New jail in the works

Proposal for new jail will go to public vote

Pat Hill

Gallatin County may finally get a new jail, after county commissioners voted unanimously on Thursday to put the matter to a public vote. All it took was a few words.

Commissioners rephrased a specified election deadline on the jail ballot Thursday, which means a vote will take place later this year. A successful petition drive by Citizens for a Gallatin County Detention Center placed the jail issue before the commission, which accepted the petition on Tuesday.

Scheduling a vote for the new detention facility put these proceedings into disarray, after County Clerk and Recorder Shelley Vance said that her office could not conduct the election as the ballot issue specified.

"It is not economically or administratively feasible to conduct the requested election by mail ballot on May 24," said Vance on Tuesday, explaining that several special elections already scheduled for May in Gallatin County will keep her office busy. The petition, as written, requests a vote within 95 days of the commission's acceptance.

Commissioners decided to hold off until Thursday before taking any further action on the new jail election.

Organizers of the petition drive said that their intention with the 95-day limit was to prevent further delay in putting the studying the legalities of the 95-day time limit by the commission over the two-day break, agreed that Gallatin County is long overdue for a new detention facility, telling the commission that the time limit imposed by the petition set in stone.

"We would acquiesce in whatever the board decides," said Penwell, "but do it at the earliest possible date."

The commission's unanimous decision to change the wording in the jail ballot measure and give Vance leeway in scheduling the vote met with approval from people at the hearing. Commissioners also approved county funding for postage costs of the jail ballot in a 2-1 vote.

"We're really happy as a group," said Pfeiffer's husband, Gus, another member of the petition drive. "We're pleased that the commission stayed with the language of the petition - the specific date didn't really matter."

Gallatin County Sheriff Jim Cashell also said that he was pleased with the commission's decision. "I think it's wonderful we finally get a chance to vote on the deal," he said. "Now we're getting somewhere here."

"My feelings have not changed since Tuesday," said Commissioner Bill Mardock. "We must submit this to the voters."

Voters will have two issues to consider when the jail election is held: whether to approve an $18.3 million bond issue for construction of the proposed 144-bed detention facility, as well as approval of the extension of the extension of the 95-day petition.
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Selling ancient Olympic traditions to modern America

Zachary Gildersleeve

Watching the Olympics could be an event in itself, where competitors are judged by their ability to deal with the moos of commentators and spectators, and how quickly they can read the actual sports analyis from the human-interest stories and the hype. Assuming there is a balance somewhere under the selling banners and instant internet polls.

The Olympics continue to get more commercialized as they express further from the ideals of amateur competition. When the more NHL hockey players competing in the Olympics or the NHL itself, you know something is suspect.

The Salt Lake City Winter Olympics were awash in scans even before the city was awarded the games, and some of it scandal has followed the actual competition. Unfortunately for Salt Lake, skiing and snowboarding has long been a part of the Olympics, but they were caught and singled out like that one unlucky kid in a class of misbehaving middle-schoolers. Oh well.

It does give the commentators something interesting to talk about, making for more stimulating television viewing, because let's face it: ice dancing is boring, unless there are accidents. One luge race is the exact same as the last one. Carling has never been the same since it was separated from its blood brother and MVP alcohol.

My favorite TV device I have seen so far are the internet polls that pop up every once in a while, with questions that range from the obvious, "Where are the Olympics being held this year?" to the mundane, "Do you care if that triple toe loop was executed flawlessly? Vote now."

Most often they ask for things that the average audience member has neither the knowledge nor the ability to answer correctly, but in the Age of the Internet, we have all made instant experts by virtue of the immense and practical volume of information at our fingertips, and we vote anyway.

Thirty thousand votes by John Q. Mousepad outweigh one vote by someone who has a doctorate and 30-year experience in sports commentary. And they say America is a culture for the dumb and the dead.

What a wonderful time to be alive.

This is not to say that the Olympics are boring and bad, that technology is ruining the games, or that most of the television coverage has been unwatchable.

The majority of what I have seen has been somewhat pleasant. The cable cam is rejuvenating the way all the downhill sports are televised. The Internet has made it possible to keep up with events that are rarely covered but still fun to watch, like Nordic racing and speed skating.

And it remains exciting to see people who are the best at something in the world, do exactly that and be rewarded for it, or two equally skilled people, two evenly matched teams, go head-to-head to determine who will be the champion of the universe.

We watch the Olympics because we all claim to be the best at something, sometime, whether it be in reality, or just a childhood fantasy. It appeals to the King of the Mountain in all of us.

Personally, I deeply admire excellence and ability. Maybe that is why I wish everything about the Olympics could be above par, including the non-athletic portions. I guess they will learn eventually.

If the Winter Olympics continue to get sloppier and less entertaining, the television audience will eventually wise up and actually go skiing rather than watch it on TV. And most of the events will go the way of the dinosaur.

Given the increasing popularity of the X Games and the desire of the average American to see other people get hurt, I think the only thing that can save the Olympics is to give the games a new, streamlined, extreme attitude, the kind of attitude that can be neatly summarized and fit on the back of a Mountain Dew can.

The IOC could start by re-naming the competition the "Olymp-X."

Re-introducing the skeleton - the head first luge - was a step in the right direction. I think I would be more likely to sit through a game of downhill hockey between the USA and Canada, a Flaming Hoop of Death in alpine jumping, or uphill bobsledding than anything else they could throw at me.

At the very least they could put some tiny cameras on the figure skates or include some sort of rotating Matrix bullet-time camera somewhere.

I don't think that is too much to ask.
Short-term plans for energy alternatives needed

**Associated Press**

Blamed an oil lover, President Bush surprised many environmentalists recently by touting the benefits of alternative fuels. And he backed up his comments with a pledge to use $1.5 billion in government subsidies to help bring fuel-cell technology to the auto industry. Fuel cells produce power from hydrogen and oxygen—and the vehicles using them emit harmless water vapor.

All well and good, but the President fully knows he'll be long out of office before this emerging power source becomes commonplace. The President's idea would carry more weight if he took some reasonable steps to curb the nation's appetite for energy now. His short-term plans—including drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska—doesn't come close to achieving that goal. Forcing automakers to improve the fuel efficiency of the vehicles they're making now would.

It's hard to believe it, but, on average, the vehicles on the road today are burning more gas than before. That's because of the popularity of SUVs. Since they are classified as trucks, SUVs avoid the highest gasoline mileage standards imposed on cars. Official government standards are 27.5 mpg for cars and 20.7 mpg for sport-utility vehicles, minivans and light trucks, and they haven't been raised in more than a decade. The federal government must hold the auto industry to a higher mileage standard across the board.

After doing so, it should do all it can to foster efforts to bring alternatives forms of energy, such as fuel cells and solar technology, to the public.

Slowly, a market is building for these alternative energy sources, and they don't necessarily involve powering vehicles.

Colleges and libraries seem to be leading the way. Consider: Barnard College is using a geothermal energy system to heat and cool some newly constructed dormitory buildings. The system, in stalled with the help of students and funds from the state's oil wells drilled under a nearby parking lot.

Le Moyne College in Syracuse is renovating one of its dormitories with a new geothermal system that will extract heat from the earth during winter and discharge it back into the ground during summer. The pumping system fairly expensive to install, but a college says it will save money, the long term once the system is in operation.

And the Tompkins County Public Library in Ithaca has opened a solar-powered facility that could save the library more than $1.8 million in energy costs over its 30 year lifetime.

Still, these are isolated cases not the norm.

The nation needs a steady flow of energy, and, for now, it needs to find the proper mix of oil, coal, nuclear — and conservation.

The biggest difference with Bush administration can make right now is to force automakers to improve fuel efficiency. It's also push and enforce the requirement old, coal-fired power plants, exempt from Clean Air Act provisions, install the latest pollution-control equipment whenever they upgrade or expand their plants.

Plowing money into a promise of "green" energy for the future is fine, but does free the Bush administration from its responsibility to regulate those polluting the environment now.

**Attention**

To all disappointed fans, Lewis Black was forced to cancel his Thursday night show in the SUB Ballroom due to a conflict of scheduling. He is currently filming a pilot episode for a new sitcom he is developing, but it will not be on the FOX network.
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For further information, contact Clarice Koby, MSU Bookstore.

Clash: Economic gap could prove dangerous

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Four women compete in the hurdles last weekend in Worthington Arena during the MSU dual scoring invitational. The women defeated Weber State, 85-54, Utah State, 89-58, and U of Montana, 89-61. However, the men’s team was defeated.

Lady ‘Cats victorious during track invite

Bobcats shoot down the Bengals

Eric Woller

Opponent Writer

Damir Latovic tied a career-high 23 points Saturday and led the Bobcats to a 63-59 victory over Idaho State University in Pocatello. The ‘Cats moved to 16-8 overall and maintained their Big Sky Conference lead at 9-2.

Idaho State played tough and well-coached, and their Big Sky Conference lead is at 9-2. However, the Bengals had a 33-30 lead on the Bobcats. During the second half, there were 11 turnovers by Montana State, all of which were steals by Idaho State.

In the second half, Latovic was nine-of-10 in nine minutes. He shot back-to-back three-pointers by Montana State, and only played 16 minutes.

Despite a bone-chilling 1-11 from three-point-range, Latovic was seven-of-eight from the free throw line.

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his past weekend, I was fortunate enough to witness an exciting Olympic event firsthand, allowing me the privilege of seeing world-class athletes struggle toward the goal they have worked so hard to attain for four years.

I’ve got to tell you, the only thing better than seeing an event such as this is being able to boast that I did not pay a Yankee dime to see anything. I, along with a band of fellow transgressors, was able to slip through the airtight, government-regulated regime of the hallowed Olympic security system.

After the terrorist attacks, the Salt Lake Olympic Committee (SLOC) increased the security budget from $200 million to $300 million. This increase, funded mostly by the federal government, made the budget 15 times that of the 1980 Lake Placid Games. The SLOC went to extremes to prevent a possible attack at the events in the Salt Lake City area. Actions taken include the rerouting of commercial airlines to minimize flights over Utah, secret service agents placed strategically in the hillside of downhill ski events and National Guard soldiers armed with automatic weapons patrolling venues and athlete hostels, not to mention enough metal detectors and bag searches to make the Pope nervous.

Meanwhile, four oblivious MSU students with no accreditations or proper authorization managed to pass through all levels of security at the Bobsled/Nordic ski jump venue. There may be repercussions for my unreserved behavior concerning the matter, but it is a story that must be told.

After parking at a nearby K-Mart, we took advantage of a shuttle service specifically intended for Olympic officials and volunteers. We simply boarded the van and rode it approximately a mile through heavy traffic to the main gate of the venue. Accompanied by “Fitz,” our host and Bobsled track maintenance employee, we shuffled by the spectator gates and headed directly for the special entrance for media, athletes and SLOC employees and officials. Our nerves were a little rattled after going through the metal detector and getting our bags checked by soldiers with an arsenal of a developing country.

For the record, we were the only individuals in the line who were not sporting Olympic vests, parkas, backpacks, accreditation passes with photo I.D. and radios with headsets. Needless to say, we stuck out like Richard Simmons at a Tool concert.

After getting through bag check, we walked up a path to board a second shuttle to the bobsled track. We boarded the shuttle after a particularly passive official asked to see our passes and Fitz snapped at him. We were not stopped by anyone at the bottom of the bobsled track, we were now officially in the clear. Fitz let us loose inside while he went to do his set-up duties. Since it was now 12 noon and the main gates did not open until 12:30 p.m., it should have been blatantly obvious to the 100+ officials surrounding us that the four guys in street clothes were invalids. Evidently, it wasn’t.

Approximately a dozen people told us we were the first spectators of the day and asked why they opened the gates early. We had no concrete answer for them, only that we had gone faster than the other spectators on the laborious hike to the venue. My nerves finally subsided when other spectators began showing up... 45 minutes later.

Then poaching did not end at Snowbasin. Later that same evening, our posse ventured to Park City for live music, good food, fireworks and an all-around good time. Somehow, we ended up at the Park City Public Library, which had been converted into the Norwegian Head-quarters for the duration of the Games. All I can really say about our experience at the “library” is that Aas® beer, rowdy Europeans and Viking helmets are a strangely alluring combination.

On Sunday, we again stretched the limits of how much we could milk from the Olympic Games. We strolled down to the Olympic Plaza in the downtown area of Salt Lake City with intentions of purchasing tickets to the evening medals ceremony from nice, honest ticket agents more commonly known as “scallpers.” Such nice folks, those scalpers are. After declining outrageous offers for tickets originally given out for free, we were let into the ceremony by a nice Australian official free of charge. The tickets we received allowed us on the floor level with the athletes. These were the same tickets that scalpers were selling for no less than $80.

I only encountered one setback in the Olympic Plaza, after being mugged by a woman at a concession stand vendue. She was polite about stealing my $8 and gave me a small bag of almonds as consolation for the robbery.

The 2002 Olympics is something I’ll never forget. Interacting with people from all over the world and watching top-rated athletes in peaceful competition is an unbelievable and magical experience. In conclusion: it was worth every penny.
FAST FACTS

- There are approximately 3500 athletes from 80 countries gathering in a 90 square mile area to compete in 70 events.

- The 2002 Olympics is estimated to reach over 2.5 million television viewers and more than 2 million spectators.

Television ratings for the week of Feb. 11

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Top 5 medal winning countries

- Germany - 32
- United States - 30
- Norway - 20
- Austria - 15
- Russia - 14
Peru: Skiers make their harrowing descent

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self arrest if I started sliding. Kyle places a snow pike and clips the rope to it behind him.

In my opinion, we are making the right decision to use snow pickets for the traverse. You could argue that we should get out from below the monstrous seracs as quickly as possible, but I think the risk of falling off the cliffs below the ice field is greater than the risk of falling seracs, though not by much.

Luckily Kyle had an alpine axe and an ice tool, and Marc had an ice tool as well as a self-arrest ski pole. Then there’s me — with a single Whippet self-arrest roped up between Kyle and Marc. Self arrest ski poles are great for crusty snow, but not the occasion of choice for blue water ice.

The traverse is a nightmare for me and it is something that every alpinist tries to avoid. My heart misses a beat as Kyle crosses a patch of blue ice and blows an edge. As he falls he swings his ice tool and catches himself. There will be no such saving grace for me if I slip, and I’m loathe to test the soundness of our pickets. Kyle places a pick on the other side of the blue ice, and it’s my turn to cross. This is the worst part for me. I’m very aware that if I blow an edge, I will not be able to catch myself, and that my fall may make Marc and Kyle fall as well, causing all of us to end up hanging by the pickets.

With the tips of my skin scraping the ice, I almost panic, but control myself as the cliffs below me come down. I slowly take the pick out and form a roofer. I know I have made a mistake and I let the falls go.

The traverse keeps going forever — one and a half hours later. All I can do is feel the S-shaped line, and I notice the smell of ammonia ringing from the collar of my jacket. My body has started burning muscle tissue for energy, and I try to ignore it. Finally, I can see some skiers in the distance. It’s a small ski team, and I briefly consider exiting the ice field and down to have lunch and meet up with our skiers. The food, drink, and rest do much to restore my strength and I’m ready to take on the next cliff.

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Back at the tent, we have enough energy to fill the Camelbak of my head and enjoy the moment. We sleep until sun beating on the tents forces us to get out of our sleeping bags.
The Oriflamme Writer’s Series commences Saturday

Carrie Scott

With aspiring writers at its core, the Oriflamme Writer’s Series will take place this Saturday. The workshops take a variety of subjects and genres, and are held on specific areas in writing. The workshops feature contributions from writers and professors of MSU’s English Department. The first workshop is set by Dr. Michael Sessom on Saturday from 12-4 p.m. Sessom’s workshop will focus on the fairytale structure subject and how discussing its myths can be displaced in reality to tell a story. Upcoming workshops will start 23, 30 and April 6.

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The Psychedelfunk sounds of New Orleans’ Juice will have the Zebra Cocktail Lounge spinning with Cajun flavor tonight.

New Orleans’ Juice plays the Zebra tonight

Clarissa Gentry

Thirsty? How about some Juice? New Orleans’ Juice that is. Though this may sound like an ad for a new Mardi Gras cocktail, it isn’t. New Orleans Juice is about as far from a beverage as something can be.

Juice, in fact, is a band, and quite an interesting one at that. Forming in 1995, bassist, songwriter, vocalist, Dave Jordan, created that band the blended the musical stylings of Motown groove with improvisational folk music and of course, a splash of New Orleans. Think of it as Sly and The Family Stone meets the Grateful Dead meets Fats Domino. Mostly, though, they are labeled as a funk band. The band emblem itself touts the group as “Psychedelfunk.” However, it only takes the careful listening to a few of their songs to realize that, when you get right down to it, Juice is rock & roll-pure and simple.

Their eclectic sound has earned the band a great deal of notoriety. In September of 1998, New Orleans’ Juice recorded their debut album, Fortified. Backing this release, Juice toured without stop for two years, playing venues from Atlanta to Nashville to Boulder to Missoula and everywhere in between.

In February of 2000, Juice welcomed a surprise: Louisiana Red Hot Records picked up Fortified and decided to re-release the album. This re-release garnished nothing but acclaim from the national audience. New Orleans’ Gambit Magazine wrote, “Juice shows more than a passing proficiency in snappy rhythms and tasteful guitar, which helps Fortified satisfy your daily funk requirements.”

Also, after the re-release, Juice was consistently ranked within the top 100 musical acts on garagebands.com.

Lara Vaienti

The 21st annual International Food Bazaar will be held Saturday. Flags from all around the world will be hanging above 26 booths that will display a variety of foods from around the world. In addition to the great food, folk music and other entertainment will dress up the multicultural atmosphere.

Blasette Phillips, MSU foreign student coordinator, is in charge of most of the event and explained that for the first two years the Food Bazaar was held outside, but then it became so popular that ASMSU decided to sponsor it. Phillips added that ASMSU has been the biggest sponsor for international programs, but still needs support in funding the event.

“Last year, we had to fight to get the money to put this event together,” she explained. “Money is not something we get every year. In fact, Saturday after the celebration, a decision will have to be made about what to do next.” The costs of the event are due to the use of the kitchen facility combined with staff assistance. The recipes are all checked and approved by the kitchen staff.

“We have been trying over the year to get more monetary sponsorships,” Phillips said. “But we have not been very successful, except from sponsorship from the MSU First Union Bank. It’s hard to come by also considering that we

International Food Bazaar returns to MSU campus

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American Wildlands serves to protect resources...
Eats: Cuisine from around the world will satisfy

Two hundred MSU students are directly involved in the Bazaar by cooking, selling and cleaning. Compare this to the 3000 people coming from all over Montana coming to the event, and you can understand why the students have their work cut out for them.

Vijay Rolla, an Indian graduate student participating in the Bazaar explains that, "We spend a lot of time and energy preparing, but it is a lot of fun and it is a way to celebrate our culture in this country."

At the end of the Bazaar, a prize is awarded to the best overall group effort.

This year's Food Bazaar is significant because of the recent events that happened on Sept. 11. "The Food Bazaar is particularly important, especially after the tragic events of Sept. 11," Bluette explained. "There is really nowhere you can go today that is not an ethnic mix of people, because they all keep moving around and that is why it is so important to know about what other cultures are all about."

The prices for the Bazaar are $3 for adults, $2 for MSU students with One Card, $1 for children 10 to 15 years old and 50 cents for kids under 10. The Bazaar will be held in the SUB ballroom, from 4 to 7 p.m.

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B-ball: Cats lead the way

within two points when Aaron Rich had play of the game. Idaho State's Jeremy Brown drove down the left baseline and let a short jumper go. Rich jumped up to block it and was able to get enough of the ball, which removed a small, but noticeable amount of the velocity from the ball, causing the game tying shot to fall short of its goal.

James Clark made a pair of free throws to finalize the score, 63-59.

This weekend the Montana State Bobcats host Northern Arizona on Friday and Sacramento State on Saturday.

Award: Latovic earns praise for effort

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time at Pensacola Junior college. Along with fellow junior college transfer, Casey Reynolds, the MSU coaching staff had hoped that the two could fill the spot left by John Lazorczyk who had averaged 13.5 points per game during last season.

Latovic plans on heading back to Yugoslavia as soon as possible. It's been six months since he last saw his family and friends. He does try to keep them updated on how the team is doing.

"They can access the Bobcat's website, and I've sent a couple tapes and pictures and newspaper articles," he said. "So they get informed pretty often. I miss my family and friends a lot. I can't wait to get home."

Two more wins and MSU will win the regular season Big Sky Title and will host the conference tournament.

"We have a huge advantage by playing these two significant games at home," said Lator. "We're going to have a huge crowd to support us and give us a necessary lift to win those two games."
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Rush continues throughout year

by Annie Sterkow of Alpha Gamma Delta

For years Greek systems across the country have been shrouded in mystery and stereotype, yet really they are communities of energetic people who participate in a variety of activities inside and outside their houses.

Sororities and fraternities form intramural teams, do community service projects, travel, and participate in leadership activities as well as many other social events. The general philosophy behind the Greek system is going to school can be stressful. Why not try something new, meet interesting people, and have some fun while you’re at it?

Often times, the thought of formal rush is intimidating to potential Greek members, and students think they can only get involved at the beginning of each year. However, the houses recruit year-round. This type of recruitment is called “informal rush.”

Right now, most of the houses have fun, but laid-back activities planned for informal rush.

Some of the houses’ informal rush activities include theme dinners, arts and crafts, sledding, renting out the Rec Center in the Strand Union Building, and BBQs.

Informal rush is a great way to look into different houses and to learn more about Greek life.

called “informal rush.”

by Carrie Sexson of Alpha Gamma Delta

Greek houses within our campus have acquired a standard reputation due to negative publicity. Courtesy of movies, newspapers, and other media, stereotypes are no secret. It seems that students would not only become aware of these houses, subsequent to the negative attention mercilessly thrown at the Greek System. On the contrary, students residing within the Greek Community are aware of their responsibilities and achievements.

On campus, many Greeks donate their time to help out when they are called upon. Outside of campus, however, are organizations that benefit from the time and money given to them by Greek Houses. Every Greek house assists an organization in which they donate money or services obtained by sponsoring different events, fundraisers or time and labor.

Some of the charities benefited by Greeks are The Children’s Miracle Network, Walk for Hunger, Eagle Mountain and Rocky Mountain Hospice, The North American Food Drive, Habitat for Humanity and Juvenile Diabetics. One of the more popular events known to our campus is Alpha Gamma Rho’s Testy Fest that raises money for the Eagle Mountain and Rocky Mountain Hospice.

Another considerable philanthropy is the aid organization that Lambda Chi Alpha actively spends time working with. This year alone, the men of Lambda Chi Alpha raised 2.9 million lbs. of food in one day for The North American Food Drive. They spent many hours stuffing bags with flyers explaining their food drive, hanging bags on mailboxes and collecting them after they were filled.

The positive involvement the Greeks have within our community is less seen or discussed among the sororities on campus. Although our community work may not be widely discussed, it is important for what they represent and who they are. Our philanthropies provide an excellent source of learning as well as an opportunity to contribute to our community. Thank you to all the people who support our philanthropy, it means a great deal to us.

Check out the next Greek page in the March 22 Exponent

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