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TALES!

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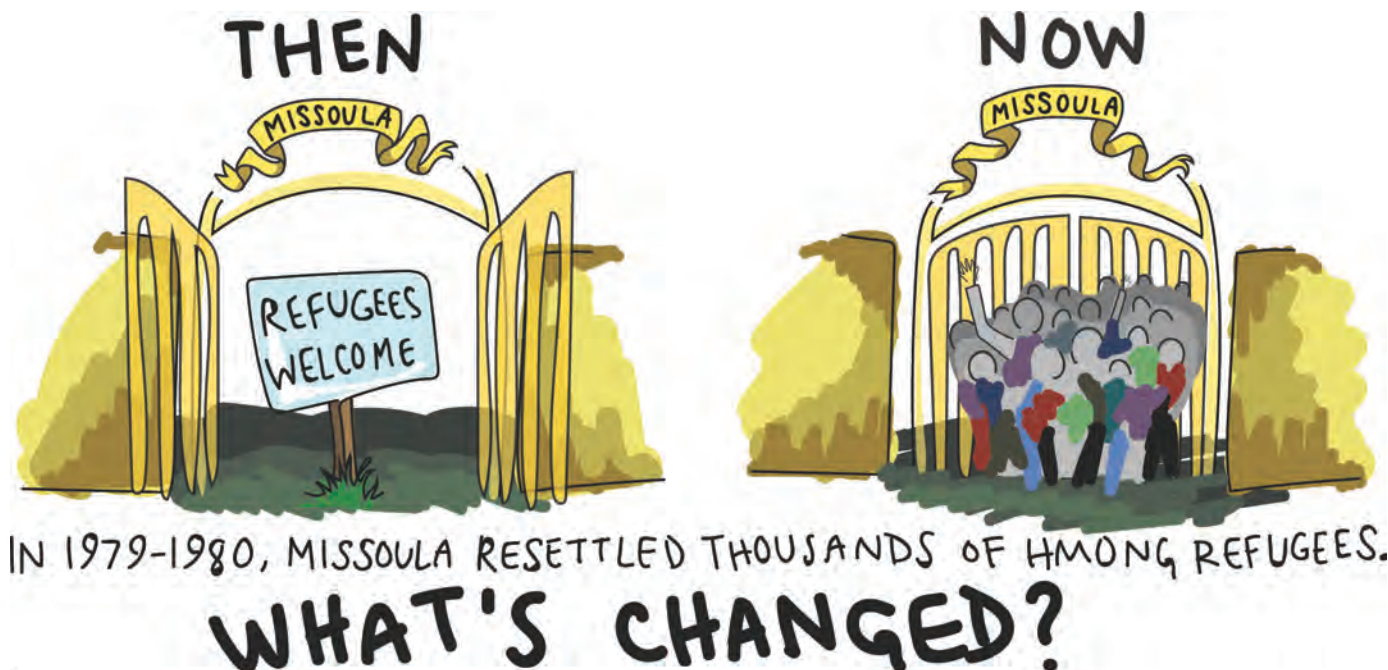


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Answer to Last Week's Sudoku

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## BIG UPS & BACKHANDS

The Kaimin's take on this week's winners and losers. Have a big up or backhand to contribute? Tweet us at @montanakaimin!



**Big Ups** to the Flathead Lake Monster for hiding from the Kaimin.



**Backhands** to the neighborhood teens who always trick us on Halloween.

**Big Ups** to Hershey for making delicious chocolate bars for us to enjoy.

**Backhands** to the ceiling falling in Main Hall. Enrollment isn't the only thing dropping at UM.



**Big Ups** to Tom Hanks. Dads love your movies.

**Backhands** to Harambe for maintaining his meme status well into October. Now we have to deal with drunk bros in Gorilla suits this Halloween.

## ON THE COVER

Photo illustration and design by Rebekah Welch Welch and Rene Sanchez. Bowen West, arts and culture editor, searches for the Flathead Lake monster on the west side of the lake on Oct. 7.



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## KAIMIN EDITORIAL

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# How to opt out of Halloweekend

According to a monthly consumer survey by the National Retail Federation, 64 percent of Americans planned to celebrate Halloween in 2015. If the numbers remain similar this year, that leaves more than a third of Americans who won't be participating in the holiday.

One of the most common reasons for opting out of Halloween is its conflict with some religious beliefs. Many Christians don't celebrate Halloween because of its origins in the Celtic pagan tradition of Samhain, a festival marking the end of harvest season and the start of winter — the "darker" part of the year.

But what about the rest of us — those of us who just aren't into dressing up and spending our money on candy we have to give away?

Maybe you're a broke college student who can't afford to buy a pre-made costume, let alone supply candy to the whole neighborhood. Maybe you can't make your own costume because you're just not as crafty as your friend who can sew.

Or perhaps you don't like Halloween because it's just too scary. You never know who (or what) will jump out at you and cause you to lose control of your bladder, especially this year, with so many crazy clowns roaming the streets.

This week, the Kaimin has a few tips on how to selectively opt out of Halloween festivities.

If you're part of the 90 percent of Americans who celebrate Christmas, you can skip Halloween altogether and just start decorating for Santa. Christmas lights on the house and big plastic reindeer in the yard are enough to make trick-or-treaters second guess themselves and check their calendars to make sure they're out on the right day.

But if you're not really ready for red and green, a note on the door is always an option. It's up to you to make it friendly or passive aggressive (try to avoid threatening), but it's a way to let kids and their parents know you won't be answering the door no matter how many times they ring the bell.

Once you've successfully made sure you won't be bothered by any 4-foot tall Donald Trumps, you can kick back and really get into the anti-Halloween spirit by watching the opposite of a horror movie. We suggest something moderately humorous with a predictable happy ending. A standard rom-com should do the trick.

Or, seeing as Halloween falls on a Monday this year, it could be to your advantage to stay in for the night and do your homework. You'll get brownie points with your professors for being in class the next day and not having a hangover.

But then again, if that's just too much to ask, there's always the option to get drunk enough that you won't even notice it's Halloween. •

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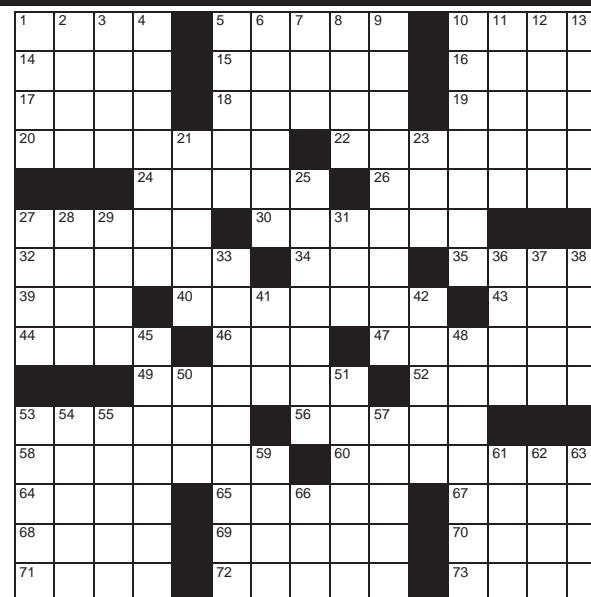
## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Kind of curl
- 5 Bunk option
- 10 Quote, as a source
- 14 Like some excuses
- 15 Get around
- 16 Heavy burden
- 17 \_\_\_ meridiem
- 18 Press
- 19 Hot sandwich
- 20 One with lots to offer
- 22 Run over
- 24 Lavin or Blair
- 26 Water cannon target
- 27 Curtain cloth
- 30 Ahead
- 32 Vertigo symptom
- 34 Elephant's weight, maybe

- 35 Cogito, \_\_\_ sum
- 39 "\_\_\_ say!"
- 40 Wiry
- 43 Charged bit
- 44 "Not guilty," e.g.
- 46 Big jerk
- 47 Flow of gossip
- 49 Early online forum
- 52 Like some remarks
- 53 Ease
- 56 Phoenix film, "We Own The \_\_\_"
- 58 Certain sportsman
- 60 One who accepts charges
- 64 It's hard to believe
- 65 Patronage
- 67 Heavy reading
- 68 Stadium area
- 69 Winter temps, perhaps
- 70 "I'll second that"
- 71 "Or \_\_\_!"
- 72 Plaintive piece
- 73 Out house?



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### DOWN

- 1 Bandy words
- 2 Corn \_\_\_
- 3 Letter before kappa
- 4 Garden structure
- 5 Citrus fruit
- 6 Work too hard
- 7 Large amount of money
- 8 Do some cutting, maybe
- 9 Set up differently
- 10 Throne, so to speak
- 11 Bungling
- 12 Gown fabric
- 13 "Poly" add-on
- 21 Sprinter's stats
- 23 Cause of inflation?
- 25 Immune system booster
- 27 Barbershop sound
- 28 Poker action
- 29 Run the show
- 31 Came out on top
- 33 Weaken in force

- 36 Break in friendly relations
- 37 Joint problem
- 38 As recently as
- 41 Bleed
- 42 Narragansett Bay sight
- 45 Ascetic
- 48 Drumroll start
- 50 "Get the picture?"
- 51 It's everything, so they say

- 53 Starbucks offering
- 54 Yahoo! product
- 55 Corporate division
- 57 Bloated
- 59 Fishing rod attachment
- 61 Capitol feature
- 62 Black cat, to some
- 63 It's overhead
- 66 "Golly!"

### Answer to Last Week's Crossword:





KAIMIN COLUMN

# This Halloween, just put out a tombstone or something

Halloween is an exciting day filled with costumes, candy and everyone's favorite squash: the pumpkin. It's tradition to go to the local farm, pick out your pumpkin and then carve it later.

But it's not all fun and games when it comes to the pumpkin. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, American demand for pumpkins reaches approximately 1.1 billion pounds each year, with 43,000 acres being used to cultivate pumpkins in 2015 alone. This would be fine if it wasn't for the fact that these pumpkins serve little practical use aside from decoration. With 90 percent water content and hollow insides, they're not very tasty, either. The canned pumpkin found in the grocery store is actually a variety of winter squash. It turns out the FDA is pretty lenient when it comes to the use of the word "pumpkin."

Pumpkins are a demanding crop that require a lot of different factors in order to grow properly.

"Pumpkins need good soil, plenty of

water, lots of sun and lots of heat," said Josh Slotnick, co-founder of Missoula's Garden City Harvest. "They also take up a lot of space."

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They need to be planted at least three feet apart in order to grow, which takes up a lot more space than most traditional crops. We're using a whole lot of land and a significant amount of resources to grow billions of pounds of pumpkins, a

crop we buy to carve for one night and then toss in the trash. This might be the biggest symbol of American wastefulness yet. In addition, once in the landfill, pumpkins do not break down easily and generate greenhouse gas emissions.

In a country where 42.2 million Americans live in food insecure households, growing a commodity crop simply to throw it away a few days later should be unacceptable. We could use these resources to grow much more nutritious food for those who need it.

"I think that pumpkins are really culturally important in a community way," Slotnick said. "All over the country there are public pumpkin carving events and people come together in open spaces, outdoors, and do this thing that ties them to where they live."

It's true that Halloween has some ties to American history. Originally a Celtic holiday to celebrate the last day of summer, it was popularized in America in 1846, when Irish immigrants fled to the

United States in large numbers because of the potato famine. But most average Americans today don't know that story. Halloween and pumpkin carving are just things that we do. The cultural significance has been lost over the course of many years.

Pumpkins can be fun to carve, and they do bring people together. But the resources and land used to grow them could be put to much better use. As it turns out, our favorite orange squash might not be so great after all.

Ultimately, if you aren't eating your pumpkin in its entirety, or composting it, you really shouldn't buy one.

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KAIMIN COLUMN

# Fans are the beasts of professional sports

In the world of sports, fans are the selfish ones. In the industry of multimillion-dollar contracts, sponsorships and TV deals, fans are the proverbial beasts of the business demanding more — more drama, more content, more championships, more coverage. And they're willing to pay for it.

Fans create an overwhelming demand too desirable for entrepreneurs to ignore. That puts the fate of athletes' careers and livelihoods in the hands of the more than 213 million fans who buy tickets, jerseys, merchandise and TV sports packages, according to a 2015 Gallup poll.

It's hard to see athletes as victims in any scenario. After all, the minimum salary for a player in the NBA (which has an average salary of \$4.6 million, the highest of any professional sport) is north of \$500,000. That's for a rookie, typically a 19-year-old with barely one year of college education.

That being said, professional athlete-

ics is one of the most competitive job industries in the nation. According to a study by Georgia State University, 0.5 percent of amateur baseball players go pro, the highest rate among popular American sports. The average career in Major League Baseball, (the sport with the greatest career longevity) lasts fewer than six years.

Then comes the immense pressure to perform, the greatest burden any athlete feels during his or her career. Fans drive the demand curve with their impatience for a championship. If athletes don't meet expectations, they're booted from a third-year contract option almost as quickly as they ran into their first million dollars. And there's no way for an athlete to predict his or her own fate. They're convinced that giant checks are something to get used to, but when they start spending money or pay off their mom's mortgage, they can run into money problems.

Sports like boxing, football, hockey

and soccer can cause irreversible damage to a player's body that can lead to physical and mental health problems. NFL Hall of Famer Junior Seau is one of several athletes who committed suicide and were later found to have brain damage. The average NFL athlete dies between 55 and 60 years old, according to a Harvard study.

Take Jerry Quarry, a professional boxer who lost his career earnings and suffered lifelong brain damage after he retired at 38. He was one of the most popular boxers in the '60s and '70s, and retired as a three-time top-ranked heavyweight fighter. Now, he lives with his brother, unable to hold a steady job. He fought with Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, but you've never heard of him, have you?

Athletes can be cast aside as quickly as their careers come to fruition. Jersey sales are a revolving market for bandwagon fans who live and die with a fran-

chise, not a player. The name on the back of a jersey is simply a mask for fans wanting another identity to define their own. If the player joins a rival team, the jersey is burned and all former admiration lost.

Former Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow was ousted from Denver two seasons after a heroic playoff run, and went on to become a college football broadcaster. He fell into the Stockholm Syndrome-esque trap of the revolving sports industry. He went from an athlete to someone who now panders to the fans who cheered him on. Players have to feed the beast in order to keep the industry churning.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

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## Oct. 8 Pantzylvania

A bat was reportedly hanging from a student's door in Pantzer Hall, blocking the student from entering. Strangely enough, the bat refused to enter the room without an invitation.

## Oct. 8 The American dream

A man and a woman with a white car were reportedly digging through dumpsters near the University Villages on Cinnabar Drive and Granite Court. UMPD spoke to the couple and discovered they were "just dumpster diving."

## Oct. 11 Stranger danger

An older man with white hair was restricted from campus for 72 hours after reportedly saying inappropriate things to students in the University Center and business school.

## Oct. 14 We don't need no stinking badges

A caller reportedly witnessed a man with a gun near the Craighead University Villages get into a black sedan and drive away. The caller said the man was wearing a jacket embroidered with script that read "SECURITY" in yellow letters. UM Police checked the area but were unable to find the armed man, and it is unknown whether the man was truly a security guard.

## Oct. 15 Maverick sheep

A caller passing by Missoula College noticed a sheep roaming about the campus. UMPD called a specialist who successfully recaptured the sheep. The sheep was not cited for any crime.

## Oct. 16 I DON'T FEEL WELL

A man near the east gate of the Kim Williams Trail was reportedly setting up a tent and yelling at people. When UM Police arrived, the man said he wasn't feeling well and would "move on" in the morning. Officers said although the man wasn't causing a problem at the time, they would check up on him periodically through the night — to make sure he was feeling better, of course. •



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SATIRE

# Everything is Engstrom's fault: Halloween edition

By **Kasey Bubnash**  
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After a series of budget cuts were made last year, many University of Montana professors fear they won't be able to afford the Halloween costumes they deserve, and much of the blame once again falls to Main Hall.

In 2011, literary criticism professor Bernadine Billiard said she wore a vintage 1970s Playboy bunny costume worth over \$3,000. This year, Billiard said she and at least four of her colleagues will be pooling their money to purchase the cheapest bed sheets money can buy.

"We're going for the classic ghost look," Billiard said, adding that she's unsure where they'll find scissors to cut the eye holes after budget cuts to faculty office supplies.

Billiard was also upset about the timing of Halloween this year.

"I mean, what was Royce Engstrom thinking, letting it fall on a Monday?" Billiard said. "I think he should be a lit-

tle more conscious of student and faculty needs."

William Wilkenson, director of the Faculty Halloween Costume Fund, said faculty members and administration are acutely aware that students pay for their costumes with the remainders of refund checks. If the University is paying for student costumes, it better pay for faculty costumes, Wilkenson said.

"It's just not fair to have these educators watching as college students spend tens of dollars on their costumes," he said.

Wilkenson said with enrollment suffering, the FHCF suffered too, splitting the budget in half each year. Wilkenson said professors are now each left with about \$4.69 to spend on a costume.

While professors struggle to find costumes, sources say Main Hall administrators still received their yearly, original budget of \$300 from the Faculty Halloween Costume Fund. While it is only rumored that President Royce Engstrom will be dressed in a wildly expensive,

authentic Daenerys Targaryen costume, complete with a live dragon, sources have confirmed that one administrator was given an extra \$70,000 for his costume this Halloween.

The Board of Regents approved the administrator's bonus and released a statement that read, "He's gonna look sick this Halloween."

While various professors are refusing to dress up at all, other professors are getting creative. 2016 FHCF purchases included two bagels to wear as bangles and hoop earrings, a single sharpie in place of face paint, and off-brand Oreos that will be glued on the body to resemble spots.

American history professor Michael Madeline exchanged his cash for change, and then put that change in a cup, thus creating a key part of his panhandling costume.

"If people happen to believe I'm a real beggar and throw some money in the cup, that's just an added bonus," Madeline said. •





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# The fault in our stars

## Students react to new zodiac signs

By **Callahan Peel**  
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Piper Greenwood, a junior at UM, is one of many people who are very invested in their zodiac sign. Imagine her surprise when she learned that NASA had announced in September that an additional zodiac sign exists, and many people have been believing they were the wrong sign for years.

"I have a prison tattoo of the Pisces sign on my foot, so if I change I'm super screwed," Greenwood said.

NASA released a Tumblr post that corrected errors in the zodiac and shifted the dates of the signs. Many students at the University of Montana are confused and upset by the change.

According to NASA's official Tumblr page, the Babylonians created the zodiac 3,000 years ago to fit their 12-month calendar. There were 13 constellations in the zodiac, but they left out one in order to have one for each month of the year. NASA also recalculated the dates for each zodiac sign because the position of the Earth's axis has

shifted since the Babylonians' time.

The thirteenth zodiac sign is called Ophiuchus, and this is hardly the first time it's been suggested. Since the 1970s astronomers have been suggesting that there are 13 or even 14 zodiac constellations. In 2011, the Los Angeles Times reported on Ophiuchus' existence and included comments from professional astrologists who called it "an attempt by scientists to discredit astrology."

NASA emphasized that it studies astronomy, the study of outer space. Astrology is the study of the movements and positions of celestial bodies and how they influence people and the world.

"It's not science. No one has shown that astrology can be used to predict the future or describe what people are like based on their birth dates," NASA said in the Tumblr post.

But many people, like Greenwood, find that their horoscopes apply to their lives. Greenwood said her star sign can influence her compatibility with friends and in other relationships.

"I've lived my whole life acting a certain way

because of my sign," she said. "In certain situations I'll think, 'Okay, since I'm a Pisces I should be careful and not get too involved in this,' but now I don't know what to do."

Greenwood's birthday is March 11, and therefore she now has two signs: Pisces and Aquarius. She said she finds it troubling because she has no idea how to deal with two signs.

Sara Ginther, a junior at UM, is annoyed that she is no longer a Taurus. As a result of the sign recalculation, she is now an Aries.

"I'm annoyed because I'm not an Aries; the big majority of my qualities lies with being a Taurus," Ginther said.

While she doesn't consider herself to be a die-hard believer in astrology, Ginther reads the occasional horoscope and said her sign is "spot on" when describing her.

Both Greenwood and Ginther were bothered that the calculation error was announced now that they are older. Ginther said children just born will grow up under the proper sign, but adjusting to a new one after 20 years isn't easy. •

## BREAKING

### Two separate, on-campus sexual assaults reported

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Two separate reports of on-campus sexual assaults are being investigated by the University of Montana and Missoula police departments, according to Public Information Officer Travis Welsh.

Although no arrests have been made in either case, Welsh said the Missoula Police Department is investigating a complaint about a rape that reportedly occurred in on-campus housing on Oct. 7 but was reported seven days later. Welsh said the rape reportedly involved two UM students.

UM students received an alert about another on-campus non-stranger sexual assault via text and email on Tuesday at about 9:45 p.m.

The second sexual assault occurred in a residence hall, according to UM spokesperson Paula Short, and it was reported by a third party. Short said an alert was sent out to UM students warning them of the sexual assault because there was potential danger to the campus community.

"We weigh the risk to students for these types of situations," Short said. "We decided the risk was elevated enough to issue a timely warning."

Short said the assaults do not appear to be connected and, while law enforcement has the identities of the suspect in each case, their names have not yet been released. Short could not verify whether the suspects live in the residence halls or where the sexual assaults occurred specifically.

"We must be careful about the information shared out of concern that it could be detrimental to ongoing or ensuing investigations," Short said in an email.

Students in need can contact SARC by calling 406-243-6559, Curry Health Center Counseling Services at 406-243-4711 or UM Police emergency at 406-243-4000 or 911. •



# What your Halloween costume says about your favorite booze

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## Harambe gorilla bodysuit

This frat boy will likely be found at his, or any other, frat house on Halloween with a Natty Ice in his hand, pulling up Harambe memes on his phone. Natural Ice is dirt cheap and has a decently high alcohol content compared to other light beers. It also won't stain the dark fur gorillas frequently sport. R.I.P.

## Sexy nurse

This is either a woman who gave up on creativity a long time ago or a man who thinks he's funny. Either way, you can always count on the sexy nurse at the party to be carrying vodka cranberry shooters in plastic syringes. The more experienced nurses tend to carry red Jell-O shots, which they'll share if you're not a creep.

## Grizzly bear bodysuit

Oh shit, that could just be a real Grizzly bear.

## Harley Quinn

This blonde girl is begging for someone to tell her she looks "just like" Margot Robbie. Although six months ago she'd nev-

er heard of Harley Quinn, the infamous comic book character who first appeared in 1992, she'll still be wearing pigtails and those shorts that somehow replaced the OG Quinn's jester jumpsuit. Regardless, she will look devious and probably be drinking a vodka water

## A bored/annoyed face all night

This person has looked mad for 90 percent of the night and is hardly wearing a costume, other than his/her resting bitch face. This is the friend group's designated driver. With a water in hand and a frown on face, he/she drew the short stick on the best night of the year to get schnocked. A moment of silence for DDs everywhere.

## Deranged clown

RUN. It's not appropriate for murderous clowns to drink on the job so he'll have a hatchet in hand instead. If you see a clown this Halloween, you should immediately assume it's not a regular person dressed up but rather the rumored "Zootown Clown" coming to kill you.



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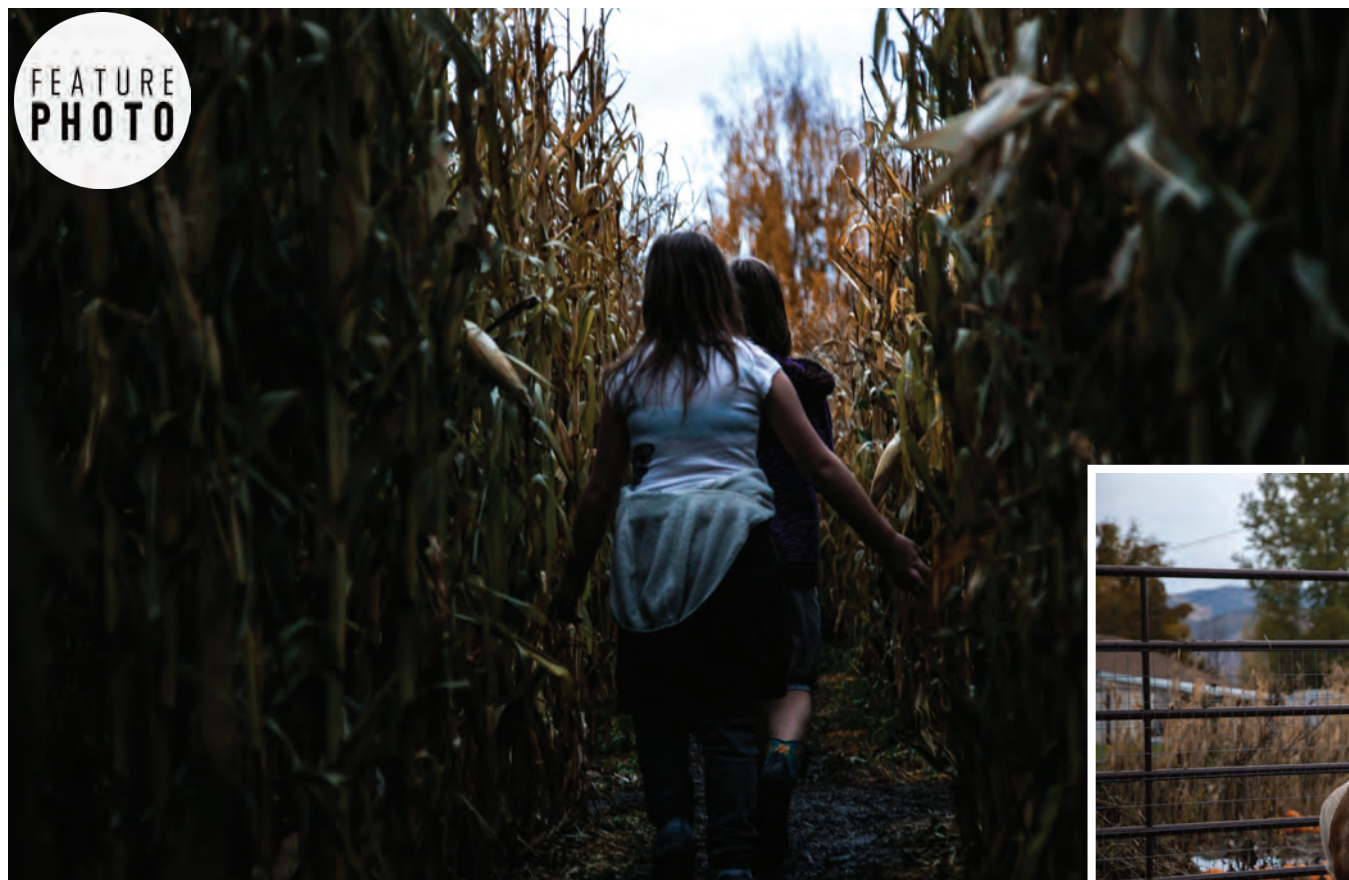
## All the Pokemon characters

Although the Pokemon Go craze is considered to be over among the general population, we all know the serious Poke-people will be out looking for Ghost Pokemon on Halloween night. These gamers will need the sweet caffeine and sugar provided only by a Mountain Dew to stay up late and keep battling. Game on.

## Blackface

This Donald Trump supporter thinks it's funny and edgy to be racist. He'll be drinking any shit liquor that's made in America or a Bud Light, because the can has at least two-thirds of Merica's colors. But at the end of the night, no one respects minorities more than this guy. This guy loves minorities. •

FEATURE  
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Bekah Welch / @bekahdee123

(Left) Two girls make their way through a corn maze in Missoula on Thursday night, Oct. 20. The maze is open late September through October and also offers a petting zoo, pumpkin patch and obstacle course.

(Below) Olivia Manko, left, and Heather Dam-bach are startled by a donkey suddenly snorting behind them in the petting zoo at the Missoula Maze, on Thursday, Oct. 20.





# THE HUNT

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## *for a* MONSTER

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### ORIGINS

Story by Bowen West  
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The first sighting was in 1889. The captain of a small lake steamer, the U.S. Grant, saw something in the distance – a whale-like creature approaching the ship. A passenger on the boat shot at the creature with a rifle. It escaped. That was the beginning of the legend. That was the beginning of the Flathead Lake Monster.

Since then, there have been 103 sightings of the Leviathan.

The Flathead Lake Monster, with its reportedly eel-shaped body, is anywhere from 20 to 40 feet long. Steel-black eyes look into your very soul should you ever come in contact with it.

I don't know if the Flathead Lake Monster exists. I'm not sure if any sort of monster, whether they are on the land or in water, exist.

But I do know one thing – I will exploit anything for a paycheck. So when the idea came up in a meeting that I hunt a monster and write an article about it, I couldn't say no. Mostly because we are in desperate need of cover stories and if I didn't write one they would finally have an excuse to fire me.





(left) Tim Shattuck looks out over Flathead Lake as he takes reporters on a trip to find the Flathead Lake monster with his charter boat on Oct. 7, 2016.

Tim Shattuck carries in lake trout from his charter boat, "The Survivor", after taking reporters on a hunt for the Flathead Lake monster, on Oct. 7, 2016.



## BIG TROUBLE ON FLATHEAD LAKE

I woke up the morning of the search for the monster to a message from Michael Siebert, the managing print editor of the Kaimin.

"I think we fucked up, buddy," she said.

My heart started racing.

"One of us needs to get a fucking fishing license. Also, I think the 'monster' in 'Flathead Lake Monster Charters' refers to the size of a fish and not 'guy who helps you find the Flathead Lake Monster,'" the rest of the message read.

We had previously believed that the Flathead Lake Monster Charters was a guided tour boat that would take us to locations where the creature had been seen. The concept of a fishing boat never crossed our minds.

I don't need to tell you that I was a mess. My hunt for the monster had stopped before it even started. Normally, this would be the point where I would curl up into a ball and cry, but I wasn't alone in this mission. I had my boss with me. Siebert, in her infinite wisdom and courage, decided that we just let the Flathead Lake Charters know that we were looking for a monster, and we needed their boat to do so.

She called them and made our intentions clear. They seemed fine with us wanting to look for a lake monster on their ship.

We picked up Margaret Grayson, a news editor who I'm sure was brought on the trip to keep me in line, and Bekah Welch, a Kaimin photographer charged with taking a picture of the creature from the deep.

It's about an hour-and-a-half drive from Missoula to Woods Bay on Flathead Lake. After about an hour you arrive in Polson and can finally see the lake, which is nearly 30 miles long and 15 miles wide. It's the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. The Flathead is a place where time has stood still, hundred-year old cot-

tonwoods shadow the coastline.

We arrived at Hidden Harbor, located on the east shore of the lake. The only people in the marina were Tim Shattuck and Allen Sagen. They were preparing their boat, the "Survivor," for our voyage. A Grady-white 25-foot Crestliner that had all of the amenities you could ask for: a restroom, party-sized bags of Doritos and fishing equipment.

Shattuck has owned the Flathead Lake Monster Charters for 15 years. He has spent a lot of time on the water and has never seen a trace of a lake monster.

"The lake is 370 feet deep in the middle. Maybe there is something that sonar would never pick up," Shattuck said.

We all loaded on the ship and left Hidden Harbor, and started traveling along the east side of the lake.

## LIVING IN A VAN DOWN BY THE LAKE

To find a monster you need to have patience. Nobody understands that more than Steve Feltham. He holds the Guinness World Record for the longest continuous Loch Ness Monster vigil.

"Ultimately, despite all of the efforts to identify what people have been glimpsing here, Nessie's identity still remains a mystery. A rift in time is one possibility," Feltham said. "Currently it's up to everyone to draw their own conclusions."

Feltham has been pursuing the Loch Ness Monster since 1991. Before he decided to live out of a van on the coast of Loch Ness, he was working in the family business of installing burglar alarms in homes. He took a disliking to the work, a thankless job that he says made him feel as welcome as an undertaker.

The regular age group that he installed security systems for were in their 60s. He would find himself in conversations with the clients about their lives, and often heard them pine about what

they wish they had done with their lives.

The accomplishment they wished they'd completed was always different. Climbed mountains, swam the channel, lived in Peru, etc. It didn't matter what they said, the sentiment was the same — regret.

"In adult life, I would occasionally find that I had a free couple of weeks, and a desire to return to the Loch. So I would set off on my own one-man expeditions, to do the thing that I feel most passionate about," Feltham said.

In 1990 he made one more expedition to Loch Ness to help him make the biggest decision of his life. He sold his house, left his longtime girlfriend, got in his van and went to the lake. He didn't know what questions of the mystery of the monster he would be able to answer, he didn't know what to expect when he moved to the lake and he didn't know what adventures would befall him. All he knew was that these were aspects of life that he wanted to experience.

I asked him what I should expect when I went to look for the Flathead Lake Monster.

"If you are half-hearted or vague about this, then I suspect it might be doomed to fail," Feltham said. "But if you are 100 percent up for it then the first thing I found happening was the least-expected people just seemed to come out nowhere and help me on my way. That positivity attracts positivity."

## THE ODYSSEY OF 'THE SURVIVOR'

After riding around the lake for about 15 minutes, we stopped. It was my chance to finally look for the famed beast. I looked at the lake in all of its glory with an unbroken field of vision for miles. Spying for anything to rise above the service. If I turned my head in any direction all I could see was miles and miles of water.

Here's the thing about the Flathead Lake — it's big. Like, really big.

This was not going to be easy.

It started pouring rain when we were out on the water. The water was undisturbed save for the rain falling on its surface. Sagen and Shattuck were preparing lines to give us a chance to catch a fish.

Sagen has a theory that in most Flathead Lake Monster sightings, people see a log in the water.

"Where's that log at, man?" Sagen said.

I started doubting whether there was a monster out in these waters. But before I had a chance to dwell on that thought, one of the fishing lines snagged something.

Grayson volunteered to reel it in. We all watched the struggle, seeing if she could conquer whatever was on the other end. There was an ebb and flow to the fight. Whatever it was fought back, but Grayson powered through with steady cranking of the reel handle.

We all hoped it would be the Leviathan that was on the end of the line.

## LEGENDS AND MYTHS

Before you go looking for monsters you have to understand what they are. To do that I spoke to an expert on the subject of lake monsters. Roland Watson is a longtime researcher of all lake monsters — namely the Loch Ness Monster. He has a prominent blog, the Loch Ness Mystery, with the mission statement: "To reclaim the Loch Ness Monster." His goals include keeping up to date on the latest sightings, informing visitors of the historical aspects of lake monsters and examining how and why monsters in lakes became a cultural touchstone.

"I have always been interested in mysteries in general, but the idea of a large unknown species of animal in a local lake caught my attention the most," Watson said.

Watson's advice to find a lake monster was to research the time or place patterns in the sight-



# “I THINK WE FUCKED UP, BUDDY”

-Michael Siebert



Margaret Grayson, on the hunt for the Flathead Lake monster, catches a lake trout on the west side of the lake, on Oct. 7.

ings, keep a camera ready and, if something emerges, take a picture to prove it really did.

He believes that lake monsters could be of the fish kingdom with prehistoric links. The idea that Nessie and other lake monsters have ties to the plesiosaurs is one of the more feasible claims that cryptozoologists have. (Cryptozoology, by the way, is a pseudoscience involving the search for animals whose existence has yet to be proven.)

Some online theories believe that these lake monsters are swimming elephants. The theory says that elephants are swimming in these lakes and the snake like creatures we see are the elephant's trunk used as a snorkel. Others believe that lake monsters are simply large fish.

To get the specifics for this particular monster I decided to talk to the resident official on the Flathead Lake Monster — Laney Hanzel, a retired fisheries biologist who worked on Flathead for years without seeing it. After nearly 30 years of working on Flathead Lake, he knows the body of water well.

“Every lake has some sort of legend. Flathead Lake is no different, it has its legends and

myths,” Hanzel said.

Hanzel began recording eyewitness monster accounts in 1990 when he still worked for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. It was after his retirement in 1993 that he had enough time to interview the people who had seen the monster.

In 1993 there was a spike in sightings. Hanzel received seven reports of creature sightings in the lake.

“The other thing that is puzzling: in 1993 there were two sightings within 20 minutes of each other but were about 20 miles apart. Either it's fast or . . .” Hanzel said.

“There's multiple monsters?” I said.

“There could be two of them,” Hanzel said.

## AN OCCURRENCE AT FLATHEAD LAKE

We pulled the aquatic creature onto the boat. What landed was a lake trout, squirming around violently. Sagen pinned it down. Shattuck grabbed a blunt rod and stood over the fish. With a quick strike to the head the fish died.

Siebert and I were the only ones that audibly gasped at the sudden action.

“All God's creatures look great next to mashed potatoes,” Shattuck said.

Moments later another fish was on the line. It was Siebert's turn to reel one in. She grabbed the fishing pole and started pulling. She reeled the fish in too fast and it was freed from the hook. Unfazed by her faux pas, Sagen and Shattuck prepared another lure.

We all got a chance to relax after the tease, a chance to recollect ourselves and take in the beauty of the lake. The only disturbance in the water was the rain falling. As far as anyone could tell, this was the calmest lake in the world.

We were woken up from our rainy reverie as one more fish got hooked.

It was my turn to catch a fish. I took grasp of the fishing rod, my weapon. This fish and I would do battle on the scale of Captain Ahab and the White Whale. I may not be able to see a monster, but I would conquer this trout.

Just as I started to reel it in the fish gave up. It emerged from the water and was practically swimming towards the boat. I was expecting a little bit more effort, but I'll take what I can get.

The lake trout squirmed when on the boat. In

an effort to redeem herself, Siebert volunteered to be the one to kill it.

Sagen pinned the fish down as Siebert grabbed the blunt weapon.

“Do you see my fingers? Hit anything but them,” Sagen said.

With an exaggerated slam Siebert struck the fish near the spine. She had to hit it one more time. The second swing landed on the head, killing it.

Were we the monsters of Flathead Lake? This was a peaceful lake before we came along. Perhaps the best thing we could do now was to leave.

Soaking wet, with two lake trout claimed and no lake monster in sight, we decided to go back to port.

We left the lake with the enigma remaining. Perhaps at the bottom the lake floor, at a place untraceable by any sonar, there is a creature lurking, waiting to pop up for the rare few to see.

Maybe some mysteries are never meant to be solved. The belief that something is out there, is enough to ignite adventure for anyone who dares. •



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## THIS WEEK

By **Drew Novak**  
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WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, 10/26-10/29  
**DRACULA**

Get in the Halloween spirit while supporting your UM peers by attending the School of Theatre and Dance's production of "Dracula." The event's page calls this play a "theatrical manifestation of the age-old battle between good and evil, full of terror, eroticism and heroics." This is certainly no "Twilight," kids.

**Montana Theatre**  
7:30 p.m. and Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

**\$16 Students, \$20 Community members**

THURSDAY, 10/27

### WARREN MILLER'S "HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE"

Skiers, get stoked for winter with legendary ski film director Warren Miller with his 67th snow sport film. Travel from Greenland to Boston's Fenway Park to our own Montana, and watch some of the best freeskiers in the world as they dive deep into powder and fly through the air and snow. Get your tickets early — these shows often sell out.

**The Wilma**  
8:00 p.m.

**\$15 in advance, \$19 at the door**

FRIDAY, 10/28

### AVALANCHE CLASS

After watching Warren Miller's film, skiers and boarders might be ready to go on their own backcountry adventure, but they should take precautions and learn about avalanche safety. Take advantage of this free class at Gull Boats & RV. The class will go over avalanche rescue techniques and review how to use a transceiver.

**Gull Boats & RV**  
6:00-10:00 p.m.

**Free, but call 406-549-6169 to reserve a spot**

SATURDAY, 10/29

### THE LAST SATURDAY MISSOULA FARMERS' MARKET

Make sure to take advantage of Missoula's local food scene one more time before the farmers' market season ends. Farmers are still selling a wide variety of produce including fresh salad greens, squash that stores well, and frozen or processed produce from earlier in the year, like frozen huckleberries and roasted peppers. There's also baked goods, coffee and breakfast burritos that might be available all year, but not in one location.

**Clark Fork Market or Circle Square Market**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Free**

FRIDAY - MONDAY, 10/28-10/31

### THE MISSOULA HAUNTED HOUSE

Celebrate Halloween, and maybe get some adrenaline pumping to help with the weekend's hangover at the Missoula Haunted House. In its fourth year of production, this year's haunted house theme is "Quarantine: Death From Above," where "unexplained pods started falling from the sky ... now, the streets are full of blood-thirsty monsters looking for their next meal."

**Missoula County Fairgrounds**  
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**\$10 regular, \$15 for express line**



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Don't let anything come between you and your sweets this Halloween!

## Livin' the sweet life: best sweets of the season

By **Drew Novak**  
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Halloween is a day that means entirely different things depending on your age. As a kid, it's all about getting dressed up to score some sweet loot on an evening of trick-or-treating. As an adult, costumes are still a thing, though they tend to be more risque. Tastes mature, and suddenly the nearest house party beckons.

But no one ever truly grows out of that candy phase. And since my sexy Trump costume is at the dry cleaner's, I was forced to evaluate the sweets of the season. After eating until my eyes glazed over like a pair of candy apples in the name of science, a definitive list of candy dos and don'ts has been established.

### BEST

#### Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Chocolate. Peanut butter. The best pairing since Simon and Garfunkel, Han and Chewie or Brangelina (R.I.P.). Divinity distilled into tangible form.

#### Anything sour

Warheads, Sour Patch Kids, you name it. If it makes the lips pucker, hand it over, sucker.

#### Skittles

These are like M&Ms if M&Ms were made with real fruit flavor instead of mediocre chocolate. Skittles are made with real fruit, right?

#### Gummy Bears

Pleasingly chewy and adorably delicious. These are not as popular as they should be during Halloween, for reasons unknown.

### WORST

#### Tootsie Rolls

Whoever decided to try to pass these waxy rat turds off as "chocolate" is the worst kind of person. They probably double dip at parties and watch "Keeping Up with the Kardashians."

#### Cheap bubblegum

Okay, I admit the flavor is pretty decent while it lasts. But fifteen seconds later you're left with a mouthful of silly putty and the distinct feeling that you've been betrayed.

#### Peppermints

Why? What purpose do these serve? If I wanted one-note minty freshness I'd eat a tube of Colgate.

#### Candy Corn

A study that I just made up revealed that 100 percent of people living in the United States and its territories wish this candy didn't exist. Also, there are candy corn-flavored Oreos in existence. Now your day is thoroughly ruined. You're welcome. •





(Left) Rocky Horror performer Adrian Adams, center, sings a verse while holding his pants up on Oct. 17, during rehearsal at the MASC Studio.

(Below) Rocky Horror actor Reid Reimers holds actress Brit Garner during a rehearsal at the MASC Studio on Oct. 17. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will premiere at the Wilma Theatre on Oct. 28. Garner is one of 18 University students performing in the show.

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# Don't dream it. Be it.

## "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" comes to the Wilma

By **Kathleen Stone** and **Drew Novak**

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"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is a strange film. Based on a 1973 stage production and released two years later, it failed both at the box office and with critics. Normally that would be the end of that.

But something happened. The public saw a movie worth cherishing. Word of mouth spread, and what were first seen as flaws suddenly became lovable quirks. Fans began reenacting what was shown onscreen, creating in-jokes and inviting audience participation. And thus a cult classic was born.

The Kaimin spoke with University of Montana students in the cast of the latest iteration of Missoula's annual Halloween

production of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," to try to find out what makes the five-year-running local show so loved.

Brit Garner is working towards a Ph.D. in wildlife biology and plays the waspy Janet originally portrayed by Susan Sarandon. She said that the key to the film's longevity lies in a sense of personal liberation.

"This idea of freedom, of being in control. Of not being in control. We are with Brad and Janet because we see that they are not in control anymore. We can all relate to that," Garner said.

Garner explained that her parents passed on their love for "Rocky Horror" to her as a child, though they did censor some of the bawdier material until she was a teen.

"My family was never the 'Sound of Music' household. It was 'Rocky Horror,'" Garner said.

"Rocky Horror" moved from being a cult classic to a Halloween staple for live performances across the country. Theater productions, like Missoula's, take the original script and make it their own.

The ensemble is constructed around an "old-fashioned circus" theme this year. Theater student Taylor Larson, and psychology and global public health student Christopher Morucci play a lion tamer and his lion respectively.

The cast described the long hours required to put on the visually captivating production. Morucci was home so rarely, his roommates thought he had moved out.

"It's never a bad experience when

you're trying to express yourself," Morucci said.

Larson agreed, saying that at times he wished he had his evenings free, but he has fun at practice and appreciates the exercise.

Balancing theater life and schooling can be a challenge, but combining the two can prove mutually beneficial.

"Being in academia, you're in a place where you're saying, 'Right now in my life, my goal is to learn.' And imagine how that carries over to rehearsal," Garner said. "To get a director's note is similar to getting teacher feedback on something."

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is showing at The Wilma on Friday, Oct. 28, or Saturday, Oct. 29. Both days have showings at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. •





# Behind the scenes of the Missoula Haunted House

Locals bring the fear to fairground

*Photos by Will McKnight / @willmck\_photo*

A volunteer fixes his mask before heading out in the Missoula Haunted House on Oct. 21.



(Above) Jack Catmull and other volunteers sit in a apocalyptic area of the Missoula Haunted House.

(Right) Cindy Nash, left, speaks to Missy Falkenstein just before the opening of the Missoula Haunted House.





# Griz athletes reveal their costumes

By **Isaiah Dunk**  
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Football is over the halfway point of the season. Cross-country is preparing for the Big Sky Conference Championships. Trees in Missoula are losing their leaves. Soccer has just one more weekend at home. Basketball practice is beginning. These are all signs that autumn is nearing its end in Missoula.

And one of the most crucial requirements to having a Missoula autumn is participating in Halloween. A plethora of events take place around town, and children and adults alike go all-out with the costumes. The Kaimin wondered if Griz athletes like dressing up as well. It turns out they do. These student-athletes might not be as recognizable in their costumes as they are when they're dressed in maroon and silver, so you'll have to pay careful attention when October 31 rolls around.



## Emily Cheroske Junior Track and Field

Cheroske runs distance for the track team, but if she runs on Halloween, she'll have a hard time keeping her pink bunny ears from falling off.

"I'm going to be Louise Belcher from Bob's Burgers," Cheroske said. Louise is the youngest daughter of Bob and Linda Belcher and is known for always wearing pink bunny ears in the animated H. Jon Benjamin show.

Cheroske also said that her friend Karsten Pease of the cross-country team will be Left Shark, an allusion to the dancing shark who forgot the choreography for Katy Perry's Super Bowl XLIX halftime performance.



## Jace Henderson Junior Women's Basketball

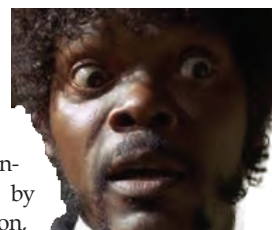
In keeping with tradition, the Lady Griz will once again dress according to a particular theme.

"One year the Lady Griz did superheroes, and this year we are doing Disney princesses. I'm being Princess Jasmine," Henderson said.

## Michael Oguine Sophomore Men's Basketball

Oguine will be Jules Winnfield from the legendary Quentin Tarantino film "Pulp Fiction." Winnfield, played by Samuel L. Jackson, speaks some of the most memorable lines in movie history.

Winnfield is incomplete without his partner, so Oguine's teammate Fabijan Krslovic will join him dressed as Vincent Vega, who was played by John Travolta in the movie.



## Madison Saacke Junior Softball

Saacke's costume makes use of creative word play in reference to the title of DJ Khaled's ninth album, Major Key. She will dress as Major Key, or as she put it, "an army-looking type of person with keys associated."



## Holden Ryan R-Freshman Football

Ryan will not dress up for Halloween, attributing his decision to the holiday falling on a Monday this year. Instead, he will be focusing on his fantasy football team and doing homework.

"My schedule is pretty vigorous and all my matchups are good, so I've been doing some extra studying," Ryan said. •



# Khakis and an attitude problem: costumes for sports fanatics

By **Taylor Featherman**  
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October is the only month in the entire year when each one of the four major U.S. sports is in action, which makes it a particularly great month for fans. The NBA and NHL are both starting up regular seasons. The NFL season is rolling along week by week. Possibly most excitingly, the MLB postseason spans the entire month of October.

October also features one of the busiest sports nights of the year: Halloween. Both the NHL and MLB will be taking Halloween off, but there is still plenty of action on Oct. 31. The NBA, still in its first week, has four games being broadcast on Halloween. The holiday falls on a Monday, which means a prime time NFL Monday Night match-up between the Minnesota Vikings and the Chicago Bears.

Most sports fans' perfect Halloween includes their TV switched on, the "previous channel" button set up perfectly between NBA and NFL, curtains pulled to avoid trick-or-treaters, and binge-eating all of the candy they were supposed to put out for the kids. But if you have to dress up and go to a costume party, then go for gold. Here at the Kaimin, we have gathered the best sports-themed Halloween costumes that will make you the talk of the party, or at least the talk of 3 people at the party.

## Tim Tebow

I'm just going to get this out of the way right now — plenty of people are going to dress up as Tim Tebow in a Mets jersey. Good for you. I personally wouldn't dress up as a minor league baseball player who flunked out of the NFL, but suit yourself.

## Jim Harbaugh

This one is easy, but a classic. All you

need is a cheap pair of Walmart khaki slacks with a navy blue hat and long-sleeved shirt (preferably with the Michigan Wolverine's logo). Next, get a referee whistle and hang it around your neck with a sharpie. Keep in mind while portraying Harbaugh that you can't eat candy, only meat and potatoes. Now that you have nailed the Harbaugh look, just make sure to act like a maniac and you should be good.

## J.R. Smith

Shirtless J.R. Smith is simple to pull off. All you need are Cleveland Cavs shorts, a Cavs championship hat, a cigar in one of your hands and a replica Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy. The more intoxicated (Hennessy preferred) you are, the more life-like your costume will be.

## Roger Goodell

This one is tough to pull off. For your outfit all you need is a fine black suit. The

more you look like a crazy homicide detective who has "seen some stuff," the better off you are. Just keep muttering phrases like "Brady is guilty," or "It was a fair punishment."

## Laremy Tunsil

Tunsil is the Dolphins' left tackle who slipped roughly 10 spots in the 2016 NFL draft because of a video that came out on social media minutes before the draft featuring Tunsil using a gas mask bong. So really, the components of this costume are pretty straightforward.

## Odell Beckham Jr. and the field goal net

This is a bonus costume designed for friends. One person dresses up with a Giants No. 13 Odell Beckham jersey and some wild hair. The hair is key. I honestly don't know how you do that, but you must. The other person simply just has to build a net. Please don't actually hit each other. •



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