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MONTANA KAIMIN

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Peter Metcalf, left, Molly Beebe and Stacey Siebrasie serve Larry Rutz at the Poverello Center Tuesday afternoon.

Kevin Hoffman/Montana Kaimin

Credit loads and income down despite enrollment increase

DANIEL PERSON
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana's enrollment income has fallen short of projections once again this semester, putting UM \$1 million short of expectations.

The number of students taking classes at UM increased by 246 students over last year – putting total enrollment at a record high of 13,285 – but officials expected more credit hours to be taken, said Bob Durringer, the vice president for administration and finances.

"We did keep them, but they are taking lighter loads," he said.

A vast majority of the increase occurred in the College of Technology, which has 234 more students this semester than last spring.

Administrators use these projections to determine how much money will be available for UM. Also, the state uses these numbers to calculate how much money should go to UM. If enrollment revenue continues to fall below projections for another year, the state may demand repayment.

Durringer said no action has yet been made in light of the new numbers.

The shortfall comes despite a concerted effort by UM officials to combat low enrollment revenue with several programs aimed at keeping students in school, including spending \$100,000 this semester alone to help students stay in school.

"There are some things going on that we don't fully understand," Durringer said. "It's a combination of some (students) dropping out and some taking fewer credits."

In a press release, President George Dennison said UM will "deal with this trend by refining and refocusing on efforts, some of which appear to work."

Today, the average credit load hovers around 12.5

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Shelter bends rules for cold snap

DANNY BOBBE

MONTANA KAIMIN

When temperatures in Missoula reached record lows this past weekend, many of the city's homeless found shelter at the Poverello Center, which set aside their traditional lodging rules to make sure that all in need were accommodated.

"A lot of people would be down and out if this place wasn't here," said Billy Parish, 38, who often sleeps in a tent outside of town.

Normally, people are allowed to lodge in the shelter for 30 days and then must spend an equal amount of time away.

But under extreme conditions, like this weekend's freeze, that guideline is removed and the shelter does all they can so that no one is left to brave the weather

alone, staff worker Kacie Grue said. "We've never turned any one away to my knowledge," Grue said. Unless, she added, they are using alcohol or other controlled substances.

With that in mind, this was definitely the week to stay sober.

Wind chill brought temperatures to 35 below zero on Thursday and 34 below on Saturday. And the last time Feb. 19 was as cold as it was on Sunday was in 1932, when the mercury rested at a frosty minus 2, said Bob Nester, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Parish prefers to sleep outside and said he and others can brave temperatures of about 20 below with the proper equipment: a tent, sleeping bag and sometimes a propane heater.

"Wake up in the morning and the

worst problem is your boots are frozen," he said.

Others thought they were capable of withstanding the weekend's chill or even worse, but chose not to.

"I could have stayed warm out in that weather, though I chose to take a break," said a man who wished not to be identified.

The center was busy all weekend, and on Friday all 60 of the shelter's beds were occupied and extra mattresses were made available in the day room, Grue said.

Poverello Center Inc. receives most of its operating money from private donations. Guests who stay earn their lodging by doing a chore around the shelter. Meals and showers are available to any-

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Pharmacy students discuss ethics of Plan B

KERIANN LYNCH

MONTANA KAIMIN

As pharmacists around the country debate the ethics of "morning-after" emergency contraceptive pills, students at the University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy are learning to deal with the issue.

"We're not here to say pharmacists do or don't have to prescribe emergency contraceptives," said Donna Beall, an associate professor of pharmacy and the clinical pharmacy specialist at Curry Health Center. "We make sure they are adequately trained to dispense though."

Emergency contraceptives like the pill Plan B have gained national attention in recent moral and legal debates. They are marketed as "second-chance" pills that can prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex or failed birth control methods, like broken condoms.

They usually work by preventing fertilized eggs from attaching to the uterus or stopping the release of an egg from the ovary. And since they don't terminate an existing pregnancy, they're not labeled as abortion pills. Still, several anti-abortion groups deem the pills unethical, saying the pills provide a quick-fix remedy for irresponsible choices and destroy

life, which they say begins at fertilization.

UM pharmacy students complete a course in the fall of their third year in the typically three-year program to meet state requirements and learn how to distribute certain drugs, like immunizations and contraceptives. In Montana, pharmacists can be licensed with a cooperative practice agreement, meaning they can dispense these drugs without a doctor's prescription.

The class includes a workshop on emergency contraceptives that covers training on how to dispense them, questions to ask patients and ethical discussions, said Beall,

who teaches the course.

Early courses focus more on the health implications of the "morning-after" pill and teach students to determine whether a patient can safely take it. Students learn what the drug contains, its side effects and possible complications, said UM second-year pharmacy student Heidi Simmons.

"Our goal is to prepare them to meet state laws and prepare them to intelligently distribute when they're pharmacists," Beall said.

In spring semester of the third year of the program, students take an ethics course during which they review examples of situations in which to prescribe the drug.

"We discuss situations like giving emergency contraceptives in rural parts of Montana, where a pharmacist may be the only provider around," Beall said. "We don't tell them they can and can't give it, but we want them to think about these things."

Distributing the contraceptives depends largely on the personal feelings of each pharmacist, Simmons said.

"It also depends on where you want to work," she said. "If you don't want to distribute it, you probably want to work at a place that's religiously affiliated so you

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EDITORIAL**Bush's proposed health care cuts will hurt Montana's American Indians**

President Bush's recently proposed cuts to health services could hurt those in our state who already have a difficult time paying their medical bills. These people are Montana's American Indians.

According to an Associated Press article from Tuesday's Missoulian, of the \$33 million that could be cut, \$4.19 million of that would be from off-reservation Indian clinics located in places like Missoula, Great Falls and Billings.

The article also said Bush wants to redirect this money into reservation health care clinics as well as low-income clinics located off of reservations.

Tribal officials worry that the cuts could put a strain on city and county health clinics by bringing in an influx of American Indian patients.

Another worry for tribal members is that these non-Indian clinics wouldn't be fully staffed by American Indians and wouldn't offer culturally sensitive treatment services.

But perhaps the biggest problem underlying all of this is that an organization like the Indian Health Service, a federally funded service for American Indians, is vastly underfunded.

Former Kaimin reporter Tristan Scott outlined this funding problem in an article titled "Urgent Care," which was part of a series of published articles centering on American Indian issues written by University of Montana journalism students last spring.

According to Scott's article, the average U.S. patient receives \$5,065 in funding per year, a federal prisoner receives \$3,803 per year and American Indians relying on the Indian Health Service receive \$1,914 per year.

So, looking at those figures it's not hard to come to the conclusion that most, if not all, American Indians in Montana are having one hell of a time paying for their medical expenses.

Therefore, eliminating funding for these clinics has the potential to make it even more difficult for Montana's American Indians to get the medical attention they need.

Scott even points out in his article that the Contract Health Service, a branch of the IHS that funds off-reservation treatment for patients, "can't even afford to pay for many patients whose conditions already mandate a referral to another hospital."

We can only hope Bush will do some serious research and realize that tremendous cuts to off-reservation Indian clinics in Montana will only further undermine any progress hoped to be made in health care access for American Indians.

—Ira Sather-Olson, arts editor

**Letters to the editor****Lilly mocks serious issues**

I am writing in response to Christopher Lilly's column (The Penis Soliloquies, 2/15/06). I understand that it was meant to be taken lightly, but as a person who is actively involved in the movement to end violence against women, I was disturbed and offended by many of Lilly's "harmless" jokes.

Lilly's innuendo-laden comments poking fun at women's real struggles to be comfortable with our bodies were bad enough, but what were especially upsetting were his jokes about violence,

such as "Male genital violence and ridicule is at an all time high" and "With P-Day, we can at least begin the healing process." Violence against women is not a laughing matter, and Lilly's comments were incredibly mocking and insulting. I doubt Lilly actually attended the Vagina Monologues, but if he had, he would have seen some overwhelming statistics such as the fact that globally, one in three women will be sexually abused or assaulted in her lifetime. Or the fact that 4 million women and girls around the world are trafficked into sex work. Or perhaps the fact that 90 million African women are victims of female genital mutilation. If he had attended the show, he would have heard stories based on countless women who have been brutally raped during wars, even by American soldiers.

GUEST COLUMN**UM drug advisory committee has wrong idea**

The University of Montana has many programs and committees that can help you get and stay healthy. There are the Student Health Advisory Committee, the Student Assault Resource Center, the Peers Reaching Out program and the Self Over Substance Program, just to name a few. They are all UM programs that help us make our campus a safer and generally better place to be. I think they all have done remarkable work for our campus.

But I didn't write today just to inform UM students about the health and safety resources available to us. I am writing in an effort to inform students of a committee that is supposed to be looking out for us but has lost touch with what life is like as a college student. I see it as my job to make sure that your tuition dollars are spent on beneficial and relevant programs. So, I would like to tell you about another acronym: the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee. The charge of the DAAC is to "develop and recommend to the President a proactive institutional drug and alcohol policy" for UM. This committee is also charged with reviewing current UM drug and alcohol policies, coordinating the efforts of similar committees and recommending changes to President George Dennison. Sound like a good idea? I thought it did too.

But let me tell you about a few of the issues that the DAAC is working on for you. During the 2004-2005 academic year, the DAAC considered recommending that members of the UM Rodeo Club not accept scholarships because they were paid for by Copenhagen Tobacco. This scholarship contained no requirement that recipients wear Copenhagen

logos or use the company's products. It was just a scholarship. As if tuition, fees, books and an apartment don't cost enough, these people want students to turn down money they earned for their specialized rodeo skills.

For further evidence regarding the unreasonable positions of the DAAC, you need look no further than the DAAC's "Missoula Drug and Alcohol program Biennial Review" from Nov. 13, 2003. The title itself reveals the overreaching philosophy of the committee. It isn't the University of Montana Biennial Review, but the Missoula Biennial Review. Upon opening the report you will find some moderate and reasonable language. The report speaks of lowering drug- and alcohol-related problems as well as underage drinking. These are all noble causes by anyone's standards. But as you read the report you will find some appalling assertions and recommendations. Among other things, the DAAC sets out to combat the "culture of drinking" in and around our campus. Apparently the DAAC is attempting not only to recommend safety policy to our administration but also to stop generally accepted social practices. The DAAC also sees the "aggressive marketing and promotion of alcohol" as a major problem.

The report also wants to "limit the density of alcohol outlets." This is a recommendation to regulate any establishment that serves alcohol. How many of you have helped pay your way through school by tending bars or waiting tables? I have and I am concerned that a UM committee wants to tell private business owners, the students they employ, and the of-age citizens they serve to discontinue

their legal activities.

As if that wasn't enough, the DAAC also wants to limit your personal time. One of the main problems that the DAAC feels needs to be addressed is "excessive free time for students." As if class, work, family, friends and extra-curricular activities aren't enough, this group wants to keep you confined to the student lounge to eat popcorn and watch reruns of the Cosby Show (by the way, great sweaters in that show.)

If that still isn't enough for you, the DAAC also wants to "limit ads or promotions for alcohol...in dorm windows." I assume that this limitation would apply to memorabilia hanging on walls visible from the street. I am not a constitutional scholar but I'm pretty sure that you can't limit someone's right to possess or display legal, non-obscene items in their living space.

But, let's not dwell on the past. Now that you know the history, help us change the future. The DAAC is coming out with a new report and has taken an adversarial position regarding my efforts to bring back Aber Day. Write the members of the DAAC, write the Kaimin, write to my office. But don't stay silent. We all want to be responsible when we have fun, we all want to stay safe when we recreate and we all respect those who are trying to guide us to the right decision. But the DAAC has gone too far. Let's work together to solve this problem and maintain and enforce the reasonable policies that we have in place.

—Brad Cederberg,
ASUM President

Feminists are not uptight or angry. We even (gasp!) have senses of humor. Lilly's jokes about men coming together to end male genital violence and forming grassroots organizations were meant to be funny, I'm sure, but his mocking tone undermines the whole point of V-Day. Women have come together to end violence for a good reason. Gender-based violence is rampant throughout the globe, and it is a serious, serious matter. Instead of poking fun, perhaps Lilly should take a good look at reality.

—Annie Nicklay, Senior,
sociology, SARC advocate

Sarcasm: Anything you can do, I can do better

Thank goodness for Christopher

Lilly's enlightening letter about the need to celebrate and nurture the penis. As we all know, men experience oppression and shame for having a cock, and the International Day of the Penis will highlight this outrage. P-Day also helps men reclaim words associated with their genitalia, words that have been used for eons to degrade them, simply because they have a penis. For example, in American society, calling someone "dick," "rod" or "cock" is a deadly insult, while calling someone "pussy," "cunt" or "woman" is a compliment. It is not fair that words associated with male genitalia are degrading, while words associated with women's genitalia are compliments. Therefore, P-Day is an important celebration

that men, traditionally marginalized in society, can use to empower themselves. I also understand that the Penis Monologues is starting a tradition (imitating the Vagina Monologues) to visit places where men are oppressed. Next Valentine's Day, the Penis Monologues may visit Saudi Arabia, Ciudad Juarez, Las Vegas or Dallas, Texas. This trip will highlight the marginalization of the penis and how this marginalization is degrading and killing men, precluding them from becoming equally participating members of society.

In fairness and equality,
—Hothead Paisan,
aka Natalie Shapiro, Graduate student, environmental studies

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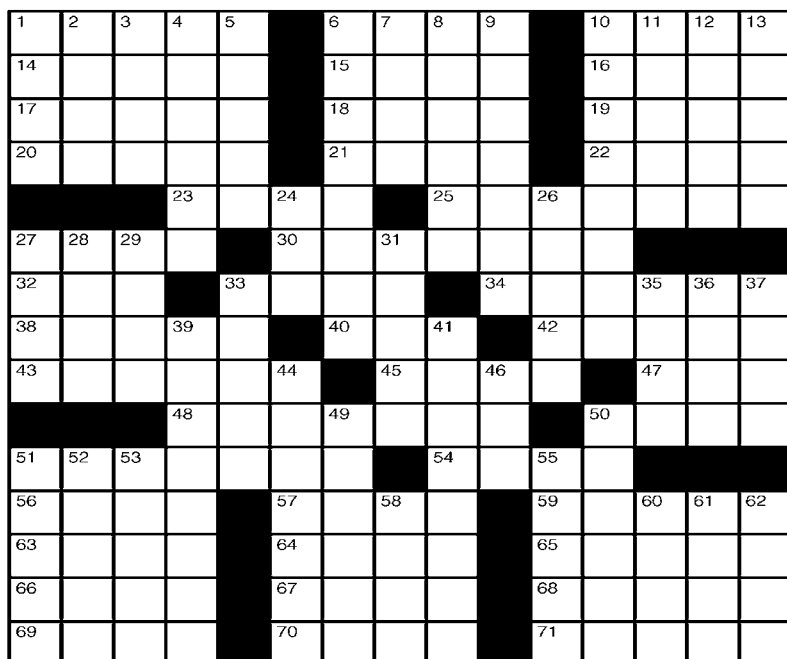
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- Acts down in the dumps
 - Big hairdo
 - Attention getter
 - Arena happening
 - Political unit
 - Pro's foe
 - Daring
 - Transmitted
 - Paper quantity
 - Disunite
 - Author Ferber
 - Inconsequential
 - First garden
 - Puts between
 - May celebrants
 - "___ of Laredo"
 - Bother
 - On the briny
 - Sailor
 - Turns bad
 - ___ Marie Saint
 - Accustom
 - Medicates
 - In any way
 - Lawyer's levy
 - Chest of drawers
 - Yonder
 - Cassava dish
 - No ___ for the weary
 - Pelvis parts
 - Antlered animals
 - Catchall category
 - Color shade
 - Wine companion
 - Personal record
 - Biblical preposition
 - Organic compound
 - Bandleader Shaw
 - Burn slightly
 - "Da Ya Think I'm ___?"
 - Is on a quest



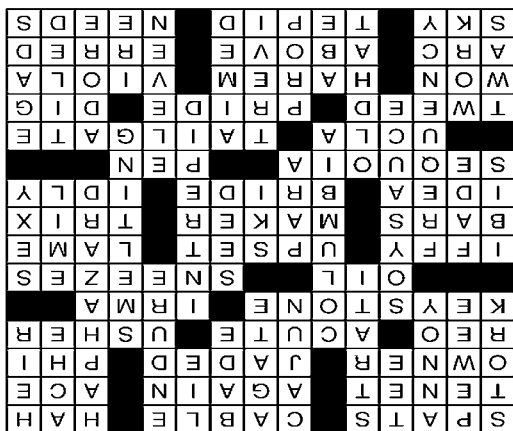
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- DOWN**
- Bill of fare
 - Stove chamber
 - Sassy
 - Views with jealousy
 - Proud mount

- Not in residence
- Went on the lam
- Country singer Milsap
- Gas ratings
- Type of cheese
- Villain's expression
- Get the ball rolling
- Uses a stopwatch
- Last letter of words?
- Beef on the hoof
- Ship's pole
- Nose alert
- Pouty expression
- Harangues
- Jetson's dog
- Drop the ball
- Locale
- ___-do-well
- Car cooler
- With repugnance

Solutions



- Withdraws
- Before, before
- Doctor's solution
- Duds
- N.T. book
- Dress type
- One of a sailing trio
- Colas
- Kentucky fort
- Despise
- Actor Estrada
- Deli loaves

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• Ecology Seminar Series Lecture	Feb. 22	4:10-5pm	N. Underground Lecture Hall
• Making career fairs work for you workshop	Feb. 22	4:30-6pm	Lommasson Center Room 154
• Misfits, Monsters and Pretty Things	Feb. 22- Mar. 2	M-F 10am-4pm	UC Art Gallery
• Badminton Tourney	Feb. 22	6pm	Rec. Center
• Bug by Tracy Letts	Feb. 22-26	8pm	Crystal Theatre
• Lady Griz Basketball vs. Eastern Washington	Feb. 23	7:05pm	Dahlberg Arena
• World Percussion concert	Feb. 24	7:30pm	University Theatre
• Lady Griz Basketball vs. Portland State	Feb. 25	7:05pm	Dahlberg Arena
• Student Recital, Margaret Gilmore and LeAnn Robertson	Feb. 25	7:30pm	Music Recital Hall
• UM Concert Band Festival	Feb. 27-28	All day	Univ. Theatre
• Griz Basketball vs. Northern Arizona	Feb. 27	7:05pm	Dahlberg Arena
• Integrative Microbiology and Biochemistry Seminar Series	Feb. 27	4:10pm	Skaggs Building Room 117
• Dancing at Lughnasa	Feb. 28- Mar. 11	7:30pm	Masquer Theatre

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KBGA's first 'End of the Thon' raises nearly \$8,000

CHANDRA JOHNSON
MONTANA KAIMIN

Missoula has come to the rescue of college radio for another year.

KBGA's annual radiothon fundraiser concluded this weekend with the first "End of the Thon." Nearly 300 people attended the party at the Elks Club Saturday night. The party boosted KBGA's donation total to \$7,975. Although the station's goal was \$12,000, DJ Matt Sampson is not disappointed.

"We did better than last year," Sampson said. "We need to thank the bands and all the people who

turned out."

Last year's goal of \$8,000 only drew about \$6,000. DJ Stan Pillman credits the improvement to the preparation of the KBGA staff.

"I've been here three years and I've never seen a staff work so hard before a radiothon," Pillman said.

"End of the Thon" will hopefully be on the roster for next year's fundraiser, but Sampson and Pillman added that there was room for some improvement. At \$5 per person, an attendee to "End of the Thon" could play shuffleboard or wait for the auction to start. Interest was mildly piqued at

Saturday's festivities when five local bands took the stage. A loyal group of music lovers and fans mingled on the dance floor, alternating between the bar and slot machines.

It seemed even live music could not hook the crowd long enough to dance. A few uninhibited attendees danced while a throng of people stood on the dance floor, captivated by the sounds of Old Shoes, Pillar Saints and Duel about as long as their drinks held out. If the red velvet walls could have spoken, they might have yawned. The romance of magenta light on the stage added little flavor to an unimpressed crowd of

onlookers, disc jockeys and the intoxicated.

Though "End of the Thon" drew enough people to make a profit, Sampson and Pillman admitted the highlight of the show left much to be desired.

"If I could change one thing it'd probably be the DJ auction," Sampson said. "We may not do it next year."

Pillman, who served as master of ceremonies for the auction, agreed.

"No one really got into it," Pillman said. "It was pretty much just [DJs] bidding on each other."

Whether the bidding came from fellow DJs or strangers in the

crowd, money was made on about 12 DJs who participated. Attendees could bid for a guest spot on the air with the DJ of their choice. Bidding on each DJ began at \$10, with two DJs selling for \$100. Overall, the auction itself drew almost \$500.

Even with mild hang ups, "End of the Thon" did its part in preserving the tradition of college radio in Missoula. KBGA plans to use the money for a variety of pursuits, including new equipment. Sampson said that KBGA will host its annual Fool's Ball this April.

Bush to sell shipping operations of 6 major ports to United Arab Emirates

TED BRIDIS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brushing aside objections from Republicans and Democrats alike, President Bush endorsed the takeover of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports by a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates. He pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the agreement.

The president on Tuesday defended his administration's earlier approval of the sale of London-based Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. to Dubai Ports World, despite concerns in Congress it could increase the possibility of terrorism at American ports.

The sale — expected to be finalized in early March — would put Dubai Ports in charge of major shipping operations in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New

Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia. "If there was any chance that this transaction would jeopardize the security of the United States, it would not go forward," Bush said.

"It sends a terrible signal to friends around the world that it's OK for a company from one country to manage the port, but not a country that plays by the rules and has got a good track record from another part of the world," Bush said.

To assuage concerns, the administration disclosed some assurances it had negotiated with Dubai Ports. It required mandatory participation in U.S. security programs to stop smuggling and detect illegal shipments of nuclear materials; roughly 33 other port companies participate in these voluntarily. The Coast Guard also said Tuesday it was nearly finished inspecting Dubai Ports' facilities in the United States.

A senior Homeland Security

official, Stewart Baker, said this was the first-ever sale involving U.S. port operations to a state-owned company. "In that sense this is a new layer of controls," he said. Baker added that U.S. intelligence agencies were consulted "very early on to actually look at vulnerabilities and threats."

Bush sought to quiet a political storm that has united Republican governors and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee with liberal Democrats, including New York's two senators, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer.

Frist said Tuesday, before Bush's comments, that he would introduce legislation to put the sale on hold if the White House did not delay the takeover. He said the deal raised "serious questions regarding the safety and security of our homeland."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., asked the president for a moratorium on the sale until it could be studied further. "We must not allow the possibility of compromising our national security due to lack of review or oversight by the federal government," Hastert said.

Maryland's Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich, during a tour of Baltimore's port on Tuesday, called the deal an "overly secretive process at the federal level."

Bush took the rare step of calling reporters to his conference room on Air Force One after returning from a speech in Colorado. He also stopped to talk before television cameras after he returned to the White House.

"I can understand why some in Congress have raised questions about whether or not our country will be less secure as a result of this transaction," the president said. "But they need to know that our government has looked at this issue and looked at it carefully."

A senior executive from Dubai Ports World pledged the company would agree to whatever security precautions the U.S. government demanded to salvage the deal. Chief operating officer Edward "Ted" H. Bilkey promised Dubai Ports "will fully cooperate in putting into place whatever is necessary to protect the terminals."

Bilkey traveled to Washington in an effort to defuse the growing controversy.

Bush said that protesting lawmakers should understand his approval of the deal was final.

"They ought to listen to what I have to say about this," the president said. "They'll look at the facts and understand the consequences of what they're going to

do. But if they pass a law, I'll deal with it with a veto."

Bush, who has never vetoed a bill as president, said on the White House South Lawn, "This is a company that has played by the rules, has been cooperative with the United States, from a country that's an ally on the war on terror, and it would send a terrible signal to friends and allies not to let this transaction go through."

Lawmakers from both parties have noted that some of the Sept. 11 hijackers used the United Arab Emirates as an operational and financial base. In addition, critics contend the UAE was an important transfer point for shipments of smuggled nuclear components sent to Iran, North Korea and Libya by a Pakistani scientist.

They say a port operator complicit in smuggling or terrorism could manipulate manifests and other records to frustrate Homeland Security's already limited scrutiny of shipping containers and slip contraband past U.S. Customs inspectors.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., and Democrat Schumer said Tuesday they will introduce emergency legislation to suspend the ports deal. King, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, said the government "cannot consider approving this contract until a much more thorough investigation takes place on this security matter."

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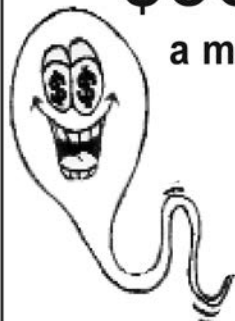
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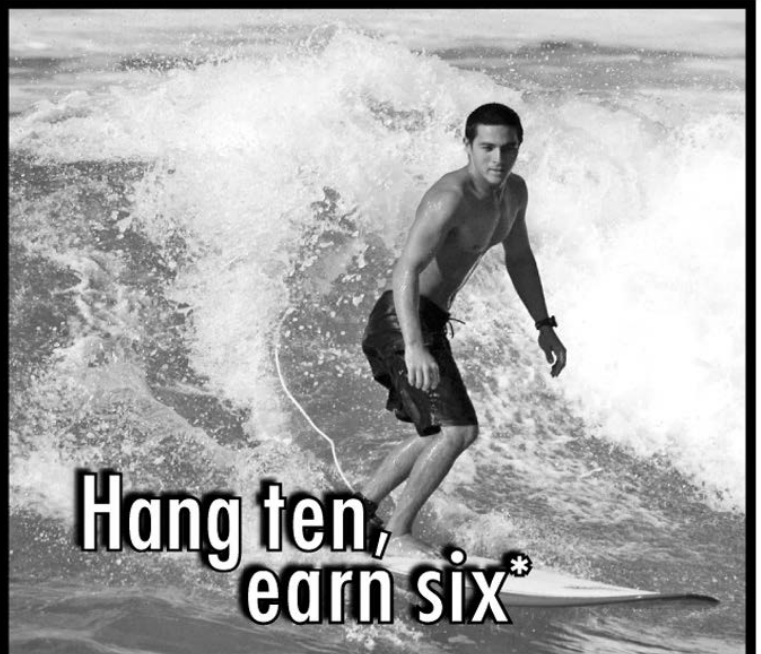
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Sororities scrounge for new interest, pledges

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When a single girl walked into room 332 of the UC Tuesday night, everything got a little quieter. All the other girls whipped their heads around to see who was there, staring, as if ready to pounce. At sorority recruitment, one possible new member can make a huge difference.

The University of Montana's Greek Informal Recruitment Week kicked off Tuesday night at the UC as all four of UM's sororities hosted a "mix and mingle" for girls looking to join a house. Representatives from the four sororities were there to chat and

answer questions.

Most of the questions dealt with the reputation of the Greek community as a whole.

"We know that we are not just representing ourselves, but our entire house as well," said Lily Jaskiel, a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Jaskiel and her sorority work hard to change people's perceptions of the Greek community by raking leaves in the fall, as well as helping out at the Poverello Center, she said.

"A lot of people have negative notions about Greeks because of what they have seen on TV or in movies," said Ingrid Cooper, a freshman in the Alpha Phi sorori-

ty. "But there are so many Greeks out in the community doing good things."

Cooper joined Alpha Phi last fall through formal recruitment. Moving from Seattle, she had no previous judgments about the UM Greek system.

"My whole family was Greek, so I just knew I would be, too," Cooper said.

Informal recruitment differs from the formal recruitment in the fall in that things are more relaxed. At formal recruitment, potential new members have scheduled visits with each of the houses. Christina Zarndt, the head of recruitment and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, explained

that informal recruitment this year is trying to cater more toward potential new members and what is most accessible for them.

"We have to do things a little different than bigger campuses. We have to reach out to the girls," Zarndt said.

So this year, all four sororities will have open houses every night through Friday of this week.

Each house will have different activities on different nights, such as "sugar-cookie baking and decorating" at Alpha Phi on Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Delta Gamma's "anatomy" on Thursday night, during which the girls will watch the TV show Grey's Anatomy.

The number of girls that come to informal recruitment is generally smaller than in the fall. Sass Gardenier, a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, said her house's goal is to see about seven girls pledge with them when this week is done.

A half-hour into the "mix and mingle" a few timid girls had poked their heads in to see what was going on, but none had stayed.

UM's Greek Adviser Emily Yaksitch was undeterred. After taking the position in August, she has come to a single conclusion. "We can only go up from here."

News Briefs

Lakeside girl dies snowboarding

KALISPELL (AP) — Authorities have identified a 14-year-old Lakeside girl killed Monday in a snowboarding accident at Blacktail Mountain Ski Area.

The accident was reported at noon, when Leah Wild was

reportedly found unconscious. Flathead County Deputy Coroner Dave Leib said she apparently hit a tree.

The girl was flown by helicopter to a hospital in Kalispell.

Blacktail Mountain is about 15 miles west of miles west of Lakeside. Manager Steve Spencer said the fatality was the ski area's first accident-related death. The resort reported a death caused by

a heart attack a few years ago.

Leib said the girl was a novice snowboarder and was wearing a helmet.

Abbas appoints prime minister

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Ismail Haniyeh of the militant group Hamas was appointed

Tuesday as the next Palestinian prime minister, but he refused to respond to a demand from the president to adhere to interim peace deals reached with Israel.

After accepting the letter designating him as prime minister, Haniyeh met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for more than two hours, their second such session in two days — an indication of the wide gaps between the two men.

Abbas is the head of Fatah, the Islamic movement Hamas trounced in last month's Palestinian parliamentary election. Abbas was elected president last year, and now he will have to deal with a Hamas parliament and Cabinet.

Abbas has said the Hamas-led government must accept the agreements made by previous governments — including interim peace accords with Israel and the internationally backed "road map" plan for a Palestinian state.

Hamas ideology does not recognize a Jewish state in the Middle East, and the militant group has sent dozens of suicide bombers into Israel. Since the election, Hamas has rebuffed demands from Israel, the U.S., the United Nations and Europe to recognize Israel and renounce violence.

Bird flu spread worries experts

GENEVA (AP) — The unprecedented spread of bird flu to 14 more countries in the past three weeks brings the disease closer to millions of people, giving it many more chances to mutate into a global outbreak, international health experts said Tuesday.

Fourteen countries — from India to Nigeria and Egypt to France — have reported their first cases of birds infected with the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu since the beginning of February, the World Health Organization said.

"We've never seen so many outbreaks of the same virus in so many different regions," WHO spokeswoman Maria Cheng told The Associated Press. "Our concern obviously is that humans could potentially come into contact with birds infected with H5N1, which would mean populations worldwide are potentially at risk."

WHO says it remains difficult for humans to catch H5N1. The agency has confirmed 170 human cases, including 92 deaths, since 2003 — mostly in east Asia. But WHO experts fear that the virus could mutate into a form that is easily transmitted from person to person and set off a flu pandemic.

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Jennifer Johnson holds a box containing four mix CDs and tapes as Peter Dolan reaches in to pick one out and Jeff Osteen patiently waits his turn. The three students have come together to take part in the Missoula Makeout Mixtape Club sponsored by the Ear Candy Music store on Higgins Avenue. The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. when people come together to exchange music compilations. The club was started by UM student Tyson Ballew two years ago and has been meeting ever since.

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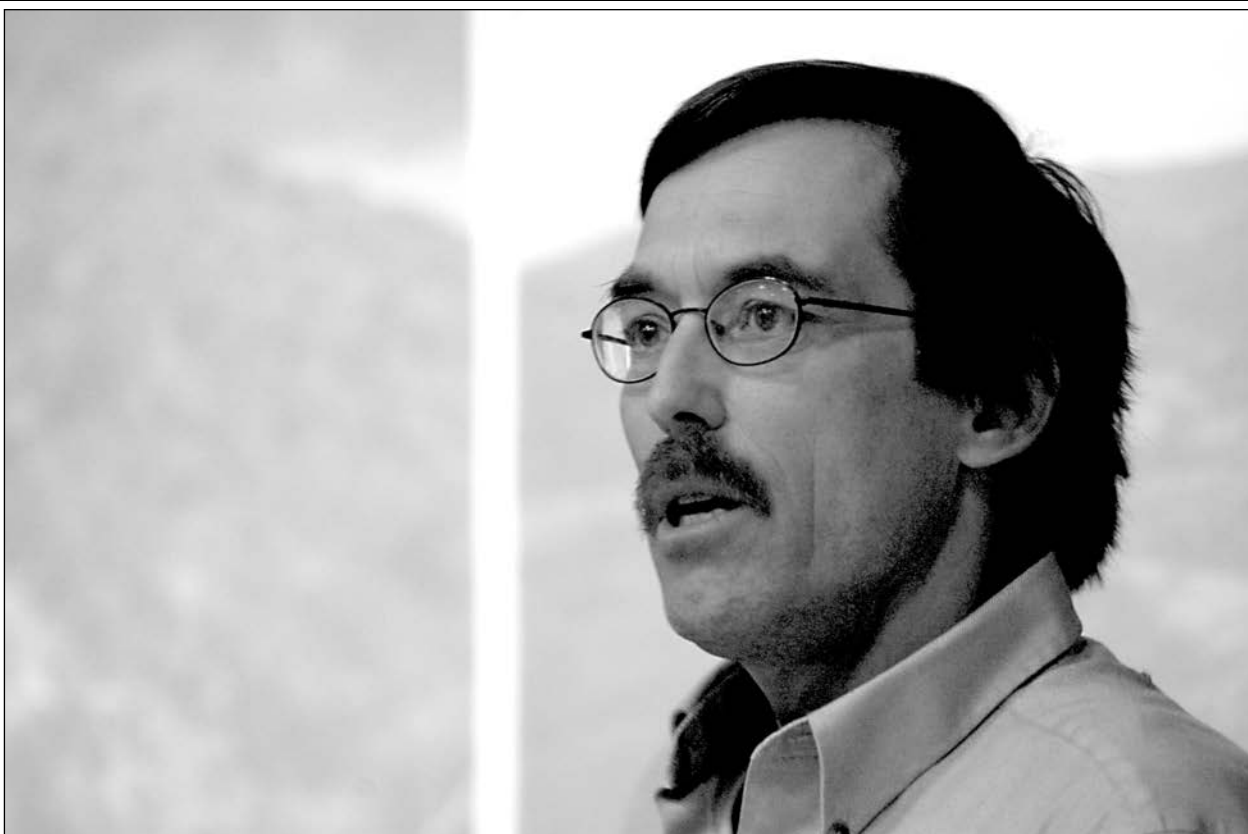
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Stephen Siebert, UM professor of tropical forestry, lectures in the Gallagher Business Building Tuesday night on "Native Use, Management and Knowledge of Tropical Forests in Indonesia" as part of the Wilderness Issues Lecture Series.

Understanding tropical forests

BRENNA MOORE
MONTANA KAIMIN

If people want to understand how tropical forests as we know them came to be, they need to understand past and present human influences on those forests, said a University of Montana tropical forestry professor Tuesday night.

"There's no question that the traditional knowledge of those forests can really be a complement to modern science," said Stephen Siebert in his speech titled, "Native Use, Management and Knowledge of Tropical Forests in Indonesia."

Over the last 13 years, Siebert has returned almost annually to Indonesia to study ecological properties, sometimes in the company of his wife Jill Belsky, also a forestry professor. He has also done research investigating biophysical changes in three different areas of Indonesia and in Greece.

Human ecological disturbance of land should not be considered separate from natural disturbance of land, because humans have been on the planet for such a long period of time, said Siebert, a Cornell graduate.

Whether it's a natural disturbance like a fire, or a human disturbance like tree-clearing, the two should be combined to analyze their role in the development and maintenance of tropical forests, he said.

Integrated cultivation of land, which is crop harvesting that takes place gradually, is socially and culturally managed and regulated to fit the lives of those who are causing land disturbance, Siebert said. This adds to the human development and maintenance of the forests, he said.

The speech was hosted by the Wilderness Institute in the Gallagher Business Building and broadcast on Missoula Community Access Television as part of the annual Wilderness Issues Lecture Series.

It was the first chance in the series to hear an international perspective, said Laurie Ashley, program associate of the Wilderness Institute.

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference will give the next lecture of the series, "Arctic Environment, Climate Change and Inuit Human Rights," on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in Gallagher 106.

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No agreement reached as Iranian nuclear talks end

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MOSCOW (AP) - Talks aimed at resolving an international standoff over Iran's nuclear program ended Tuesday with no sign of progress, but Tehran's top negotiator labeled the two-day meeting "positive and constructive."

Some Russians voiced concern that Iran was using a proposed Kremlin compromise to stall for time and avert international sanctions.

The proposal, backed by the United States and the European Union, calls for uranium for Iran's nuclear energy program to be enriched in Russia, to stifle concern that enrichment conducted in Iran could produce material for atomic weapons.

Enriched uranium can be used as fuel for a nuclear reactor or fis-

sile material for a bomb. Iran says it is pursuing peaceful nuclear energy but Western nations fear it is seeking an atomic weapon.

The negotiations ended without any visible progress, but Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov declined to label them a failure.

"I would be cautious about using the term 'failure' or 'set-back' as long as the negotiations have not finished," he said in televised remarks. The talks are to resume later in the week in Iran.

"In our belief, the trend of negotiations was positive and constructive," Iran's chief negotiator, Ali Hosseinitash, told state-run Iranian television as he left Moscow after two days of meetings.

"There are elements in these negotiations that give us grounds for hope that we will reach an agreement," Russia's Interfax news agency quoted Hosseinitash,

the deputy secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, as saying.

U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said Tuesday on a visit to Moscow that "from what we know - no new ground was broken," but added that he thought broad cooperation among countries in pressuring Iran was working well.

"I think the momentum is with this coalition," Burns told reporters.

Russia's atomic chief, Sergei Kiriyenko, who is set to visit Iran Thursday for further talks, said that, "Russia will do everything possible to offer Iran an opportunity to get out of this difficult situation in a peaceful, constructive way."

But a senior Russian lawmaker expressed frustration.

"Unfortunately, Iran so far has not shown sufficient good will,"

Konstantin Kosachev, head of the lower house of parliament's foreign affairs committee, was quoted as saying by news agencies.

Russia's offer is seen as the final opportunity to ease international concerns over Iran's suspected nuclear weapons drive. Iran has insisted on its right to maintain domestic enrichment despite international calls for it to stop.

The U.N nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, is to hold a March 6 meeting that could start a process leading to punishment by the U.N. Security Council, which has the power to impose sanctions on Iran.

Russia, which has strong economic ties to Iran, is building the theocracy's first nuclear power station and is anxious to avoid sanctions and eager to win prestige by helping find a solution.

China, which like Russia has resisted strong measures against Iran, joined calls on Tehran to freeze enrichment.

"We hope Iran can restore its moratorium on all activities related to uranium enrichment and create the conditions for the solution of the nuclear issue through negotiations," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Tuesday.

Sergei Markov, a Kremlin-connected political analyst, said Tuesday that Iran appeared to be deliberately stringing Russia along in the hope of avoiding Security Council action.

"Iran will seek to drag out the negotiations, because while they are ongoing, the possibility of referral to the U.N Security Council and the possible implementation of economic sanctions are almost zero," he was quoted as saying by Interfax.

1,000 feared dead in landslide

HRVOJE HRANJSKI
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GUINSAUGON, Philippines (AP) - Uncertain if they were even digging in the right place, emergency crews tried to find a mud-swamped elementary school Wednesday as fears grew that time may have run out for rescuing any more survivors of a massive landslide.

Teams of Philippine soldiers and U.S. Marines, along with Malaysian and Taiwanese experts, had suspended the search overnight because of concern that rain was making the area more prone to further landslides. Also, a small generator used to light the area ran out of fuel.

"We have not found any structure to indicate the location of the school," said Joel Son, in charge of a group of miners working at the site. "It's all mud."

Hopes for a miracle have focused on the school largely because of unconfirmed reports that survivors there sent mobile phone text messages to relatives shortly after the landslide hit Friday.

Tuesday was another frustrating day, with no one found alive since just hours after a mountainside collapsed in a wall of mud and boulders that swamped the farming village of Guinsaugon on Leyte island. The official death toll rose to 107, but authorities fear it could surpass 1,000.

After daybreak Wednesday, in a grimly familiar routine, Philippine soldiers began digging with shov-

els, and the Taiwanese teams set up sensors in hopes of detecting sounds from any survivors.

High-tech gear detected some underground sounds late Monday, creating a buzz of excitement and adrenaline among troops, miners and volunteers whose hopes of finding life had all but vanished.

By Tuesday, the buzz was gone again, replaced by a grim workmanlike attitude.

Those working had to give up digging at the most promising site because the soft, wet mud kept collapsing.

"As we'd dig deeper, we'd try to dig wider, but with the rain last night ... there were little landslides happening around us," said Lt. Jack Farley, who was heading the Marine contingent. "The soil here is so unstable."

They shifted to another spot about 200 yards away.

The school is believed to be buried by up to 100 feet of muck, and ground-penetrating radar that is capable of detecting structures up to 50 feet down has come up blank.

With the landscape drastically changed, no one could be sure they were digging at the right place. Some people suggested the school was still on the same spot where it had been built; others said it could have been washed downhill.

"Even the local population has kind of lost their bearings," Farley said. "They don't have those terrain features around to distinguish where something really is."

The threat of more rain-trig-

gered landslides also slowed the search, and it was unclear if the scratching and tapping noises that were heard Monday came from survivors or just ground water or mud settling.

"A few times we heard something, we think we heard something, because we really want to hear something," Farley said. "If there is anything at all, we're gonna go there."

Officials had refused to allow heavy machinery in the disaster zone out of fear it could cause the unstable mud to shift, but with conditions solidifying and shovels making little headway, they brought in a backhoe. It had similar problems with holes that it dug caving in.

Search teams moved carefully, unable to work as fast as they wanted for fear that their movements could set off more landslides.

"Safety is an ongoing concern right now because of the rain," said U.S. Marine Capt. Burrell Parmer, one of hundreds of American servicemen involved in the recovery operation. "So far, no survivors have been recovered. It's a sad deal."

The smell of rotting bodies wafted through the command post of the relief effort, about a half-mile from the landslide site.

Several officials suggested leaving the village as a massive cemetery because digging out the bodies was too difficult and dangerous. Some unidentified bodies were buried in mass graves.

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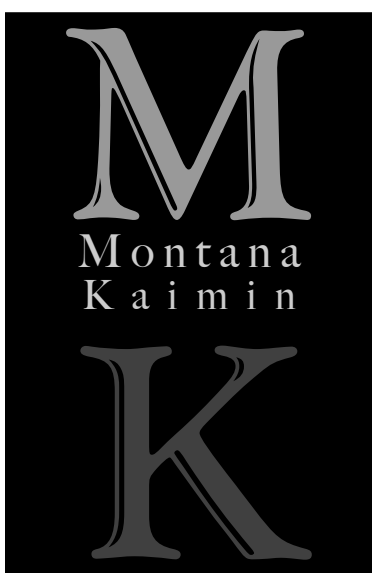
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Professor Steven Hesla is assisted by professor Nancy Cooper to perform an arrangement by Mozart that requires four hands to play, Tuesday night in the Music Recital Hall. This is one of several concerts occurring this semester as part of the music department's Faculty and Guest Artist Series recitals. For more information about future recitals, call the department at 243-6880.

Comedian to crack up campus

There are plenty of students on campus coughing and wheezing who need some miracle drug to help them through winter's last death throes. What could be the instant relief that so many seek? Well, they say laughter is the best medicine, so why not try some of that?

To help combat those wintertime blues, comedian Sean Kent will be performing tonight at 8 p.m. in the UC Theater. Kent, a veteran of NBC's "Last Comic Standing" series and writer for both Fox Sports' "The Best Damn Sports Show Period" and CBS's "Yes, Dear," brings to UM his brand of controversial stand-up, lampooning topics from reality TV to politics and current news.

Nobody is safe in Kent's routine. Deftly mocking the political right as has become standard fare in stand-up. However, his uncompromising, uncouth assaults on pop-culture figures like Jessica Simpson and "The Apprentice" masters Martha Stewart and Donald Trump elevate him to a plane of comedy existence occupied by few.

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-Ian Graham/Montana Kaimin

Jewish reggae artist turns heads with new CD

Kaimin CD Review

DYLAN LASLOVICH

MONTANA KAIMIN

A Hasidic Jewish reggae artist releases a live album and nine months later it cracks the Top 40 albums chart. Next thing we'll be told is that he isn't a joke. He is ... isn't he?

It would be an exaggeration to say that the release of Matisyahu's "Live at Stubb's," a live album recorded at a popular venue in Austin, Texas, was welcomed with

a lot of press and high album sales. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The album was ignored by just about everyone and the 26-year-old Matisyahu seemed destined to stay in the shadows of dancehall artists such as Elephant Man, with whom he has shared a stage.

So what happened?

To put it simply, "King Without a Crown" did. Any avid MTV viewer will know Matisyahu as the energized, lanky reggae artist with such a smooth delivery it's hard not to take him as legitimate. And now that he's being played on

MTV his record sales have soared and he's moving 20,000 discs a week. With the increased sales, Matisyahu has found himself with more fans. But with the new fans he has discovered new problems.

Matisyahu can't make physical contact with females that are not in his family. This ended his stage-diving during performances. He can't shake hands with his female fans and said in a recent Rolling Stone interview that it's been hard because he doesn't have time to explain himself, leaving some female fanatics offended.

Matisyahu's lyrics and actions ooze love and genuine respect that makes its way to his fans. If you visit Matisyahu's Web site, you will see an entry telling ticket holders for a sold-out show in Boston to be careful while traveling in the snow. The entry goes on to say that if someone doesn't "feel safe traveling under the current weather conditions" their tickets will be refunded.

Most up-and-comers would be doing everything to pack a house,

while Matisyahu is turning concertgoers away.

His album comes with video footage of the concert at Stubb's and is the real treat of the release.

Reggae artists are often very energetic performers when they play live.

But a recent trend has seen the closer fusion of reggae artists and hip-hop. This has led to more accessible styles than there were in the past, but it seems to have stripped some reggae artists of the energy.

Some of them now opt for the cool and laid-back "so what?" demeanor that has flooded hip-hop.

Because of this, we have been left with a less-spirited crowd of dancehall and reggae artists who struggle to excite their crowds.

But Matisyahu completely blows past every other reggae artist out there right now. His energy and banter between songs on the album is welcoming because you can tell he makes a genuine connection with every-

one.

Matisyahu has outsold many reggae artists for several months now. This may continue because of his upcoming studio release, "Youth," due out on March 7.

The live version of "King Without a Crown" is absolutely incredible.

Matisyahu's lyrics are uplifting and smart, two things that aren't synonymous with MTV hits. It's hard to believe kids would be bobbing their heads and tapping their feet to lyrics such as "Strip away the layers and reveal your soul/Got to give yourself up and then you become whole/You're a slave to yourself and you don't even know/You want to live the fast life but your brain moves slow/If you're trying to stay high then you're bound to stay low/You want God but you can't deflate your ego."

What makes this song good, besides his unparalleled energy, is Matisyahu's flow.

Throughout the song he staggers his delivery between a traditional slower paced one and then it snowballs into a quick-spitting flow.

Both styles ride the beat laid down by his backing band. They steal the show at certain times with their guitar solos and funky bass lines.

At no point does Matisyahu rival "King Without a Crown," and it will be hard to ever do that.

Being a Hasidic Jew obviously isn't some ploy to sell albums, but it helps. This interesting background makes him much more memorable and drives more people to listen to him. It's more realistic to view him as the latest "thing" in music.

So no, Matisyahu is not a joke. He is a real artist delivering a positive message, something that has been missing from mainstream music and will likely be gone once listeners get their fill of this unlikely star. It's a shame that this unbelievable run of his won't last.

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Out-of-staters blending in with homegrown Lady Griz roster

Do you remember that classic 1994 flick, "The Little Rascals"?

Well, the story centers around a bunch of ragtag lil' hoodlums and a club that they have created. In an effort to sanitize their clubhouse, the He-Man Woman Haters Club doesn't allow women to join. Sexist regulations? Probably. A bit immature? More than likely.

But steps need to be taken to rid the world of cooties and these brave souls had the nerve to do it.

But I digress ...

The exclusive nature of the Little Rascals is an excellent example of how clubs work. Some clubs exclude ladies, some kick out dog lovers and some don't allow people that don't pull down

a seven-figure annual salary to get two steps inside the front door.

The University of Montana's women's basketball team is no different, only their club is for Montana girls only.

This season, 12 of the 15 gals on the Lady Griz roster are Montana natives. To put that number into perspective, Montana currently has the same number of players on its roster (three) from one Montana high school (Billings West HS) as it does from Montana's 49 sister states.

"We want to get the best players we can and we'll go recruit anywhere," UM head coach Robin Selvig said. "The thing is, if Montana ladies are good enough, and they've been good enough, we'd sure like to have them here.

Montana high school basketball has been very good to us."

However, like in the Little Rascals, there is always a Darla to come along and throw off the exclusiveness and playing that role this year are Jody McLeod and Sara Gale from Oregon and Wyoming's Betsy Snead.

"You have a different perspective because a lot of the Montana girls knew each other before," said Gale of being a non-Montanian on UM's roster.

So how did these ladies learn about the Anaconda copper mines, Dave Dickenson and the infamous Foresters' Ball? Well, getting accustomed to Missoula may not have been as hard for this trio as one might think.

Snead says that sharing the same home state as quail hunting guru Dick Cheney has not shot down her chances of bonding with her Treasure State teammates. In fact, Snead says the only time she feels out of place in the UM locker room is when talks turn to

recruiting and Montana high school athletics.

"(I feel out of the loop) a little bit during the season when they are talking about recruits who they played in high school," Snead said. "We don't think that they hold it against us. It kind of sucks because we aren't able to talk about it but it's not a bad thing."

All in all, Snead said making the transition from Wyoming to Montana was a lot easier than the tradition she made last year when she attended Xavier University in Cincinnati.

"It's a lot like Wyoming," she said. "It took me a lot longer to get used to Cincinnati."

The transition wasn't too difficult either for McLeod or Gale, who both came from communities similar to Missoula. However, Gale was quick to point out that most of her Montana education has come from her UM teammates who grew up in rural Montana.

"I don't think Missoula is really the Montana lifestyle," she said.

It doesn't appear as if Montana's close-proximity recruiting scheme is going to change anytime soon.

Of Montana's two announced signed recruits from the class of 2006, one is from Montana and the other hails from Wyoming. However, the Wyomingite, a guard by the name of Stephanie Stender, is essentially an honorary Montanan as both her parents are from the state and her family has a cabin by Georgetown Lake.

It's safe to say that Selvig and company know what they are doing when it comes to recruiting and building a quality basketball program as 10 of the last 15 Big Sky Conference championships have been won by the Lady Griz. Looking up at the rafters at Dahlberg Arena, it's safe to say that like Wheat Montana bread and huckleberry soap, those championship banners were truly Made in Montana.

BracketBusters win accents busy weekend in Griz sports

It was a busy weekend in Montana Grizzly athletics. Among the highlights...

Montana basketball rolls in BracketBusters game

The University of Montana men's basketball team heated up a chilly Dahlberg Arena Saturday with their hot shooting in an 88-74 non-conference win over Oral Roberts University as part of ESPN's BracketBusters pool.

The Griz shot 52.6 percent from the field, including 9 of 19 from 3-point range.

UM junior forward Matt Dlouhy led Montana with a career-high 21 points, going 4 of 5 from behind the arc.

ORU junior forward Caleb Green, who scored 15 points in the first half and had a game-high 28 points and 11 rebounds, led the Golden Eagles.

ORU tied the game at 42 on their first possession of the second half, but UM sophomore Andrew Strait scored the next time up the court to start a 29-9 Montana run.

The Golden Eagles tried for a comeback but were unable to get closer than eight points.

Strait only had six second-half points, but his teammates more than picked up the slack. The Griz had five players score in double figures and they limited the Golden Eagles to 34 points in the second half.

"We did a poor job of defending them," said ORU head coach Scott Sutton. "Part of that is the timing of this game. We played Thursday night at home, traveled all day yesterday. We just didn't have time to prepare."

In other Big Sky BracketBusters action, Western Kentucky routed Northern Arizona 79-58, Montana State beat Idaho 79-69 and Eastern Washington lost 89-63 to Cal State Fullerton.

The Griz (19-5 overall, 8-3 Big Sky) go on the road to face Eastern Washington Thursday. The Eagles (12-13 overall, 7-4 Big Sky) have clinched a spot in the postseason tournament.

Lady Griz inch closer to first place

The University of Montana

women's basketball squad won both games on their weekend road trip to pull within reach of their third consecutive regular season Big Sky Conference championship.

The Lady Griz clobbered Sacramento State 79-45 on Thursday evening and squeaked by first-place Northern Arizona 57-55 on Saturday.

With the weekend wins, UM is now only a half-game behind NAU and Idaho State for the regular-season crown and the right to host the season-ending conference tournament.

Against the Hornets, Montana never trailed and was led by senior guard Katie Edwards' 20 points. With the win, UM improves to 20-0 all-time against the Hornets.

Victory was a lot harder to find in Flagstaff, Ariz. for the Lady Griz, but they prevailed against the Lumberjacks when freshman center Tamara Guardipee blocked an NAU shot with four seconds to go. Guardipee's fellow freshman Mandy Morales hit the game-winning free throws with a little more than a minute to go for the Lady Griz.

Montana trailed only once against NAU the entire game, for all of 18 seconds in the second half, and was led by Edwards' 14 points. The Lady Griz improved to 18-5 on the year with a 7-3 mark in conference play.

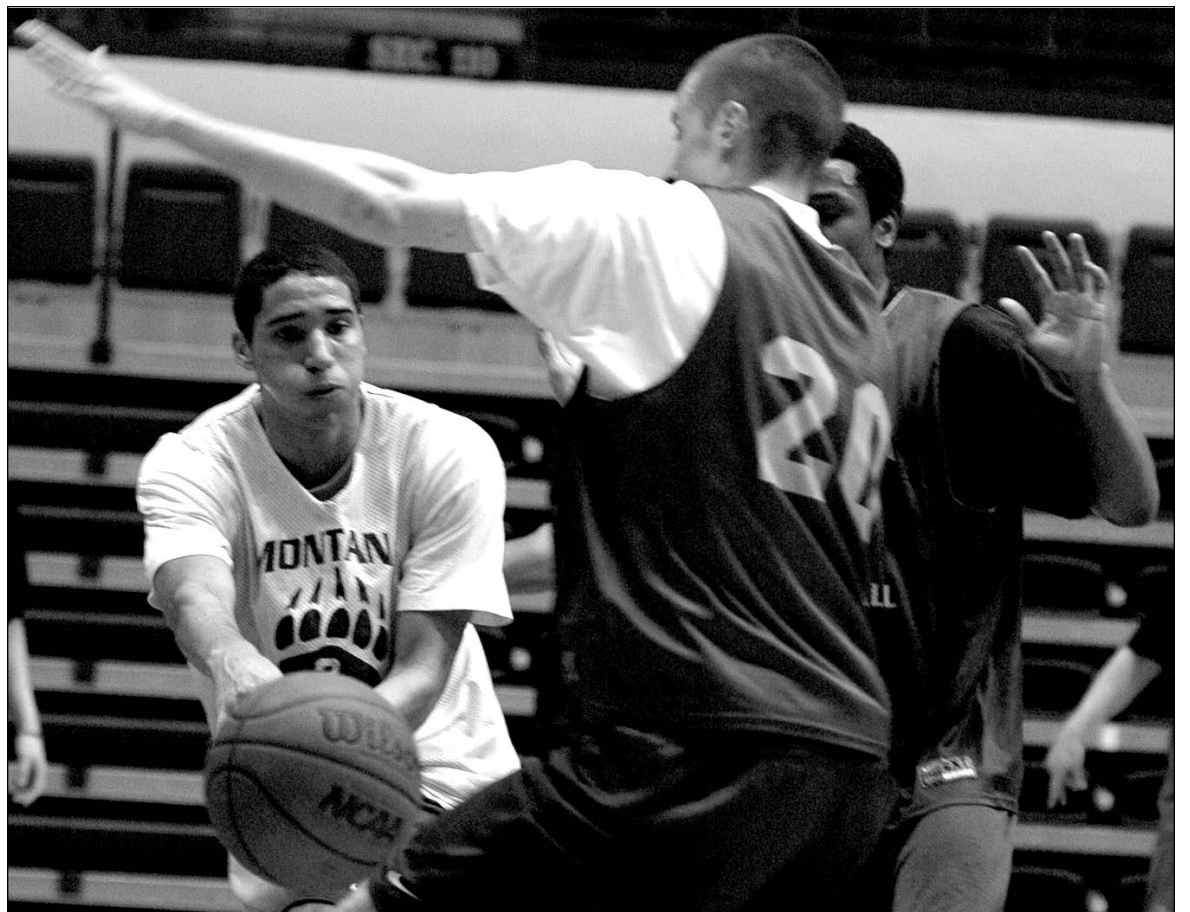
Walker headlines successful weekend for women's tennis

The University of Montana women's tennis team kicked off their spring season with strong weekend wins over Gonzaga and Idaho.

Montana swept the 'Zags 7-0 and beat Idaho 5-2.

UM freshman Liz Walker was named the Big Sky Conference women's player of the weekend after going 4-0 in her weekend singles and doubles matches. Walker, who plays in the No. 1 slot in singles and doubles for Montana, ran her singles record on the year to 6-3.

Senior Jonna Schwartz and sophomore Mari Castello also notched flawless 4-0 records against Gonzaga and Idaho.



Freshman guard/forward Austin Swift finds a hole to pass the ball during practice Tuesday afternoon in Dahlberg Arena. Swift will travel with the Grizzlies to take on Eastern Washington University this Thursday.

Montana continues its season this weekend when it travels to the UNLV Invitational in Las Vegas.

Four UM Tracksters take advantage of Last Chance

The University of Montana used the Memorial Day weekend to qualify four more athletes for the Big Sky Conference Indoor Championships at the Montana State-hosted Last Chance Meet.

Junior Jimmy Stanton (shot put), sophomores Eli Hermann (5,000 meters) and Levi Zell (pole vault) and freshman Amber Aikins (triple jump) all used Friday night's competition to qualify for the championship meet.

UM sophomore Allie Brosh's victory in the 3,000 meters helped her nap the conference's women track athlete of the week award.

Montana will send 24 athletes in 20 events to the championships, which will be held this upcoming weekend in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Men's tennis splits weekend

opener

The University of Montana men's tennis team won their first match of the season, ousting Lewis and Clark State 4-3 on Saturday. UM's win followed a 5-2 loss to in-state rival Montana State on Friday.

UM won three singles matches

and the all-important doubles point to beat Lewis-Clark, who came into the weekend as the 21st ranked squad in the NAIA ranks.

Montana next plays in early March with matches against Denver, Air Force and Northern Colorado.

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'Overlooked' UM Ski Team set to ski at Regionals

SEAN BRESLIN

MONTANA KAIMIN

While the Olympics continue in Italy, members of the University of Montana alpine ski team are still waiting for their moment in the spotlight.

Montana will head to Steamboat Springs, Colo. today to compete in the U.S. Collegiate Snowsports Association's Western Regional Collegiate Championship.

According to Emily Longfield, 21, from Portland, Ore., most UM students don't even know that UM has a ski team.

The team competed at Snowbowl early this month, and very few people showed up to support the team, she said.

"We're Griz, too," said skier Claire Niewendorp, a junior from Michigan.

"We're overlooked Griz," Longfield added.

UM used to have a NCAA ski team in the 1970s, Longfield said.

However, UM went without a ski team through the 1980s, said Garret Hobbs, the current coach

for the team.

"I don't exactly know what brought about the demise of that team," Hobbs said.

Hobbs helped found the team in 1996 when he was a student at UM. He began racing in 1997, and took over the coach's position in 1998. He continued racing until he graduated in 2001.

The current USCSA team is funded through the ASUM Sports Club Union and fundraising events, Hobbs said. In addition, skiers pay dues of \$375 per athlete per season.

Hobbs said he is optimistic about the women's team's chances at the Regional Championship this weekend. This year has been a "building year" for the men's team, he said, and he looks forward to working with first-year skiers.

Both men and women are on the same UM team, but compete in separate events, Longfield said.

It seems odd that the ski team hasn't seen a lot of interest, Longfield said, since so many people come to UM for its opportunities for winter recreation. But interest has sparked recently due

to the Olympics, Longfield said.

But despite minimal student support, the UM team has consistently performed well, she said.

"We're probably in the top six or seven teams regionally," Niewendorp said.

The UM alpine ski team ranked second last year in the Grand Teton Conference, just behind Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Longfield said.

There are about 40 teams in the conference, and UM's team will compete against 17 teams from the northwestern states in the Regional Championships this weekend, Longfield said.

The women don't take the competitions lightly. They practice as a team two times a week, but most of the team members are typically on the slopes four or five days a week, Longfield said.

"We're racing against Olympic-caliber skiers," said Annie Studer, a sophomore who came to UM from Fairbanks, Alaska.

Although the women take the competitions seriously, they all agree that competitive skiing doesn't stop them from having fun on the slopes.

Studer said that she still gets an adrenaline rush each time she goes down the slopes. They also make sure to have fun off the slopes, too.

"We can stay up all night, and still ski well the next day," Longfield said.

If the ski team finishes in the top four this weekend, they will travel to Maine in March to compete against 15 other teams for the national championship.



Kevin Hoffman/Montana Kaimin

Canadian Maxime Gingras, front, and American Kevin Hanian battle in the North American Freestyle Championships dual moguls event Sunday. The best mogul skiers from as far away as Quebec and Utah came to Snowbowl to compete.

UM Women's Ski Roster

Emily Longfield
Annie Studer
Claire Niewendorp
Kelly Anderson
Mario Crocifisso
Esther Hundley

USA's Cohen holds slim lead after short program

BARRY WILNER

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TURIN, Italy (AP) - Sassy Sasha Cohen saved the best for last. And boy was it good.

With U.S. flags waving and chants of "USA! USA!" rocking the arena, the U.S. champion dazzled the judges with a sensational short program Tuesday night and slipped past world champion Irina Slutskaya of Russia by a slim .03 points.

Cohen's spectacular spirals and crisp footwork had the crowd clapping to the beat of "Dark Eyes," a Russian folk tune. She even flashed some attitude as she concluded a solid evening of skating that will wrap up with Thursday night's free skate, snapping her fingers and double-pumping her fists as if to say, "Top that."

"I just believed in myself," Cohen said. "To have something like this come out is really great. I am going to believe in myself and expect the best."

A win for Cohen would break Russia's stranglehold on figure skating golds at these games. No country has swept all four events, and the Russians already own three -pairs, men's and dance.

Emily Hughes, added to the

U.S. team nine days ago when Michelle Kwan withdrew with a groin injury, wasn't intimidated in her first major international event. The 17-year-old sister of 2002 gold medalist Sarah Hughes, who was in the audience, finished seventh.

Slutskaya drew the anchor spot in the free skate; Cohen goes second in the six-woman final group.

Cohen and Slutskaya, the 2002 Olympic silver medalist, have been in contention before. All they have to do is recall Salt Lake City, where, skating with the title within reach, both stumbled enough for Sarah Hughes to take the gold.

Slutskaya's performance to Liszt's peppy "Totentanz" was so perfectly in unison with the music that her spins matched the crescendos.

Her countrymen in the crowd waved flags, shouted "ROS-SI-YA! ROS-SI-YA!" and erupted in a loud ovation for her score of 66.70-better than the pre-Olympic bests for every opponent except Cohen, but not even Slutskaya's top career score. Slutskaya, sitting with her fingers crossed, then walked off to wait and see if her marks held up.

They did until the very end, when Cohen was just as fast and a bit more magical.

Davis-Hedrick skating feud ends in disappointment; without Olympic gold

PAUL NEWBERRY

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TURIN, Italy (AP) - Shani Davis got the best of Chad Hedrick, though it wasn't good enough for gold. Then they both took the Olympics' hottest rivalry to a whole new level.

These guys really don't like each other.

That much they could shake on.

While Italy's Enrico Fabris was becoming an Olympic hero in his home country, upsetting the Davis-Hedrick showdown with a victory Tuesday in the 1,500 meters, the most compelling storyline was the two American favorites who settled for silver and bronze.

Davis, the runner-up, and Hedrick, a disappointing third, were forced to spend an uncomfortable half-hour in a brightly lit room that might as well have been the scene of an interrogation.

Finally, the truth came out.

Davis was still mad that Hedrick didn't shake his hand after Davis' victory Saturday in the 1,000. This time, Hedrick did shake hands and offer his congratulations, but that clearly was too late to soothe Davis' feelings.

"I'll be honest with you," said Davis, the first black athlete ever to win an individual gold medal in the Winter Olympics. "Sure, Chad and I are fighting for the same thing. But it would have been kind of nice after I won the 1,000 if he would have been a good teammate and shook my hand."

With that, Davis jumped out of his seat and stormed from the room, mumbling on his way through the door, "Shakes my hand when I lose. Typical Chad."

A response, Chad?

Now sitting alone at the podium, Hedrick didn't back down. He flipped on his microphone and said he was upset that Davis wouldn't take part in the team pursuit last week because he wanted

to focus on his individual races.

A Hedrick-led trio was upset by the Italians in the quarterfinals, doomed by a slower skater who probably wouldn't have been on the ice if Davis had been available.

Hedrick insisted he wasn't mad because the loss in team pursuit cost him a chance to win five gold medals, an issue that's no longer relevant anyway since he finished sixth in the 1,000 and has only a bronze to show for the 1,500.

"This had nothing to do with the five gold medals," said Hedrick.

Davis and Hedrick came into the metric mile as the two clear favorites, the former world record holder against the current record holder, two gold medalists whose frosty relationship only added to a buildup that seemed more suited to a heavyweight fight.

Fabris, skating in the 17th of 21 pairs, shot to the top of the leaderboard with a time of 1 minute, 45.97 seconds. Hedrick wasn't particularly concerned, even on the slow Turin ice, which he knew wouldn't allow anything close to his world record of 1:42.78, set last November in Salt Lake City.

Hedrick went to the line in the next-to-last pair, his mind totally focused on putting up a time that Davis, skating in the last duo, wouldn't be able to beat. But the Texan's early pace was a little too fast, and his renowned endurance let him down on the last of the 3 3/4 laps. His final lap was nearly a second slower than Fabris, leaving a time of 1:46.22.

Hedrick glided around the oval with his hands on his knees, shaking his head in disgust.

Then it was Davis' turn. He, too, went out quickly - his normal strategy for the 1,500. He took the bell more than a second ahead of Fabris' pace going to the final lap, but went even slower than Hedrick over the final 400 meters.

Davis crossed the line in 1:46.13, smiling and shrugging his shoulders while Fabris cele-

brated in the infield.

"I knew the time to beat and I just went for it," Davis said. "We had totally different strategies, and his strategy worked out best today."

Too bad they won't get a chance to race again. Davis is skipping Friday's 10,000, the final men's event, leaving Hedrick free to pursue a second gold in another of his world record events.

"I'm just going to relax now and enjoy my Olympic experience with two medals in my pocket," Davis said.

And maybe cool down a bit. After the 1,500, Davis arrived at the interview room first and was already answering questions when Hedrick walked in, taking his assigned seat at the other end of the podium - with plenty of distance between the two.

After Davis finished, the moderator asked if there were any questions for Hedrick. Four Dutch fans of Davis, who had slipped into the room and taken seats at the back, began shouting, "No! No!"

Kicked out of the room, they were later seen mingling outside with Davis' mother, Cherie, who attended the race wearing an orange coat and hat - the Dutch colors.

Hedrick laughed off that distraction, and for a while it seemed the two medalists could find common ground.

They both chastised the media for building the rivalry into more than it really is in the spotlight of an Olympic year, insisting this was no Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan.

"There's nothing going on between us," Hedrick said. "I know he's from Chicago. After that, I don't know a lot about him. I just know he's my main competition every time I step on the ice."

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credits, said Jed Liston of enrollment services. The average credit load was closer to 12.7 in 2002, Durringer says, and even a slight change in the average amounts to lost dollars for UM.

One program piloted this year in hopes of keeping students enrolled was a grant system aimed at helping students pay for college.

Because it was created at the end of last year's spring semester, most of it could not be used in the

fall and Dennison expressed hope that the fruit of the program would be seen this spring.

However, the program had "moderate" success, said Mick Hanson, director of Financial Aid at UM.

He said finding the students in need of the money was a problem, leaving some of the aid unallocated.

"I know they are out there, but we couldn't find them," he said.

And while around 100 students were given aid, another 1,500 did not return. However, not all 1,500

students were eligible for the money as it could only be awarded to in-state students. Among the students given the aid, the program was successful, as only one student given aid has canceled it.

In the fall semester of 2004, UM reversed a trend of falling short of projections, receiving \$352,000 more than projected. However, last semester UM fell about \$500,000 short of projections.

Dennison could not be reached for comment.

PHARMACY

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don't have an employer who will force you to give it out."

While the ethics of emergency contraceptives aren't officially discussed until later years of the pharmacy program, students say it's a heated issue in discussions throughout their education.

"When we have small group discussions it tends to dominate, because it's a hot topic for students and a real-world issue right now," said Loren Utterback, a first-year student in the professional pharmacy program. "For some, it's a you-have-to-give-it situation and for others they think you never should."

"They don't tell us what to do, but there is a lot of opportunity to discuss it and be prepared," he said.

POVERELLO

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one, Grue said.

With the worst of the chill over, many homeless people are headed back to their outside encampments and look forward to the warm months of spring.

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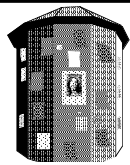
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