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### **MIGRANT'S MODERN STRUGGLES** page 5

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# **Gay marriage legalized** Federal district judge rules Montana ban unconstitutional

#### Jessie Mazur Hannah-Laura Rudolph Montana Kaimin

Montana became the 34th state to legalize same-sex marriage Wednesday.

The decision came down to one federal district judge in Great Falls. Justice Brian Morris ruled in favor of four samesex couples who filed a lawsuit against the state of Montana in May. Morris agreed with the couples' claim that Montana law defining marriage as "between a man and a woman," violated the Equal Protection Clause under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"These couples recreate in the beautiful outdoors that Montana offers. They cheer for their favorite teams at sporting events. They practice their faiths freely as guaranteed by our Constitution," Morris wrote in the decision.

The ruling means samesex couples can now enjoy the same tax benefits, medical and adoption rights granted to other married Montanans.

"I'm glad that the place I choose to call home is actually willing to accept my brand of love now," said former UM student Hampton White, who said he plans to marry his boyfriend of almost two years. White said he wants a planned wedding so he won't get married anytime soon, but "it's nice to have the ability."

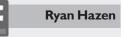
Despite predictions, there were no lines trailing outside the Missoula County Courthouse Wednesday. By the end of the business day, only one same-sex Missoula couple turned in a marriage application.

Montana's Department of Public Health and Human Services haphazardly prepared See GAY MARRIAGE, page 8





"Gay marriage has come to Montana! To celebrate, l invented a gay dating app specifically for the people of Montana. I call it 'Timber.'"



"Not only will there not be a giant pipeline going through Montana, but marriage equality is now a thing.Victory number two for America."



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(Press Release) "Laws may change, but the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman is timeless."



"Today's decision ensures we are closer to fulfilling our promise of freedom, dignity & equality for all Montanans."

UM grads win contest for air quality plan

#### **Cavan Williams** Montana Kaimin

**QUALITY CHECK** 

Every Missoula resident has seen it: the inversion cloud hanging over the valley on winter days, trapping cooler temperatures in the valley and along with it, air pollutants.

Missoula's air quality is deteriorating. A recent ranking by the American Lung Association's State of the Air Report has Missoula ranked 26th as a county, and 12th as a city in the nation in how much particulates are in the air short-term. The city does not have a continual problem with air quality like larger urban cities, but instead suffers from sharp spikes seasonally.

Much of the poor quality is due to weather inversions, which take any particulates in the air and holds them in the valley

Two University of Montana graduates are trying to improve public awareness of the particulate matter. Andrew Burrington and Jesse Dagle, who graduated from the University in the spring of 2014 with degrees in recreation resource



Jesse Dagle, left, and Andrew Burrington analyze the data taken from their air quality sensor on Wednesday on campus. The 2014 alumni are collecting air quality data around Missoula in order to raise awareness about its deterioration.

management, environmental studies and information systems, are now using air monitoring sensors and advanced software to map out air quality and particulates in the air.

Burrington and Dagle were members of the Blackstone Launchpad entrepreneurship program on campus and competed in the John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition against

20 to 30 other entrepreneurs. The two went on to win the competition, with their business plan winning over \$11,000 towards their business.

See AIR QUALITY, page 8



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# 2 OPINION



#### **ADVENTURES IN DISCOMFORT** Leaving the box By Caitlin Piserchia

In the Book of Awakening, Mark Nepo writes about how terrifying birth must be for baby chicks.

Picture this. The chick begins its development in an eggshell, eating up all its food and eventually growing too big to stay. The size of the chick cracks the shell, collapsing its entire eggshell world. When this happens, Nepo says, the chick must feel like it's dying.

Instead of dying, though, it "falls into the world." This is true for any sort of meaningful change, he says: "Transformation always involves the falling away of things we have relied on, and we are left with a feeling that the world as we know it is coming to an end, because it is."

In the scheme of uncomfortable things, moving on is one of the worst. I don't particularly want to move on from this column or deal with transitioning to the last semester of my senior year.

Leaving behind my column is bittersweet. But it's comforting that that's the case. I was afraid I wouldn't be able to sustain this.

I'm good with hyper-introspection, I mostly don't suck at writing and lots of things make me uncomfortable. Half of the time, I'm pretty uncomfortable with the reality that light waves bounce off me and people in my vicinity can tell that I'm sitting near them or walking by.

So while I had lots of material to work with, some weeks the last thing I felt like doing was writing about discomfort (I should have written "Adventures in making other people uncomfortable"). It's one thing to write pages of thoughts on discomfort for my own processing and definitely another to send out journal entries to the world.

Writing about my sexuality opened up a can of worms that I was only partially prepared for. Writing about fear of exposure (in multiple senses) was both cathartic and scary. Working on some mini column-related research projects made me realize how much I like writing long things.

It's been a challenge to strip down my writing to the size of this box and not accidentally write a meta-column on the discomfort of column-writing every week. I couldn't possibly write about everything I wanted to, and some ideas didn't quite fit. It involved a lot of condensing and a lot of letting go. I didn't usually end up writing what I expected to write.

It wasn't perfect, but it happened. Thirteen times. Exactly one more egg than a dozen eggs. The point is, I managed it, and I'm happy I did.

I want to be a writer, among other things. Actually working toward developing my skills in a public way is nerve-wracking but important.

I'm learning to care way less about what people will think and just write what I feel compelled to write. I'm learning to throw my words out there, let them float or die; pick up again, carry on.

There's a lot more I could write about, and I'm sad to leave this column-world. But I'm also looking forward to writing things that don't fit neatly into rectangles or under the topic of discomfort. Haikus. Poems in giant spirals on massive sheets of paper. Essays about warm blankets.

There are a ton of possibilities out there, and being open to them means moving boldly forward. So here we go. Leaving the box.

What a weirdly beautiful, relieving, kind-of-sad-but-mostly-triumphant moment.

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**CORRECTION:** 

On Wednesday Nov. 19, 2014, the Kaimin incorrectly named the cover photo subject Beth Hubble. It was Brenda Desmond.

LETTER to the EDITO

I'm writing in response to James Rolph's column, "Fauxminism." I agree that in any progressive movement radical sects can be detrimental. I disagree that misandry is an issue of relevance. Rolph has the luxury of renouncing a movement for women's equality because he disagrees with a few radical voices within it. For women, the reverse is not true. The rejection of feminism isn't about misandry. It's symptomatic of a society generalizing women's issues. It's evidenced by the fact that many will extol the virtues of men before conceding that yes, a third of women will be victims to domestic abuse. Yes, one in five will suffer sexual violence. But never mind that! You

That's the difference between the Bobcats and the Griz? About 34 wins.

The joke works well in Griz Nation because of Missoula's affinity for maroon and silver, but it doesn't mean shit this weekend.

Both Montana and Montana State are essentially equal in the standings. Both squads need this game. An FCS at-large playoff bid is at stake in the 114th meeting between the rivals.

There's only enough room for one Montana squad to make it in this year.

In a state deprived of any real professional sports, Griz-Cat/Cat-Griz is basically Montana's Super Bowl, and just about everyone in the state has a dog in this fight ... even Caroll.

Just the ordering of Cat-Griz or Griz-Cat has significance. Placing those words the wrong way in the wrong place can be fighting words in different areas of the state.

More importantly to some than just the playoff implications is the simple joy that comes from beating a rival and keeping the Great Divide trophy. That bronze deity means everything to all the players who'll be on the field Saturday,

need to know that most men are great. Most feminists of all genders know this. That's not what we're talking about.

The fact that "95% of sexual crimes are committed by men" is not "too much feminist rhetoric." It's a fact. Another fact is that I, or anyone else, cannot discern the two to five men who commit sexual crimes from the other 95 when I walk alone to my car at night. It's a shame all men have to deal with the stigma of perpetrating violent crimes committed by few. It is more regrettable that all women are taught to be constantly alert for people who want to hurt them. We learn through experience that our bodies are seen as public property, that our fear is legitimate.

Roxane Gay recently tweeted, "I will get on board with humanism when women, throughout the

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world, have human rights." Until then, I'm a feminist. Rolph's question, "How do we work together to stop rapists?" is a valid and important one. But to answer it we need to ask that first question, "Why do men rape?" and smaller ones rooted in the same problem. To ignore the causes is to put a bandaid over a gaping societal wound, to make a dangerous generalization in claiming, "Those two to five percent of men are the evil ones" without first recognizing that everyone is systemically implicated. We need to ask why the men and women we love dearly - good people with good intentions - call women "sluts" as a first-choice insult. Why they do not speak out against a friend's misogynistic remarks. Why do they become so defensive when we point these things out. Claire Mikeson

English graduate student

#### **FOURTH AND 26** Halftime **By Jesse Flickinger**

and they'll be ready to show it.

Problem is, two of the most important players for both teams might not be on the field for the most important game of the sea-

The Cat's lightning-in-a-bottle sophomore standout Dakota Prukop is listed as questionable for the game. His numbers are simply outlandish for only starting 10 games this season.

Prukop averaged 2279 yards per game with 17 touchdowns through the air this season. He's also the Cat's most dynamic rushing threat, leading MSU with 13 touchdowns on the ground.

Junior Jake Bleskin will step in for the Cats and most likely fill in admirably, but he's no Prukop.

On the other side, Montana's senior signal-caller Jordan Johnson is also questionable with a bad ankle, one that's been causing him problems for the latter half of the season.

He says "there's no way" he misses this game, one that possibly could be his last as a Grizzly.

So can you hear it? It's the sound of the Great Divide, the Brawl of the Wild, the fracturing of Montana and the breaking of households and friendships. All for one football game... one that could be the end for Johnson, head coach Mick Delaney, and Zack Wagenmann's ca-

reers. And so it possibly comes to an end for these Grizzlies, but there's a lot of Griz sports to be had still this school year.

Both basketball teams are assured to keep Griz fans tuned in during the holidays, and indoor track starts here in December. The spring will bring with it a myriad of new stories and games for Griz fanatics to dissect and dive into.

But none of that matters this week.

Because there's nothing bigger than deciding who gets to hold bragging rights for one more year in Big Sky Country.

See you next spring. jesse.flickinger@umontana.edu @JJFlickinger

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#### **PROF TOP DOG**

# **UM professor receives Regents nomination**

#### Eric Barker

#### For the Montana Kaimin

A biology teacher has been nominated to become the 10th Regents Professor in the University of Montana's history.

The Montana University System's Board of Regents will vote today whether Ray Callaway will become a Regents Professor.

The title is awarded to a full-time faculty who showed an abnormally high amount of service to the University.

There are currently 18 Regents Professors in the state of Montana, with one from UM Western, eight from Montana

State University, and the rest from UM.

Board of Regents member Neil Moisey said becoming a Regents Professor is the top level of professorship.

"Once you've hit the full professor level, there's not another position really above that in the system," he said.

Moisey added that becoming a Regents Professor is not about fulfilling certain criteria.

"It's much more of an evaluation by your peers," he said. Callaway was one of three UM scientists selected for the 2014 Reuters list of "The World's Most Influential Scien-

tific Minds." The list was made

up of scientists who have published at least 15 papers with "notably higher" amounts of citations than the average scientific paper over the past 10 years.

"I've been blown away at the response," he said. "So many people have emailed or called or run me down walking across the Oval."

Callaway said becoming a Regents Professor would not change his day-to-day activity.

"It'll just be a regular teaching and research job just like any other professor," he said.

The process for becoming a Regents Professor starts in the fall of odd numbered years

when the Provost sends out a request for nominations. The nominations are then sent to the department deans of each professor nominated to be validated and sent to a selection committee.

The committee decides on two nominations to give to the Provost and the president who then sends the recommendations to the Board of Regents.

Callaway was recommended by Associate Dean for the biology department Charles Janson.

Janson said he was surprised when he found out Callaway was not already nominated as a Regents Professor.

"So I looked into it and found out what the process was," he said.

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Janson said Callaway's research on plant facilitation gave the field of ecology a new direction. In Callaway's plant facilitation work he made a strong case that plants can develop to help each other, rather than just competing for space and light.

However, he said it was not only Callaway's scholarship that made him eligible to be a Regents Professor.

"They like to see service to the University and the University System," he said. eric.barker@umconect.umt.edu

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# What you'll miss

#### Alexandria Valdez Montana Kaimin

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Right now, many students are counting down the days until the end of the semester — or calculating what grades they need to pass classes. But though students will be leaving campus for winter break, some Grizzly athletes are nowhere near done. Their seasons are just getting into full swing.

Here's what students will miss this winter break:

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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Before a short holiday break, the Grizzlies have eight games. One of those games will be against the University of California, where Griz head coach Travis DeCuire was on staff for six years until this season. In his last two years, DeCuire was the Bears' associate head coach. During his tenure, the Bears reached the postseason all six years.

Another match to keep an eye on is Dec. 10 when the Griz face Davidson. The two squads last met in February 2013 when Davidson held off the Griz 93-87 in overtime.

Montana opens its conference play Jan. 1 against the University of Northern Colorado. In both meetings last year, Montana fell to the Bears.

In the preseason coaches poll, Montana was picked No8

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Next week, as many students chow down on Thanksgiving dinner, the Lady Griz basketball team heads south to Mexico for the Cancun Challenge. Montana will play Princeton, Charlotte and Wake Forest in the tournament. The first game is on Thanksgiving against Charlotte.

After its trip to Mexico, Montana plays four more games before the 34th Lady Griz Classic. This year's tournament includes Utah Valley, St. Louis University and Austin Peay State University.

Montana opens the year with its first conference game in Colorado. Last year the Lady Griz lost to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, but beat the Bears in Missoula.

In the preseason coaches poll, the Lady Griz were picked second behind North Dakota.

#### **INDOOR TRACK**

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Runners, throwers and jumpers will get underway with the season come December.

The Grizzlies' first indoor track meet is Eastern Washington's Candy Cane VII from Dec. 5-6. Montana won't see action again until the start of January. The team will compete in Bozeman Jan. 5-6, 16 and 23 before students come back to classes.

Last year, the indoor track team was lead by Austin Emry and Lindsay Hall. Emry qualified for the NCAA championship, where he placed 12th overall.

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## Lady Griz freshman invested in family tradition

#### Alexandria Valdez

Montana Kaimin

Though Lady Griz freshman point guard Sierra Anderson is only 5-foot-6, she makes up for it with speed on the court. She's even picked up a nickname from some of her teammates.

"We call her Spidey," junior guard McCalle Feller said. "We gave her this nickname, Spidey because she is so fast and so low to the ground it literally looks like she's storming the court like a spider. She's all over the place and speedy like that."

Anderson is one of the newest members of the Lady Griz who'll play a big role this season.

Growing up, family was everything to Anderson. She's Hawaiian and the youngest of four children. All of her siblings played sports, learning from their father.

It wasn't until middle school when Anderson decided to invest herself in basketball.

She first joined the AAU team, The Blaze, and eventually The Way to Win, one of the top club teams. The Way to Win is a team Montana keeps a close eye on, and head coach Robin Selvig noticed Anderson at the end of her sophomore year.

She had all the traits Selvig wanted in a point guard.

"She's got speed and quickness," Selvig said. "She was a smart player; she could shoot it. It was a good summer team she was on and she ran that club."

But Anderson had warmer destinations in mind before Montana. It wasn't until she visited Missoula and saw the open skies and mountains that she was hooked. When she met with Selvig and the other players it felt like a family. So far she's played in two exhibition games, playing 32 minutes off the bench with eight points and two assists. This season she's backing up redshirt senior point guard Kellie Cole Rubel.

Anderson said the transition has been great from high school to college play. It's different competing against athletes who are experienced, but she said she feels comfortable on the court with her teammates.

During practices, Anderson goes up against Cole Rubel. The seasoned Cole Rubel said she's intense on the court and has picked up all the plays quickly.

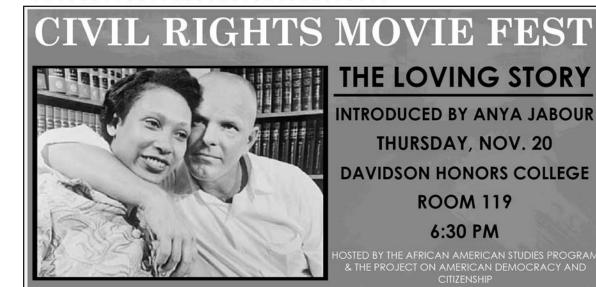
"She's a really good defender," Cole Rubel said. "Obviously I have four years over her, and I have a lot more experience. But she's tough; she's really shifty also on offense so she's hard to guard a lot of times."

Anderson also has dreams away from the court. Being from a culturally diverse background (she's Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese and Norwegian), she has always been interested in other cultures. She's thought about pursuing a law degree, traveling the world or joining an organization like the Peace Corps.

For the next few months though, Anderson is fixated on basketball. Hundreds of miles away, she remembers words her No. 1 fan, her father, always told her.

"He tells me to always believe in myself," Anderson said. "Everyone says that but when he says it you want to believe it, and to believe in myself and to have confidence. He says I have the talent and I know how to do it, I just need to believe I can."

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**IMMIGRATION** 

# **Migrants in Montana** Local clinic provides health services to seasonal workers

#### Courtney Anderson Montana Kaimin

About a thousand migrant workers set up camp at Flathead Lake to pick cherries for three weeks during the summer, just out of sight from the road.

Kelsey Angel has lived in Missoula her entire life, and spent her summers on Flathead Lake.

"It was surprising to learn that there is a population of probably over a 1,000 people that come to pick the cherries every year that I had never even heard of until I was 22," said Angel, an outreach worker for a health clinic that serves migrant agricultural workers.

Angel said she didn't realize how many migrants came to Montana for work until she started her practicum with the Montana Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Council in 2012 to graduate from the University of Montana.

The Montana Migrant Council has four walk-in clinics around the state. They opened their most recent office in Lolo, featuring a mobile clinic that travels across the state to serve clients without transportation.

The clinics sees over 6,000 agricultural workers and families per year, and services are available to anyone who spends at least 51 percent of their work time in agriculture. The migrant clinic estimates that 80 percent of their patients are Hispanic and Spanish-speaking.

Health care is only one of the issues that migrants face when working in Montana.

Though Montana has a small population of immigrants compared to other states, there are



Enrique Marcus Banda, originally from Mexico, went to the migrant council clinic in Lolo, Montana for medical care last week. Recieving health care is one of the largest issues migrants face in Montana.

more than people might realize, said Shahid Haque-Hausrath, a Helena immigration attorney and Montana Immigrant Justice Alliance president.

In early November, Haque-Hausrath came to UM to discuss legal issues immigrants face in Montana.

During the workshop, Haque-Hausrath said Montana has very little racial diversity, so those who look different or sound different are easily noticed and often experience violations of their rights by local law enforcement officers or even immigration enforcement officers.

"People have different ideas of what it looks like to be here without status. Basically they imagine Mexicans or Latinos, but our largest undocumented populations are actually Canadians," he said. "There are immigrants, right here in the state of Montana and they have challenges and problems that they're facing right here, including racial profiling, (and) denial of state services."

Haque-Hausrath said some Canadians enter as visitors, or overstay their visa.

"It's just that they aren't as readily identifiable so they don't experience the same targeting or profiling," he said.

Haque-Hausrath said that number includes documented

and undocumented immigrants, and most of the immigrants are here legally. Calculating those numbers is not easy and fluctuates constantly, he added.

He has helped immigrant students at UM get work permits and make sure they're registered in the U.S.

Social work professor Janet Finn invited Haque-Hausrath to UM after taking a group of students to the U.S.-Mexico border last winter to sit in deportation court hearings and listened to

migrants' stories. The trip inspired Finn, and the group, to bring awareness to issues of immigrants and migrants in Montana.

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"I want us to learn more about issues that might go unnoticed, or are invisible in Montana in terms of the rights of immigrants," Finn said.

At the Migrant Council Clinic, any information exchanged the agricultural between

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During a Montana summer, over a thousand migrant workers come to Flathead to pick cherries. The Montana migrant council visits the workers with their mobil clinic to offer medical care.





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workers and the clinic is protected, Angel said.

"This makes us a safe resource for them to come to whether they are documented or not," Angel said.

She said because of HIPAA, a federal act that ensures patient confidentiality, the organization can discuss citizenship status and make referrals to other resources with similar confidentiality practices without having to report anyone.

She said the majority of their patients have documents or are in Montana on a visa. However, they've made a policy not to ask for a social security number.

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"We end up scaring people away if we ask, and that's the last thing we want," she said. "If someone needs a health service, we don't want them to be reluctant to come in."

The UM graduate said in the Lolo clinic, they have about 300 clients, and that number continues to grow. Each summer she said about 1,000 migrant workers come to the state for agricultural work. Many find odd jobs and

some end up staying in Montana. Just outside of Missoula sits John Stahl's sheep ranch. There, Enrique Marcus Banda rides his horse and herds sheep as a part of a quiet lifestyle thousands of miles away from home.

Stahl said he didn't speak Spanish when Marcus first arrived, but now the two chat like old friends.

Banda has worked on Stahl's

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Clinic outreach worker

ranch for eight years. Every year, he travels to Montana from Madera, Mexico, with an H-2A visa — a visa program for agricultural work that lasts less than a year. With the visa Banda has, he comes up to Montana in the early spring and returns to Mexico at the start of winter.

Last week, Banda and Stahl went to the Montana Migrant

Council Clinic, and because Marcus spends over half of his work time in agricultural labor, he's eligible for their medical care.

"If something happens to him, he gets really sick, what do we do? He and I can't pay for a doctor," Stahl said. "When you own a business it's different. It's a huge weight off the employer to have something like this."

Angel said western Montana is expected to have 200 H-2A workers this year, and about 700 statewide.

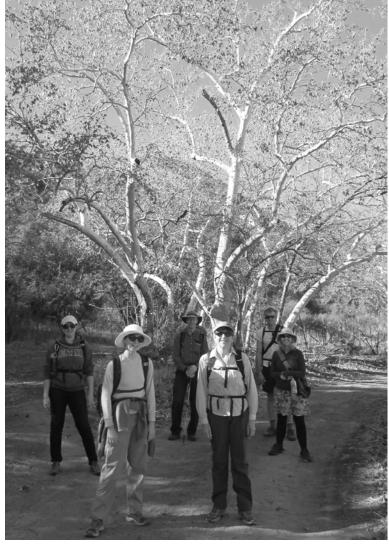
At the one-room clinic in Lolo, Marcus and Stahl chatted in the waiting room one November afternoon before their appointment.

Angel said Marcus is one of the last H-2A workers the clinic will see this year.

Banda is fortunate to have access to guaranteed work, food and wages because he has the work visa, Angel said.

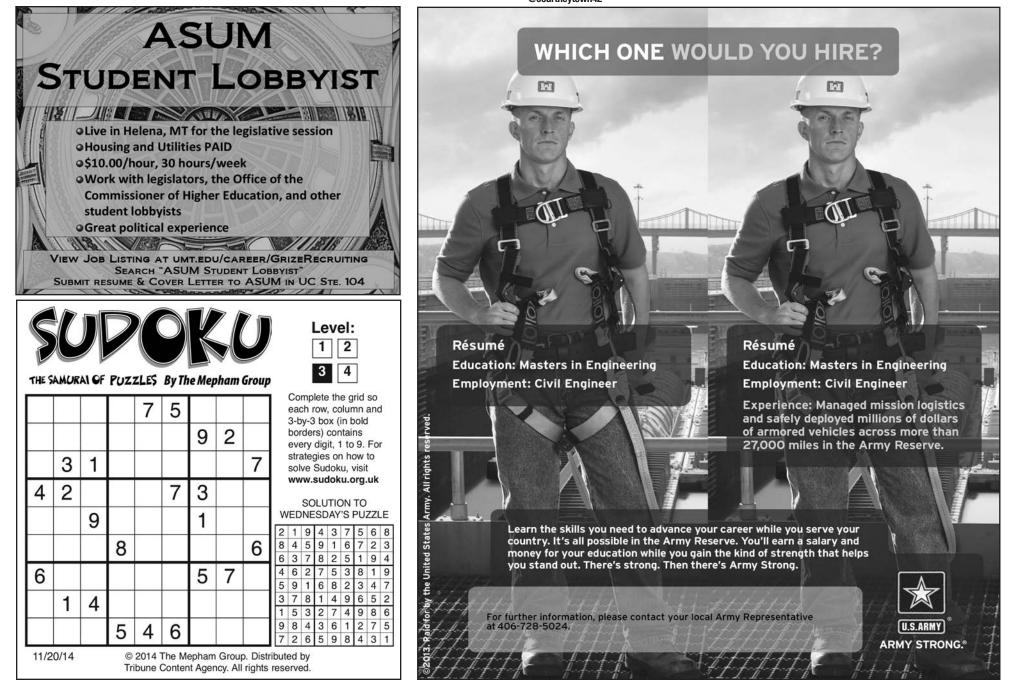
"Without documentation you just take whatever job you can find," Angel said. "People who have been here for 10 to 20 years don't get to go home because they're undocumented. They travel wherever they can find work, and calculating migrant population is really hard, but they're definitely here."

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NEWS

Shaunagh McGoldrick (left), Kimberly Garner, Scott Nicholson, Janet Finn, Seth Quackenbush and Gerre Maillet started their hike from Tucson, Arizona to the Mexico border. During winter session, the University of Montana group learned about issues immigrants and migrants face along the border. The groups' experience initiated an awareness workshop at UM.



## NEWS

an "updated" marriage application, with the words "bride" and "groom" replaced by "spouse 1" and "spouse 2." The Department planned to update the language in their marriage certificates Thursday morning, said spokesperson Jon Ebelt.

While the ruling is a cause for celebration in the LGBT community, there's still work to be done, said Bryce Bennett, a state representative for Montana's House District 92.

Bennett is the first openly gay man to serve in the Montana legislature, and was chosen by House District 91 in November's election to represent much of Missoula.

"There's still a lot of roadblocks in the way towards full equality for LGBT Montanans. So we'll celebrate now and move on to the work ahead very soon," he said.

Despite an estimated 2.6 percent of Montana's population identifying as LGBT, Morris's decision could still be overturned, once again limiting marriage rights to heterosexual couples. Hours after the ban was lifted, Montana Attorney General Tim Fox challenged the decision and filed an appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the next highest federal court.

Fox issued a statement explaining his decision.

"It is the attorney general's sworn duty to uphold and defend Montana's constitution until such time as there is no further review or no appeal can be made in a court of law," he

said.

Appeals.

The only court that can over-

turn a circuit court decision is

the U.S. Supreme Court. In Oc-

tober, the U.S. Supreme Court

chose to stop hearing cases

regarding same-sex marriage,

meaning the final decision for

Montana's marriage laws rests

with the Ninth Circuit Court of

ruled in favor of a decision to

lift Idaho's ban on gay mar-

riage, leading most to believe it

The same court recently

Thursday, November 20, 2014 will uphold Morris's decision. The Ninth Circuit covers Until the case is heard, samenine states, including Montana. sex marriage will remain legal

> in Montana. "The time has come for Montana to follow all the other states within the Ninth Circuit," said Morris, "and recognize that laws that ban same-sex marriage violate the constitutional right of samesex couples to equal protection of the law."

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Dagle said the money will go toward purchasing air sensors from Spain, which will be placed all over town to get a clearer reading.

The plan is part of a non-profit model that the two hope will be implemented across the country if it succeeds in Missoula.

Burrington said Missoula currently only has one air monitoring sensor located in Boyd Park, and Missoula needs to add more sensors in order to raise public awareness of the problem.

"The thing is, with air quality, you can't see one sensor in Boyd Park and tell what your risk is across town," Burrington said.

The sensors will be used with a software program that allows the grads to map out points all across the city and monitor quality across the entire town instead of one spot.

The sensors are not the only source of information, however.

Before the sensors are set up, Missoula citizens can go to the website missoulaair.com and submit their assessments of local air quality.

"You can upload what you currently think the air is in your area and pictures, so people can find the map and find the areas closer to them, not as scientific data, but as real time information of what it means to people."

Much of Missoula's poor air is attributed to summer forest fires, combined with wood-burning stoves during colder months.

Burrington said the sensors used to detect particulate matter rated at size ten, but prescribed burns, forest fires and wood stoves create a much smaller particulate matter called PM2.5. According to the American Lung Association, this size of particulate is much more harmful since it can enter a person's bloodstream.

In 2013, The American Lung Association gave Missoula a "D" grade for 24-hour particle pollution, saying the air quality was dangerous for groups like children, people with respiratory disease and active adults.

Dagle said consequences of poor air quality are significantly higher in Missoula because of the amount of outdoor activites Missoula offers its residents, especially during winter.

Dagle said that a 10 percent decrease in 2.5 particulates will result in 13,000 less deaths across the country.

Burrington and Dagle will be purchasing their first sensor in the next few days and are ex-



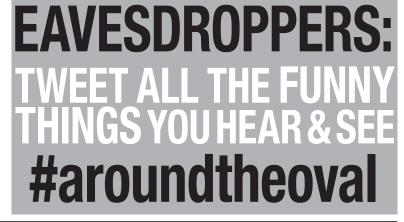
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Jesse Dagle sets up a Raspberry Pi computer by the air quality meter at the University of Montana campus on Wednesday. The small computer allows the sensor to run for long, undisturbed amounts of time. This allows the pair to take more accurate air quality measurements.

cited to get Missoula residents involved to reduce emissions.

"When you're told to drive less, emit less ... there's a complete disconnect from what you do to the environment. You have no clue, so why do you care?" Burrington said. "If you can see your impact on the environment, you will have a better understanding."

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