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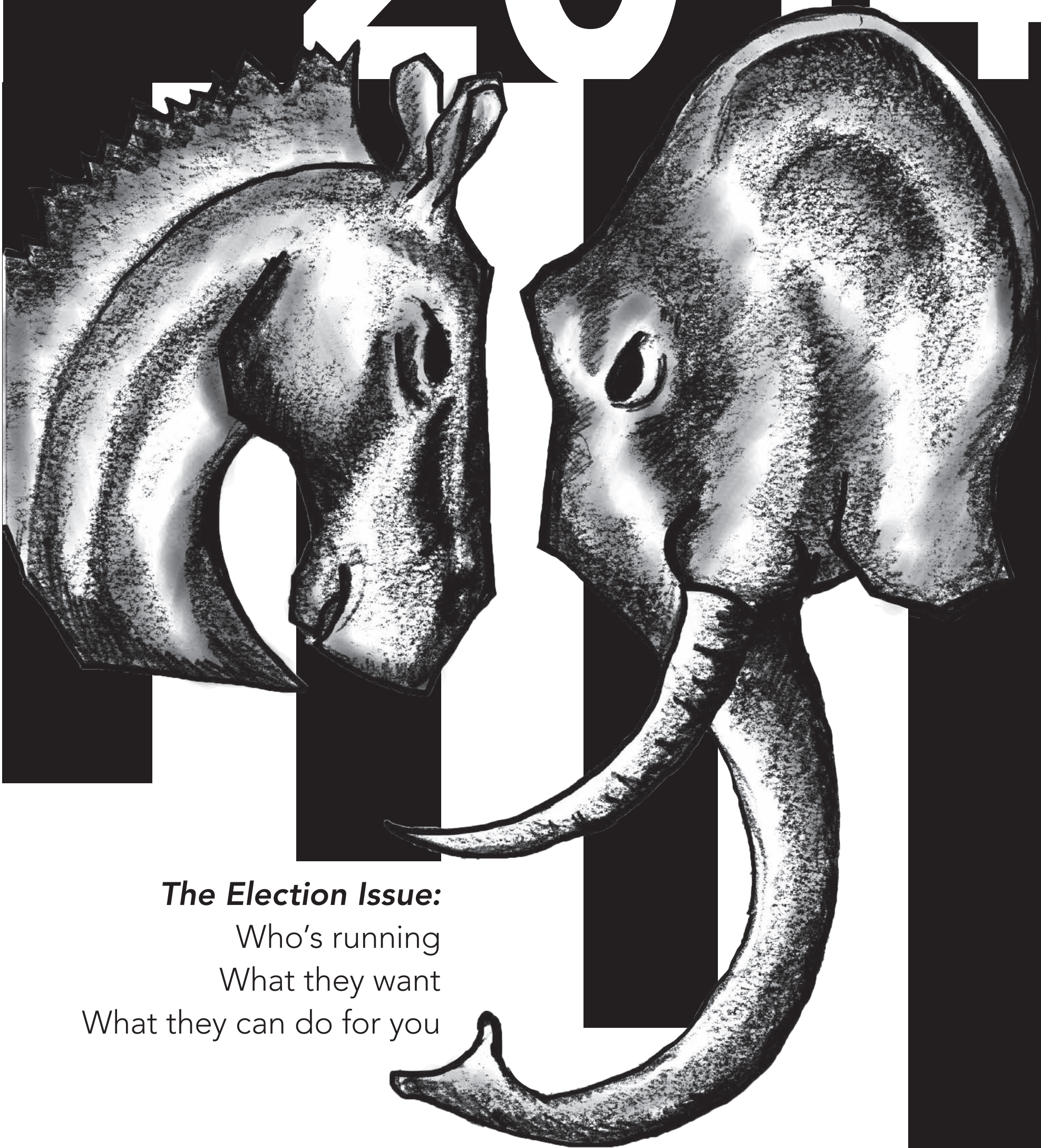
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The Election Issue:

Who's running
What they want
What they can do for you



RULES TO LIVE (WITH)

No. 10: What home means to you

By Madelyn Beck

Not all rhombuses are squares, not all dogs are Pekingese (thankfully) and not all houses are homes.

For the nomadic college student, most houses are just places to indulge in your closeted obsession with “The Vampire Diaries” and to sleep. They can also be used as a storage unit for your overpriced textbooks and food, but it’s tough keeping a fridge stocked if you eat. At all. And this can lead you to trade your textbooks for friends’ baked goods. Been there.

To find the place that’s more than just a house, you could turn to the cliches (home is where the heart is, there’s no place like home, etc.). But they can’t quite capture it. Home isn’t a phrase. It’s a feeling.

For me, now, there is no home. Before you get all sad-faced and mopey about it, let me explain. When I first got to college, home was back with the parents in big ol’ Manhattan, Montana. It was at the end of a dirt road with my black lab and well-loved brown couches.

Three and a half years have gone by and nothing much has changed there except for aging a bit. Everything just seems a little faded, a little more distant, like a radio station that’s just outside its broadcast range.

You see, while that place stayed the same, I changed. I’ve traveled, changed my opinions and started understanding that, in the large scheme of things, I really don’t know much of anything at all — and it’s terrifying.

Still, one thing I do know is that though I still love the place, Manhattan is no longer my home.

What made it my home was the memories, the warmth, the comfort. But now, it no longer satisfies. That place, like a belly-warming fresh-out-of-the-oven loaf of bread, has started to cool. It’s becoming stale.

Where I’m living now certainly isn’t home. Yes, I feel comfortable coming back to it after a long day, but I can’t say it carries the same feeling of what I believe home should.

I’ve discovered, for me, home will be a place where I call everyone I live with family, and everything in it means something. Everything will have its story. Like, “I remember picking out that vase at a garage sale the day after I failed a really big exam,” or, “I have fought more duels with that oven than I care to remember. Remember that time with the souffles?”

My parents’ house had things imbued with their memories that they used to make it a home for them and their children. Though I’m still their daughter, I’m not that child anymore.

Though I may be “homeless,” I’m not unhappy about it. I am embracing my nomadic lifestyle, enjoying all the things I get to experience and learn at every new place I stay. I don’t know how long my enthusiasm for the new and adventurous will last, but when it ends, I know I’ll end up where I need to be. I know that when I stop and find a place I could leave but refuse to, I’ll be home.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Cover illustration and cartoon by James Alan Rolph

BIG UPS | BACKHANDS

Big Ups to the Griz volleyball team for having such a sick serve last weekend. It literally gave our arts and culture editor a concussion.

Backhands to Yik Yak for copying Around the Oval. Anonymous message boards were our idea. (Don’t look it up.)

Big ups to the commissioner of securities and insurance. Wait— we mean the state auditor. Wait, no ... (See page 13).

Backhands to women who wear slutty Halloween costumes. How dare you decide what you want to put on your own body! That’s everyone else’s business, not yours.

Big ups to Stanford and Dartmouth universities for learnin’ us simple Montana folks on how to vote. We thought Supreme Court justices were nonpartisan. Our bad.

Backhands to LR-126. How else are recently relocated Navy SEALs supposed to vote for Ryan Zinke?

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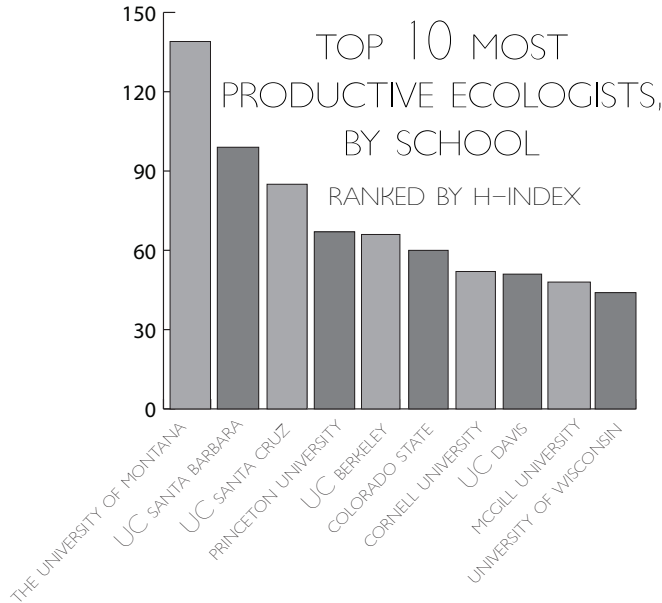
UM ECOLOGY: BEST IN THE BUSINESS

Story by Eric Barker
Graphics by Kayla Robertson

The University of Montana has the most influential ecologists of any university in the U.S. and Canada, according to a recent study. Richard Hauer, UM ecology professor, expects to publish the study sometime this winter.

UM's ecologists have published the most research papers and received the most citations in all of the nation per capita, according to the study's findings.

The higher the h-index, the more productive the researcher. UM's ecologists have the highest h-index in the U.S. and Canada when proportionalized by faculty size.



The study was based off what is known as the h-index, which measures the number of papers the researcher has published and compares it to the amount of times the paper has been cited by other researchers.

FYI

UM doesn't actually have an ecology department. UM's ecologists are primarily spread out into organismal biology and ecology, systems ecology and the department of ecosystems and conservation science.

663

UM's total publications (Faculty size considered)

41,157

UM's total citations

Average is **14,663**

Average is **265**

UM's total ecological academic staff:

581

3,130.96

Is the average

*Average is based on top 20 schools

Hauer, along with co-investigators professor Cara Nelson and her lab manager Megan Keville, originally did the study on the University departments as a whole and found that UM was 19th in overall citations when size of the institution was not taken into consideration.

Hauer said they decided to refine the study to be relative to the size of the faculty because the other universities have more ecologists.

"We all knew we were doing pretty good," he said "but we didn't know we were doing this good."

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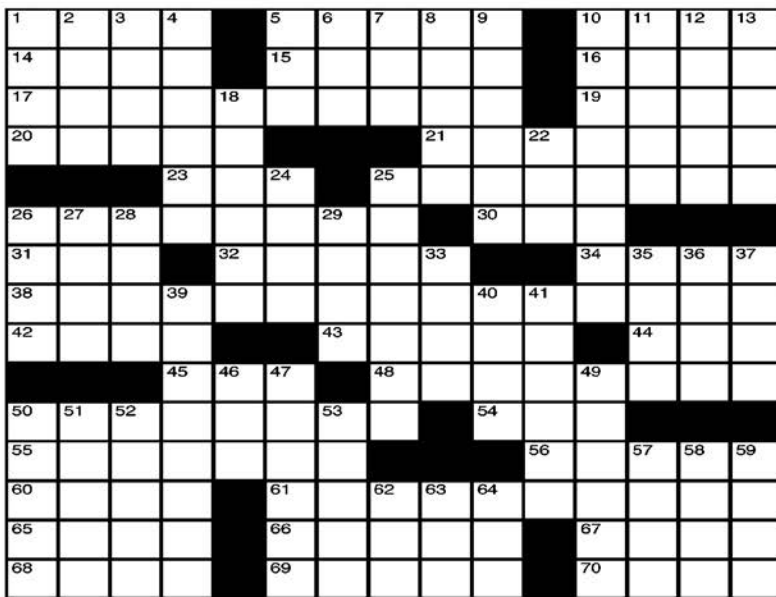
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Common telenovela theme
 - Travel needs for many
 - Lose, in a Vegas game
 - Amplify, in a way
 - Not available
 - Fit
 - *Media member with a curly tail?
 - Word with barn or storm
 - Sorceress jilted by Jason
 - "Not interested"
 - Seahawks' org.
 - *With 50-Across, travel guide that touts Oranjestad's worst hotels and restaurants?
 - "Time to split!"
 - Ore. setting
 - José __: frozen Mexican food brand
 - Sitar selections
 - Santa __ Mountains: coastal California range
 - **Whatever you say, wise goddess!?"
 - In-land link?
 - Henie on the ice
 - Grammy-winning "We Are Young" band
 - Cybernotes
 - Six, for many
 - See 25-Across
 - "King Kong" studio
 - Franklin's note
 - "Cheers," e.g.
 - Qatari potentate
 - *Refrigerator on the front lines?
 - In __ parentis
 - What a shin guard protects
 - Legendary galley
 - __ school
 - How-to units
 - Actor Gosling



By Doug Peterson

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- DOWN**
- Digital clock toggle
 - Squishy area

- Didn't deny
- Feel offended by
- Itinerary word
- India __
- Fashion designer Anna
- Buzzing with activity
- Close securely
- Run of lousy luck
- Threat to a WWII destroyer
- Splash clumsily
- Clipped
- Trip to see the big game?
- Birth announcement abbr.
- Climbing challenge
- Subject for da Vinci
- One may go into an empty net
- Earthenware pot
- Bluff betrayer
- Words of disgust
- Holiday song closer
- S&L offering for homeowners
- Word on the Great Seal of the United States
- Novelist Grey
- Shower harbinger
- Cracked open
- Have words with
- Dept. head
- Workout garb
- Beyond reasonable limits
- Young wolf
- One may be going around
- Ready if required
- Not turn away
- Not right
- Multigenerational tale
- Suffix with Jumbo
- Mount Rushmore figure, familiarly
- Tang
- Smallish batteries, and a hint to how the answers to starred clues are formed

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TOP 5

Five minute costumes

We know you probably forgot it's Halloween, what with all the democratic fervor in the air, but don't worry! Arts & Culture has cultivated the top five 5 minute costumes made of objects bound to be lying about in any Montana home.

1 2 3

ISIS Trooper

Balaclava, digi camo jacket, yoga mat, AR-15

Griz Athlete

Maroon shirt, attitude, study guide, Adderall

Deer

Automobile, garbage bag, skinning knife, paper towels

4 5

Drug Dealer

Black hoodie, oregano, flour, Glock 17

Garbage

Beer cans, plastic bottles, cardboard, Montana Kaimin election issue



RELATED EVENTS SCHEDULE

October 26 - December 17, 2014

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings
Mansfield Library | FREE

"Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings" is produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and explores how the book burnings became a potent symbol in America's battle against Nazism and why they continue to resonate with the public—in film, literature, and political discourse—to this day. Please visit the Mansfield Library website for more information and a full schedule of related events.

Monday, November 3, 2014

W. Kamau Bell
7:00PM | UC Ballroom | FREE

Socio-political comedian W. Kamau Bell has emerged as the post-modern voice of comedy. Kamau is best known for his critically acclaimed FX comedy series, *Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell*. The *New York Times* called Kamau "the most promising new talent in political comedy in many years." Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

"Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate"
Opening reception

4:00PM-6:00PM | UC Gallery | FREE
What if we could turn negative expressions into positive influences? The Montana Human Rights Network and the Holter Museum of Art invited artists across the country to respond to, integrate, or transform the anti-Semitic or racist books in provocative ways.

"Do Words Kill? Hate Speech, Propaganda, and Incitement to genocide"

7:00PM | UC Theater | FREE - Registration Required

The root causes of hatred and racism haven't changed, but technology has advanced ways to disseminate hate speech and incitement to violence. Learn when hate speech crosses the line to "dangerous speech," where dangerous speech is a threat today, and what can be done to counter it without restricting freedom of expression. Due to limited space, advance online registration is required for this free event.

Thursday, November 6, 2014

2:00PM | University Center Theater

Conversation with visiting artist Vanessa German sponsored by DiverseU

Friday, November 7, 2014

12:00PM | University Center South Atrium

Visiting artist Vanessa German spoken word performance in conjunction with DiverseU

Friday, November 7, 2014

5:00PM-8:00PM | Downtown Missoula

Visiting artist Vanessa German performs as part of first Friday Art Walk, Downtown Missoula, various locations. Contact MMAC at 406.243.2019 for a complete list of events.

Monday, November 10, 2014

5:10PM | Social Sciences Building, Room 356

Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Lecture with Vanessa German

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 5

9:10AM - 10:30 AM | Educational Session I | UC Third Floor

- UC Theater - Geographies of Disability: Deconstructing Spaces and Places of Power and Exclusion
- UC 330-331 - Social Justice Art Making Workshop
- UC 332-333 - UM Allies Training Workshop
- UC 326-327 - Compassionate Communication

10:40AM - 12:00 PM | Educational Session II | UC Third Floor

- UC Theater - Bringing in the Bystander
- UC 326-327 - Decreasing Prejudice, Creating Advocates: Poverello Center & UM Sociology Department Service-Learning
- UC 332-333 - Global Competence: There is an app for that?
- UC 330-331 - Communication Through Interpersonal & Intergroup Conflict

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | UC Ballroom

Leadership Luncheon (invitation only)

Noon - 1:00 PM | UC Theater

Civil Discourse in Action - Political Issues Debate

1:10 PM - 2:00 PM | Educational Session III | UC Third Floor

- UC 326-327 - The Sports Race | by Tobin Miller Shearer
- UC 330-331 - Demystifying the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo: Sexism, Gender and Resilience
- Alumni Boardroom - The Diverse Health of UM Students and its Effect on Academic Success

2:10 PM - 3:30 PM | Educational Session IV | UC Third Floor

- UC 326-327 - Abuse Against People with Intellectual Disabilities: A Dialogue with Self-Advocates, Researchers, and Service Providers
- UC 332-333 - Gender Beyond the Binary - An Ally Empowerment Training
- UC 330-331 - Bringing in the Bystander
- Alumni Boardroom - Intercultural Dialogue

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM | UC Gallery

"Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate" Opening Reception

7:00 PM | UC Theater

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- Scrubs

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YES

No

Is it black?

YES

No

Are you a spirit animal?

YES

No

Is it a toga?

YES

No

Are you a slutty nurse?

YES

No

Are you black?

YES

No

Are you Ray Rice?

YES

No

Does it have eye holes?

YES

No

Are you an Ebola nurse?

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No

Are you a clown?

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Is it pointy on top?

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Are you dressed as a Native American?

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ELECTION 2014

Dear Reader,

This issue is dedicated to you, the students.

It's dedicated to the eager, the apathetic, the energetic liberal, the hardcore conservative, the uninformed, the obnoxiously informed, the too-nervous-to-ask-your-friend, the newly registered, the about to register, the hopeful and the hopeless.

This issue is dedicated to you, the voters.

Newspapers have a history of endorsing political candidates. The Montana Kaimin will not.

We're not in the news business to tell you what to think. We're in the business to tell you what to think about.

The giant picture of Mike Hopkins to the left? It's an advertisement. He paid for that. If you like him, we hope you vote for him for Senate District 49. If you don't, we hope you vote for Cynthia Wolken. We don't care who you vote for — just vote, damn it.

Montana hit high voter turnouts in 2012 and 2008 — 72 and 74 percent, respectively — but clocked a miserable

56 percent in 2010.

Part of Montana's unusually high voter turnout is the sheer number of registered voters it has. That's why the only political stance our editorial board has taken was against LR-126, which would end same-day voter registration. (Voting should be made easier, not harder.)

"Midterm elections are boring."

No, they're not.

Montana's U.S. Senate race has gotten national attention from the media, and Montana Republicans have a shot to swing the state Legislature red.

"Midterms don't matter."

Midterms affect you more than a presidential race. Midterms put more of an emphasis on state and local politics, putting weight on issues that are much more likely to affect Montanans.

This issue will feature profiles on election issues we think are especially important for you, from students in the School of Journalism's Elections Reporting class, many of whom work for the Kaimin.

This issue is dedicated to help you find your voice and use it.


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STEVE DAINES

By Ric Sanchez

Watch Steve Daines' television ads this fall and you will see a candidate still introducing himself to Montana—bobber fishing with one daughter, his wife describing how they met in church, his daughters hailing his legislative accomplishments.

That's because two years ago he was a little-known Bozeman businessman running for the U.S. House whose only political experience was a failed lieutenant governor run in 2008.

Now, the first-term congressman is set to end a century-long Democratic lock on

one of Montana's U.S. Senate seats.

In both of his campaigns for federal office, Daines has stressed his roots in the private sector. A native of Van Nuys, Calif., whose family moved back to Montana when he was 1, Daines spent 13 years with Procter & Gamble as a sales manager in the U.S. and Asia. He left that corporate giant to return to Montana in 1997 and invest in a cloud-computing startup called RightNow Technologies.

Daines eventually joined the company and worked as a customer-service and sales executive. While he was there, RightNow added more than 500 jobs in Bozeman before it was sold to tech giant Oracle, something Daines has touted in campaigns. The company's sale made Daines a wealthy man. Today, his assets are reported

to range from \$8.9 million to \$32.7 million.

His Democratic opponent Amanda Curtis, a one-term state legislator, said Daines' wealth has made him an ineffective representative in Congress.

But more than his wealth, Daines' politics put him out of touch with Montanans, she added.

HIS RECORD

"It's not how conservative I feel that he is," she said. "It's based on his record."

During his time in Congress, Daines co-sponsored the No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion Act and voted to extend deadlines for employer provisions under the Affordable Care Act.

An analysis of his voting record by Montana State University po-



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U.S. SEAT

AMANDA CURTIS

By Andy Bixler

On a street near campus, a homemade sign faces the road.

"Amanda Curtis for U.S. Senate," the wooden sign reads. Its colorful ink is stark against a white background. The sign was made by Michael Kirby, 53, in his garage.

"I like what she has to say," he said. "She's not establishment."

The sign and message behind it are typical of the campaign Amanda Curtis is running to become Montana's junior U.S. Senator. A former math teacher from Butte, her campaign was hastily thrown together following the implosion of Sen. John Walsh's campaign amid plagiarism allegations.

State Democrats selected Curtis in August, leaving her 80 days to raise funds, assemble a campaign team and build her case to keep a seat that has

been in Democratic hands for more than 100 years.

It's a long-shot campaign that Curtis said she is more than comfortable with.

"It's a populist, grassroots effort made by people just like me," Curtis said. "It's not a bunch of millionaires trying to protect their fortunes."

Curtis has only one term as a state legislator under her belt, and at 34 she would be seven years younger than any other U.S. senator. She has a nose piercing, and during her time at the Montana legislature she maintained a video blog on YouTube.

Such things have led some to question her preparedness for the job, but Curtis has no doubts.

"My experience comes from growing up in Montana, not from legislating," Curtis said. "I don't have years in politics, which means I'm actually connected to the people I want to represent."

The job would come with a steep learning curve. Senators, in addition to overseeing the federal budget, must weigh in on everything from judicial appointments and ambassadorships to treaties and foreign policy decisions.

On foreign policy questions, her answers are limited. She called the Islamic State's brutal campaign in Syria and Iraq "terrible," and said the group "needs to go away." Her answer is to call on the president to develop a plan to combat the threat, but she said the U.S. also needs "a clear exit strategy."

On domestic issues she turns to her own life for guidance. She has advocated for expanded background checks for gun purchases -- her brother killed himself when he was 17 while playing Russian roulette. She supports implementing the new Common Core education standards, citing her own experi-

ence in the classroom.

But she often encounters issues like immigration on which she is the first to admit her views are still developing.

"I'm quickly becoming apprised on things," she said. "I've been talking to lots of people and hearing lots of things, which I think is the important part at this stage. I'm a quick study."

Her opponent, Rep. Steve Daines, more or less refuses to talk about her. The day she entered the race, he said in a press release, "This November, Montanans will have a clear choice between my positive agenda for more jobs and less government, or more government and fewer jobs."

A look at the political prognosticators may explain Daines' silence. He holds a 20-point lead in the latest Rasmussen poll, and Nate Silver, a political statistician, has given Daines a 99 percent chance of winning.

litical scientist David Parker found Daines is the state's most conservative representative since World War II.

"The first thing that leaps out from these data is that, unequivocally, Daines has compiled the most conservative voting record of any Montanan elected to the House of Representatives," Parker wrote on his blog.

Parker said Daines' record may put him at odds with a state that is not as politically red – or conservative – as it might appear.

"My impression is that it's a far more purple state," he said. "I think people are comfortable voting person rather than party."

While not specifically refuting the conservative claim, Daines countered that he's not afraid to cross party lines on critical issues

that cannot be reduced to "labels."

"Sometimes I'll cast a vote and the folks on the left will be upset," he said. "Sometimes I cast a vote and the folks on the right will be upset."

He cited his vote for the Violence Against Women Act as one his conservative allies opposed, although 85 other Republicans also voted for the bill's passage last year.

Some of his moves have done more to irk his fellow Montana legislators more than members of his congressional caucus. In July, Daines signed a letter encouraging Speaker of the House John Boehner to block state-specific logging legislation. Sen. Jon Tester's Forest Jobs And Recreation Act, which designates three of Montana's national forests for logging, would be one of those bills.

Tester said he was "blindsided" by the letter, but Daines said Tester's bill is not comprehensive enough.

"What I'm looking for ... would encompass all 10 of our national forests in Montana — not just two or three," he said, pointing to the Restoring Healthy Forests and Healthy Communities Act, which he helped introduce. That bill has passed the House but is stalled in the Senate.

He talks about his timber bill as part of his campaign to rein in government spending and encourage business development. His posters and bumper stickers still carry the slogan "More jobs, less government" that helped him cruise to victory in 2012.

But Daines has also been careful not to divide his own core Republican supporters. During this year's

campaign, he's received emails of support from GOP heavyweights like former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, from the party establishment, and Tea Party favorite Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

"Both (Rumsfeld and Cruz) have cachet with different elements of the Republican Party," Parker said.

In the end, both Parker and GovTrack, a website that tracks congressional votes, report that while Daines is conservative for Montana, his votes put him in the middle of the national Republican spectrum.

SILENT STEVE

His position in the polls that has helped solidify his role as front-runner in the race. Political statistician Nate Silver has given Daines a

99 percent chance of defeating Curtis. A recent MSU-Billings poll gave Daines a 16-point lead over Curtis.

So it's not surprising, experts said, that Daines has run a safe campaign, focusing on his family and introducing himself to voters. The congressman held only two debates with his opponent.

Before the Oct. 20 debate in Billings Parker said Daines' best bet was to play it safe.

Parker, who teaches a class on congressional campaigns at MSU, tells all his students the same thing: Favorites never really win debates.

"You give your opponent an opportunity to be on a stage they've never been in," he said. "The loss potential is for the future, in future races, providing he wins, which I think is a strong bet."

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Local political observers agree Curtis is a long shot. David Parker, a political science professor at Montana State University, sums it up by saying simply, "It's Steve Daines' race to lose."

But that doesn't mean Montana Democrats have lost all faith.

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester said he supports Curtis fully and has been making fundraising calls on her behalf. Montana Democrats said Tester will campaign with Curtis in the weeks before the election.

And the traditional pillars of the Democratic Party have all backed her, including Montana's two largest unions, the AFL-CIO and the teachers' MEA-MFT, as have most environmental groups.

Still, money has been hard to come by. The campaign faced an early setback when it came out that the Walsh campaign could only donate the normal \$2,000 of its \$700,000

to Curtis directly, and the campaign has struggled to raise money quickly.

Parker said Curtis' lack of money, and the relatively little funding from outside groups, points to more trouble.

"You've got to spend money to win races," he said. "She can't buy TV ads, and people won't know who she is. She just doesn't have time to introduce herself."

Curtis acknowledged she faces an uphill battle, but said she is optimistic that she can win without outspending her opponent. She even said she has a bit of recent political history on her side.

"I'm just a regular Montanan who was cleaning her yard three weeks ago. Remember, when Tester first ran for the Senate he was outgunned and outmanned and inexperienced too," she said. "And we all know how that story ended."

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10 JOHN LEWIS

BJORN BERGESON
For the Montana Kaimin

John Lewis' decision to run for Congress was born of frustration.

It came to a head last year after a Republican-controlled House insisted there could be no budget deal unless Senate Democrats agreed to defund the 2010 federal health care law known as Obamacare. The Senate refused.

As he watched the resulting 16-day shutdown of the federal government, Lewis said, he felt compelled to do something about the partisan gridlock.

"I came to the conclusion that the U.S. House is basically keeping this country from moving forward," said the 36-year-old Democrat who faces Republican Ryan Zinke in the Nov. 4 election.

"We've got one seat in the House," he added. "There are 435 members and we've got

one seat and one voice there, and I'm concerned about the future of this country."

LEWIS' JOURNEY

By then, the fourth-generation Montanan and father of two was something of a professional Congress watcher.

For 12 years, he had been aide to U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, first in Washington, D.C. as a legislative assistant and then as a Montana-based state director of Baucus' efforts to solve problems for individuals, business and local governments.

That work took him to all 56 Montana counties. It included helping older Montanans get their Social Security checks and helping veterans get benefits. He helped organize Baucus' economic development summits and directed efforts in 2011 to help central Montana flood victims get federal disaster help.

Much of Lewis' life has been spent in Montana. Born in Billings, he is one of six children in a blended family. His mother was an educator, a Forest Service employee and small-business woman. His father was a land planner and his stepdad a smokejumper.

Lewis graduated from Sentinel High School, and in 2001 he earned a bachelor's in political science from Western Washington University. Returning to Montana shortly thereafter, he began working on political campaigns, going door to door. It was that work that eventually led him to Baucus' staff.

He was in Helena when U.S. Rep. Steve Daines decided to seek Baucus' Senate seat and put his House seat up for grabs. Though he had never run for elected office before, Lewis took the plunge.

He won easily over rival Democrat John Driscoll, who

offered a token challenge in the primary. From there, the campaign would get much rougher.

DEFINING DIFFERENCES

Both candidates struggled after the primary to distinguish themselves with the independent voters who will likely decide the election.

But the fight was on when Zinke began to run ads comparing his combat and leadership experience as a U.S. Navy SEAL with Lewis' youth and his work "helping to write the disastrous Obamacare legislation."

Lewis, who was back in Montana when the law was drafted, has said he had no role in writing Obamacare. But he told a statewide TV audience recently that he supports its efforts to provide health coverage for working families, including tens of thousands who have benefited.

The law needs fixing, Lewis said, adding that it needs more flexibility, less paperwork and more competition from private insurers. But it shouldn't be abandoned like a sinking ship, as Zinke has suggested.

"When I hear 'abandon ship' it's 'jump ship' with no plan to get people to shore," Lewis said.

Lewis also draws a line between his stance on energy and Zinke's. Both candidates support the Keystone XL pipeline and an energy policy that calls for development of oil, gas, coal and renewable energy, but Lewis said his plan focuses more on renewables and the need to battle climate change.

The two also differ on abortion, with Lewis saying he would fight for a woman's right to choose. Zinke is pro-life, but says he'll abide by the U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring abortion legal.



KACI FELSTET
For the Montana Kaimin

You've seen Ryan Zinke's ads, the ones with the medals, the flags and the tall, square-jawed candidate in the uniform of a Navy SEAL.

"In the SEALs, we're taught to lead from the front and never quit until the job is done," he said in one ad before the primary. "Isn't

that what we need in Washington right now?"

Zinke's message of leadership is hard to miss as the 52-year-old compares his experience to that of his Democratic opponent, 36-year-old John Lewis, a former aide to U.S. Sen. Max Baucus. But where exactly does Zinke hope to lead Montana in Congress?

He's said he's pro-life and pro-gun. He wants to abandon the Affordable Care Act and boost American production of oil, gas and coal. He's blasted government regulation for "smothering" business. He's said he wants

to improve Montana's infrastructure, even its cell phone service.

"Iraq has better cell phone coverage than Montana," Zinke said.

FROM WAR TO POLITICS

Zinke knows about Iraq. In his 23 years as a Navy SEAL, Zinke fought there, overseeing special operations, winning two Bronze Stars for combat and suffering injuries. Before that he oversaw missions in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo. In the 1990s, he served with SEAL Team 6, the group that killed Osama bin Laden three years after Zinke's retirement.

A fifth-generation Montanan who played football at the University of Oregon, Zinke returned to his hometown of Whitefish in 2008 with his wife and three children. He started a consulting business that deals with aerospace, oil,

gas and national security.

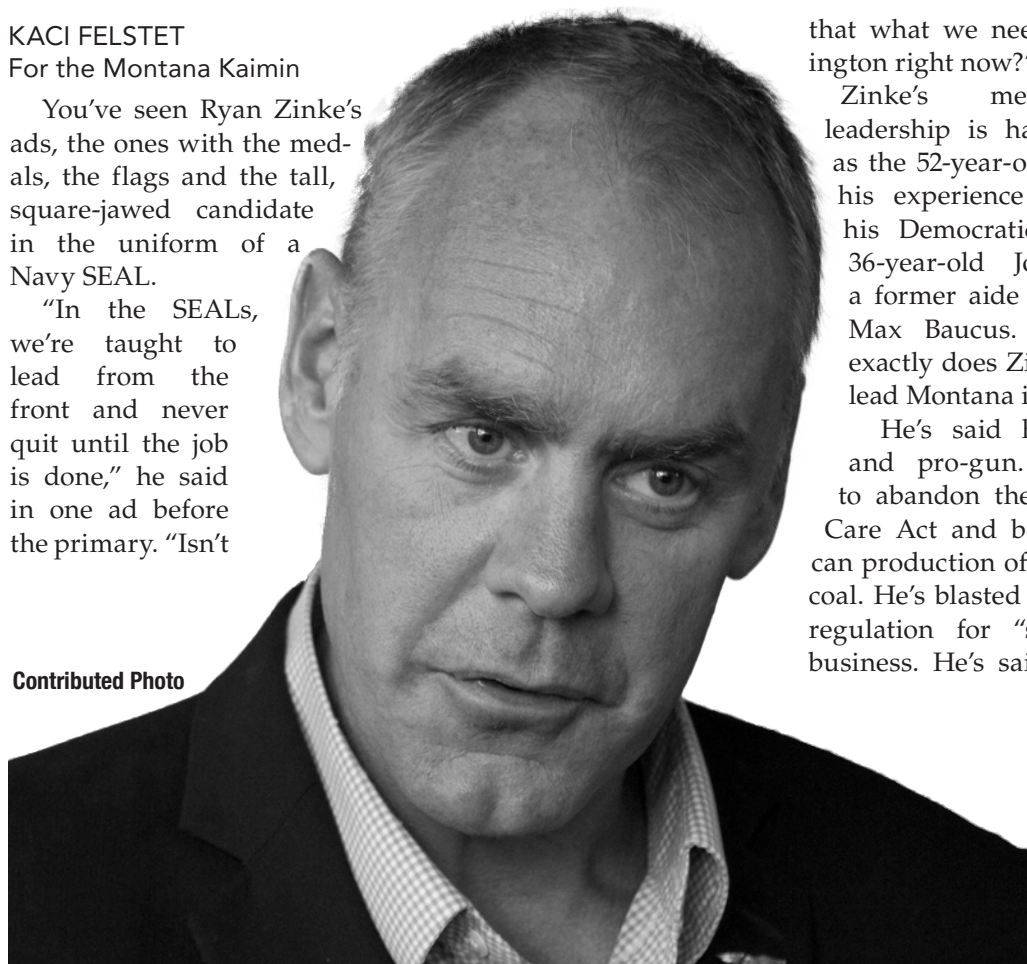
He began a political career, serving one term in the Montana Senate, where he chaired the Education Committee and was known as a moderate who sought compromise on subjects like school funding and workers' compensation reform.

In 2012, Zinke lost a race for lieutenant governor, but when Congressman Steve Daines decided to run for the U.S. Senate, Zinke joined four other Republicans in the race to replace him.

SURVIVING THE PRIMARY

It was a tough campaign. His claim to be the "right conservative for Montana" drew fire from rivals who questioned his stance on abortion, saying he was less of a pro-life stalwart than he appeared.

They attacked his gun control record, noting that he had



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Lewis has also criticized Zinke's support for legislation proposed by U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan to balance the federal budget in 10 years. It includes proposals to privatize Medicare and Social Security and cut Pell Grants.

Zinke has said he opposes such tactics but likes the Ryan budget as "a framework," a statement Lewis calls contradictory. Ryan's goal of balancing the budget falls apart without such savings, Lewis said.

ENDORSEMENTS

As voters look for differences between the candidates they should look at who's supporting them, said Lewis, who notes proudly that more than 70 percent of the donors to his campaign were Montanans. By contrast, most of Zinke's donors are from California, Texas and Florida, Lewis told a state-wide TV audience recently.

Among Lewis' backers is former Montana Congressman Pat Williams, the last Democrat to win election to Congress in Montana's single at-large district.

"John is cooperative instead of confrontational," said Williams, who served in Congress from 1979 to 1997. "He's a very good listener. He's uniquely qualified to have the seat."

He said Congress is full of politicians like Zinke, and that's not what Montana, or the country needs, he said.

"There are too many chest-thumpers in there who want to do it their own way," Williams said.

Lewis' Washington experience would help him get legislation through Congress if he's elected, Williams added.

It's a point that Lewis makes himself.

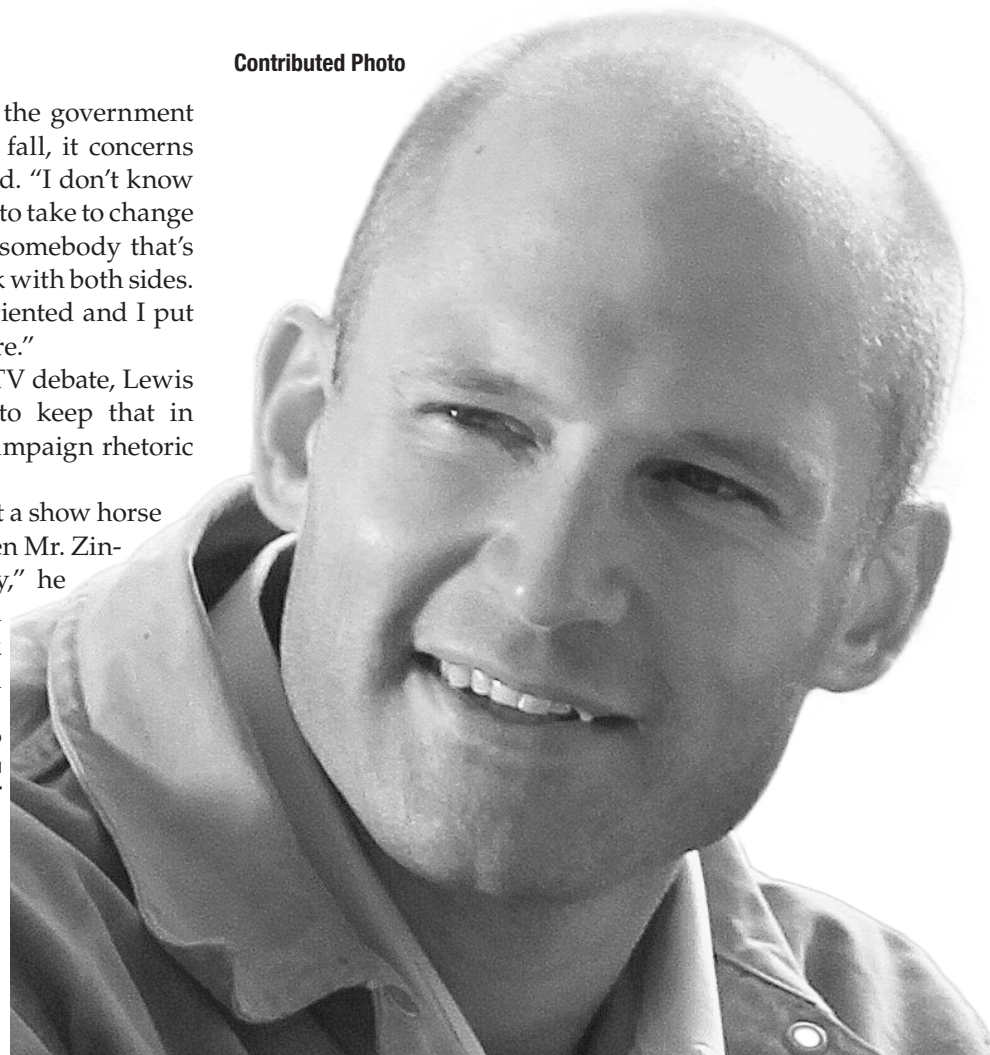
"When I see Congress going from crisis to crisis, which

is what led to the government shutdown last fall, it concerns me," Lewis said. "I don't know what it's going to take to change that, but I am somebody that's willing to work with both sides. I'm solution-oriented and I put myself out there."

In a recent TV debate, Lewis urged voters to keep that in mind as the campaign rhetoric heats up.

"If you want a show horse in this race, then Mr. Zinke is your guy," he said. "If you want a work horse, then I'm your guy."

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HOW IS HE

RYAN ZINKE

once supported background checks, scored a mediocre rating from the National Rifle Association's Victory Fund in 2008 and had qualms about civilians owning .50-caliber rifles.

Critics also questioned Zinke's formation of a Super PAC to support Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign. He quit as the chairman of Special Operations for America PAC before announcing his candidacy for Congress, but his campaign has since collected more than \$175,000 from the group.

Several groups want the Federal Election Commission to investigate whether Zinke and SOFA coordinated those donations, which would violate FEC rules.

"I don't coordinate, and those allegations are absolutely political B.S.," Zinke said.

He also was criticized for

releasing some, but not all, of his military records, and he admitted that the Navy made him repay \$211 he charged for making a recruiting trip to Montana in the 1990s.

Zinke won the five-way primary, though two of every three Republicans voting chose another candidate.

"A lot of Republicans supported other candidates in the primary who were perceived to be more conservative," said professor David Parker, a political scientist at Montana State University. "So some are less than thrilled with Zinke and are still getting comfortable with him."

ON TO NOVEMBER

Zinke has spent much of the campaign stressing leadership and explaining his positions to independent voters, who will likely decide the race's outcome.

He said he's pro-life, but supports pregnancy education and prevention programs, including access to contraceptives. Despite his personal beliefs, he said, the U.S. Supreme Court has legalized abortions, so abortion shouldn't be a congressional issue. "The court has ruled, and I respect the court," he said. "That's the American process."

He's called for abandoning the Affordable Care Act like a "sinking ship." He says the law discourages businesses from creating jobs, but likes its coverage of pre-existing conditions and extended coverage for young people.

Zinke, who's on the board of a company that improves the performance of oil and gas pipelines, also stresses the need to make America energy independent.

He supports completion of the Keystone XL pipeline, say-

ing it would be the safest ever built. "It is about making this country energy independent, which is about jobs," Zinke said.

Zinke acknowledges climate change and that humans are an influence, but said the research is inconclusive. "You don't dismantle American power and our energy sources on a maybe," he said. "You work to make it cleaner."

IF ELECTED

If elected, Zinke said he would put America's interests ahead of partisan politics. "Just because it's a Republican bill doesn't mean it's the right bill," he said.

Sen. Jones, a Republican, said Zinke had a legislative reputation for independence. "He consistently put his conscience and constituents above his caucus's position," Jones said.

Jones predicted Zinke's experience would make him a good leader for Montana. "They say the past is a good prediction for the future, and to date, he's stepped up to a number of leadership roles," Jones said.

Leadership and experience remain the twin drumbeats of Zinke's mission as Election Day approaches.

One of his TV ads opens with a photograph of Zinke among members of his Navy SEAL team in 1988. The ad then explains that John Lewis, the 36-year-old Democratic nominee, spent that year in the fifth grade. Lewis rankles at the implication, saying ideas matter more than years.

But Zinke isn't backing off. "My experience is extensive," he said. "His experience is not."

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12 BATTLE FOR THE LEGISLATURE

MADELYN BECK
MICHAEL WRIGHT

From the seat of his combine in the Helena Valley, Republican Senate candidate Joe Dooling talked about why he decided to run for the state legislature.

"I'm just wondering where all the grown-ups are," he said.

The 2013 legislative session was marked by a split between conservatives and moderates in the Republican majority, at least one day of banging on tables and more than 70 vetoes from Gov. Steve Bullock, a Democrat. Dooling said he was frustrated by all of it.

Even so, political scientists Jeffrey Greene, of the University of Montana, and Craig Wilson, of Montana State University – Billings, are predicting a more productive session when lawmakers gather in Helena this winter.

Both expect Republicans to maintain control of the state Senate and House of Representatives, but said Democrats' gains and a waning influence of Tea Party conservatives could lead to greater compromise.

"The Tea Party may have reached its zenith," Wilson said.

REDRAWING THE BOUNDARIES

Dooling's race in East Helena reflects one reason for the Democrats' guarded optimism: newly redrawn districts, the products of a statewide redistricting plan adopted last year.

Typically a Republican area, the district's new boundaries include more of urban Helena where Democrats run stronger.

Dooling's opponent is former Rep. Jill Cohenour, a chemist who spent four terms in the House ending in 2009. She's banking on experience, and said she would

focus on expanding Medicaid.

Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government offered Montana hundreds of millions of dollars to cover the expansion's costs for the next few years. But Republicans controlling the 2013 Legislature rejected the idea, saying it would only add to federal deficit and commit Montana to exorbitant future costs. Montana is one of 19 states that rejected the federal money.

to be moderates within their parties.

McChesney said he faces an uphill battle, but hopes his support for natural resource development and private property rights will help.

Moore said he and McChesney tend to agree on many issues, like the need for additional money to maintain roads and other infrastructure that have been hammered by the Bakken oil boom.

choices for parents; McChesney fears that would shortchange public schools.

HI-LINE SHOWDOWN

Redistricting has dramatically changed the boundaries in Senate District 14, where veteran Sen. Greg Jergeson, a Democrat, is seeking election. His new district still includes his home city of Havre, but it now includes a huge territory to the west and

public schools.

Hansen said she too wants strong public schools but private education and home schooling should be encouraged too. Montana's public schools "will be made better when parents have options to consider for the children's best interests," she writes on her website.

Other issues on northern voters' minds include deteriorating sewers, water systems and other public facilities, Jergeson said. "Population loss puts pressures on the tax base able to support the infrastructure," he said.

Eastern Montana is getting attention, but isn't the only place that needs help, he said.

FINDING MIDDLE GROUND

Candidates statewide expect the next Legislature to battle over Medicaid, school funding and infrastructure, but other issues are drawing interest.

Sen. Llew Jones, a Conrad Republican, and Rep. Robyn Driscoll, a Billings Democrat, both said Montana lawmakers need to reach an agreement with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes over water use on and off the reservation.

"I think there's general recognition from all these groups that there needs to be some kind of compact," he said.

Jones and Helena's Cohenour both predicted that Gov. Bullock's recent proposal to fund greater access to preschool programs would get serious consideration too.

Passing such legislation will depend on whether enough Democrats and Republicans can compromise, said UM's professor Jeffrey Greene. "They're going to have to have more moderates to push those through," he said.

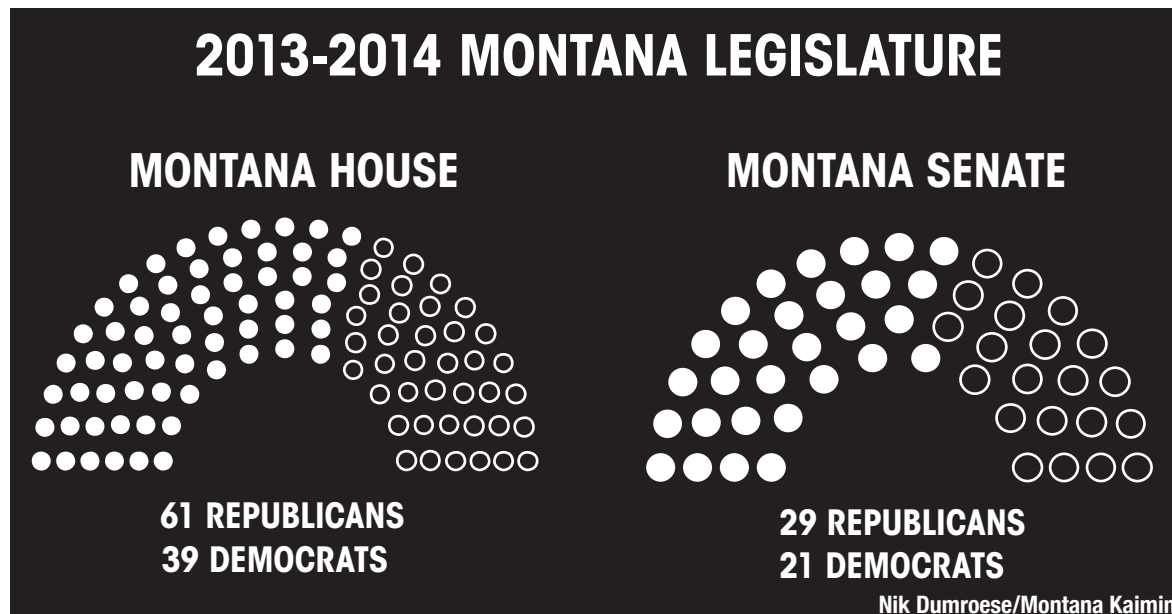
Democrats' hopes for gains lie in picking up a few urban Senate seats, said Senate Minority Leader Jon Sesso of Butte. A tie in the Senate would be a victory. Because the governor is a Democrat, a tie would allow his party to run the chamber.

But the odds are long. For that to happen, Democrats must win all seats they held last session and pick up four more, Sesso said. Much depends on voter turnout.

"If we get to the 60 or 70 percentile of turnout, we have a great chance," Sesso said.

The last time that happened in a midterm election was in 2006.

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Cohenour said the expansion should have passed in 2013. "Those are our very own tax dollars that should have been coming back to our state," she said.

Dooling said he wants a Montana-made solution to high healthcare costs, something like a voucher-type program for low-income families.

ISSUES IN OIL COUNTRY

Expanding Medicaid is an issue in many legislative battles this election, including an eastern Montana Senate district where Democrat Rep. Bill McChesney and incumbent Republican Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore are facing off. Both consider themselves

Both were disappointed last session when Gov. Bullock vetoed legislation that would have sent eastern Montana \$35 million to deal with such impacts.

They differ, however, on whether Montana should have joined the 26 states that accepted federal money to expand Medicaid. McChesney supports expanding the program; Moore does not.

The two also disagree on another question that's getting attention in legislative races statewide: whether or not to offer Montana parents of K-12 students options such as charter schools and tax credits for private schools. Moore favors more

south where Republicans have done well in the past.

A retired farmer, Jergeson has served 22 years in the Senate and eight years on the state's Public Service Commission. He faces two-term Republican Rep. Kristin Hansen, a Havre attorney who made headlines in 2011 by trying to prohibit cities from passing non-discrimination ordinances.

One area where the two differ is over support for public schools.

Jergeson said better funding for public schools is his priority. He opposes experimental charter schools and tax credits for private education, saying such ideas would siphon money away from



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT¹³

SYDNEY GILLETTE

There may be no more solemn duty in electoral politics than considering a constitutional amendment, and this year Montanans face such a choice. Of course, it's not every day you modify the constitution to change a name.

If voters approve C-45 on November's ballot, the title of the Montana State Auditor's Office will become the Commissioner's Office of Securities and Insurance.

Yes, that's it.

If this sounds familiar, it's because voters have already said "no" to this radical proposal. Back in 2006, voters struck down a similar amendment by a nearly 2-1 margin. Not one county supported the change.

This year is different though, according to Monica Lindeen, Montana's state auditor (or commissioner, depending on who you ask).

First of all, they've already changed the name everywhere else.

Today, the office's website has one mention of its actual name, State Auditor, but everywhere else is branded with "Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance." All the office's documents carry

the new title, and the media even use Commissioner of Securities and Insurance — or CSI — in referring to Lindeen and the office.

Still Lindeen is pushing for voters to change the constitution. She said it's about accuracy.

She argues it's not the right name because, despite being Montana's state auditor, Lindeen doesn't audit anything. She said the average Montanan who has a problem with an insurance company or financial adviser — things her office actually oversees — may not know who to contact. "If they see state auditor they won't call that office," Lindeen said.

But a bipartisan pair of state representatives is more worried about precedent.

Reps. Mitch Tropila, D-Great Falls, and Nick Schwaderer, R-Superior, opposed putting this to a vote.

"I think it's a slippery slope to change words and titles we don't like today," Tropila said. "In the Montana Constitution, we have the word privacy. What if someone wants to yank that word out? Their argument could be we just changed some wording two years ago."

Tropila isn't worried about

the "A" word.

"By having a broad title like auditor, which means to hear and to listen, it is better for the whole scope. Let's not narrowly define the office in case they take on other responsibilities," he said.

Lindeen said she doubts the office is going to change and CSI is the best alternative to state auditor.

Representative Tom Ber-

What
YOU
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- **C-45 will change the name of a state department**
- **The office has already changed the name on its website and letterhead**

ry, R-Roundup, agrees. He sponsored the bill to put the amendment on the ballot.

Berry recalled a story about a friend who had issues with a rogue trader. He had to convince his friend that the right office to contact

was the state auditor. "How many consumers don't know where to go?" Berry asks. "It's all about informing and protecting consumers."

If any of those consumers head to the web, Google is clear on the office's role. Any combination of two or more of the following terms: Montana, fraud, insurance, securities, or problems and the search engines gives csi.mt.gov — Lindeen's office — as the top result.

Berry and Lindeen said that it won't cost anything to make the change. The changes already made during the rebranding process used existing resources, according to Adam Schafer, deputy commissioner and chief of staff at CSI — or Auditor's office. Few existing documents will have to be adjusted.

It's still too much, Tropila said. Even having a public employee edit a document is a waste of time and money, he said.

So what happens if the voters once again rise up to say "Save our Auditor?"

Well, not much of anything.


If the amendment fails, the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance name will remain the same where it has

been changed, but the office will be called State Auditor on the ballot in 2016.

Any confusion at that point will be Lindeen's fault because she decided to make the change before making it official, Tropila said.

One thing appears certain: No matter what voters decide on Nov. 4, come Nov. 5 Monica Lindeen will still be calling herself the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance.

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2014 Montana (speculative) future forecast

Unlike the rest of the Kaimin, the Arts & Culture staff knows if voting really worked it would be illegal. With that in mind we present our definitive prediction for what Steve Daines and Amanda Curtis will probably accomplish should the reptiles at the center of the Earth decide either of them are malleable enough to be elected.



IF STEVE DAINES WINS

Sex before marriage will be illegal but teen birth rates will remain at 100 percent thanks to state polygamy, youth-bride capture and legalized prostitution. Birth control and condoms are classified as schedule 1 drugs and abortion doctors executed as babykillers. Gun safety replaces kindergarten and prayer is mandatory in all schools (churches). Montana

State University becomes an all-male school legally instead of merely practically. Female slavery will open up a bevy of choices to white men and racial minorities must register at local humane societies. Reservations will be absorbed as state lands and national parks will be sold to British Petroleum and Sega. Healthcare becomes natural selection as Christ intended. Montana will be outsourced to China. There will be no jobs, only freedom.

IF AMANDA CURTIS WINS

Congressional nose piercings will become mandatory and installed after similarly mandatory scheduled abortions. Without babies, the state population will grow older and be subjected to Obamacare death panels. Red Guards patrol the streets for survivors, the females sent to work

the pot fields of the collectivized farms and dispensaries we once called churches in white chattel slavery. Men are rounded up like stray dogs and sent to homosexual indoctrination camps, the stockiest kept as breeding studs in legal prostitution under the people's polyamorous matriarchy. Treaties with Native American tribes will be honored and bison will roam free across the prairie, devouring the industrialized wheat and subsidized corn of the east. There will be no jobs, only gay.



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Myke Hermsmeyer (left) and Jesse Carnes take off from the start after chugging a beer at the Missoula Beer Mile on Saturday. Contestants were required to drink a beer before every quarter-mile lap.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Griz head to Big Sky Championships

Sam Waldorf
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With no one on either Montana cross-country team having raced the course, Google Maps is all they've got.

"We basically do it every week," said Mark Messmer, a redshirt junior captain from Missoula.

Instead of being able to visualize the course from memory, runners are instead given a printout map of the course.

'It is important that they prepare themselves for every possible scenario so they feel no regrets when the race is finished.'

Collin Fehr
cross-country coach

"This makes things much more difficult because you don't know what the footing will be like," Messmer said. "How tight corners are, or if, and when, there will be hills."

This will be the case as both of Montana's cross-country teams

travel to Grand Forks, N.D., to compete in the Big Sky Conference Championships on Saturday.

Both the men's and women's teams had their best performances of the season two weeks ago at the Inland Empire Challenge in Lewiston, Idaho.

The women's team placed first out of all Division I programs and the men took third.

Coach Collin Fehr said everyone was mentally prepared to run with purpose.

"Everyone has a high level of focus and determination to achieve their goals," Fehr said. "It is important that they prepare themselves for every possible scenario so they feel no regrets when the race is finished."

One of the difficulties of the Grand Forks course are its tight corners.

"You have to put on the breaks right before you hit the turn and accelerate out of it," Messmer said. "They can be nice because it allows you to see where your competition is and where you need to be."

In preparation for the race, the Griz cut back on their weekly mileage by about 20 miles. Fehr said this is to make sure everyone is fresh and that they all look ready to go, including Messmer, who ran sub-25 minutes for the first time in his career two weeks ago.



Bethany Blitz/Montana Kaimin

The Montana Grizzly cross-country teams run in preparation for the Big Sky Championship in Grand Forks, N.D., Saturday

"Mark is more confident than ever before," Fehr said. "He is determined to prove to himself that he can compete at a high level in this conference."

Behind Messmer on the men's squad are three runners: Ben Williamson, Adam Wollant and Nathan Wellington. All three ran under 26 minutes in Montana's last meet.

On the women's side, Keli Den-

nehy has been a freak.

"Keli is capable of running with anyone in the conference as long as she can temper her nerves," Fehr said. "She needs to use that excitement to her advantage."

Dennehy placed in the top five of Division I runners at Montana's last meet. Trailing behind Dennehy on the women's squad are runners Heather Fraley, Christina Seas, Lauryn Wate and Carly Wilczynski.

The men's eight-kilometer race and the women's five-kilometer race will both take place at the Ray Richards Golf Course.

"Every race is a new opportunity that these runners only get one shot at," Fehr said. "I think the team will have another great performance at the championships because of how mentally tough the individual runners are right now."

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ANCIENT SPORTS

Hurling team heads to California for fall exhibition

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How do you build a legacy sports team? Start with a winning tradition, accumulate some star players and have a few national titles to back it all up.

But that's not how the University of Montana hurling team took the national title in May, crowning the program's first season in existence.

The adrenaline-fueled climb from the bottom quickly became a view from the top of the league, but the Grizzlies haven't peaked yet.

"We have to try to not get complacent, not to let people catch us," University of Montana player-coach Naoise Waldron said. "We have to stand out."

The Griz head to Stanford University on Nov. 8 for their only exhibition play before the season begins in February. Montana will send 18 hurlers to Palo Alto, Calif., to face Stanford, which did not compete at the national tournament earlier this spring.

Montana will also challenge the University of California Golden Bears at next weekend's tournament. One more team is expected to enter the exhibition, Waldron said.

Waldron, 25, said one key to a consistent college team is to build a core of national students, to help carry the team in transition after losing international students each year.

"Stanford and Cal, older teams, always have a good core of Americans," Waldron said. "We're trying to build that here, now."

NEW YEAR, NEW THRONE

Hurling is a 3,000-year-old sport that combines the athletic templates of soccer, rugby and lacrosse. Players carry a flat-ended stick, called a hurl, and use it to pass or

carry the ball, called a sliotar. Players score three points for getting the sliotar into the soccer-style goal, or one point for sending it through the rugby-style goal posts above the net.

Waldron counts 10 newcomers to the team, hailing from Missoula to Milwaukee. He attributes most of the spike in interest to the team's win at nationals, and believes the traveling roster will include 24 players to compete in the amateur Cascade League in the spring.

Montana has held practices for nearly three months. Dylan Dybdal, a University of Montana junior and first-year player, is ready to play with the team he's battled at practice for the last three months.

"It's about teamwork," Dybdal said. "You could be the best player on both teams and if you don't play well within your team there's no way you're going to win."

Dybdal came to hurling through word of mouth. After watching professional hurling videos on YouTube, he said he knew he had to try it out.

Waldron said joining a first-year team that just swept the national championship tournament comes with a different kind of motivation.

"Now it's flipped on its head completely," Waldron said. "Now they're going to be gunning for us. We have to stay ahead of the pack and just work our asses off."

DON'T SLEEP ON THE GRIZ

Waldron's background comes almost entirely out of hurling, having played on six different teams each year from 14-to-18-years old. The strongest part of the game he's sewn into Montana's patchy hurling identity is pressure: rushing the opposition on both offense and defense.

It was enough to topple University of California-Berkeley, University of Connecticut and Illinois before shocking St. Thomas of Minnesota

in the final.

The National Collegiate Gaelic Athletic Association awarded Montana the chance to host the 2015 National Championship tournament, hoping to help develop the sport in the state.

"To have a new team come in and perform the way Montana did, it is sort of unprecedented," NCGAA Chairman Eamonn Gormley said. "Other teams have been around before there was even a national championship."

Gormley said the association was impressed with Montana's national championship performance. That's all the more reason to help in building the sport in Montana, where Gormley believes hurling has the potential to gain traction.

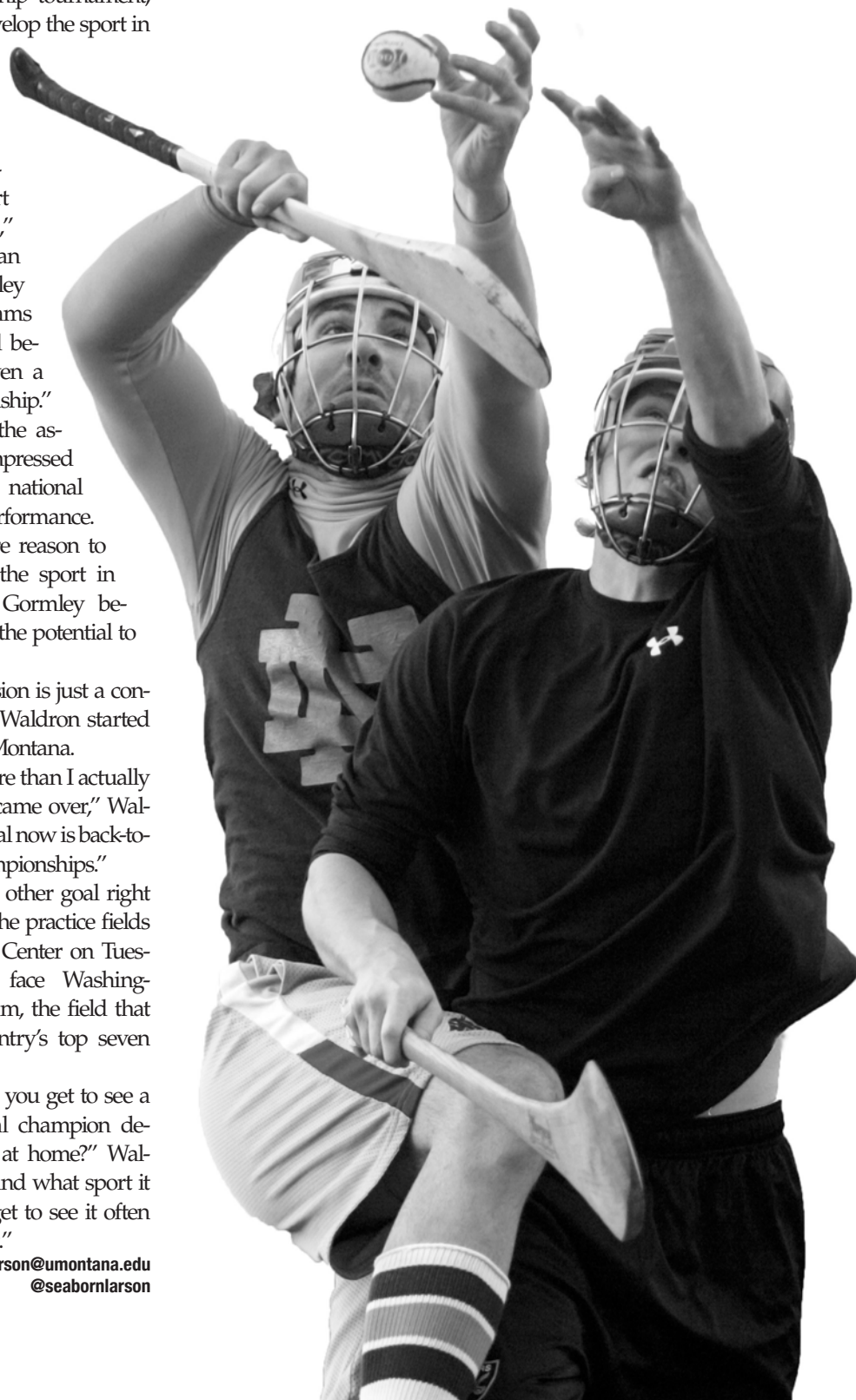
Gormley's mission is just a continuation of what Waldron started when he came to Montana.

"It's unreal; More than I actually dreamed when I came over," Waldron said. "The goal now is back-to-back national championships."

"And that's the other goal right there," he said at the practice fields by the Recreation Center on Tuesday, turning to face Washington-Grizzly Stadium, the field that will host the country's top seven teams in May.

"How often do you get to see a defending national champion defend their crown at home?" Waldron said. "No mind what sport it is, you just don't get to see it often enough. It's perfect."

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