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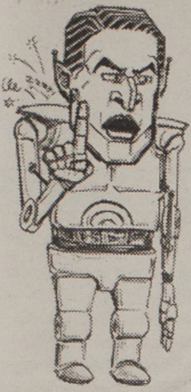
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# KAIMIN

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## Anonymous donation of \$115,000 opens more classes

Damian Ingleby  
Montana Kaimin

Six new course sections are open for enrollment after the UM English department received a windfall of \$115,000 from an anonymous donor.

"We're grateful to the generosity of the donor to get us through these difficult financial times," acting chair of the English department Bruce Bigley said Thursday. Bigley is filling in for chair Lois Welch, who is gone for the week.

Bigley said the money, earmarked

for adjunct and TAs, will be used to open a fourth section of Creative Writing 210, a second and third section of Intro to Critical Interpretation 120, a section of Introduction to Poetry 121 and two sections of English 101.

These sections were listed in the course catalog but had been capped at zero enrollment, in hopes that money would be available for them later, Bigley said.

Bigley said the staff couldn't be happier, but that budget woes for the department will probably still continue.

"We would prefer we were in the base budget for regular course offerings," Bigley said.

Endowment manager for the UM Foundation Vickie Mikelsons said that the donor just called them and said he or she wanted to donate money. The donations were given in the form of stocks that were later cashed in and then received last Wednesday, she said.

"It was out of the blue, and any time we get a gift like that it's great. It reconfirms that there are people who care about higher education and

want see the U-system thrive," Mikelsons said.

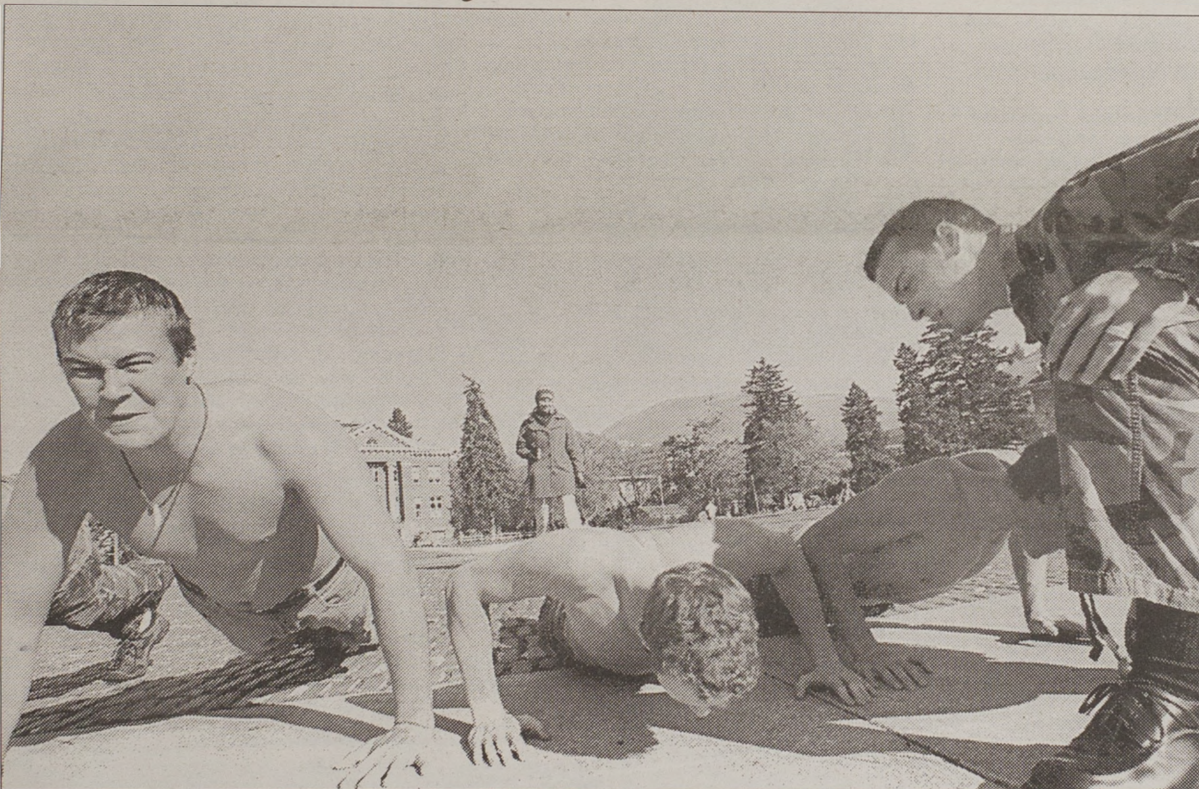
Bigley also said that though the donor wishes to remain anonymous, he or she is not an UM alumnus but is a Montana resident who seems to have heard about the plight of the English department through media coverage.

"I presume that it's relatively local, because it was in response to the teach-out," Bigley said.

The teach-out was a held in front of Main Hall Oct. 19, when classes were

see **DONATION**, page 16

## Sir, yes sir, I'll vote



During a demonstration to raise voter awareness, U-Vote volunteers Gunner Hamilton, left, Matt Jennings, middle, and Tyler Disburg, right, perform a skit to fight the war of apathy on the Oval Thursday.

## UM crime statistics go down

Melanthia Mitchell  
Montana Kaimin

For the first time, national university statistics are online and numbers show UM has taken a bigger bite out of crime in 1999 than in past years.

Congress authorized the Office of Post-Secondary Education Campus Security Statistics to publish a Web site showing campus crime statistics in 1998 as an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965. The Web site went up in October.

However, Public Safety office manager Shelley Harshbarger said UM's crime statistics have been available online for almost three years.

She said for the past few years UM hasn't seen much of an increase in criminal offenses. She attributes this to the university taking a tougher stance.

"We're starting to make progress in the area of drugs and alcohol," Harshbarger said. "That's because students are starting to learn we won't mess around."

UM's drug violations still tower over Montana State's numbers, but Harshbarger attributes that to Bozeman not being a liberal school like Missoula.

"With more liberal programs, you tend to attract a different kind of student," Harshbarger said.

According to the OPE Web site, UM police issued 583 citations for alcohol violations in 1999 and 64 for drug violations. That same year, MSU police made 375

see **CRIME**, page 16

## Park-N-Ride lot needs new pavement

Erik Olson  
Montana Kaimin

The Park-N-Ride program may have to find a different location, but the UM transportation task force is working toward paving the Dornblaser parking lot so the shuttle service won't have to move.

Jim Carlson, spokesman for the Missoula city/county health department, said the air quality division is concerned about dust being kicked in the air by vehicles in several lots, including Dornblaser.

Nancy McKiddy, director of ASUM transportation, said the task force is working on a plan to request federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding to pave the lot in response to concerns from the city about dust particles in the air.

McKiddy said that if the university fails

to pave the lot within three years, Park-N-Ride could be moved to a different spot, such as the southern end of Dornblaser.

Although Carlson gave no definite deadline, he agreed with McKiddy.

"It's something they should look into," he said.

UM President George Dennison said he is concerned about being tied down to the current Park-N-Ride site for an extended period of time.

"We need to be flexible about the particular site for it," he said, adding that many potential uses have been discussed for the land.

The entire project would cost \$299,802, according to McKiddy. CMAQ would contribute \$233,000, while the university would spend \$40,233, she said. The city would contribute labor and equipment that

would equal the remaining cost, according to Noel Larrivee, director of the Missoula Ravalli Transportation Management Association.

Additionally, Mountain Line would extend its free trolley service to stop at Dornblaser and run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., McKiddy said.

The city would also receive 50 additional parking spaces for community use, she said.

The proposal will be submitted to the Missoula Parking Commission, ASUM and Mountain Line for approval, she said.

Dennison said he supports Park-N-Ride because of the large amount of interest it has generated among students since its inception this year.

"That's been a very successful program," he said. "We just have to find the right place to put it."



# OPINION

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## Endorsements

### Kaimin takes a stand on election candidates

All over the country, newspapers are endorsing candidates for elected office, which seems questionable. Journalists spend months prior to Election Day covering the candidates, trying to focus on the issues and being as objective as humanly possible. Yet about a week before Election Day, newspapers begin printing their endorsements, seemingly erasing the objectivity they have worked so hard to create. Many times these endorsements are decided by those few on top of the corporate ladder who have the money to own newspapers, but those opinions don't reflect the overall opinion of the newsroom or the people they hope to inform. So reporters and editors are left trying to explain to candidates why they didn't endorse them, or they spend the next four years trying to write objectively, though it's clear which party the paper favors.

What we are left with, then, is no logical reason for newspapers and other media outlets to endorse candidates. Newspapers should inform the public with coverage of all the candidates and all the issues, allowing the readers to decide who the best candidates are through the paper's political coverage. After all, the media is the public's most comprehensive source for political information. So aren't endorsements jeopardizing the relationship between the newspaper and the public it serves?

Having said this, the Kaimin is endorsing candidates despite learning that the Missoula city attorney's office doesn't consider student journalists to be real journalists, which is one reason they're trying to subpoena video footage from UM student journalist Linda Tracy.

In pages 5-12 of this issue, the Kaimin hopes to prove that we're serious journalists by shedding some light on the candidates, issues and legislation on the ballot. We hope this information helps in the students' and faculty's decision-making process on Election Day. But we also hope voters further investigate the issues before making their final decisions.

On the bottom of our pages, we've asked numerous members of the campus community to comment on different questions about the election. We hope they give readers different outlooks and opinions on the issues. We hope you find this feature, as well as the rest of the issue, informative.

All members of the Kaimin were offered a ballot, so everyone had a say in who the Kaimin endorsed. Though our endorsements often wander to the left, keep in mind that most of us in our younger years tend to be pretty liberal. And every race, except a few, received votes for each candidate. Below are our endorsements:

**President (Al Gore), Senator (Brian Schweitzer), U.S. Representative (Nancy Keenan), Governor (Mark O'Keefe), Secretary of State (Hal Harper), Attorney General (Mike McGrath), State Auditor (John Morrison), State Superintendent (Linda McCulloch), Supreme Court (Terry Triewerler), Supreme Court (Patricia Cotter), District Clerk (Kathleen Breuer), County Commissioner (Bill Farrell), Amendment 34 (Against) Amendment 35 (For), Referendum 115 (For) Referendum 116 (Against) Initiative 143 (For), Missoula Referendum (Against), Missoula Elementary School Building Reserve (For).**

—Casey Temple

## Have your political cake and eat it too

Column by



**Nate Schweber**

The hot issue leading up to Tuesday's election is whether Green Party candidate and super-citizen Ralph Nader will suck enough votes from Al Gore to put evil George W. Bush in the White House.

Thanks to some clever Republicans and some entrepreneurial webmasters, we can now debunk some Nader myths and offer a have-cake-and-eat-it solution to the crisis.

**Myth No. 1:** "A vote for Nader is NOT a vote for George W. Bush."

Political pundits didn't prove it. Fearful Democrats didn't prove it. Evangelical Greens didn't prove it. Nope, our friends the Republicans proved it.

According to an Oct. 28 Associated Press article, TV stations in swing-states Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin began running brand new Ralph Nader ads showing "the chosen one" lambasting Al Gore. The organization footing the bill? The Republican Leadership Council.

Yes, it's true. The Republicans are using Ralph Nader as a pawn in their game to get elected.

Adding insult to injury, Mark Miller, executive director of the RLC talked about how Nader supporters beat the drum about how their candidate never had help from "soft money."

"We'll put an end to that," Miller said.

Props to Nader for not mudslinging back at the Republicans.

**Myth No. 2:** "Nader votes weren't Gore votes to begin with."

According to an ABC News poll, 56 percent of Nader supporters said they would otherwise vote for Al Gore. The same poll showed that 23 percent of Nader voters would otherwise vote for Bush and 21 percent flat out wouldn't vote.

With an ABC News poll showing Bush projected to win 182, with the popular vote neck and neck, the race is too close for Nader not to affect it. We need to do our part to make sure Nader doesn't tip the remaining 143 electoral votes to Bush.

**Solution No. 1:** Convince your conservative friends to vote for Pat Buchanan.

If a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush, than a vote for Buchanan is a vote for Gore. Elementary, my dear Watson.

Republican Kaimin readers, I implore you; stop beating around George Bush. Quit hiding your creepy conservatism! Throw your support to a man who is messed up ... I mean, strong enough to stand behind his ideals. Ideals like upholding the "laws of nature" to ensure no homosexuals ever get into the Boy Scouts. Ideals like pulling the United States out of the United Nations, giving up on foreign aid and letting people in Jerusalem just kill each other. Throw your support behind a man who calls the new abortion drug RU-486 "human insecticide." Don't think too long about whether he means babies or women are insects.

With your help, we can siphon enough Bush votes to Buchanan to get Gore elected.

(I hope that creeped you out as much to read as it did me to write)

**Solution No. 2:** Go to

www.winwincampaign.org or

www.nadertrader.com and swap your Montana Gore vote for a Nader vote in a swing state.

The way it works is, in a state where either Bush or Gore have a clear lead, it's OK to vote for Nader. But in swing states—Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, Missouri, Arkansas, New Mexico and Maine—a vote for Nader hurts Gore. These Web sites facilitate voters "swapping" Nader and Gore votes.

For example, a Gore voter in Montana—a state Gore has conceded will go to Bush—will have her or his vote buried under the electoral college. But if that Gore voter calls a friend in a swing state and promises to vote for Nader if the friend votes for Gore, then Gore gets the support he needs in key states and Nader gets a boost toward his goal of 5 percent nationwide. Eureka!

Winwincampaign.org has an edge over nadertrader.com (though not name-wise) because a voter can pledge her or his vote to either candidate and get e-mail connections about who they're swapping with. NaderTrader simply advocates that you call a friend in a swing state and swap. Still, NaderTrader boasted 123,381 hits on Thursday alone. Hopefully these Web sites will help get Nader his 5 percent and Gore the presidency.

I called a buddy in Washington and pledged to vote for Nader in Montana for him if he'll vote for Gore in Washington for me.

Come Tuesday I'll be voting for Ralph Nader without a shred of guilt that I helped George W. Bush out one iota.

Will you?

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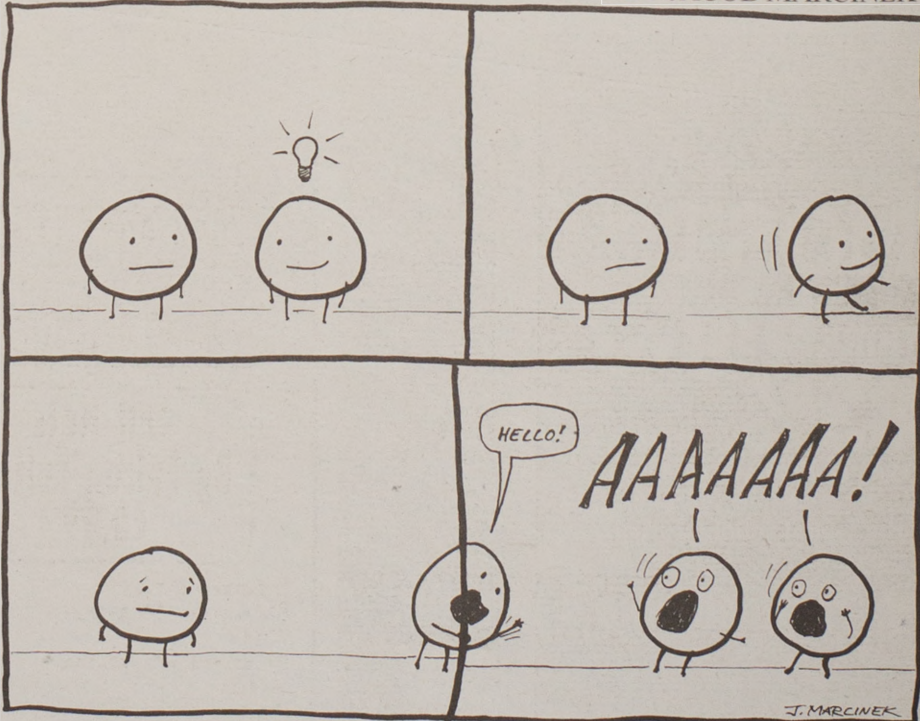
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## PAPER HAT

BY JACOB MARCINEK





# United States, Russia arrive at space station

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight years after the United States and Russia agreed to cooperate in a permanent human outpost in space, astronauts from both countries arrived at the International Space Station today and began what they hope will be continuous habitation of an expanding research platform 240 miles above Earth.

A Soyuz spacecraft carrying an American astronaut and two Russians docked at the 80-ton station at 4:21 a.m. Eastern time as the two crafts passed over Kazakhstan, the site of the crew's launching two days ago.

After checking the airtight seal between the spacecraft and opening hatches, the Russian astronauts, Lt. Col. Yuri P. Gidzenko and Sergei K. Krikalev, followed by the American mission commander, Capt. William M. Shepherd, entered the station at 5:23 a.m. Their visit is scheduled to last four months. There was no live television hookup allowing those on the ground to witness the event, but pictures relayed later showed three smiling men dressed in sleeveless blue jumpsuits and white shirts giving

the thumbs-up sign and clapping their hands in a show of unity.

Daniel S. Goldin, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which is leading the project, congratulated the crew in a telephone call from Russian Mission Control outside Moscow.

"Let's look upon this as the opening of the international space frontier," Goldin said.

Captain Shepherd, a Navy officer on his fourth mission to space, replied: "We're just starting a long journey."

To reach this point, the project had to weather large cost overruns, questions about its scientific value, years of delays by the financially strapped Russian space agency and delicate negotiating among the nations involved.

Politics, in fact, influenced the plain name of the station. During the call from their temporary home, the crew asked permission to use the radio call sign Alpha for the station. A surprised Goldin gave temporary permission to use the name, but it remains to be seen if the name stays.

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## Gun stolen from U-Villages, details 'sketchy'

*Revolver's serial number not known, slowing theft's investigation*

**Nate Schweber**  
Montana Kaimin

A .22-caliber revolver was stolen from the University Villages earlier this week, but police have little information about the incident, according to Public Safety officials.

The man who reported the gun theft did not know the make or serial number on

the gun, so it hasn't been entered into the National Crime Information Center, UM Public Safety Lt. Charles Gatewood said.

Gatewood said that since the gun was reported stolen on Monday, Public Safety officials did not have time to compile a thorough report. Gatewood said at this time he's not sure if the gun was loaded or if it was stolen from an apartment or a car.

"It's pretty sketchy what we know right now," Public Safety office supervisor

Shelly Harshbarger said.

The owner of the gun said he received the weapon from his father and hence did not have the make, model, registration or serial number, Harshbarger said. The man is attempting to find that information.

The theft came less than a week after a pistol stolen from a UM gun show in 1995 was discovered in a car during a drunk driving arrest in Eugene, Ore. Because it was entered in the NCIC, that gun was identified and will be

returned to its owner.

Residence life director Ron Brunell said its policy requires every dorm resident with a gun to check it at the front desk. The weapons are stored in a locked storage area.

Brunell said that during the fall semester, there are around 400 guns checked into residence halls. Brunell said the number of guns is higher in the fall because many students use them for hunting.

Brunell said residents in the University Villages are supposed to register their weapons, but they are allowed to keep them in

their apartments.

The man who reported the gun theft had not checked it in with Residence Life, Brunell said.

Brunell said he didn't know if the man was a University Villages resident or if he was just visiting.

According to national Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agency, there are 500,000 guns reported stolen each year. Stolen guns make up one-fourth of the illegal guns in the United States. Of the half a million guns reported stolen, only 2 percent are ever recovered.

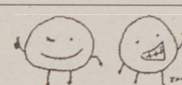
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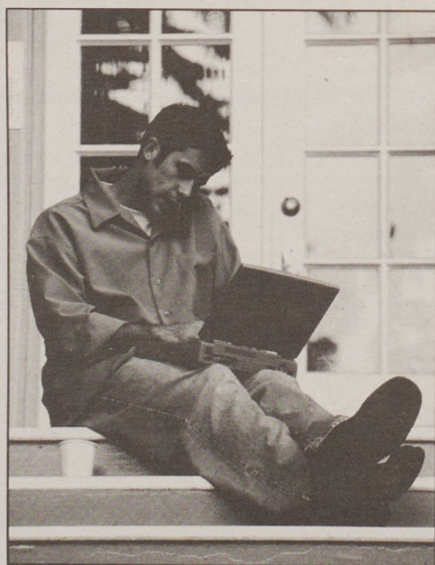
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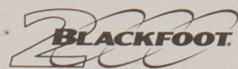
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# Election Preview

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## Gore shares Montana's concerns, Democrats say

Casey Temple

Though Democratic presidential candidate and Vice President Al Gore hasn't set foot in Montana to campaign this past year, it doesn't mean Gore doesn't show concern in the issues that affect Montana the most — the environment, education and good jobs.

And while most of these issues are influenced by state and local government, the outcome of the presidential election will greatly affect Montanans.

Through this period of national economic success, Montana is still near the bottom in per capita income and at the top on the number of people working two jobs, a trend that will continue unless education improves in the state, said Carter Bundy, Montana director to elect Gore.

"If you provide people with an education, good jobs will come here," Bundy said, noting the best way for the federal government to increase Montana's economic success is by maintaining the national economy. Bundy added that Gore wants to run T3 cable lines through Montana, which is only one of 12 states that don't have T3 lines, and make sure corporations don't come into Montana, use up all the resources and leave citizens with the environmental cleanup, as in the

cases of Libby and Butte.

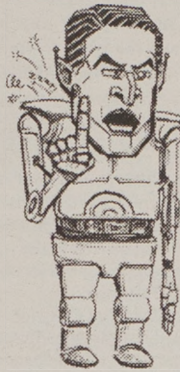
And if Gore is elected President, Bundy said he will offer a \$10,000 tax break for families with children in college, which Bundy said will allow middle and lower class families to send kids to places like UM.

Gore said he would use part of the nation's budget surplus to improve kindergarten through high school education, by repairing schools, hiring new teachers and paying teachers better to ensure the best teachers are teaching.

"The only way to lower the number of kids in the classes, to pay teachers better and to improve education, is by investing money into the schools," Bundy said.

According to the Gore website, 145 new teachers have been added in Montana during the current administration. Gore plans on adding 100,000 new teachers nationwide if elected.

Under Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's tax plan, the budget surplus would go to the upper class through a tax cut, which would devastate the nation's economy, Bundy added.



While Bush supporters say Gore is too liberal when it comes to the environment and Ralph Nader supporters say Gore isn't liberal enough, Bundy said Gore would create compromise by protecting the environment and jobs in natural resources.

"Gore doesn't want to eliminate jobs in mining and logging," Bundy said. "And just because Nader supporters are further left and don't know the importance of compromise, doesn't mean there's not a difference between Gore and Bush. Gore is as good an environmental candidate as anyone who will ever become President."

Bundy said Bush would set back the environmental and feminist movements 30 years if elected, because he'd appoint justices who would eliminate environmental laws and legal abortion. This is a chance environmentalists can't take by voting for Nader, who many political analysts say is pulling votes away from Gore.

Another environmental debate is Bill Clinton's roadless plan, which would prevent new roads from being built in 6 million acres in Montana.

Bundy said most loggers have deemed these areas unloggable, so the initiative would not cost loggers jobs, but would maintain these lands for future hunters, fishermen and other outdoorsmen.

Improving the military is also a top priority for the Gore-Joseph Lieberman ticket, which is an issue important to a state like Montana that has a high number of residents enlisted in the armed forces.

Bundy said Gore's military plan for the next ten years would pump \$100 billion dollars in the military, more than double the military funding Bush is proposing.

Much of this funding will go towards improving living conditions for men and women in the military through pay raises. And Bundy notes that Gore's military record is much more impressive than Bush's. While Bush was stationed in the United States, Gore volunteered for Vietnam.

"Both of them were sons of congressmen during the Vietnam War," Bundy said. "Gore volunteered for Vietnam and went. He wasn't always on the frontlines, but he was there because he felt he had a responsibility to his country."

And that dedication to the United States, as well as Montana, is why Bundy said Montanans should vote for Gore.

## Supporters say Bush won't ignore Montana if elected

Jim Wilkison

Republican George W. Bush's national campaign spokesman Andrew Malcolm says Montana won't be forgotten if Bush is elected president next Tuesday.

"Governor Bush is well aware of Montana from a policy point of view," Malcolm says. "(Montana) Gov. Racicot is one of George Bush's right-hand men, so it's very unlikely that Montana will be overlooked during his presidency."

Matt Denny, chairman of the Montana republican party, said Racicot could be an instrumental part of the Bush administration.

"Montana definitely won't be forgotten (if Bush is elected)," Denny says. "There has even been talk of Gov. Racicot being named to the cabinet under Bush, in either the Department of the Interior or the Energy Department."

In addition, Denny says Bush's experience as governor of Texas will ensure that Montana's problems are addressed.

"Bush is a western governor, and he understands western issues like federal intrusion into state issues and even Montana's economic problems, based on Texas' own problems with the decline of the oil industry down there," Denny says.

Denny adds that vice presidential nominee and Wyoming resident Dick Cheney is well versed in Montana issues.

"He is well-connected with Montana's leaders," Denny says.

Bush hasn't campaigned in Montana "because national campaigns tend to focus on



battleground states," Malcolm says. "Montana — like all states in the Mountain West — is not one of those states. Bush is far ahead of Gore there. Right now, he's focusing his attention on battleground states."

Two north-west battleground states — Washington and Oregon — have traditionally gone to Democratic candidates, but Bush now has the edge in both states.

Additionally, both the Portland Oregonian and the Seattle Times — newspapers that endorsed Clinton/Gore in 1996 — have given the nod to Bush/Cheney this year.

Some of this may be

because Bush has shown himself to be a moderate Republican. Bush has come out much more left-leaning on issues like abortion and gun control than many other high-ranking republicans.

"One of Gov. Bush's themes is that he's a different type of Republican, open and accepting of new ideas, and that's resonated with Americans," Malcolm says. "We hope that will show next Tuesday."

Bush's political career began in 1994, when he was elected governor of Texas on a platform of curbing lawsuit abuse, providing local control of schools, strengthening juvenile and criminal justice laws, and reforming welfare.

Both as governor and presidential campaigner, Bush's Clinton-esque charm has helped him win popularity and support.

"If the voters decide on personality-driven variables,

Bush has a pretty good chance," says field poll Director Mark DiCamillo.

One area where Montanans will want answers is on environmental problems.

Bush has recently come under fire for his proposal to drill for oil on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Denny, however, says Bush has several pro-environment proposals, including plans to clean up Superfund waste sites — like the one that stretches along the Clark Fork from Butte to Milltown.

"The EPA spends all their time right now suing the heck out of people who own the land the sites are on," Denny says. "He wants to spend all that money (on efforts) to actually get the sites cleaned up."

## UM election commentary

Which gubernatorial candidate's plan will help Montana's economy grow the best and why?

• Jeff Bookwalter  
Professor of economics

I would argue for O'Keefe. If you look at economic development anywhere in the U.S., economic development has followed a commitment to education. It hasn't happened the other way around. Martz's plan argues that we need economic development before education. That just doesn't work.



• Paul Polzin  
Bureau of business  
economic research

The immediate problem that Montana faces is low income per capita. That is the toughest problem to solve because it has been a long-term problem, and low income has evolved over decades and is widespread throughout the west. It will be really difficult for either of them to solve it in a four-year span.



• Heidi Bake  
Junior, economics

I really believe Judy Martz's plan will work better because she is focusing on bringing in new industry with more than just minimum wage job, which is what Montana needs to grow.





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## Nader and Greens try to secure 5 percent

Nate Schweber

Ralph Nader brought the GM motor company to its knees in 1965 with an exposé on how dangerous their cars were. Organizations he's founded have been responsible for passing the Drinking Water Act, launching federal regulatory agencies such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Consumer Product Safety Administration and the Freedom of Information Act.

Nader, along with his running mate Winona LaDuke, are spearheading the Green Party's goal to be a federally funded third party. The Greens have conceded they won't win this election, but Nader's goal is to get 5 percent of the popular vote and secure his party millions in federal funds for the 2004 elections, according to the Green Party Web site.

One of Nader's main issues is campaign finance reform. Disgusted by what he says is deep pockets pulling the strings of the two front-running candidates, Nader wants to ban all campaign donations by corporations and labor unions, as well as soft money donations. Nader supports a voluntary system of public financing for all federal elections that includes free radio and television advertisements for candidates, according to the site.

Nader supports civil rights for minorities and homosexuals and wants to strengthen the Americans With Disabilities Act, according to the site. He said he will pass the Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act, to stop authorities from using minor traffic violations as excuses to stop cars and search the passengers.

Nader says he wants the military to reflect "post-Cold War global realities," by sharply reducing nuclear arsenals.

Nader said he's in favor of withdrawing all U.S. troops from countries where they are serving no practical use. Nader wants to

cut military spending by 20 percent, more than \$60 billion per year, and eventually cut military spending in half, saving \$150 billion a year, and re-invest the money on social programs, according to the site.

Nader said he wants to "wage peace" by engaging in preventive diplomacy and stopping wars before they happen. On the domestic side, Nader wants to curb urban sprawl by creating federal programs to re-invest in old neighborhoods, improve public transportation and rehabilitate schools in older neighborhoods.

According to the site, he does not support Bush-endorsed vouchers to take kids out of public schools and he does support funding for Head Start.

Nader advocates an immediate end to logging on all U.S. public lands and the protection of all 60 million acres of National Forest lands. Nader wants to halt all nuclear power and long-distance transport of high-level nuclear

waste and wants the Environmental Protection Agency to put bans on cars with high emission levels. He has said he wants the United States to adhere to the Rio Accords which would force the United States to lower greenhouse gas emissions to their 1990 levels, which are 11 percent lower than present emissions, according to the site.

Nader advocates universal health care and opposes the privatization of social security.

But despite the accomplishments, many liberals have said Nader will cause Gore to lose the election.

"There's no end to the downward slope when you start legitimizing the lesser of two evils," Nader said at a press conference. "You have to stand up in life. You can't go through life on your knees. For the worst of the worst is when both parties flunk, when both parties hijack our democracy and sell off our government to the highest corporate bidders."



## Alternative parties want taxes repealed, gun rights and traditional values restored

Courtney Lowery and Chad Dundas

America is morphing out of its melting pot stage and Reform Party presidential candidate **Pat Buchanan** vows to fight for the reestablishment of that traditional American culture.

Buchanan, who ran for president on the Republican ticket in 1992 and 1996, is now representing the Reform Party on a platform of limited immigration, international trade and the elimination of "soft campaign money."

These issues are what the Buchanan campaign calls "national sovereignty" issues.

On the top of that category is immigration, said R.J. Brewer, Montana representative for the Buchanan campaign.

"Traditionally, America has been the melting pot, but now everybody wants to retain their own culture," Brewer said. "The increase of immigration into our country is changing the demographics of the U.S. It is depressing the value of American labor and is altering our culture and changing our language."

Buchanan's campaign calls for stricter, more traditional immigration laws.

A television advertisement aired in early November showed a man choking on a meatball when he hears of the government stripping English as the national language. When the man tries to call 911, he dies before he gets to the English option on the list of languages offered for the call.

"Immigration is out of control," the announcer says at the end of the commercial.

"With 30 million new immigrants since 1960, it tends to become invasion rather than immigration," Brewer said.

Buchanan calls for less globalization on trade issues, opposing the United States role in the United Nations and criticizes breaking down trade barriers, with the goal of leaving the U.S. jurisdiction over its own markets, Brewer said.

"We have removed control from our people and from our government," Brewer said, adding Buchanan isn't pleased with open trade with China.

And these trade issues are directly related to another topic Buchanan's campaign focuses on: foreign military policy.

"We are giving \$80 billion in trade surplus to the Chinese for them to build a military which threatens us and the rest of the world," Brewer said. "We are basically financing the best enemy money can buy."

Inside American borders, the campaign focuses on old-fashion values.

Buchanan opposes all abortion, federal funding of Planned Parenthood, homosexual marriage and homosexual rights. He supports prayer in schools, home-schooling, a phase-out of the department of education, a flat tax or national sales tax and the elimination of the commerce department.

Three other Presidential candidates will be on the ballot:

**John Hagelin** of the Natural Law Party, made a brief and abortive run for the Reform Party's presidential nomination. After Ross Perot's minions decided to

throw their support behind Pat Buchanan, Hagelin returned home to the Natural Law Party, for which he is the perennial candidate for the land's highest office.

The party's platform is an odd mix of both traditionally liberal and conservative views. Hagelin supports putting a stop to PACs and soft money campaign contri-

butions, vows to cut taxes, protect the environment, balance immigration, protect the citizens' right to own firearms and put an end to partisan politics.

The Natural Law Party is also, typically, upset with what it sees as a conspiracy between the two mainstream parties to keep them down.

"The amount of coverage we've received this year is criminal," said Bob Roth, Hagelin's head press secretary.

**Harry Browne** is the candidate of the Libertarian Party, the best known of the "third parties" in America. Their platform features a basic "hands-off" philosophy about government. The Libertarian candidate Harry Browne was a successful investment adviser for 30 years and has authored 11 books on his political views. This is his second go around as the Libertarian candidate for president.

"This country was founded upon freedom and (we) hope to restore that freedom to the American people by repealing the income tax, privatizing Social Security and ending the insane War on Drugs," said Robert Brunner, Browne's press secretary, via e-mail.

The big issue for the Libertarian Party is reducing the size of government. This includes the reforms mentioned above as well as repealing all gun laws, keeping the military close to home, letting individual states determine abortion laws and protecting the environment by privatizing most land currently owned by the government.

"Pollution seldom occurs on private property, because property owners are concerned about the future value of their property," Browne's Web site says. "Obviously, pollution would diminish if more property were taken out of the hands of government and turned over to private owners for protection."

**Howard Phillips** of the Constitution Party defected from the Republican Party in 1972 and founded an organization called U.S. Taxpayers to "offer America leadership committed to restoring the Federal Republic to its delegated, enumerated functions and returning American jurisprudence to its original common law 'Biblical foundations.'"

As President, Phillips promises he would replace federal income taxes with a 25 percent revenue tariff on imports. He would also end legal abortion in America, withdraw from NAFTA and the WTO, abolish welfare and fully restore citizens' right to bear arms.

"In regard to gun control, the federal government has no authority whatsoever," Phillips' Web site says. "It is important that the unconstitutional usurpation of police authority by the federal executive branch be undone. It is a priority to control the government's use of guns, but not to restrict the use of weapons by law-abiding citizens. The government behaved criminally at Waco, Ruby Ridge, and in its assault on the private home of law-abiding citizens in Miami."



## UM election commentary

Which candidate for Congress will have a greater impact on education in Montana and why?

• Bill Chaloupka

Head of University Teachers' Union

Both candidates are talking about education quite a bit. Most education is funded locally rather than by the federal office. Neither one will have much impact. The catch is that this is one of the races that might tip the balance in the House.

• Marlene Bachman

Director of student teaching

If I look at Burns, he is pro-technology, but I think that Schweitzer has more of an understanding for the overall needs of education.

• Andrea Vernon

Director of volunteer action services

I feel like Schweitzer has a better handle on the needs of education in our state. Burns has been in office for several years and his track record shows that education isn't one of his priorities.





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## Game farms' future on the line

**Kurt High**

If Initiative 143 passes Tuesday, it will eventually phase out all 101 of Montana's existing game farms and prohibit the creation of any new game farms in Montana, forbidding the sale or transfer of existing licenses to anyone, including immediate family.

The passage of I-143 would also place a ban on existing shooting preserves, or "canned hunts."

Opponents of I-143, such as the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said the initiative is an attack on the property rights of Montanans, not just ranchers directly affected by the proposal.

"If they pass I-143, they're telling me that I can't pass down my operation to my own family," said Chancy Ralls, a Bitterroot Valley game farmer who said I-143 is just the first step in many laws infringing on citizens' rights.

Ryan Lutey, spokesman for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, said these allegations are false. Private landowners have a right to do as they please on their land, Lutey said, as long as it doesn't threaten public health, safety and public values such as wildlife, which game farms do, he said.

Lutey said an example of this was chronic wasting disease, a deadly neurological condition affecting deer and

elk, which was recently found on a game farm in Philipsburg.

CWD is a form of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, and is similar to other forms of TSE such as scrapie in sheep, and mad cow disease in cattle.

Those opposed to I-143 claim the potential for disease is nominal at best. Montana Alternative Livestock Producer officials said Montana has the strictest disease testing regulations for game farms in the country. Every time an elk or deer is moved or sold, it must be tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis, MALP officials said. When an elk or deer dies for any reason, they said, the animal's brain stem must be removed and sent to an approved lab for CWD testing.

Game farms have become increasingly popular as an alternative to traditional farms and ranches as the state's agricultural industry has declined. Alternative livestock producers claim the public will vote out a \$20 million-per-year industry if I-143 passes.

Game farms earn their profits by providing breeding stock for other farms, by charging for "canned hunts" and by selling the velvet antlers to markets overseas where they are ground up for medicinal purposes. Some farms also simply raise the elk for slaughter.

## Keenan, Rehberg fight for lone House seat

**Erik Olson and  
Casey Temple**

In the race for Montana's lone congressional seat, both candidates list improving the economy as a big priority.

Democrat Nancy Keenan wants to improve the state's education system so students will be better prepared for the work force upon graduation, while Republican Dennis Rehberg wants to attract more businesses and create a job-friendly environment.

"Education is the cornerstone of economic development," Keenan said in an interview with the Kaimin.

Keenan was a teacher in Anaconda for 13 years and has been the Montana Superintendent for Public Instruction since 1989, and she said she wants to help university students stay out of debt after they leave college by providing more funding for Pell grants and other financial aid.

"I'm a really strong advocate of making sure those resources are there," she said.

Rehberg, a former lieutenant governor and state legislator from Billings, agreed that Pell grants and other funding need to be provided to help Montana students afford college, which would improve education overall in the state.

However, Rehberg told the Kaimin more regulation must be implemented on who

receives the grants, because millions of grants are given to students who have financial means, thereby cheating needier students.

Libertarian James Tikalsky of Laurel is also running for the seat being left open by Republican Rick Hill, who has chosen not to run because of health problems.

Keenan said she would lobby the state Legislature as congresswoman to increase funding for the University System. Since 1992, she said, tuition fees have doubled.

"We are dead last in per student spending in the West," she said.

Rehberg said many government bureaucrats were siphoning money from the students. He said he'd make sure school funding would go directly into the classroom.

If Rehberg were elected, Keenan said she hopes he would heed the wishes of Montanans.

"Listen to what the young people are telling us," she said, adding that Rehberg should also listen to elderly Montanans' concerns about health care.

Rehberg said campaigning strengthens candidates' issues and he hopes Keenan would take some of his argu-

ments and incorporate them into her ideas if she were elected.

Because Montana only has one of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives, Keenan said she would work with other representatives in western states on common issues.

"I am a coalition builder," she said. "I'm not a follower. I'm a leader."

Rehberg said he hoped students look at the issues rather than the rhetoric. He said he wouldn't only strengthen new economies that focus on computers and business, but also help students wishing to pursue a career in the more traditional fields like logging. Improving both of these type of careers would improve Montana's economy and help students find jobs after college, Rehberg said.

But the first thing Rehberg said he would do is improve living conditions for people in the military.

"It's despicable that there are people in our armed forces that are on food stamps," he said. "When I decided to run, I swore that my first piece of legislation would be to improve their conditions and it'll be the first legislation I'll pass."

## Wordiness confuses ballpark referendum

**Casey Trang**

On Election Day, voters will decide on a referendum that repeals the city's decision to spend special tax dollars on more sufficient roads, sidewalks, trails and parking lots in the area of Missoula's proposed baseball stadium.

Missoula will not be voting on the ballpark itself, but whether the Missoula Redevelopment Agency should spend \$1 million on the proposed baseball park site on the former Champion Mill site area near McCormick Park.

One problem with the ballot issue is that it's wordy.

The voters who vote yes, or in favor of the referendum, will actually be voting against spending MRA money to fund

improvements for the new ballpark.

Those who vote no, or against the referendum, are saying the MRA should spend money on sidewalks, trails, and other improvements near the proposed stadium.

MRA is a public agency designed to revitalize Missoula areas that lack public and private investment. The MRA is primarily funded through new tax revenue resulting from the development within a district.

If a piece of land that generates \$100 in property tax annually is improved so the property generates \$150 in property tax annually, the \$50 increase goes into a special fund that is used for improving urban districts. MRA tax dollars will fund the new ballpark if the referendum is not repealed.

MRA funds have been used in the past

to fund improvements in areas of the city that are deteriorating.

MRA spending has never been challenged in an election — until now.

Fair Play Missoula, a group opposing the construction of the proposed stadium, was successful this spring in petitioning Missoula to place the issue on the ballot this election.

The group says the ballpark would increase traffic, noise, and crime that may be created in the area of the stadium if it is built.

They also challenge the use of MRA money, which they say is supposed to be used to improve neighborhoods.

Play Ball Missoula, a nonprofit organization promoting the creation of the new stadium in Missoula, found private proper-

ty on which to build the ballpark and has arranged for the city to control it. Play Ball is campaigning for a "No" vote on the ballot issue.

Play Ball has proposed a 3,500-seat stadium that was originally estimated to cost \$5 million. The stadium is now estimated to cost around \$8 million. Private donors are expected to come up with \$7 million, and MRA money would fund up to \$1 million if the city ordinance is not repealed in the election.

If the referendum passes, it will only delay improvements outside of the proposed stadium, said Missoula Mayor Mike Kadas, who has supported the stadium since its conception. The stadium will still have \$7 million to build with.

## UM election commentary

Which presidential candidate has a clearer understanding of America's foreign policy and why?

• Mark Johnson  
Mansfield professor

In the course of the debate, both candidates have said very little about foreign affairs. Vice President Gore appeared to be saying that he takes the more activist approach and supports peace keeping. Governor Bush believes that U.S. forces should not be used in nation building exercises unless national interests are more directly involved.

• Steven Levine  
Mansfield professor

Mr. Gore is much better informed about the world than Mr. Bush. Mr. Bush has a middle school understanding of the world. He has a lot of knowledgeable foreign affairs advisors around him inherited from Papa, but he is definitely the amateur.

• Mehrdad Kia  
History professor

There are striking similarities between Gore and Bush. It is more the approach to the problem, how much do we want to become involved that will change. The basic tenets of foreign policy are going to remain the same.

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## Funding divides hopefuls for top educator

Jason Mohr

Though both candidates for superintendent of schools differ in how to fund Montana's schools, neither is short on experience in the education system.

Democratic nominee Linda McCulloch pins her hopes on increased funding from the Legislature, while

Republican Elaine Solly Herman said she wants to create charter schools and allow for more autonomy in the classroom.

McCulloch, who has spent the past 16 years as the Bonner school



McCulloch

librarian, wants the legislature to increase educational funding to the level it was at 10 years ago.

"We have under-funded our schools for a decade now," McCulloch said, noting that education used to be 70 percent of Montana's expenditures, but under Republican-controlled legislatures, that number has shrunk to almost 60 percent.

"We need to increase the state's funding of schools, which, in turn, would decrease local property taxes' portion," McCulloch says. Her legislative experience — which includes time spent on the elected body's education committee — gives her a decided advantage over Herman when it comes to working with the legislature on funding proposals, she said.

But Herman, a Helena financial adviser, said problems with finding money for education can be solved internally by cutting the bureaucracy out of the educational system.

Part of that bureaucracy is the kind of training teachers are required to undergo to meet mandates for federal funding, Herman said.

As a parent of a child with a learning disability, Herman said Montana teachers are trapped in expensive paperwork, instead of helping children.

Both candidates worry that Montana's teachers are seeking other states for work.

Citing a governor's report that concludes Montana will soon face a shortage of 1,600 teachers in the near future, McCulloch said the reason for the shortage is neighboring states can offer higher salaries.

"We're in a situation that we won't

be able to keep a high standard of teaching and a high standard of learning if we can't keep teachers," McCulloch said, adding increased funding from the legislature is the way to combat this problem. "It would allow districts to have money on the table to bargain with."

Herman agrees, but said the government telling teachers how to run their classrooms is the biggest complaint among Montana's teachers, not poor pay.

Herman said charter schools would help students learn better, and she would lobby the legislature for these schools.

Charter schools are given leeway to form a curriculum that is independent and not as regulated as the traditional public schools.

But McCulloch said she is opposed to anything that will put public money into private schools because public dollars aren't meant to finance private endeavors.



Solly

## Amendments aim to create revenue

Erik Olson

Two amendments to Montana's constitution will be on the ballot, both of which earmark funds to improve a social program.

C-34 would allow up to 25 percent of the state workers' compensation insurance fund to be invested in private corporate capital stock. The state constitution currently prohibits any investment of public funds except for money given to retirement funds.

In the secretary of state's 2000 voter information packet, proponents of the amendment said the state would have generated about \$100 million had it invested funds from January, 1995 to December, 1999.

Opponents remind voters that Montanans rejected a similar measure, C-31, in 1996. They argue that the proposal is reckless and workers' compensation was not created to make money.

C-35 would appropriate 40 percent of Montana's share of the recent settlement with big tobacco companies into a trust fund for health care benefits, services and disease prevention.

In the voter information packet, proponents said Montana will receive between \$800 and \$900 million over 25 years, and the trust fund would grow to about \$400 million over that period.

Opponents say the amendment takes away the flexibility of the Montana constitution to meet health care costs.

## Huge gap in spending separates state auditor candidates

Erin Everett

The race for state auditor, the office responsible for licensing, registering and regulating Montana's insurance and securities industries, usually sits in the shadow of higher-profile political races. But the stark contrast between the two candidates' campaign strategies has recently shed a little light on the contest.

Democrat John Morrison, a private practice attorney from Helena, led Republican Joyce Schmidt, the Gallatin County auditor, 43 percent to 25 percent according to a Lee Newspaper Poll, which was conducted Oct. 23-24.

But Schmidt surprised people before when she stole an unforeseen victory in the primary election, defeating Billings legislator Bruce Simon by 146 votes. In a phone interview, she questioned the accuracy of polls and said she is confident voters will make informed decisions.

"Some polls say this, some polls say that," she said. "We don't really know where we're standing."

But for voters to make an informed decision about Schmidt, they will have to do a little hunting. Since winning the pri-

mary election in June, she has run an unusually low-profile campaign. According to the Oct. 23 Campaign Finance Report, Schmidt has spent \$4,141, mainly on pamphlets and a video of her family at a shooting range. Schmidt's husband and campaign manager, Jerry Schmidt, said the ideas were created to identify with three groups of people: those wanting to protect their second amendment rights, shooting ranges who have difficulty acquiring liability insurance and hunters.

Morrison, on the other hand, has spent \$222,373 on television advertising and other campaign costs, including a comprehensive Web site that boasts his background as an attorney for individuals against insurance companies and his work on the United States Agricultural Committee that drafted the Farm Credit Act.

According to his Web site, Morrison has represented consumers and workers against insurance companies for the past 12 years, and would like to take his experience to the state auditor's office to promote legislation that would protect consumers.

Some of his proposed measures include moving the consumer affairs division from the Department of Commerce, which promotes Montana businesses, to the state auditor's office to eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest. Morrison would also like to require insurance companies to publish rates, amount of complaints and satisfied customers so consumers can access the information on the Internet and compare companies before they buy.

"There are two industries that are exempt from federal anti-trust laws: Insurance and baseball," he said. "We publish the standings in baseball and we ought to do the same for insurance."

The state auditor occupies one of five seats on the state Land Board, which makes decisions for Montana's 5.2 million acres of public land. Morrison served as a legislative assistant and legal counsel on the United States Senate Agriculture Committee, and helped draft the Farm Credit Act of 1987, which restructured the farm credit system and helped keep family farmers from going bankrupt. On the board, Morrison said he would try to find new ways to fund schools to preserve the

long-term value of public lands.

Schmidt's six-year stint as Gallatin County Auditor followed her career as an accountant with Hercules Aerospace. On the Republican Party's Web site, Schmidt said she would have to work with individuals within the state auditor's office to distinguish a "baseline" before she would know what improvements were needed. But her printed campaign information states her belief that insurance codes and rules should be strictly enforced by the state auditor, and that affordable insurance should be available to all Montanans.

Schmidt opposes gun control, and according to an article in the Bozeman Chronicle, is one of two Gallatin County officials with a permit to carry a concealed weapon in the courthouse. She keeps a revolver in her desk drawer.

Schmidt has the support of several statewide conservative groups, including the Montana Right to Life and the Montana Shooting Sports Association.

A third candidate, Rebecca Scott, a self-employed interior designer from Great Falls is running for state auditor on the Natural Law Party ticket.



## UM election commentary

Which senatorial candidate has more concern for the environment and why?



• Ty Martin  
Senior, history

I trust Schweitzer more than Burns. He seems to be with Gore on a lot of environmental issues, but I trust him to be more moderate.



• Nancy McKiddy  
ASUM transportation

I definitely feel that Conrad Burns hasn't had good support for the roadless initiative and asbestos testing, but he has been good to public transit.



• Vicki Watson  
environmental studies  
Professor

I think Brian Schweitzer, if elected, would accumulate a stronger record of voting in ways that would benefit the environment.



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## Burns and Schweitzer are night and day on most issues

Damian Ingleby

The Senate race between Republican Sen. Conrad Burns and Democratic challenger Brian Schweitzer is not only one of the most hotly contested races in this year's election, it's also one of the most bitter and expensive.

Both campaigns have poured plenty of dollars into the race, with Burns expecting to raise about \$5 million and Schweitzer hovering around the \$2 million mark. Millions more have been spent by their respective parties and interest groups.

However, all the money surrounding this race only emphasizes its importance. The Democrats have a chance to take control of the Senate, and few races feature such different styles and agendas as Burns and Schweitzer.

To listen to the candidates talk, this is a classic war between an extreme liberal and an arch-conservative.

The Burns camp paints Schweitzer as a puppet of Eastern political interests, including trial lawyers and extreme environmentalists.

Schweitzer counters by calling Burns a bought-and-paid-for, far-right conservative who has lost touch with the concerns of ordinary Montanans and is now beholden to special interests.

While Burns and Schweitzer agree on issues such as gun control and the repeal of the marriage penalty tax, they are polar opposites when it comes to school vouchers (Burn favors them, Schweitzer doesn't) and abortion rights (Schweitzer is pro-choice, Burns says only in special cases).

Schweitzer first came to political prominence with his "Run for the Border" bus trips that took senior citizens to Canada and Mexico to buy prescription drug medicines at greatly reduced rates.

Burns, 66, is a staunch,

pro-business Republican who refers to the Democratic Party as the 'other side.'

When it comes to higher education, the two aren't as far apart as people might think.

Schweitzer supports up to \$12,000 in federal tax credits for education and increasing funds for federal Pell Grants. According to Schweitzer, only \$8 billion a year goes for Pell Grants, while \$100 billion is set aside for corporate welfare. This has resulted in a decline to 39 percent of the total tuition cost that is supported by Pell Grants, down from 72 percent when the program was first initiated.

"I think we need to invest in education. It's the best investment we can make in our future. Making sure higher education is a priority is one of the easiest ways to help stimulate Montana's economy," Schweitzer said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Burns also sees the need for increased tuition funds for students, but said he is looking for a solution in the private sector rather than providing more federal government dollars.

"Increasing the availability and accessibility to grant, loan, and work study assistance programs is a step in the right direction and could make the difference to so many in pursuing their dreams for a better life.

(However,) I believe the best way to increase funding levels for the system is to strengthen the private-sector economy which strengthens the tax base for future funding," Burns wrote in an e-mail response Thursday.

Burns said he has done this by bringing federal dollars to the University System for research and development, like the Earth Observing System funded by NASA here at UM to the tune of nearly \$2 million a year.

## Martz: Economy then education — O'Keefe: Education then economy

Melanthia Mitchell

During the final leg in the race for Montana governor, Republican Judy Martz and Democrat Mark O'Keefe are battling over which comes first: student jobs or student education.

Martz's campaign manager Shane Hedges said the number-one issue facing young voters during the 2000 election is making sure they have jobs that will keep them in Montana.

"Our students are in demand all over the country, in fact all over the world," Hedges said. "Montana has a great education system; the problem is it doesn't have the jobs to keep students here."

Hedges said Martz's and running mate Karl Oht's plan to increase economic development includes a five-year tax credit for existing high-tech companies that want to expand and new businesses that want to move to Montana. The plan also includes a reorganization of the commerce department to remove barriers to economic growth, reducing regulatory burdens on businesses and supporting public-private businesses wanting to join fiber-optic networks.

Hedges said increasing the number of jobs Montana has increases chances to make higher education more affordable for college students and their families.

To do that, Martz's education plan proposes a distant-learning tax credit that would increase availability to internet and satellite-based learning. It also supports a four-year tuition freeze in Montana's vocational schools.

Hedge also said Martz wants to increase the amount of money going into Montana's educational savings accounts.

Right now, Hedges said the maximum contribution an individual can make toward this account is \$3,000 and a couple can contribute up to \$4,800. According to Martz's education plan, the tax-deductible contribution would increase to \$4,800 for individuals and \$6,000 for couples.

"If we can help people save for college ... it will help make sure we have students continuing to enter the Montana University System," Hedges said.

The time when those students leave the university system is what Martz's campaign is most concerned about.

"We recognize the importance of education and its connection to building our economy," Hedges said.

O'Keefe campaign manager Bill Lombardi said both job availability and affordable education should be students' main concern.

"You can't say one excludes the other," Lombardi said. "People want to find good jobs where they can make good money and they want the opportunity to enhance their education."

He said education plays a key role in economic development because universities always attract businesses.



Montana gubernatorial candidates Mark O'Keefe, left, Stan Jones and Judy Martz debate in the PAR-TV building last month.

"Investment in education is a good thing," Lombardi said. "Education is the engine of economic development."

O'Keefe's education plan includes training in the latest technology at community colleges and colleges of technology. It favors expanded research at university levels and nonprofit institutions and it seeks partnerships with companies to locate training centers at Montana universities and colleges.

Lombardi said O'Keefe and his running mate, Carol Williams, stand behind an economic plan that coincides with strengthening Montana's education system and investing in human and intellectual resources.

"It's an investment that will come with dividends," Lombardi said. "And it will eventually pay off."

For O'Keefe and Williams, investing in education means prioritizing and putting education up front for state funding.

Lombardi said O'Keefe wants to gradually increase funding for higher education and K-12 schools without making any general tax increases or giving away big property tax breaks to businesses.

"Republicans have given 73 percent, over the last decade, in tax breaks to big companies," Lombardi said.

It's a tax break Lombardi said directly affects Montana's higher education.

He said tuition for in-state residents has increased by 102 percent but state funding for students is 15 percent below the average for surrounding states.

"There's a funding crisis in our education system and we're locking students out because they can't afford it," Lombardi said. "The state has to help pay its share."

Libertarian candidate Stan Jones supports the privatization of all schools with a reduction or repeal of related taxes. He also proposes that teachers in private schools be paid according to their effectiveness. His stand on economic development includes bringing high-tech jobs to Montana and he believes in "human capital" - skills, knowledge, techniques and training.

## UM election commentary

Which presidential candidate best represents people under 25?



### • Tara Bussinger Junior, business

Gore, particularly because of his running mate. If you compare the two (Gore and Bush), Bush's running mate is extremely conservative, especially on the issues of abortion and education, which I think are two issues that strongly affect people under 25. At the age we are now, the presidents elected to office today will affect your children.



### • Brandi Ries Junior, business and psychology

I think Gore stands more for education, but neither candidates are addressing the issues that we care about.



### • Colby Stoddard Senior, microbiology

I'm total Gore. Since tax cuts are directed towards the top 1 percent under Bush, it's a lot less likely we'll see anything out of that. Under Gore's tax plan, you get tax credit for sending your kids to college. That's kind of essential to younger people.



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## Harper, Brown vow to reform campaign finance

Suzanne Colonna

Democrat Hal Harper's first priority as Montana Secretary of State would be to look at comprehensive campaign finance reform.

Harper said he would seek ways to constitutionally limit funding from special interest groups, particularly the use of soft money to fund negative advertisements.

Republican candidate Bob Brown seeks to implement campaign reforms to give voters more confidence in the election process by putting all campaign finance reports online, so voters can see what candidates receive and what they spend.

Harper said he carried four bills in the Montana House of Representatives in 1999 to change regulations on campaign finances. Two bills were sponsored at the request of Mike Cooney, the current Secretary of State. Although none of the bills have passed yet, Harper said he believes the "people's right to participate in clean and fair elections is paramount."

In his 26 years in the Montana House of Representatives, Harper served as chair of the Natural Resource Committee, the Democratic floor leader, majority leader, and Speaker of the House. His accomplishments include sponsorship of the Montana Water Use Act, the River Restoration Act, and his work on unemployment insurance trust fund solvency and the workers' compensation fund in Montana.

Brown, who was born in Missoula and now lives in Whitefish, is an experienced politician. In 1970, at the age of 22, Brown became one of the youngest people ever elected to the Montana House of Representatives.

After two terms in the House, Brown was elected to the state Senate in 1974, where he served until '96.

During his Senate stint, he also pursued a career in teaching, earning degrees from both Montana State and UM. Brown taught government, history, and economics classes in Bigfork,

Whitefish, and Flathead high schools.

"I have a commitment to education and young people," Brown said, noting that he served eight years on the Senate education committee.

Brown was the statewide campaign coordinator for the vote on the six mill levy for educational funding in 1998. The levy, which is voted on every 10 years, provided \$15 million for educational funding, Brown said.

Harper said he was also involved in the issue, although as a representative and not as a lobbyist like Brown was.

Harper said that if he is elected, he will be spending a lot of time in schools to encourage involvement of young people in the political process.

"We will bring government to the students and get them involved—they have more to lose than anyone," Harper said.

The Secretary of State serves as the chief election officer in Montana, and oversees the operation and interpretation of election laws. The office is respon-

sible for voter information pamphlets, and regulating proposed ballot measures. In addition to sitting on the Board of Land Commissioners and the Board of Examiners, the Secretary of State manages state land trusts.

Brown seeks to increase returns from use of state lands such as mining and grazing. He said he hopes to better fund schools with this money, while looking for environmentally conscious ways to do this.

Harper agreed that the 5.2 million acres of state land should be used to better fund schools.

However, Harper said, they must be protected as a trust asset for future generations. Therefore, he said, the lands in this trust should not be sold to fund special projects, and that access to those lands for recreation must not be prevented.

The Reform Party candidate for Secretary of State is J.R. Myers. Mike Fellows is running under the Libertarian Party.

## Liberal, conservative vie for Chief Justice

Anthony Zuccarini

In one of the tightest races of this election, both Montana Supreme Court Chief Justice candidates Karla Gray and Terry Triewiler are at different ends of the political spectrum for the top seat in the Supreme Court.

Triewiler said he believes he's ready for the job because of his experience working with individuals and this, he believes, is what separates him from his opponent.

"I have made a career out of fighting for the rights of individuals, not corporations," said Triewiler, a former Whitefish private attorney. "It is this dedication to individual liberties that sets me apart from my opponent and makes me the candidate most responsive to the needs of students."

Gray, the first woman on the Montana Supreme Court, was not able to be reached for comment in repeated attempts, but told the Associated Press that she thought her experience working with corporations was a plus.

"My experience in lobbying would be very helpful in discussing the court's business with the Legislature," she said. "If you don't have the ability to work well with people and bring them together rather than divide them, you can't get much done."

Triewiler emphasized that his oppo-

nent has been too guideline-prone in making decisions—or, as he would say, Gray's "connect-the-dot" style.

Gray said that her conservative "connect-the-dot" style is what helps her interpret the laws accurately.

"I think I'm a judicial conservative," Gray told the AP. "Our job primarily is to fairly interpret the laws the Legislature has made. They are the primary law-makers under our constitutional setup."

According to Triewiler, it's his ability to break away from the guideline decision that makes him more liberal.

"My record on the Supreme Court demonstrates a more innovative approach than my opponent," he said.

If elected, Triewiler said his primary goal would be to make the Supreme Court more accessible to the public.

"With my leadership, the court would be the most open and accessible court in the history of our state," he said. "As chief justice, I will make sure that the courts of our state will be open and available to all Montanans."

If elected, Gray told the Associated Press that she would work to improve individuals' confidence in the court through the use of public appearances and the Internet.

Gray and Triewiler are running to succeed retiring Chief Justice Jean Turnage.

## Rare election will decide Supreme Court seat

Anthony Zuccarini

Another political race that will be bringing a change to the Montana Supreme Court on Nov. 7 is the Supreme Court Justice race between Pat Cotter and Chris Tweeten, who are looking to fill the seat of retiring Associate Justice William Hunt.

Both Cotter and Tweeten were unable to be reached for comment, but during a earlier interview with the Kaimin, Cotter said she feels ready for the job because of her previous legal experience.

"I've been involved in just about every kind of case that might come in front of the Supreme Court," said Cotter, a Great Falls trial lawyer with experience in criminal and civil cases in Montana's court system and in the Montana Supreme Court. "Most of the lawyers that I've opposed in court are supporting my candidacy. They know that if I'm elected to the court, I'll handle things on an even-handed basis."

And if elected to the position, Cotter said the death penalty—which she opposes—would be a major issue.

"I have a lot of internal struggle over the death penalty, and I would bring that to the court," she said.

Cotter added that while Tweeten focuses on how decisions by the Supreme Court should be based on law and not on personal opinion, she takes a different stance.

"I just don't see the law as black and white as he does," Cotter said. "There are times when (law) is open to interpretation,

and a judge is called upon to make that decision."

Tweeten, chief counsel to the Montana attorney general, said that decisions should be made on legal principles and not on personal philosophies.

"That's why we require our judges to be lawyers," he said. "If we wanted them to make decisions based on their own philosophies, we would have philosopher judges."

Tweeten said he feels he's ready for the job because of his experience he has obtained through the years.

"I've written an awful lot of legal documents over the years," he said. "I've spent my entire career in public service."

During the Kaimin interview, both candidates agreed that their race is probably more important than the contest for Supreme Court chief justice, which is being fought between Terry Triewiler and Karla Gray.

"In nineteen days you are going to have an opportunity to do something rare, and that is vote for an open seat on the Montana Supreme Court," Tweeten said. "If you look at the demographics, this is likely to be the last open-seat election in the next ten years."

Cotter agreed that they're not the only ones who see this as such an important race.

"Even the chief justice candidates have said that in some ways this race is more important than theirs," Cotter said.

## UM election commentary

Which presidential candidate will serve the state of Montana the best?



• Kate Shanley  
Director of Native American studies

Gore will move our educational agendas forward. He will also do more for economic development in this state.



• David Alt  
Professor of geology

Al Gore, obviously. He's planning to use the projected surplus to pay down the national debt. I certainly don't think it should pay down into the pockets of the rich people. He also intends on using the projected surplus to straighten out Social Security.



• Harry Fritz  
History chair

I'm a Democrat, so my answer is predictable. I agree with Nader's reform, if it were to be implemented. McCain's campaign finance reform is, in terms of domestic policy, the most important issue. Only Albert Gore is the only other one talking about campaign finance reform. Gore is also more of an environmentalist.



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## Legislative candidates take sides on education

Nick Domitrovich

### House District 63-

**Dick Haines-Republican:** "I would like to see a teaching program similar to the old GI Bill. Teachers could go to the university and take out loans. When they graduated, the state would pick up the loan if they would go to a place like Ekalaka, and teach for a number of years. Of course this is all in the conceptual stage, but I think it would work."

In addition I think we need to establish a good tax base here in Montana. Sixty percent of the population here earns less than \$20,000 per year, and 85 percent of the taxes in the state are paid by the upper 10 percent. We need to get an atmosphere that tells businesses we want them to come here. This means cutting taxes and making it easier for them to grow in Montana."

**John Rimel-Democrat:** "I think that it's a complete travesty that we have one of the highest enrollments ever at the university, and at the same time, they're talking about laying off adjuncts. Montana needs to step up to the plate, and ante up for education. In addition, many people want to take control of the University System out of the hands of the Board of Regents, but we sure as hell don't want it in the hands of the Legislature. If you don't think that some legislator from eastern Montana will cut funding because of a class over gay and lesbian literature, you're wrong, because it will happen."

"We need to also create a symbiotic relationship between the private sector and higher learning."

### House District 64-

**Ron Erickson-Democrat:** "My first priority is funding for education, including technical colleges and the University System. We also need matching funds for research. Students should remember that this money is needed and vote. The ballot initiatives will make a big difference in how much money there is to budget in this next session. For example, the \$19 million tax break for a small amount of people through the inheritance tax initiative is a bad idea."

"We need big picture infrastructure for high-tech development. We need to move into the 21st century with research and development, and not rely so much on the past with mining and other industries."

**Amy Fisher-Republican:** "I think that funding for education and funding for economic development are two of the top three priorities for the next session. I would like to encourage programs such as partnerships between the government for training programs. Also, I think that we need better access to broad-band internet access in Montana. These things will

help small businesses like the 6,000 we already have in Missoula to grow."

"I also think that we need more money for education. There is no reason to bring these businesses to Montana, when we can't put out graduates to fill them."

### House District 65-

**Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas-Democrat:** Running unopposed.

### House District 66-

**Gail Gutsche-Democrat:** "Higher ed will be the first thing on my plate. Last time we gave K-12 a 3 percent increase, which only put them at 1991 levels. The only new money we gave to the University System was for research and development. It simply will take a commitment out of the budget. We have given less money to higher education as a percentage of the budget, every year for the last 18 years. Obviously, this has got to stop, and economic development is directly tied to this."

"We're at the bottom of all the states in wages, and also at the bottom of all the states around us for funding in higher ed. It's not hard to draw a comparison between the two."

### Kandi Matthew-Jenkins-

**Constitution:** "You kids at the university are paying too much tuition to be putting it in the back pockets of Dennison and the administration. I cannot see funding an elitist group that does not make wealth, but is funded by taxpayers with no control over how that money is spent. I think we need to return the University System to taxpayer control, so that administration is paid a fair wage, not a wage that makes them the elite of Montana."

"As far as jobs go, the reason that you students can't stay here is the EPA. They would like to return Montana to wilderness. When I came to Montana 30 years ago, there were happily employed people mining, cutting timber and working the land. Now we're trying to turn the state into a wildlife refuge for international enjoyment, and the good paying jobs are gone."

### House District 67-

**Tom Facey-Democrat:** "I think that the public holds a very large key to this pie in the next election. Between all the voter initiatives, if they all passed, we're faced with a \$25 million budget deficit. If none of them pass, we'll have a \$34 million budget surplus. The inheritance tax alone is a \$14 million tax break for only 800 people, and nobody from the grandparents down are taxed by this tax. Nobody loses their small farms or businesses."

"We need an appropriate level of taxation and a good tax base. By preserving our environment, and encouraging a good

K-12 and higher ed system, I think we can attract high-tech businesses. People at the dot-coms in California have to drive four hours just to get to the Sierra's for recreation, I think we really have something to offer. We need a partnership between the public and private sector. The economy is here to serve the people; the people don't serve the economy."

**Steve Larsen-Constitution:** "The university is going to have to take a long hard look at how they're spending because we're going to have to ask them to look to themselves first. The surplus doesn't look like it's going to be there, and it might not come back."

"We need to bring in new technology, and help businesses that are here to bring in modern technology. Cutting the top tax rates won't attract businesses. We need to cut costs such as licensing and permit costs. I also have a plan in the works to help cut down shipping costs, through ideas such as load sharing."

### House District 68-

**George Bailey-Republican:** "As assistant to the vice president of research here at the university, what I would love to see would be something similar to the Silicon Valley or Research Triangle here. We could bring in info-tech, aerospace and other companies as well as helping existing companies like Smurfit-Stone be more environmentally sound. Moving in companies like this is also great for students because it allows them to get internships in real-life situations."

"Education today is totally underfunded. The only two things in the budget that have gone up in the '90s are corrections and Medicaid. Higher ed and K-12 need to be a top priority, which will then circle back to economic development. If we could bring 500 new jobs to Missoula paying between \$30,000 and \$100,000 per year, we could have a great tax base. All we're doing right now is exporting our graduates out of state after having invested \$50,000 on them in education."

**Larry Foust-Reform:** "Being in the education field myself, I say that we need to do what we do best and be smart about education. We need to tighten our belts, because there's a lot of waste in education. Montana is too poor of a state to pull money out of the basket and throw it down the hole. However, professors, faculty and students are hardly ever asked about this, and whenever someone in the field of education says this, they're shunned. The Regents are completely out of touch and so is the president."

"For economic development, we need to either take money out of the coal fund or income taxes and build an infrastructure for the 21st century."

**Andy Lochridge-Libertarian:** Did

not respond.

### David Wanzenried-Democrat:

"Regardless of who's been in control, higher ed has been underfunded for the last 25 years. When the budget is set every year, education is always cut at the end to make expenditures match revenue. This has got to stop because education is the crown jewel of our political, social and economic future. We need to make a long-term investment in education, even though we'll have a tight budget this time. We need to set funding for education earlier in the session so that it's not a pawn in the last minutes of the session."

"As far as jobs go, I can definitely say that we're not going to tax break ourselves into economic development. Reinvestment taxes have not worked, and neither has reducing environmental regulations. We need funding for development at the local and city level to do long term work. We also need to stop talking about how Montana has a bad business climate."

### Senate District 32-

**Vicki Cocchiarella-Democrat:** "I've always worked hard to increase funding for education. Students in recent years have taken the biggest tax increases in the state in the forms of fees and tuition. Education has always been an afterthought with the Republican-controlled legislatures, and this needs to change. All one has to do is look at places that have good funding for higher education—economic development is always good in turn. If we can produce a highly educated and skilled workforce, the high-tech, non-polluting companies will come. We need to be responsive to the needs of the business community and react quickly as well."

**Allen Lee-Republican:** "When you allow government to say it's going to promote economic development by helping a few wealthy individuals get richer off of public funds, you do nothing. There needs to be the same breaks for everyone. When we give companies like WalMart, US West and baseball teams this money, we're robbing from the poor to give to the rich. We definitely don't want a sales tax, and we need to reduce income and property taxes to lower the cost of living."

"As far as the university goes, I think they could have managed money better that was allotted to them from the legislature. I mean, when you build the Gallagher Business Building with 40-foot high ceilings, that place has got to be expensive to heat. I could probably walk through Main Hall and eliminate half the positions there, and students wouldn't notice any difference. This extra money could then go towards academic improvements."

## UM election commentary

Which presidential candidate will have the best impact on American's health care coverage and why?

• T. Pat Laurens  
Sophomore, secondary English

The thing I see in health care is the ability for patients to sue their HMOs if they're turned down, or refuse to pay, for some procedure. People work and pay into their benefits plan and they should be able to depend on their HMOs. Bush refused twice to pass the Patients Bill of Rights that allows patients to sue their HMOs.



• Sarah Mart  
Health Enhancement coordinator

I think, before people vote, they need to look at all the candidates' positions on three things:

1. Quality of health care options.
2. The cost of health care options.
3. Who will have access to those options.



• Meghan Ware  
Sophomore, human biology

Ralph Nader. He has been a consumer advocate for years. He's concerned with improving all aspects of American's life, including health care. He's also not working with any large affiliation that would be detrimental to health care.





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## Schools, library ask for money

Staci Shwedel and Meghan Kilwein

Missoula County Public Schools and the Missoula Public Library are asking voters for more funding.

The schools are asking for \$2.5 million to help fund elementary school maintenance and safety projects including roofing, flooring, heating and plumbing. If passed, the referendum will also help pay for increased disability accessibility, such as the installation of elevators in schools.

The request is a renewal of an existing reserve that will expire in June.

"We are asking taxpayers to allow the renewal which would continue for five years," said Leslie Brassfield, of the public relations office at Missoula County public schools. If passed, the property tax would increase by \$9.47 for every \$100,000 of a home's property value, Brassfield said.

An average taxpayer would pay a total of \$23.02 per year, which would add up to \$2.5 million after five years.

Many Montanans are still unaware of the proposed building reserve. Montana statute prohibits Missoula County

Public Schools from campaigning or influencing the outcomes of ballot issues like the building reserve.

The Missoula Public Library is asking voters to approve a 3.5 mill levy increase for each of the next five years by way of Referendum 2000-04.

The library is currently funded by 5 mills per year, or \$750,000, said Missoula Public Library Director Bette Ammon. She said one mill is currently worth \$150,000. The additional 3.5 mills would increase the library's annual budget to \$1,275,000 per year over the next five years.

Ammon said the additional money would go toward buying more books, tapes, CDs and videos, upgrading their Internet service and the main computer system, more staff, Sunday afternoon hours and new carpet and furniture.

Ammon said although the Missoula Public Library has the second highest circulation rate in the state and checks out the most children's materials, it receives the lowest amount of taxpayer funding per capita in Montana at \$12.24. Butte receives the most at \$20.26 per person.

## Taxes up for vote

Jim Schroeder

Voters will determine the future of state inheritance and vehicle taxes in referendums 115 and 116.

If LR-116 passes, it will affect an estimated 800 or 900 estates in Montana.

The state inheritance tax brings an estimated \$11 million annually to the state treasury.

Besides the estate tax, voters will decide on LR-115, which would impose a vehicle-licensing fee based on an automobile's age and not its value.

Montana vehicles are cur-

rently taxed on a value basis that uses a depreciated manufacturer's suggested retail price.

The flat fees that LR-115 imposes would be \$195 for a vehicle from 1 to 4 years old, \$65 for vehicles from 5 to 10 years old and \$6 for vehicles more than 10 years old.

The referendum allows for permanent registrations for all automobiles older than 10 years and a two-year registration for light vehicles of any age.

The measure would eliminate the state's 1.5 percent sales tax on new vehicles.

## Attorney general candidates cite different priorities

Spiro Polomarkakis

Montana voters will choose between Democrat Mike McGrath and Republican Jim Rice for Montana's next attorney general, the state's chief law enforcement officer.

McGrath said his priorities, if elected, would be to try to curb domestic violence, taking an aggressive approach toward crime prevention and be more aggressive in dealing with emotionally disturbed people violent offenders.

"What I want to do is lead law enforcement into the next era," McGrath said.

Rice said his priorities, if elected, would be to deal with methamphetamine trafficking, youth crime and consumer protection against Internet fraud.

"Three years ago we busted four meth labs in the state the

entire year," Rice said via e-mail. "This year that number could jump to over 100."

Both candidates said their experience makes them the best candidate.

Rice was elected to three terms in the Montana Legislature and named house Majority Whip in 1993. He is a graduate of Montana State University and the UM Law School. He now runs a private law practice in Helena.

"In addition to my government experience, I have maintained a private practice where I have had to personally comply with the regulations enforced by the attorney general, such as liquor license transfers," Rice said.

McGrath has worked as the Lewis and Clark County attorney and was Montana's assistant attorney general from 1977 through 1982. He is a graduate of

UM and Gonzaga University School of Law.

"Having been a part of Montana's criminal justice system for the past two decades, I have seen great progress," McGrath said. "Montana has a law enforcement system that is ready for the new century."

McGrath added Montana needs an attorney general that has experience in major litigation, which McGrath said gives him the edge over Rice.

The attorney general's job includes handling the defense of criminal appeals for the state before the Supreme Court, handling civil litigation for the state, overseeing the Highway Patrol, drivers' licensing, motor vehicle licensing, gambling regulation and the state crime lab. The attorney general heads a staff of over 700 people at the state Justice Department.

## County races focus on experience, communication

Eric Lynn and Jim Schroeder

Candidates running for Missoula County offices — commissioner and clerk — cite experience as the reason they should be elected.

Democrat Jean Curtiss, who defeated incumbent Michael Kennedy in the primary election, will face Republican Bill Farrell in the county commissioner race.

Curtiss worked as a teacher and served four years as Montana's Parent Teacher Association president, representing Montana on the national PTA board.

"My experience with the PTA taught me a lot about budgeting and bringing departments together to work effectively," Curtiss said.

Farrell has owned a trucking business for 25 years and draws political experience from the eight years (1984-1992) he served in the Montana Senate.

"Those were the years that Montana faced major money

shortages and we had to budget very carefully," Farrell said.

Curtiss said she wants to maintain the present system, while Farrell said he would like to privatize some programs to save the county money.

"Obviously, I don't favor privatizing everything, but there are a lot of programs the county could look at privatizing to make it more efficient," he said.

Farrell mentioned contracting private road building or timber companies, which may provide cheaper services than county workers.

Curtiss said privatizing often means the company that bids the lowest price will probably give its workers the least pay and benefits.

Land use is another major issue in the race.

Curtiss said she favors adopting stricter zoning and subdivision policies to better manage growth in rural areas like Target Range.

Farrell, who himself lives in Target Range, said he thinks

people in the affected areas should have the final vote on zoning and subdivision policies rather than state or county governments.

The county commissioner oversees the county's budgeting and policies, such as zoning and road repair, that aren't strictly mandated by state law.

Both clerk candidates, incumbent Democrat Kathleen Breuer and Republican newcomer Janet Foss, who work in the same clerk of District Court office, said they will try to improve communication if elected.

Foss said trying to establish better working relationships among office staff and district judges would be her priority.

Breuer said making court records more accessible over the Internet was the main reason she was seeking re-election.

The county clerk handles all District Court records of proceedings that involve issues such as marriage licensing and criminal cases.

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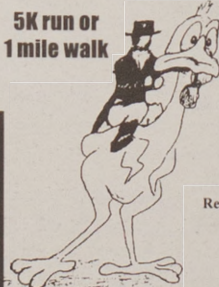
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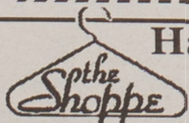
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## Bush acknowledges '76 drunk driving arrest

WEST ALLIS, Wis. (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush said Thursday that he had been arrested for driving while intoxicated 24 years ago while visiting his family's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

"I'm not proud of that," Bush said, tightly clutching the hand of his wife, Laura, as he faced reporters in a driveway. "I've oftentimes said that years ago I made some mistakes. I drank too much and I did on that night."

He said he had been driving and admitted to a police officer who pulled him over that he had been drinking and that he paid a fine.

He noted that he had stopped drinking in 1986 after his 40th birthday and "it was the right decision."

When he was asked how he thought he could get away with the lack of disclosure, he said

sharply, "I'm not trying to get away with anything."

"I've said I've made mistakes in the past," he said. "People know that. They've thought about that. They're making their minds up now. They've seen me as the governor of the state of Texas. I've upheld the honor and integrity of my office."

At the Gore campaign, Chris Lehane, a spokesman, said of the situation, "It would not be appropriate for us to comment now because the story just broke and is developing." Lehane added that the Gore campaign had "nothing to do with the emergence of this information."

Asked about Bush's demeanor, Calvin Bridges, who cited Bush, said, "The man was, and I say this without being facetious, a picture of integrity. He gave no resistance. He was very cooperative."

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## Griz defense ready and waiting for ISU Bengals

**Jason Mohr**  
Montana Kaimin

Griz linebacker Adam Boomer said he thinks he and his defensive cohorts should be able to improve their play this season.

Say what?

"We're looking to shut down all aspects of their game," the stand-out senior from American Falls, Idaho, said of UM's next opponent, Idaho State University.

The Griz enter Saturday's tilt at a perfect 5-0 in the Big Sky Conference (7-1 overall) and with a sparkling No. 3-ranking. Idaho State was ranked three weeks ago, but have since lost every game and stand 4-4 overall, 3-3 in league.

A complete shutout is about

all that remains for the UM defense to accomplish, as it is difficult to find fault in its play over the last few weeks. The vaunted Griz offense has sometimes had five of 11 starters out due to injuries, but the defense has so limited the opposition's ability to move the ball, that even a makeshift UM offense has been able to put just enough points on the board.

Take Sacramento State's Charles Roberts, for example, who was hot on the heels of the all-time college record for yards rushing and hadn't been held under 100 yards since 1997. He earned only 77 yards in 20 carries at Washington-Grizzly Stadium Oct. 7, and the Griz pulled out a 24-20 win.

Or look at Portland State's Charles "Chip" Dunn, Division I-AA rushing leader who is on the short list for national player of the year awards: he scraped out only 49 yards last weekend, over 100 yards below his average. And the Griz won their seventh straight game.

Idaho State does have the services of running back Nick Whitworth, a 1,000-yard performer last season. Whitworth, however, has only 556 yards in eight games this year and faces the second-best defense against the run in all of I-AA football.

Stopping whatever running game Idaho State has is what the Griz must take care of first, Boomer said. If that happens, he added, the defense's job gets a bit

simpler.

"You get them in a situation where you know what they're going to do," he said. And the Bengals of Idaho State don't want to be limited to throwing the ball.

"If they know you are going to throw, it's easy for them to tee off on you," said Idaho State head coach Larry Lewis.

The Bengals do have the capable Shane Griggs at quarterback leading their charge. The senior and one-time South Carolina football team member has passed for 2,335 yards and 16 touchdowns this season. And except for a dismal outing against Eastern Washington on Sept. 16, Griggs has put up big numbers every time he takes the field.

Idaho State defense ranks second-to-last in Division I-AA.

Thus, Lewis' defenders could have a long day with the Griz offense seemingly righted with the return of running back Yohance Humphery and the steady play of back-up quarterback John Edwards.

Drew Miller, UM's starting quarterback over most of the last two years, is still listed as probable for Saturday's game.

"It's close," Griz head coach Joe Glenn said of Miller's injured throwing shoulder. "He's going to see how much torque he can take."

Game time is 12:05 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium; UM officials said the game is nearly sold out.

## Men's basketball team takes on former Grizzlies

**Ryan Divish**  
Montana Kaimin

After banging on each other for the last two weeks, it's time to start playing someone else.

Well, sort of.

The UM men's basketball team will be taking on a few familiar faces on Friday night as it opens its season in a home exhibition game against the Sons of the Blue Angels.

Former Grizzlies Mike Warhank, Brent Smith, Chris Spoja and Shane Belnap will all be suiting up for the Blue Angels along with former players from Weber State, Utah State and other schools.

Griz head coach Don Holst said that he doesn't figure the Angels will run too many set plays. Instead, he expects his opponents will try to run early and settle into a motion offense to

utilize their size advantage.

The Angels' roster lists four players 6-foot-8 or taller including the 6-foot-10 Smith and 6-foot-11 Mike Pomeroy, which should give the slightly undersized Grizzlies plenty of work.

Holst will start junior Travis Greenwalt at center along with returning starter Jared Buckmaster and either of his junior college transfers Dan Trammel or Spencer Allred to

match up against the Angels' front line.

Junior Ryan Slider will move back to the off-guard position. Holst has not yet decided if Sliders' running mate at the point will be senior Kyle Keyes or last year's starter junior Shane Christenson, but he did say that both would see plenty of playing time.

The Blue Angels' roster is still undecided. According to Holst, Spoja will definitely contribute.

The ex-Griz star has played professionally for the Billings Rimrocks for the past few seasons and will definitely contribute. Former Weber start Jimmy DeGraffenreid is also listed on the roster and was an All Big Sky player. Holst said the addition of Smith and Warhank to their roster makes the Blue Angels better immediately.

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## Soccer team must win playoff game to reach NAAs

Jesse Zentz  
Montana Kaimin

Win and keep playing, or lose and call it a year.

That is what the Grizzly soccer season has come down to. One week after securing its

third conference title in four years, Montana will play one game for a chance to advance to the NCAA tournament for the second straight season.

Saturday, the Grizzlies meet Northwestern State University – the Southland Conference

champions – at South Campus Stadium in their most important game to date. Head coach Betsy Duerksen has had a tough time securing information about the team, but the team knows enough about the Demons star forward Britiany

Cargill.

"They play a direct game to Cargill and use her a lot," Duerksen said. "We will focus on stopping her."

The Demons may be in for a surprise when they arrive in Missoula. Northwestern State is

located in Louisiana where it has been anything but cold this season. The Demons conference schedule also pitted them against teams that play in warm climates. With temperatures dropping recently in Missoula, the Demons may be forced to focus even harder to avoid being distracted by the cold weather.

Cargill should provide leadership for the Demons. She scored 14 goals in the regular season – a conference record – to earn Southland Conference's Player of the Year. She also earned the conference tournament MVP award after an outstanding performance in the semifinal.

Duerksen said her team is focused and ready to play the Demons.

"They're pretty determined," she said. "They want to win this game more than anyone."

Montana is led by conference tournament MVP Amy Wronski who is having an amazing freshman campaign. She scored 10 regular season goals and tallied two in the conference tournament, one of which was the only goal in the championship game. Junior Heather Olson also had a strong season scoring 13 total goals, while senior Jodi Campbell is a consistent playmaker, so far tallying 11 assists and scoring five goals.

Montana's defense, however, has been the team's most reliable asset all season, tallying 10 shutouts, with magnificent goalkeeping by senior Natalie Hiller. Senior Shannon Forslund, as always, is a force at midfield for the Grizzlies, making things happen on offense and defense.

Saturday's game gets under way at 1 p.m. At South Campus Stadium. If the Grizzlies win, they will meet at the Press Box to see where they are seeded in the NCAA tournament.

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By Jodi Campbell, Grizzly Soccer Player

*I can still clearly remember beating all the boys in the 60-yard dash in fifth grade. When my dad found out he took it as a clear sign that I would be in the Olympics one day. Because of his passion for athletics and his belief that I could be an Olympian my dad pushed me to be the best athlete I could be. He even went so far as to give me \$50 for every goal or assist I had in high school. As a result soccer was not only the source of my popularity but it also made me relatively wealthy.*

*As a high school student my life had all the amenities for happiness: success on the field, boyfriends, a car and the praise of other people. Despite this I still had a deep hunger in my heart and soul for something more. I came to college and tried to fill that ever-growing hole in my life with drugs, partying, and unhealthy relationships with guys. Two years ago I hit the bottom when I was battling a chronic sinus infection for two months. During that time school and soccer were falling apart and I came to the realization that my current dating relationship was empty. I spiraled into depression and felt very alone and confused. Thoughts of suicide occasionally crossed my mind. I was desperate and didn't know where to turn for help. I knew I needed a change so I ended my relationship with my boyfriend and also considered quitting soccer or trying another school thinking it might pull me out of my depression.*

*During that time a friend invited me to a Bible study. I was very hesitant to go because I didn't believe in God and my previous encounters with Christians had made me feel judged. I was very skeptical but eventually decided to try it because of my friend's persistence and genuine excitement for God. When I went I was shocked and amazed to see the joy in the lives of the people I met there. I saw something in their lives that I wanted, so I continued to attend and began to learn about Jesus. Because I wanted to find out for myself if there really was a God, I started to read the Bible and asked my friend Buck tons of questions about what he believed.*

*A few weeks later while I was still sick I sat alone in my bedroom weeping. I prayed to God not even knowing if he was there and asked Him to heal me of my sickness, my emptiness and hopelessness. A few days later God answered my prayer by healing my aching heart and healing me physically. At that point I knew God was real and that he loved me despite the things I had done wrong in my life. I realized that I had deserved nothing good from God but rather punishment and judgement. Yet I had also learned from the Bible that I could be forgiven by God because of Christ's death on the cross. I only needed to humbly admit my guilt to God, receive His forgiveness in Christ and begin to seek my satisfaction in Him. When I did that my life changed radically. I now have a joy and peace that surpasses what the world has to offer, the same joy I saw in the lives of those people at the first Bible study. I am finished and done with trying to fill my heart with empty, colorless and temporary happiness. I have given up the drugs and partying because I've got something much better in my relationship with God. I've also realized that life isn't about achievement, but about serving God who has blessed me with knowing Him and being forgiven by Him. I no longer play soccer for my dad, myself or for recognition but for God who gave me the gift to play a sport I love.*

*When I was asked to share my story in the Kaimin I hesitated because of what people might think. I also felt awkward sharing intimate parts of my life with so many strangers, but it didn't take me long to change my mind because it gives me pleasure to let you know how great God is and to share with you that there's hope for you if you're searching for lasting satisfaction. If you have read this far, thank you for hearing me out, I hope that Jesus has or will make the difference in your life that He has made in mine.*

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### Lady Griz open with scrimmage

With the exception of the point guard position, the UM Lady Griz have a wealth of experience returning for the 2000 season. That experience was evident during Thursday night's Maroon and Silver scrimmage. Of the six players who finished in double figures – all have seen significant action either last season or in past seasons.

Simmaron Schildt and Julie Deming scored 13 points each and Laura Valley added 11 to lead the Maroon to a 65-63 victory over the Silver. Cheryl Keller led the Silver and all scorers with 16, while Linda Cummings and Leah Meier added 14 and 11 respectively. Both Cummings and Meier are coming off medical redshirts and appeared to be returning to their old form. Cummings showed no effects of from a foot injury last season while Meier notched three three-pointers in the game.

–Kaimin Sports Staff

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# Crime

liquor citations and 14 citations for drug use.

UM's alcohol violations jumped by 110 in 1999 and the number of drug citations increased from 47 in 1998 to 64 in 1999.

No MSU statistics were available for 1998.

With the numbers taking such a jump, Willett said it students actually benefit in the long run.

"If you can have a student who's in trouble receive some sort of disciplinary action,

it's far better to do that than create some sort of criminal record," Willett said.

Willett said the number of arrests is higher at UM because of a larger student population and because UM has "taken a much harder line toward zero tolerance" on drug and alcohol violations.

"The outcome of that is less serious offenses have occurred," Willett said.

Willett also credits more arrests to Public Safety's

higher level of police activity on campus. This includes balancing officer's shifts and increasing them on weekends.

Because of the availability of UM's crime statistics, Willett said it increases student cooperation with police.

Willett said there was a campus push for more campus policing.

"In the last five years (Public Safety) has seen the impact of bringing the campus closer together," Willett

said. "Now we can work closer with our residence halls and family housing units."

With more cooperation from the campus, Willett said the number of on-campus incidents has gone down.

Burglaries decreased in 1999 from 19 to five and the number of vehicle thefts was zero, opposed to four in 1998.

"I'm excited about what's happening," Willett said. "I like the fact that our stats are going down because it means we're effective."

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# Donation

held outside in a show of support for the adjuncts who, due to budget shortfalls, will not be rehired for spring semester. The response was tremendous, and 112 classes were held outside between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. that Thursday.

Bigley said that not all of the \$115,000 donation is going to classes that will be taught next semester. Instead, the department may save a portion to guard against future budget problems. He said that the exact form this would take is still under discussion, but one possible use is the establishment of an endowment that would be used for fund raising.

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