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Story ideas for The University of Montana's 99th commencement this Saturday, May 18:

- **George McGovern**, former U.S. senator from South Dakota and 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, will watch his grandson, **Kevin McGovern Mead**, graduate with a bachelor’s degree in history Saturday morning at the Harry Adams Field House. A native of Arlington, Va., Mead, 23, was born the day his grandfather clinched California’s Democratic primary for president in 1972. Mead will be part of the 9:30 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences ceremony. McGovern served 18 years as U.S. senator from South Dakota until he was defeated in 1980, "the year that all the liberals got voted out," his grandson says. McGovern won his party’s nomination and ran against incumbent President Richard Nixon in 1972. In his five years at UM, Mead told few people of his family lineage. Kevin’s older brother, Tim McGovern Mead (all the former senator’s grandchildren were given the family name), is a junior at UM. **McGovern will be in Missoula Friday, May 17, through Tuesday, May 21. Mead’s telephone number is 728-7160.**

- **Dara Newman** will receive her doctoral degree in biological sciences Saturday. She finished her requirements two weeks before her baby was born last December. Her daughter, Tessa Newman Samuels, now four months old, will be going through the ceremony with her. Newman made Tessa a cap and gown to match her own. Awarding of her degree will be a true family affair. Since Newman’s adviser won’t be able to make the ceremony, her husband, UM biochemistry assistant professor Scott Samuels, will hood her on stage during the ceremony that runs from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Harry Adams Field House. **Newman’s telephone number is 542-1228.**

- **Dorian Slevin** has given the nod for thousands of students to graduate from UM the past five years. It is Slevin’s job as one of three program assistants in the registrar’s graduations office to review students’ records to make sure they meet the requirements for graduation. This year, Slevin is graduating herself with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. "It’ll be great to be on the other end," Slevin says. She obviously couldn’t process her own paperwork, so co-worker Becky Adams completed the task and gave the approval. **Slevin’s telephone number is 243-2422.**