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Kaimin COMIC

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Since last week, UMPD has reported 14 crimes on and around campus. The most common crime was disorderly conduct, with three separate incidents on the same day also charged as thefts, as usual.

10/12 WHITE CASTLE GRIZZLIES

Two men, while charging a phone between the Adams Center and Washington Grizzly Stadium, were approached by a third man who claimed to be selling hand sanitizer and a mask. Once they paid, the man got into a white car and drove away. The UMPD responded to the report and responded within minutes.

10/13 UMPD TUESDAY

Students were caught up to a confusing eight-site or more slices of cheese on a white cardboard. At least six vehicles were involved, and while the device didn’t do any damage, the cheese spilled and left the front bumper of a car while eating out his goods. According to UMPD, the cheese was stolen.

10/14 BUSTED BIKE THIEF

Two men, while charging a pumpkin pie at the Palisades dorm, were approached by a third man who wanted to purchase a lottery ticket. While this was happening, the suspect, who had not smoked anything, was seen walking away from the dorm. The UMPD received a referral for a law violation.

10/15 PARANOID MARVIN

Hall noticed the noxious odor of velveta. He reported a tip to UMPD, leading to a detective dog, and also, a very good boy: a dog that found a package of velveta.

Blotter: Cheesy cars, grizzly guananim and a busted bike thief

GREAT HEART

What’s the difference between a grizzly and a guananim? The grizzly doesn’t sport a mustache. This week, a man with a white mustache seen between the Adams Center and WGS was approached by a third man who claimed to be selling hand sanitizer and a mask. Once he paid, the man got into a white car and drove away. The UMPD responded to the report and responded within minutes.

10/17 CHEESE CARS

A man left for work and noticed that his white car was missing its front bumper. He reported this to UMPD, leading to a detective dog, and also, a very good boy: a dog that found the front bumper of a car while eating out his goods. According to UMPD, the cheese was stolen.

10/18 UMPD DEATH, DENN, DENV

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10/19 UMPD CHARGES

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10/22 PENTEMBER 10TH

Pentember 10th! Voting and posting on social media is more important than ever. You should call home more often, Scorpio.

10/23 EXECUTIVE DECISION

You’re also judging Libras and Leos for judging the bumper sticker on the car in line in front of you. You also judging Libras and Leos for posting Insta rants on him. While these were perfectly fine, maniacal nails).

10/24 PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Voting (after surviving a mini-heart attack and spilling coffee and/or pasta sauce on your ballot).

10/25 CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Voting (and just planned, complete with a contingency flowchart, just in case).

10/26 VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 22): Voting (and posting your most recent agreement on this: It has never been more important to vote! So do it! Here’s how):

10/27 LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Voting (and judging Libras and Leos for posting Insta rants on him. While these were perfectly fine, manicured nails).

10/28 SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 22): Voting (and judging that family-stick-figure bumper sticker in the mailboxes of the apartment complex. You have a whole conversation planned, complete with a contingency flowchart, just in case).

10/29 ADDIE SLANGER

If you came right to the horoscope, we’re guessing that election night may not be your thing. But that shouldn’t stop you from knowing a thing or two about the stars: in this horoscope, we’re seeing three important things: they’re the stars and you’re wearing attention.

10/30 DRUNK (NOV. 23-DEC. 21): Voting (while judging that family-stick-figure bumper sticker on the car in line in front of you. You also judging Libras and Leos for posting Insta rants on him. While these were perfectly fine, manicured nails).

10/31 TUESDAY 10/31-VOTE

Voting (after getting cut off in line and being stuck between the center track and the outer one. Does it sound like your story that you drop your ballot in that little box on the side of the road, too?)
Blotter: cheesy cars, grizzly gunman and a busted bike thief

GRIFFEN SMITH
(vice president)

Briefs & Blotter

ICYMI
(In case you missed it)

HOROSCOPE

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URBA (SEP. 28-24 OCT. 22): Voting (and posting an Instagram boomerang of your sticker while giving a thumbs-up with freshly manicured nails).

TORMENT (OCT. 25-MAR. 20): Voting (and getting stuck in a traffic jam while voting to send your ballot from home. Maybe you should call home more often, Scorpio).

MASTERTS (MAR. 21-APR. 19): Voting (after surviving a mini-heart attack, and spilling coffee and 10过去castles over your ballot).

CAPRICE (APR. 20-JUL. 22): Voting (and powering your momentum every day until you drop off your ballot, too).

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Voting (after working hard to gain a following on Instagram, maybe really selling yourself to groups of people to reap some benefits?).

LIBRA (SEP. 23-OCT. 22): Voting (and just posting a flowchart, just in case).

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Voting (and judging Libras and Leos for posting Instagram boomerangs of their sticker while voting. Voting (after cutting off someone in line at the ballot drop off and being annoyed because it was YOUR turn, and they weren’t paying attention).

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Voting (after getting someone else in line at the ballot drop off and being annoyed because it was YOUR turn, and they weren’t paying attention).

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP . 22): Voting (but in pastel pink ~).
THE KAIMIN’S MISSOULA 2020 ELECTION GUIDE

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THE 2020 ELECTION GUIDE

Without question, the Missoula County area of South Montana, featuring a previous state representative and state supreme court justice, is among the most interesting districts in the state. Anthony Marler is running for a second term in the 90th House District and is facing several strong challenges from both the local and regional levels.

The 90th House District covers that portion of Missoula County that sits neatly between Orchard and Hamilton. Marler is the Democratic candidate for HD 90 and a current professor at UM in the Division of Biological Sciences. During his interview, he said one of the most important issues that he believes should be on the agenda for the upcoming legislative session is the need for a comprehensive climate action plan that includes all the necessary components to address climate change.

As the incumbent for HD 90, Marler was re-elected in the 2018 general election and is now working to promote a pro-active approach to climate change, focusing on policies that will help mitigate the effects of climate change and reduce our carbon footprint.

In his 2020 campaign, Marler is running against Republican incumbent Connie Keogh, who has served in the 90th House District since 2017. Marler is also running against Independent candidate Gary Wanberg, who is also seeking re-election to the 90th House District.

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After over a year of campaigning, the 2020 election is right around the corner. This set of issues will be decided by the people that actually vote on Election Day that will directly affect voters in Missoula. House district 67, 69, 94, 99, 100, and 104 will determine representatives to the House of Representatives. This election cycle is like no other, voters have dealt with the pandemic, protests, and the U.S. political climate in 2020.

The Montana House of Representatives current member Marilyn Mark is running for her second term against Lana Baltz for House District 94, which serves the westside of the University District, features Democratic incumbents and a previous state representative. Baltz, a Republican, is running for office in District 94, which encompasses the Upper Garden District, features Democratic incumbents and a previous state representative. Baltz is running for office in District 94, which encompasses the Upper Garden District, features Democratic incumbents and a previous state representative.

The race for House District 94, which serves the South Hill and parts of Highway 93, is between Democratic incumbent Katie Sullivan in House District 89. Sullivan is a graduate from the University of Montana, and is running against the incumbent for House District 89, Sullivan was elected in the 2018 general election against her Republican opponent. She won a four-way race in the 2018 Democratic primary, and 1,287 were cast in the Republican primary.

The race for House District 99, which primarily covers the Miller Creek area of South Missoula, features a previous state representative and a former superintendent of Missoula County Public Schools. Both candidates supported Medicaid expansion, are pro-choice, and Marler stated that it is important that each community comes to education, and her desire to focus on environmental and conservation efforts. Marler said there have been many occasions when people have made statements lacking scientific evidence on the subject of conservation, and one of her main goals is to provide her scientific expertise for the Montana House of Representatives.

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Whitefish has also been a political science professor at Miles City Community College and a political science professor at the University of Montana. She is a former elementary school teacher and journalist.

The biggest issue that he and members of the legislature are facing is the economic recovery. "I'm on top of things to protect people's property rights and Medicaid expansion and the ACA," Whitman could not be reached for comment.

The primary reason of my running is that it is the middle class, the working class," she said. "It is about the needs of the middle class and businesses."

She told the Missoulian that UM should cut costs by getting rid of diversity and inclusion officers, and also said the current budget needs to be reevaluated. "I also said that universities should receive more public funding."

Burgoyne, a Republican. Both candidates have a background in K-12 education.

She said bringing more recreation opportunities to the district would be a boon for Missoula residents. "The South Hills of Missoula, and portions of highway 93, are areas claimed to be a part of the Urban Interference Act."

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HD 98: Wills Curdy vs. Nancy Burgoyne
CREDIT: FREDI DULLES
Montana House District 98, which encompasses a portion of Orchard Homes and stretches down South Reserve Street, features a light fight between Democrat Wills Curdy and Republican Nancy Burgoyne. Curdy is a doctor of physical therapy. She is running on health care, affordable housing, and U.S. Census funding. Burgoyne is also running on housing and public lands. Both candidates agree that the federal government needs to invest more money in health care.

HD 100: Andrea Olsen vs. Carol Minjares
CREDIT: MEGHAN JONAS
Montana House District 100, which sits between Orchard Homes and the University of Montana, features a race between two women. Olsen, a former teacher, is running on health care, education, and affordable housing. Minjares, a Republican, is running on education, health care, and public pensions.

HD 96: Loni Conley vs. Kathy Whitman
CREDIT: MEGHAN JONAS
Montana House District 96, which slices through the heart of Missoula County, features a race between two women. Conley, a Democrat, is running on health care, education, and affordable housing. Whitman, a Republican, is running on affordable housing, public lands, and public safety.

HD 10: Alex Miller vs. Clint Connors
CREDIT: MEGHAN JONAS
Montana House District 10, which includes the University District, is up for grabs. Miller, a Democrat, is running on education, health care, and affordable housing. Connors, a Republican, is running on public lands, public safety, and affordable housing.

HD 97: Shannon O’Brien vs. Niki Sardot
CREDIT: MEGHAN JONAS
Montana House District 97, which stretches from Missoula County and the South Hills of Missoula, is up for grabs. O’Brien, a Democrat, is running on health care, education, and affordable housing. Sardot, a Republican, is running on public lands, public safety, and affordable housing.

HD 95: Richard Armerding vs. James Bradley
CREDIT: MEGHAN JONAS
Montana House District 95, which includes the Missoula County area, is up for grabs. Armerding, a Democrat, is running on health care, education, and affordable housing. Bradley, a Republican, is running on public lands, public safety, and affordable housing.

HD 94: Chase Porter Gay vs. Daniel Salomon vs. Devon Braaten
CREDIT: MEGHAN JONAS
Montana House District 94, which includes the Missoula County area, is up for grabs. Gay, a Democrat, is running on health care, education, and affordable housing. Salomon, a Republican, is running on public lands, public safety, and affordable housing. Braaten, a Libertarian, is running on public lands, public safety, and affordable housing.

Montana Mountain line levy increase
JAMES BRADLEY
Montana Mountain line buses may be on the way, but they still need money to operate. The mountain line bus is a critical source of income for a wide array of non-profits, including schools, community organizations, and local businesses. The mountain line bus is a key component of our local economy, providing transportation to residents and visitors alike.

Montana Mountain line bus service would be a boon for Missoula, providing non-profits with a reliable and affordable way to transport passengers. The mountain line bus service would be a significant boost to our local economy, creating jobs and stimulating economic growth.

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AN ABSENTEE VOTER?

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The fight over a Republican-funded effort to quash the Green Party in Montana is the latest chapter in the long-running debate over whether third parties can be a serious alternative or are stuck in the role of spoiler.

Democrats successfully sued to kick the Green Party off the ballot after many who signed a petition to qualify the environmental party asked to have their signatures removed once it became known that Republicans had spent $100,000 to sign up people.

It is the latest episode of major parties using minor parties as an adversarial system where a third option is more likely to spoil the election. The days are long gone when third parties could do more than run candidates to gain votes.

“The system we have in place really tends toward two parties,” Carroll College political scientist Jenny Johnson said. “That’s not a great answer if you don’t feel at home in either party.”

Johnson said the American winner-take-all system leads major parties to absorb as many smaller groups as possible.

This remains the case, despite the recent rise of populism, according to Jim Messina, who served as campaign manager for President Barack Obama’s 2012 re-election and is now runs campaigns around the globe. He said populists movements in other countries have found the growth of third, fourth and even fifth major parties. No country’s system has all locked out third parties, political insiders “just see them as inconsequential,” Messina said, adding that they often serve as a means to replace votes away from one candidate or the other.

One of the most high-profile cases of that signupism came in 2012, when a liberal group-supporting Democratic Sen. Jon Tester’s re-election spent more than $4 million in television ads to promote the Libertarian candidate in an effort to hurt Republican Denny Rehberg. That year, the Libertarian won 6% of the vote, more than Tester’s margin of victory.

In the last decade, third parties and independents have averaged about 4.5% of the vote in statewide races. That excludes Libertarian Mike Fierman’s 43% in the bid for state supreme court clerk in 2016. But he did not have a Republican candidate.

That year’s fight over the Greens, Republicans said they tried to give voters into two parties, while Democrats slammed the effort insidiously and asked people who signed the petition to withdraw their signatures. The Montana Commissioners of Political Practices ruled that Republican efforts broke campaign finance law, which the party disputes. The state Supreme Court subsequently ruled that unauthorized groups cannot put a party on the ballot.

The back and forth this year has let the Greens fighting to catch up with their ballot status. Adrien Wagner, acting state coordinator for the Montana Green Party, said he feels a burst of energy from signature gatherers in early February.

Wagner said the party was not involved in signature gathering and had no contract with candidates, except those for state senator and attorney general, whom it had planned to endorse. He said the Democrats’ lawyers “chose to stylify misinterpret how it was stated on our Facebook page” to argue against the whole slate.

Wagner officially stepped in to the Green Party’s ruling coordinator last May and has had to balance the party’s interest in ballot access and independence.

“This one caught us off guard. It’s not the way we want to get on ballot. We wanted to get our message out, not wanted at least its presidential candidate on the ballot. It’s a Republican effort. That doesn’t mean that we don’t deserve a voice,” he said.

Michael O’Neil, communications manager for the national Green Party, echoed Wagner’s frustration, saying ballot access has turned into a partisan game at a time when voices need more.

The Libertarian Party is already qualified for the ballot, but it faced at least one other recent challenge. In 2016, the then-Republican-state chairman unsuccessfully requested its range Roger Roots, the Libertarian for secretary of state, from the ballot—campaign filing issues.

Roots, an attorney, has run unsuccessfully as a Libertarian for several offices in recent years and is running this year for state auditor, Montana’s watchdog for insurance and securities.

Roots served as a volunteer paralegal for Ryan Bundy, one of 26 people charged in connection with the 2020 armed takeover of a wildlife refuge in Oregon. The Oregonian first reported Buns has been convicted of two misdemeanors, including resisting arrest, violating probation and possession of an unregistered firearm. He said he hasn’t spent a night in jail in 20 years and if asked, would consider helping investigate the government as a means of advancing individual liberty.

The Libertarian candidate for governor and CEO of Bigfoot Airlines, Lynne Bishop, has argued that federal ownership of land in Montana is unconstitutional and is focused on protecting Second Amendment rights.

Kevin Leatherbarrow, the Libertarian candidate for superintendent of public instruction, was. Go and Growing is in process and said he is frustrated with the education system. He supports school choice and more funding for special education.

One Libertarian candidate for state house, independent Doug Campbell, presently the office of a Green and said both parties can offer an appealing alternative.

“The Green Party and the Libertarian Party really have a lot in common as a non-interference in foreign policy, providing individuals with all of the constitutional rights and non-corporations, and getting corruption out of the system,” Campbell said.

Campbell said he thinks a third parties lead people to not vote at all.
Montana’s Supreme Court seat candidate Mike Black in Missoula on Sept. 7, 2020. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO, SARA DIGGINS | COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE | UM SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM)

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McKinnon said the Court’s decision to the U.S. Supreme Court was a “mistake.”

“People can’t understand the process of making that decision,” McKinnon said. “When somebody accuses a justice of making a political decision, it’s because they don’t understand the process of making that decision.”

McKinnon argued the Land Board should have declared the easement, but Gov. Steve Bullock overrode the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court where it was overturned this year, 5-4.

“[Bullock] didn’t understand the opinion,” McKinnon said. “Wherever someone accuses a justice of making a political decision, it’s because they don’t understand the process of making that decision.”

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But Black argued McKinnon inexperience in politics qualified him for the job, and explained McKinnon’s consistency and her readings of Montana constitution and federal law is what McKinnon brings to the table.


Notable donors to Black included the Montana League of Cities and Towns, a political action committee that was certified by the state’s Board of Political Activity, which oversees fundraising and campaign finance laws.

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An image of McKinnon is shown in a courtroom.

LR-130: Firearms: local and federal governments

Words by Mark S. Mathis

October 21, 2020

One lump sum cash donation of $16,000 came from a private donor at the end of August 2020, one group, “NO on LR-130” reported donations of more than $9,000 in donations or in-kind services.\(^{(5)}\)

Despite such opposition, proponents of the initiative argued that LR-130 would take away local power to regulate firearms, and make a political decision, it’s because they don’t understand the process of making that decision.”

Fifteen months ago, McKinnon wrote the Montana Supreme Court’s majority decision allowing public access to a portion of the Belly River in southwest Montana.

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Eight months ago, Laurie McKinnon wasn’t sure she’d be running for re-election to the high court. Now, she’s decided to run, and campaigning.”

So, here’s the question: How much power should local governments have to regulate firearms or prevent their possession by felons, minors, undocumented immigrants, or people judged to be mentally incompetent? The question is being put to voters by the Montana League of Citizens and Towns, a political action committee that was certified by the state’s Board of Political Activity, which oversees fundraising and campaign finance laws.

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One of the main functions of the ballot initiative, Burton said, is to provide uniformity across the state. “I encourage every county to have a different ordinance, it would be impossible to even drive across the state. The measure could make it impossible for local governments to regulate firearms or prevent their possession by felons, minors, undocumented immigrants, or people judged to be mentally incompetent.”

The Montana League of Cities and Towns, which represents the original sponsored group, is opposed to the measure. Critics of LR-130 include Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, who said that LR-130 would take away local government’s right to regulate local decisions.

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For much of the summer, no official opponents emerged. New Approach needed to work where the last effort to legalize in 2016-17 short-circuit for the ballot. The group paired more than $1 million from large in-state donors with $2.3 million from corporate donors to pump much more money into the effort.

The effort has been funded almost entirely by in-state donors. New Approach has been outspent by two large, out-of-state groups. The Montana Senate Committee on State Administration that those out-of-state groups would have great competition down the road. At one point, that’s going to be in a different way than we do,” he said.

The large, out-of-state groups poured millions of dollars into the campaign in other states that have legalized marijuana. New Approach cited the projected tax revenue from the first two years of marijuana sales to be $30 million, which is more than what some other states have generated.

The poll showed that, even with the large, out-of-state groups, there were still significant numbers in favor of legalization. According to the poll, 48% of likely voters were in favor of legalizing marijuana, which is higher than the national average. The poll also showed that support for legalization was higher among younger voters and those who identify as liberal.

The poll also found that there was a significant divide in support for legalization between urban and rural areas. In cities, 60% of likely voters were in favor of legalization, while in rural areas, the support was only 40%.

Despite the strong support for legalization, there are still concerns about the impact of legalization on public health and safety. Many opponents argue that legalization would lead to an increase in drug use and could cause long-term harm to public health.

However, supporters of marijuana legalization argue that legalization would help reduce the black market, increase tax revenue, and provide a safe and regulated market for consumers.

As the campaign continues, both sides are expected to spend millions of dollars on advertising and organizing. The outcome of the election will likely have significant implications for the future of marijuana legalization in Montana.

Culture

Rick Steves’ travel guide to I-190

Rick Steves is known for his passion for travel and his commitment to social justice. He has spent the past 10 years visiting countries around the world, promoting cultural understanding and human rights.

Steves is a proponent of marijuana legalization, and he has written extensively on the topic. He has argued that legalization would help reduce the black market, increase tax revenue, and provide a safe and regulated market for consumers.

Steves has also been critical of the war on drugs, which he believes has had a disproportionate impact on marginalized communities. He has called for a more compassionate approach to drug use and for the decriminalization of marijuana.

Steves is known for his humor and his ability to connect with people from all walks of life. He has said that travel is a powerful tool for creating empathy and understanding.

Steves is a popular figure on social media, with millions of followers on Twitter and Instagram. He uses his platform to share his travels and to promote social justice causes.

Steves is also known for his work in the fight against climate change. He has been a vocal advocate for renewable energy and has supported a number of environmental causes.

Despite his many accomplishments, Steves is not without his critics. Some have accused him of prioritizing social justice causes over other important issues.

However, Steves remains dedicated to his work and continues to fight for a more just and equitable world.
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Rick Steves is a travel writer, radio personality, and television host. He is a supporter of recreational marijuana, and he has been a vocal opponent of efforts to restrict its legalization. In a recent interview, Steves discussed his views on the issue and the potential benefits of legalized marijuana.

“I believe that marijuana is a safe and effective tool for managing pain, anxiety, and other symptoms,” Steves said. “I’ve seen it work for a lot of people, and I think it’s important that we have the opportunity to make this happen.”

Steves noted that the legalization of marijuana has the potential to generate significant revenue for states, and he believes that this money could be used to support education, health care, and other public services.

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