.

“We have a lot of people who are able to make plays with the ball in their hands in our offense,” said Daniels, who was fighting for playing time a year ago but seized the starting job in fall camp. “I feel like (coordinator Andy Kotelnicki) realizes that, so I feel like he does a great job of being able to put guys in situations to be able to get the ball.”

It’s not as if the Jayhawks have beaten up on soft competition to reach this point: They’re sitting atop the Big 12 by virtue of their overtime win at West Virginia and knocking down future conference foe Houston, which was expected to be a Top 25 contender.

“It’s nice to see that our early start’s being recognized,” said Kansas coach Lance Leipold, whose team plays another 3-0 opponent in Duke on Saturday. “But shortly after that happens, you have to just keep your head down and focus on what you’ve got to get done and get better at.”

There’s plenty for the Jayhawks’ rivals along Interstate 70 to get better at on offense.

On defense? Kansas State has been nearly dominant.

The Wildcats have yet to al-

low more than 17 points to any of their first three opponents, pitched one of the few shutouts in the opening weekend of college football and are allowing just 276 yards per game.

But not even that wrecking-crew identity was enough to save Kansas State against Tulane last weekend. Adrian Martinez once again struggled at quarterback and offensive coordinator Collin Klein made plenty of head-scratching calls, resulting in a 17-10 home loss that left the Wildcats feeling wounded heading to Oklahoma on Saturday.

Turns out establishing an identity doesn’t mean much if you don’t win.

“Adversity has struck and how are we going to respond to that adversity — all of us, players, coaches — because we knew it was going to be a tough game,” Wildcats coach Chris Klieman said. “We knew that they were a good football team and we knew we had to play really well to beat these guys. We played hard but we did not execute well.”

Iowa State, another defensive-minded team allowing 24.3 yards per game, has scratched together enough offense for a 3-0 start heading into its game against No. 17 Baylor on Saturday.

And TCU has been stunningly efficient through two contests under coach Sonny Dykes, piling up 521.5 yards per game on offense heading into its trip to SMU this weekend.

“We’re showing up ready to rock and roll,” said Cyclones coach Matt Campbell. “I feel from a physicality standpoint, from an attitude and effort standpoint, things that we have set as our corner stones of who we want to be. I like where we are at.

Magic set to lose a 2nd consecutive practice day to storm



PHELAN M. EBENHACK • Associated Press

Orlando Magic guard Gary Harris (14) poses while being photographed during the NBA basketball team’s media day, Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, in Orlando, Fla.

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

Orlando’s training camp schedule is being disrupted by Hurricane Ian.

The Magic could not practice on Wednesday because the storm was looming, and called off their practice on Thursday as well because Ian was forecast to seriously affect the Orlando area with its rain and wind.

Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the U.S., made landfall in southwest Florida on Wednesday afternoon, bringing massive amounts of rain — more than a foot in some cases — and knocking out power to 1.8 million people. The Magic opened camp Tuesday, and haven’t been able

to practice since. The plan calls for them to return to practice Friday, three days before their still-scheduled preseason opener at Memphis on Oct. 3.

Meanwhile, South Florida — which saw what was supposed to be its home game in Tampa this weekend with East Carolina moved to Florida Atlantic, across the state in Boca Raton — also has moved its practice operations. The Bulls are working out at the University of Miami’s facility; the Hurricanes, whose campus is about 45 minutes south of FAU, have a bye this weekend.

It’s similar to the Tampa-to-Miami-area relocation by the NFL’s Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who practiced Wednesday at the Dolphins’ facility in Miami Gardens.

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Students squash school stress away



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Mavericks can come to the center of campus and take turns beating up an old truck with a mallet. The event happens every year, offering a valuable reprieve from the everyday stressors of all-night study sessions, and early-morning college exams. All it takes for students to unleash their inner Carrie Underwood is a few dollars.

My lords and ladies, the Renaissance Fair has returned

By LILLY SCHMIDT
Variety Editor

Sit you down and have a laugh at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival (Ren Fest).

Good day readers, and welcome to the ultimate Minnesota Ren Fest guide. This year, the fair is open for exploration until Oct. 2.

Ye need not be an expert on the era of renewal; the fair is a great opportunity for everyone. Take for instance, jousting. The chance to sit on a bench and cheer on ye favorite knight is an incredible rush.

If ye heart be not strong enough for the joust, there be plenty of shops to explore. Shops have a wide variety, from costume shops to handcrafted mugs. Some fan favorites include the stand for making hand molds, the crystal shop, and the hand-crafted wand booth. Vendors dress in Renaissance clothing and many pick up on the language, using Ren Fest phrases to welcome customers.

If a snack is needed for ye

travels, do not miss out on the classic turkey drumstick. The line may seem a long wait in the sun, but it's worth getting the picture taking a big bite of the leg. And to wash it all down, if ye be of age, get yerself a great glass of mead.

Take a seat and eat while watching a Shakespeare show, celtic dancers, or a comedy act.

However, my favorite part of the festival is the costumes and atmosphere. This year, I constructed a mushroom hat from cardboard and fabric to turn myself into a magical creature. A costume I fell in love with at first sight was a cosplay of Geralt from "The Witcher." Dedicated Ren Fest attendees often spend a lot of time, money, or both on the piecing together of their masterpiece.

The mixture of people is a fascinating show in itself. There are Festival employees wandering the walkways, making jokes or doing small acts. There are elaborate dresses or the normal joe in shorts and a hoodie. You may even stumble upon a bride in her white gown!



Courtesy Lilly Schmidt

The Renaissance Fair is a time capsule catapulting you from the twenty-first century to the fourteenth. Students can rediscover classic art, and eat a meat leg while they're at it!

For MSU students, the festival is roughly an hour's drive away, but it is a great weekend activity. It is an opportunity to experience something new

and dress up. Halloween only comes once a year, and that is not enough times to go all-out in costume. The renaissance is a time of rediscovery, so discover

who you are in the fourteenth century as a lord, lady, or anything in-between.

Fare thee well readers, and heed my tale.

Japanese former leader Abe honored at divisive state funeral



LEAH MILLIS • Pool Photo via AP

Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's urn is on top of a wall of flowers at his state funeral, Tuesday, Sept. 27.

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

Japan's assassinated hawkish former leader, Shinzo Abe, was given a rare state funeral Tuesday full of military pomp

and surrounded by throngs of mourners as well as by widespread protests, with thousands taking to the streets in opposition.

Prime Minister Fumio

Kishida said the publicly financed ceremony was a well-deserved honor for Japan's longest-serving modern political leader. The event was attended by U.S. Vice President Kamala

Harris, Japanese Crown Prince Akishino and other foreign and Japanese dignitaries.

Japan's main political opposition parties boycotted the funeral, which critics say was a reminder of how prewar imperialist governments used state funerals to fan nationalism. The government maintains that the ceremony was not meant to force anyone to honor Abe. But the decision to give him the rare honor — which was made without parliamentary debate or approval — as well as the funeral's high cost and other controversies have led to anger about the event.

The funeral began with Abe's widow, Akie Abe, in a black formal kimono, walking slowly behind Kishida into the funeral venue, carrying an urn in a wooden box wrapped in a purple cloth with gold stripes. Soldiers in white uniforms took Abe's ashes and placed them on a pedestal filled with white and yellow chrysanthemums and decorations.

Attendants stood while a military band played the Kimigayo national anthem, then observed a moment of silence before a video was shown praising Abe's life in politics. It included his 2006 parliamentary speech vowing to build a "beautiful Japan," his visits to disaster-hit northern Japan after the March

2011 tsunami and his 2016 Super Mario impersonation in Rio de Janeiro to promote the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Kishida, in a 12-minute eulogy, praised Abe as a politician with a clear vision for post-World War II economic growth who promoted national security, the development of Japan and the world and a "free and open Indo-Pacific" as a counter to China's rise.

"You were a person who should have lived much longer," Kishida said as he looked up at a massive photo of Abe. "I had a firm belief that you would contribute as a compass showing the future direction of Japan and the rest of the world for 10 or 20 more years."

Kishida said Abe will be remembered not just as the nation's longest-serving leader but for what he achieved, and he pledged to carry on Abe's policies for Japan and the region.

During the ceremony, Harris sat in the third row next to Rahm Emanuel, the U.S. ambassador to Japan, and they later joined others by placing a branch of chrysanthemums on a table near Abe's photo.

Abe was cremated in July, following a private funeral at a Tokyo temple days after he was assassinated while giving a campaign speech on a street in Nara in western Japan.

Is cheating the newest trend?

By EMMA JOHNSON
News Director

What do John Mulaney, Adam Levine and Jason Derulo all have in common besides being famous? They have cheated on their significant others in the last year.

Recently, former Try Guy Ned Fulmer joined this growing group. On Tuesday, Fulmer announced on Instagram that he cheated on his wife by having a "consensual workplace relationship." The Try Guys issued a statement saying that Fulmer is no longer working with them as they "do not see a path forward together."

If you don't care about any meaningless celebrity gossip, you should be concerned at the alarming rates of cheating scandals increasing.

Just when you think another celebrity power couple will be together forever, a scandal hits the front page of a tabloid website.

In the last year, a wide range of celebrities have either come forth about their infidelity while allegations have been directed at others.

All this news about cheating scandals got me thinking: is cheating a new trend?

Cheating seems like the norm — and not in a good way. Do people think it's thrilling to have a secret side piece? Are cheaters too afraid to talk

about being in an open relationship? Celebrity or not, cheating has become too common. It can be confusing for those who don't have a title on their "situationship." If there is no title and the person you are talking to ghosts you, only to post a photo of them with their relationship on Instagram a few weeks later, are you feeling disappointed? Or did you expect nothing to come out of it?

One reason that people may indulge in cheating is the hunger for 15 minutes of fame. Sliding into a celebrity's DM's to acknowledge their work is one thing.

Trying to disrupt their marriage is another. Getting a response from a celebrity is a rare occurrence, but homewreckers enjoy the fun of hitting on a celebrity. If they get exposed and their relationship is leaked to the public, they'll get numerous comments on the scandal, good and bad. Their social media following will blow up as people check out their pages. If the relationship doesn't work out, they can still contact TMZ as an anonymous source.

No one likes getting a broken heart. Healing after the heartbreak can take months or years.

A theory is that women gain a sense of empowerment from the scandal. Initially when the news breaks, the thoughts are focused on why their partner cheated and if anything could

have been done differently.

When the paparazzi dig deeper and reveal the cheater's messages or any photos of them out in public, then the attitude can shift.

Now, instead of the guilt and shame that comes from a cheating partner, there's a renewed sense of empowerment. They gain followers on Instagram and sympathies pour in from around the world. Their partner is seen as a P.O.S. and they come out with a clean record.

If you feel the relationship is losing a spark, it's better to break up with your partner than cheat on them, leaving them with a million unanswered questions of what they did wrong.

Keeping the lines of communication open with your partner is crucial to a healthy relationship. If you feel the temptation to cheat, have a mental check in with why you might be having those thoughts.

Before hopping into a relationship, consider what you're looking for. A one night stand? Friends with benefits? A long term relationship? Don't break others' hearts if yours isn't feeling full.

Next time you hear of a scandal, consider the motives of why your favorite actor or singer cheated on their partner. But dear god, it better not be Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively.

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