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FLASHBULB

Students and visitors sample some of the Bug Buffet's creepy crawly delights. The dishes included everything from crunchy crickets to crispy mealworms.

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HEARD ON THE WEB

From @thetonedstargazer:

“The largest carbon fiber wind we’ve done so far and hopefully the first section of my level 1 and 2 certification rocket body.”



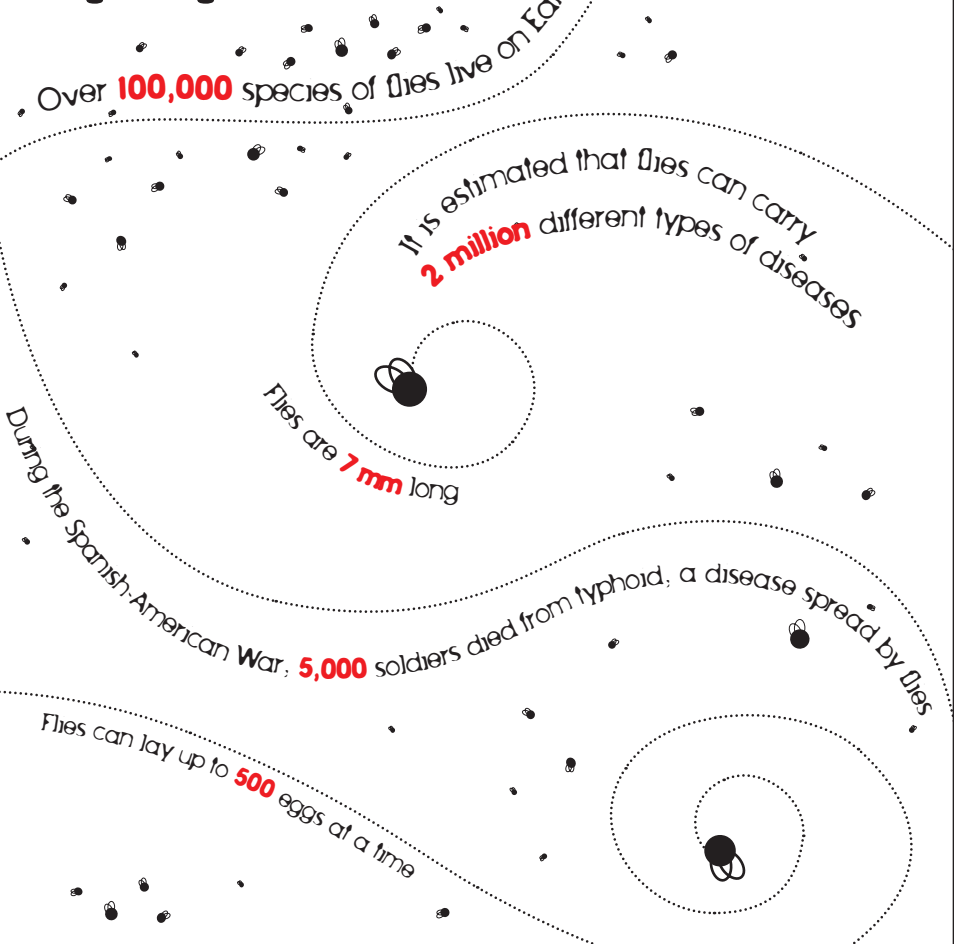
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NEWS

The First 29: A story of genuine patriotism

BY BRADEN URION

The MSU Leadership Institute invited the Bozeman community into the SUB Ballrooms this past Wednesday, Feb. 5 to listen to Zonnie Gorman tell an inspiring story set against the backdrop of World War II. Gorman is the daughter of Carl Gorman, one of the 29 original Navajo code talkers, known as the First 29, who developed a cryptic system that helped secure U.S. communications during the war. Their ingenious process was invented by intensely encrypting the Navajo language.

Gorman did not shy away from hard issues during her talk. The effects of a government-instituted assimilation designed to erase an entire culture plays a heavy role in the code talker story. Carl himself was sent to one of the missionary boarding schools specifically paid for by the U.S. to indoctrinate the Native populations.

Attendees came away from Gorman's talk with a sense of honor and respect for the small group of Navajo men that used their native language, one that many in this country wanted to erase, to win a war.

In addition to government oppression, Gorman highlighted the racism, bigotry and apathy felt toward the First 29. A San Francisco newspaper published a condescending and insulting piece upon the code talkers' arrival to boot camp. This piece included the horrible sentiment that the men were "magnificent specimens of original American manhood." Gorman made sure not to dwell too much on the shameful responses of our country, but instead focused on the triumphs of the First 29. After seven weeks of boot camp, the First 29's platoon graduated with "the highest score on the rifle range to date." Gorman then showed us a much more respectful and honoring piece about their story published by a different newspaper.



Historian Zonnie Gorman participates in blessing a member of the audience during presentation on the history of Navajo code speakers in World War II on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

PHOTO BY MARIE STEIGER

The First 29 didn't seem to care about the press. In fact, when the men were shown the original printed article years later by Zonnie Gorman herself, one of them joked, "We didn't adapt well [to the military] because we're Indian. We adapted well because we went to boarding school." A story that drew a laugh and then an audible "Oh..." from the audience. Despite this, the First 29 felt they were fulfilling their responsibilities as Americans, feeling compelled to serve after the terrible tragedy at Pearl Harbor. They are men who should be honored and respected by any true patriot.

Gorman's talk was fantastic and inspiring. The story of the First 29 is incredibly important, especially when told from the perspective of someone whose life is directly tied to it. Attendees came away from Gorman's talk with a sense of honor and respect for the small group of Navajo men that used their native language, one that many in this country wanted to erase, to win a war.

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Iowa's caucus conundrum

BY LYDIA FRENCH

Predictions are in: Donald Trump and Pete Buttigieg are indicated to be the Republican and Democratic candidates respectively in the upcoming 2020 presidential election.

On a biennial cycle, Iowans in every precinct are polled to gauge support for the presidential candidates in each political party. Although every state in the U.S. participates in either binding primaries or caucuses, Iowa's always draws the most attention. The Iowa caucuses do not have a population that financially mirrors the economic range of the U.S. nor a population that replicates the educational status of the U.S. as a whole,

yet this particular caucus is often seen as a strong indicator of how a presidential candidate will do in later elections.

"I think the caucuses are what democracies are built on," Charlie Szold, the communications director for the Iowa GOP, told Business Insider last year. "The idea that a group of neighbors will get together to talk and debate and decide who they want to be our next president or our next nominee in this case gets at the very essence of what America is built on."

This year's Democratic caucus grabbed more media attention than usual as surprising news rolled in from the polls. Former Vice President, Joe Biden, a predicted close-call for the

Democratic lead, came in at fourth place garnering only 15.8 percent of the votes. "I'm not going to sugarcoat it," Biden said on Wednesday, Feb. 5 as he campaigned in New Hampshire. "We took a gut punch in Iowa." Referencing the diversity of Iowa, Biden commented that his strength is with black voters with whom he is counting on for support in future voting.

Taking third place in the Democratic caucus with 18 percent of the total vote count, Elizabeth Warren, Senator from Massachusetts, was frustrated by the lack of media coverage reporting on her win against Biden. Calling out the media for what Warren dubbed "virtual erasure"

brought the cameras to her immediately. Whether or not her point stands is still to be determined. With strong debate on both sides of her issue, we may never get a definitive answer.

In second place is Bernie Sanders who lost to Pete Buttigieg by only 0.1 percentage point. Sanders, with 26.1 percent of the vote, was very surprised by his second-place ranking. Brushing off the loss, Sanders claimed victory in Iowa by popular vote. His campaign is now seeking a partial canvass of the caucus results.

After declaring an early victory hours before the first votes came in, Pete Buttigieg won with 26.2 percent.

Ayala: A balla (in the eyes of the NSF)

BY KYLEE RUX

MSU's spring semester kicked off with mathematics professor David Ayala receiving a National Science Foundation CAREER grant for his research in quantum physics. Ayala works in a mathematical field called higher category theory. The intent of his research is to use patterns to address the behavior of intricate quantum systems. Due to the complexity, Ayala provided the following metaphor to gain a better understanding of his research:

Assume one comes across an infinite amount of data. The Fibonacci sequence can be used as an example. This sequence is the series of numbers 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34. . . One seeks to reduce this seemingly infinite amount to a finite amount of data. This is where one searches for a pattern within the data. In this case, the next number in the Fibonacci sequence is found such that each number is the sum of the two preceding ones. This rule determines the entire set of data. In this way, the infinite data set can be expressed as a structural rule with a few data points.

Ayala will use this \$400,000 grant to fund two mathematical and physics conferences in Bozeman, help fund MSU graduate students in the Department of Mathematical Sciences and continue his research while traveling.

"Good things come from the support of specific individuals and the institution of MSU!"

He is currently on a semester-long appointment at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley, California. While there, he is serving as a leader for a four-month conference in which a total of 200 mathematicians from around the globe are attending.

From the get-go, Ayala enjoyed reading mathematics and physics books. He grew up in the small town of Rockville, Utah and became engrossed in these subjects, eventually attending the University of Utah.

While attending the university, he earned two bachelor's degrees in mathematics and physics and later a master's degree in mathematics. He then went on to earn his doctorate in mathematics from Stanford University. Afterward, he engaged in postdoctoral work at the University of Southern California, Harvard University and the University of Copenhagen before moving his career to MSU in 2014.

His excellence does not just stop in mathematics and physics. Ayala is also a devoted runner. He commented on Bozeman saying, "What's better than to wake up and decide which mountain range to run across today?" He has competed in multiple races, one being the local Bridger Ridge Run, where he finished first overall, not just once, but twice. This 19.90 miles of rough terrain is known to be one of most technical trail runs in the country. Ayala says that exercise prevents him from becoming somber.

"Good things come from the support of specific individuals and the institution of MSU." Ayala shares he would not be where he is today without his loving mom and proud partner inspiring him to take risks.

For more information on David Ayala and to look into his previous research, visit www.math.montana.edu/dayala/.

BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Bobcats ball out

BY CAMERON GRAVES

MSU's basketball programs went a collective 3-1 over the weekend. It started last Thursday, Feb. 6, when the men and women both earned wins over the Idaho Vandals. On Saturday, Feb. 8, the women added another win, while the men struggled against the Eastern Washington Eagles.

WOMEN

For the MSU women, their dominant reign over the conference continued when they beat the Vandals, 62-56, avenging their only conference loss of the season thus far. The Bobcats did not dominate, but they were pleased that they found revenge against the Big Sky's second-ranked team. Head coach Tricia Binford asserted, "Our fresh legs kept us active under the boards, and it was nice to see our bench produce 22 points." Their reserve scoring was vital, as they did not have any room to breathe until they shot nearly 60 percent in the fourth quarter. The timely shooting and a 42-23 rebounding advantage led the Cats to a victory, providing some additional momentum before the annual "Pack the Place in Pink" game.

On Saturday, Feb. 8 in front of a sea of pink, the Blue and Gold took the floor against the Big Sky Conference's last place team, Eastern Washington.

Despite this, anxiety built inside the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse as the Eagles held the lead after the first ten minutes of play. But, shortly after that, the Bobcats took control of the game and routed the Eags, 79-47. Binford concluded the successful stretch, saying, "I think February is a big month. Obviously, every single game is a grind, but at this time of year, you've got to love the people you're around. You've got to be really excited to be in a gym and be attack-minded while getting better every day."

MEN

The MSU men also defeated U of I last Thursday in Bozeman by a score of 70-52 behind a breakout performance from Spaniard freshman, Borja Fernandez. The Barcelona native had 18 points and 8 rebounds, leading an MSU squad that combined to shoot 60 percent from the field, while dominating on defense in the second half. Head Coach Danny Sprinkle was excited about the team's execution, saying, "That's the thing about the group, they've bought into defense."

On Saturday in Cheney, Washington, the MSU men got a taste of their own medicine, falling to the second-place Eagles, 74-49. After the opening minutes, EWU put their foot on the gas, going on a 20-5 scoring spree to end the first half.



In the second half, the Bobcats doubled their first half score, but it wasn't enough to close the gap.

An exciting week of hoops starts on Thursday, Feb. 13, when the ladies travel

LEFT Senior forward Fallyn Freije drives toward the basket under pressure from Eastern Washington freshman defender Kennedy Dickie.

PHOTO BY GABE BARNARD

ABOVE Junior guard Mychael Paulo gets some air to score for the Cats during their game against Idaho on Thursday, Feb. 6. MSU defeated the Vandals, 72-50.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARRER

to Pocatello, ID, while the men in turn host the Idaho State Bengals. The men's game in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse begins at 7 p.m. and will be serving rocky mountain oysters, a Montana delicacy, pregame. On Saturday, Feb. 15, the women will head to Ogden, Utah to take on last place Weber State, while the MSU men will again be hosting the Wildcat men in Worthington Arena. Tip-off is at 6 p.m., but there is no word yet on if there will be rocky mountain oysters available. Don't miss out, as admission is free with your CatCard. Go Cats!



FOOTBALL (ISH)

The XFL is here to stay

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

For my entire life, I have dreaded the end of football season. In the past, the Monday after the Super Bowl resulted in an annual moment of introspection. “How will I get my sports fix without football in my life?” The natural focus generally shifted to upcoming March Madness or the NBA, but this year my immediate focus went to the eXtreme Football League, or XFL. Last weekend was the commencement of the newest spring football league. Just last year, the AAF attempted the same thing, only to seize operation in less than two months, so I watched the first weekend of the XFL with skepticism. But, even with the four game sample size, I am convinced the XFL will not only be successful, but they will push the NFL to become better.

The XFL focused on making rule changes to increase the excitement of the game. First off, the kickoff was transformed into 10 men on each side with a five-yard separation between each other, where the kicking team cannot move until the receiving team catches the ball. If the receiving team cannot return it, they receive the ball at the 35-yard line, encouraging teams to return

the ball. Ultimately, this concept reduces the high-speed hits that the normal kickoff encourages, making the plays safer, while still maintaining the entertaining momentum changing possibility of kickoffs. The extra point was replaced with the offense going for one, two or three from the two-yard line, five-yard line and 10-yard line, respectively. The idea forces teams to consider point strategy and tailor their offensive play calling to high pressure moments. The league also added a designated ball spotting official and decreased the play clock from 40 to 25 seconds. This change made the game flow more cohesively by decreasing the time between plays. To help offenses drive the field in the final two minutes, the time clock does not start until the play clock hits 20 seconds. This encourages late game heroics, a staple of the football watching experience.

One of my favorite aspects of the game was its openness. To fight criticism from fans, the league put a priority on clarity. For example, all play reviews are made by the officials, and both the refs and replay booth are mic-ed up, providing fans real time explanations on call decisions. The coaches and select players were also mic-ed up during the game, letting fans hear strategy discussion and even play calling in real time. Additionally, they had sideline interviews with players and coaches during the

game. Hearing immediate reactions after a player throws an interception or scores a touchdown adds an element to the TV coverage never seen before.

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The XFL focused their attention on providing a fan-friendly experience. The vast majority of comments online were positive from the first weekend. Three of the four games had a higher watch rating than any other sporting event over the weekend. It’s not surprising because the XFL can be summed up in three words: exciting, innovative and transparent. With the spring void in football, there is no doubt that a league could fulfill this need and take-off. I hope for the sake of all football fans that the XFL can continue to attract viewers and transform the future of the sport.

Ski teams bring the heat to Colorado

BY CAMERON GRAVES

As the base continues to deepen at Bridger Bowl and Crosscut Mountain Sports, the Cats let the nation know that they are a serious force to be reckoned with. This past weekend, Feb. 8, the

MSU Nordic ski team competed in the Aspen RMISA Qualifier. The hometown heroes are prepared to host this year’s NCAA Skiing National Championships after competing in one of their last opportunities to earn qualification points in Aspen, Colo.

Zanden McMullen, a freshman from Anchorage, Alaska, led the Cats on Saturday, Feb. 8 by finishing fifth in the men’s 10 km freestyle event. McMullen crossed the finish line with a time of 30:03.5. Freshman Bernhard Flaschberger of the University of Denver finished with a time of 28:48.3 to win the race. MSU sophomore Ti Donaldson finished eighth with a time of 30:08.9, his first top-ten finish of the season.

Another freshman from Anchorage, Aubrey Leclair, led the MSU women in the 5 km freestyle, where she finished in ninth place by posting a time of 17:19.9. Senior Anna Fake slipped just outside the top ten, finishing in eleventh place with a time of 17:23.3.

Sophomore Ti Donaldson races the nordic course during the RMISA qualifying competition on Saturday, Feb. 8.

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On Sunday, Feb. 9, the Bobcats broke through to the podium following the 21 km classic at the RMISA. Yet another product of the Anchorage to Bozeman pipeline, senior Emma Tarbath took third by finishing with a time of 1:24:23.9, just over a minute behind the winner, freshman Eveliina Piippo of DU. McMullen once again made his presence felt, finishing fifth in the men’s 21 km classic with a time of 1:11:20.5, just behind the leader, freshman Magnus Boee of Colorado, who finished with 1:10:28.3.

The Cats will head to the beehive state this weekend, where they will take part in the University of Utah Invitational at Soldier Hollow. As the season nears its conclusion at the NCAA Championship in Bozeman, Mar. 11-14, make sure to follow along as we continue to cover yet another Bobcat team’s road to the National Championship. Go Cats!



TRACK & FIELD

Impressive records at MSU indoor meet

BY PARKER ELLIOTT

Similar to the MSU Dual Meet Invitational a couple of weeks ago, the Cats had many impressive performances across several events. At the MSU Indoor Open on Friday, Feb. 7, at Worthington Arena, the Cats showed improvement across the entire team. According to the MSU press release from the event, 25 Cats had season-best marks, double-digit personal records were set and three athletes had efforts that put them in the Bobcats' all-time top 10 chart.

"A lot of good things happened across the board with all of the event groups," said Lyle Weese, MSU's director of track & field. "We saw some good performances in every discipline and saw improvement which is great this time of year."

For the men, juniors Collin Buck and Drake Schneider both achieved Bobcat top 10 performances. Buck had a time of 8:05.35 in the 3,000-meter, putting him eighth all time in MSU history, and Schneider, with a time of 21.95 seconds in the 200-meter, moved from eighth to seventh in the record books. Along with Buck and Schneider, sophomores Cooper West and Duncan Hamilton in the 3,000 and Zach Smith in the 200 all set personal best times on the day. Freshman Casey Gunlikson in the 60 meter, junior Jared Schwend in the 400-meter, junior Cameron Carroll in the 800 and sophomore Riley Collins in the mile all notched personal record times. On top of the impressive results in the running events, sophomore Josh Mertz in the weight throw and shot put and senior Wyatt Thompson-Siporen in pole vault both set PR's. There were many other top placers that had impressive showings, so hopefully the men can continue to build

on the momentum before the season comes to a close.

On the women's side, a plethora of athletes set season best marks, including senior Gillian Maness and juniors Trisha Carlson and Lexi Kyro in the mile, sophomore Maddie Brockel in the 60-meter, sophomore Elena Carter in 60-meter hurdles, senior McKenna Ramsey in the 400-meter, junior Megan Good in the 800-meter, freshman Kathleen Glockner in the 5,000-meter, freshman Maisie Brown and junior Alex Hellenberg in pole vault, sophomore Twila Reovan and freshman Evelyn Adams in long jump, sophomore Lucy Corbett and freshman Zoe Johnson in the high jump and junior Leah Klein and sophomore Madi Arneson in the shot put. Brockel and sophomore Delaney Smith both set personal records in the 200-meter. Hellenberg also moved into fourth in program history all-time in the triple jump with a leap of 38'10.25". Corbett's high jump of 5'9" is the top jump in the Big Sky Conference this season. There were several additional top performers who had great showings at the meet, providing the women a ton of confidence entering the final stretches of the indoor track & field season.

Complete results for both the men and women can be found at msubobcats.com. Between Thursday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 15, the squads will be split between the Husky Classic in Seattle, WA, and the Don Kirby Elite Invitational in Albuquerque, NM, which is this year's host of the NCAA National Championship on Mar. 13-14. With the Big Sky Conference Indoor Championships approaching, Feb. 27-29, the Cats are hoping to peak at the right time in their push for a conference championship.

Junior Noah Martin launches himself into the air while competing in the men's pole vault event at the Dual Meet Invitational on Friday, Jan. 24.

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HOW TO FIND A WIFE

BY BRENDAN KRISTIANSEN

We've all heard it: college is one of the most important investments you can make in life. While this fact may be true, it is for a different reason than you may believe; your primary purpose in college is not to get a degree in a field that excites you. As I was dropped off as a freshman, my mother made sure I was aware of this. As we were moving my belongings into my tiny room in Langford Hall, she said, "Maybe you'll meet a nice girl here!" While 18-year-old me may have scoffed and ignored such a preposterous thought, I have come to realize that she was exactly correct — the most important part of college is finding companionship.

I am proud to announce that I have succeeded in this front and am happily engaged as of last October. Seeing as though I am now the least single person working for the Exponent, I feel it is my duty to share my experiences and help the readers in their quest for a wife.

The first step in finding a suitable wife is weeding out everybody that is going to get upset over small hiccups in a relationship. I took care of this by starting my relationship off with a lie. When my fiancée and I first met, "Rogue One" was just released to theaters. We are both "Star Wars" fans and decided to wait to see "Rogue One" together as a date. Little did she know that I had already seen it with my cousins. When she found out, she was not upset as you may expect; she was overcome with relief and told me that she had also watched it already with her mom. Nobody was upset or angry over a tiny white lie, meaning it was safe to test the waters further.

The most important part of any relationship is the woman's patience for the man's nonsense. I highly recommend testing this as early as possible. Personally, I found success in giving my significant other a case of mono. While the sickness may not be a direct strain on a young relationship, the quality of care you provide can be. If you choose to attempt this, instead of cooking her soup, invite her over while you manage your drunk vomiting roommates. If she sticks around longer than a month or two, she's definitely a keeper.

After she has recovered from the crippling case of mono, you need to begin embracing your mutual interests. This can be anything — music, books, or in my case, movies. The only stipulation is that you make absolutely sure that she's as serious about it as you are. Seeing as we both love "Star Wars", I offered to watch the entire series with her. Only 10 minutes into "The Phantom Menace", she was put off by my commentary on how underrated the prequels are and how the Trade Federation is a

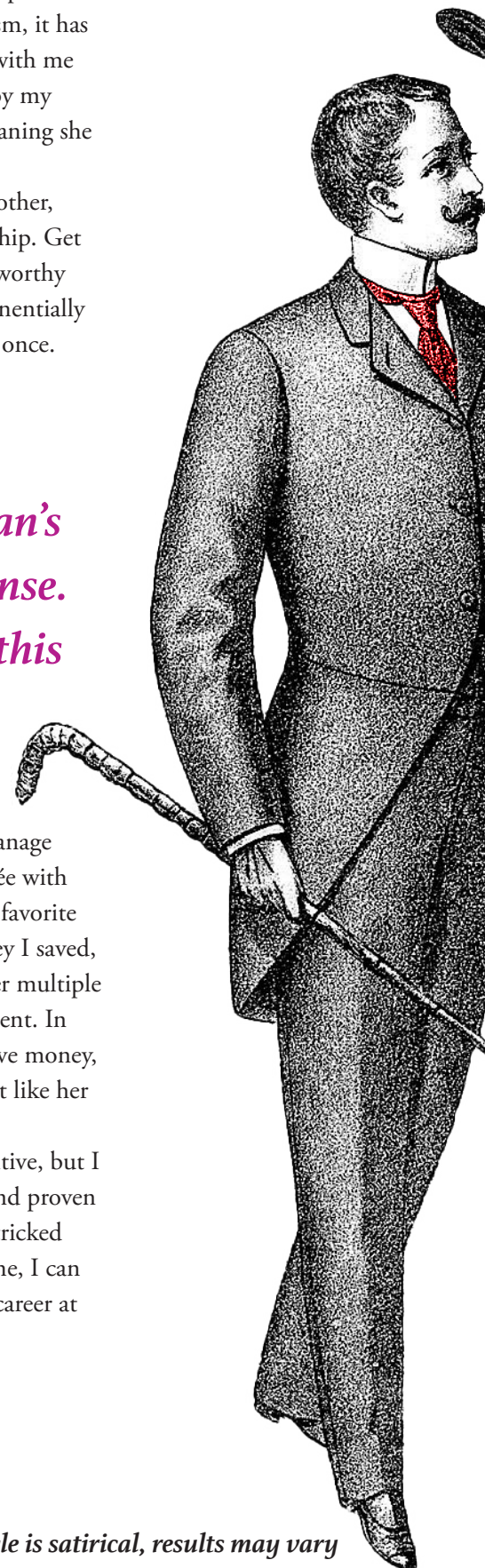
critical component of the "Star Wars" universe leading up to the fall of The Republic. Because of my display of enthusiasm, it has been nearly impossible to get her to watch any movies with me for the past three years. Although she was not amused by my commentary, she allowed me to continue rambling, meaning she was secretly interested.

After you have proven your compatibility with each other, the final step in securing a lifelong companion is courtship. Get creative and show your significant other why you are a worthy partner. The effectiveness of your display increases exponentially if you can manage to demonstrate this in many ways at once.

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For example, women love men who know how to manage money. I demonstrated this skill by surprising my fiancée with items from the Taco Bell dollar menu, even though her favorite item on the menu is more expensive. With all the money I saved, I purchased filament for my 3-D printer and printed her multiple plastic cats, which are now scattered around her apartment. In just that one act, I demonstrated that I know how to save money, I'm good at creating things, and I'm an animal lover just like her — no wonder I convinced her to marry me!

All of my advice may seem strange and counter-intuitive, but I can assure you that the above strategy has been tested and proven to work by yours truly. Now that I have convinced (or tricked — you decide) the sweetest person on Earth to marry me, I can finally focus on the second most important part of my career at MSU: a degree in computer science.



* This article is satirical, results may vary

HOW TO FIND A HUSBAND

BY QUINCY BALIUS

While I have less experience in finding a husband in college than Brendan does in finding a wife, I have gathered information from a variety of other sources. Some of my best friends have both attended college and gotten married, and I believe that their methods will serve my peers well.

The first step to finding a husband in college is to present yourself well. Use class attendance as a way to court eligible males through perfecting your appearance. Make sure to wake up several hours early each day so that you have enough time to attire yourself in a ballgown, arrange your hair into an appropriate coiffure, and apply a full face of makeup. Always show your best self to the men in your classes, who will constantly be judging you and evaluating you as a marriage prospect. Of course, you should be wearing white, lacy gloves so that they don't catch a glimpse of your delicate elbow and long skirts to prevent any hint of ankle. Scandalous!

*You should be a demure housewife,
not some kind of radical hussy.*

The second step is to ask men about their intentions for you on your first date. While it may have been fashionable to be coy in earlier eras, men are no longer willing to play games. Instead, introduce frank honesty into the conversation as soon as you lock down a romantic prospect. Inform him of the quality of your dowry and inquire as to the size of his estate, find out if he owns a trebuchet. Men love commitment from women. Your beau will undoubtedly admire your open nature and willingness to settle down.

The third step is to compare yourself to other women. You should subtly remind the object of your affections about the flaws of all of the women around you. Make sure to insult other women's weight, hair, makeup and clothing. If you are able to properly tear down other ladies, you will look far better by comparison. Men need to know that you are the prettiest and best woman in the room. How will he know if you do not remind him frequently of every minor problem of everyone else?

The final and most important step is to carefully avoid learning anything in college. Men do not want smart women. To quote YouTuber Jakhara Smith, "If you have too big of a brain, it means you have ugly things like opinions and thoughts of your own." Instead, buy an extravagant quill pen, sit in the middle of the class and gaze vacantly at the object of your affections. Fluttering your eyelashes increases the chance that he will notice your admiring stare and approach you.

Your conversation should include only such topics as the weather, the latest fashions and his personal interests. Do not discuss anything



“intellectual” and remember that your aim is to find a husband, not pursue any kind of education. You should be a demure housewife, not some kind of radical hussy.

If you carefully follow these instructions, you are sure to find your soulmate in no time. Just remember, ladies: it's all about getting that husband.

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OPINION

Adopt and Shop



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These days, the hot slogan, “adopt don’t shop,” is on every Facebook page and bumper sticker.

The catchphrase urges you to adopt your new dog from a shelter rather than picking your new best friend from a breeder. However, there is a line between puppy mills and responsible breeders. It may shock you to learn that there are a plethora of reputable breeders out there who care deeply about their breed and their dogs and are actually wonderful sources for your new pup.

As college students, we are entering a time in our lives when we may want to

take on the responsibility of owning a pet. The source of our dogs is a deeply personal choice. Whether you decide to adopt or buy from a breeder, anyone looking for a dog should be educated on their decision and never shamed for it.

Good breeders are extremely knowledgeable and passionate about their breed. They will put dogs through numerous health screenings and are not just out to make money. Instead, they will vet prospective buyers and make sure their dogs are going to a good, responsible home. Breeders want buyers to find peace of mind in the process.

Beyond this comfort, many people use breeders when looking for a trained working dog or a particular breed that is close to their heart. Some also choose to use breeders because buying a new puppy gives owners full knowl-

edge of the dog’s training, socialization and health record.

Of course, those who are proudly anti-breeder have a number of reasons for their opinion. By adopting a shelter dog, you open up a spot for another dog in need. If your heart is set on a certain breed, there are rescues that cater to specific breeds and many shelters will work to find a dog suited to your family’s lifestyle.

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dramatically. Rescue groups and shelters depend on competent breeders, as they provide an excellent breed-specific knowledge base. Dog breeder and rescue group owner Tegan Whalan has spoken about the discrimination against breeders. “Many breeders really like dogs, including rescue dogs, and want to help them. If rescues do not communicate in an effective and pleasant (or at least civil) way with breeders, they may be ‘burning bridges’ when it comes to the help that breeders can provide.” Breeders also have waitlists for their dogs and stay in contact with local shelters so they can refer new buyers to a shelter when a similar breed is surrendered. In return, shelters can track down the recognized breeder of newly surrendered or found dogs, and any good breeder will happily take back their dog. The tension between adopters and shoppers is intense, but any defusion of the rigidity between the two could help all dogs.

Adopting a dog is also cheaper than sourcing from a breeder. As adoption rates typically range from \$0 to \$250, and breeders average \$400 to \$2,000 depending on the dog’s lineage, health, and breed. Plus, if you don’t have the time or energy to raise a puppy from “scratch,” shelters are chock-full of middle-aged dogs (two to six years) that have likely already been trained. Adopting a senior dog is also a good choice, as dogs seven years old and older offer a more mellow companionship for a shorter period of time. Adopting a dog is a great choice, whether you don’t have your heart set on a particular type of dog, have a soft spot for mutts or just want to help a local animal in need.

If we bridge the harsh divide between adopters and shoppers, both shelters and breeders could benefit

Whether you decide to adopt or shop, understand that there are dog owners who want a purebred puppy, but also want to put a stop to puppy-mills. In fact, you should “shop” for the right shelter or breeder. If you do decide to bring home a new dog, the Gallatin Valley is home to many options. Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter has local Bozeman pets looking for new homes, as does Stafford Animal Shelter in Livingston. If you’re looking for a particular breed, the AKC Marketplace lists numerous reputable breeders nearby. However you decide to acquire your new best friend, make sure you do your research and meet the dog. Most importantly, make sure you’re ready for a long-term commitment to your furry friend.

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I Loved Marvel Before It Was Cool

BY BRADEN URION

"Star Wars", "Avengers", "Cinderella", "Incredibles", "Jasmine", "The Simpsons", "X-Men", "Die Hard"...these are just a few of the brands that Disney owns. At this point, Disney is a mighty dragon guarding one of the greatest treasure troves in human existence. We cannot allow their affront to the decency of intellectual property to continue, or else we risk losing everything.

I speak from experience. As a child, I grew up with a true love for the comic book medium. I was lucky enough to have a grandfather who kept his original collection, and I was able to read the first hundred issues of "The Amazing Spider-Man" in mint condition. Unfortunately, during that time, Marvel's movie division dipped into the red. Their bankruptcy dropped them into the sinister paw of the Mouse. On December 31, 2009 Disney bought Marvel Entertainment for \$4.24 billion. Presently, Marvel Studios has grossed over \$22.5 billion globally.

Do you understand the feeling of watching the stories that you loved when you were growing up being turned into modern, relatable films with staggering amounts of praise and acclaim? It's terrible! I was broken-hearted. My precious comics were turned into something dirty...something people enjoy watching. Now, 23 films later and an unfathomable number planned for the future, I ask, "When will it ever end?" The answer is likely never.

Disney recently finished the last touches on their deal to acquire 20th Century Fox. They are also enjoying a stellar launch of their new streaming platform Disney Plus. Disney's reach

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will keep extending until it swallows us all. At this point, the Xenomorph from "Alien" could possibly be in the same movie as Belle from "Beauty and the Beast." Laugh me off at your own expense. In the year 2025, when you're marching to the theatres to fork over a handful of cash to see "Home Alone 27", know that I told you so.



ILLUSTRATION BY GABE BARNARD

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

For folks in rural areas – particularly veterans, the elderly, or the disabled – innovations in telemedicine can improve health and quality of life. A federal net neutrality law to prevent broadband providers from unfairly throttling or blocking traffic could spur investment in telehealth applications by giving startups and investors the confidence to know they won't have to pay for special access to online fast lanes. Congress has debated net neutrality for over a decade without passing legislation. A bipartisan solution is long overdue.

Advances in telemedicine will only benefit those Montanans with the broadband connections required to access them. In too many rural areas of our state, broadband infrastructure is inadequate or non-existent. As lawmakers in Washington continue to debate net neutrality, any legislation must avoid creating hurdles to broadband infrastructure investment. Unfortunately, the legislative debate over the past year has focused on reclassifying broadband under utility rules from the 1930s, which experts warn are a terrible fit for the internet and would discourage investments necessary to expand broadband access in rural areas.

Two Senators from opposing parties – Sen. Wicker (R-MS) and Sen. Sinema (D-AZ) – are leading a bipartisan effort to permanently protect net neutrality while creating a more modern regulatory framework for broadband services that would encourage the network investment we urgently need in our state. Montana's Senators should consider joining that working group. Telehealth startups deserve the protection of a permanent net neutrality law, but not at the expense of rural broadband.

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CULTURE

'Parasite' takes home Best Picture

BY BRADEN URION

Since 1927, the Oscars have been the premier award show for films and the people who make them. In 2020, the Oscars did something incredible. For the first time in Oscar history an international film was awarded Best Picture. "Parasite" and its writer, director and producer

Bong Joon Ho was awarded Best Directing, Best International Feature Film and Best Writing (Original Screenplay).

This is a monumental triumph of cinema. Bong Joon Ho is a fantastic film director capable of weaving complex, heavily layered stories into an absolute treat to watch from beginning to end. "Parasite" is to Bong Joon Ho what the

ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is to Michelangelo. In it, we see all Ho's tricks as a storyteller interwoven throughout the film strand by strand until we are left with an intricate basket woven together with spectacular grace and care. Every component masterfully connects in an intricate web of suspense, comedy, philosophy, and love.

While some have criticized the use of subtitles in the film, they make sense, since the film was produced in Korea. Rather than dubbing the movie, the producers chose to leave the film in Korean. Please don't let a miniscule amount of reading deter you from seeing a stupendous film.

Sheer originality alone makes "Parasite" a stand out in this year's class. The other best picture nominations were all fantastic in their own ways, but you can't help but notice a similar pattern when you look at the movies in broad terms: "Irishman" is a mob movie; "Batman" casts large shadows over "Joker;" "1917" is a war movie shot by a master cinematographer; "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" is a Tarantino movie which is a genre in its own right; "Little Women" is an adaptation of a book that's been adapted before; "Marriage Story" is an emotional drama about divorce; "Ford v. Ferrari" is a biography. These are common familiar story frames that we've seen before in our Best Picture nominations of past years. That's why the film's unique style is such a welcome, fresh part of the cinematic experience.

"Parasite" dares to be something completely unexpected. Although placed under thriller it feels genre-less. It is a Shakespearian comedy, a tense horror and a beautiful piece about familial love. "Parasite" is all these things and more. Do not let the one-inch barrier stop you from enjoying the film that truly and utterly deserves Best Picture.

FULL LIST OF OSCAR WINNERS

BEST PICTURE

Parasite

BEST DIRECTOR

Bong Joon Ho, *Parasite*

BEST ACTOR

Joaquin Phoenix, *Joker*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Brad Pitt, *Once Upon A Time... In Hollywood*

BEST ACTRESS

Renée Zell Judy

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Laura Dern, *Marriage Story*

BEST ANIMATED FILM

Toy Story 4

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY

1917

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

Little Women

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

American Factory

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT SUBJECT

Learning to Skateboard In A Warzone (If You're A Girl)

BEST FILM EDITING

Ford V Ferrari

BEST INTERNATIONAL FILM

Parasite

BEST MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLING

Bombshell

BEST ORIGINAL SCORE

Hildur Guðnadóttir, *Joker*

BEST MUSIC WRITTEN FOR MOTION PICTURES

Elton John *Rocketman*

BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN

Once Upon A Time... In Hollywood

BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

Hair Love

BEST LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM

The Neighbor's Window

BEST SOUND EDITING

Ford V Ferrari

BEST SOUND MIXING

1917

BEST VISUAL EFFECTS

1917

BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

JoJo Rabbit

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

Parasite



Bong Joon Ho accepts the award for best original screenplay for "Parasite" at the Oscars on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. (AP PHOTO/CHRIS PIZZELLO)

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Trekking for sustainability

BY ROSE VEJVODA

"If we can't change one person's point of view, how are we supposed to change everyone's?" Greg Hill enthusiastically stated in his sustainable skiing film, "Electric Greg."

In 2010, mountain endurance athlete Hill completed the amazing feat of climbing 2 million vertical feet in a single calendar year. His passion didn't stop there. Hill proceeded to set out on a mission to summit 100 different peaks without burning any fossil fuels. Hill had begun to realize that his mountain adventures were coming at a price, and, in the film "Electric Greg", he hoped to raise awareness of the environmental impacts of our adventures.

"Electric Greg" was one of the three films shown last Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Procrastinator Theater. The films were part of the Green Circle event for

easy sustainability sponsored by the MSU Office of Sustainability, Bridger Bowl, Big Sky, the Western Transportation Institute and the Bozeman Commuter Project.

The event showed two other films, "2.5 Million" and "From the Road." In the movie "2.5 Million", professional skier Aaron Rice successfully breaks Greg Hill's record of two million vertical feet climbed in a year by climbing a mighty 2.5 million human-powered feet in one calendar year. Finally, "From the Road", discussed the sport of backcountry skiing, as well as its many human limitations and liberations. It followed a skier's personal journey through the unique perspective of professional ski guide, Eric Henderson. The film focuses on Henderson's second skiing attempt at Meteorite Peak in Valdez, AK after breaking his neck on his first descent.

Anna Price, the Alternative Transportation Program Manager at the Office of Sustainability said, "The goal of this event is to get more people signed up for the Bozeman Commuter Project. It is a really great organization that should have more recognition."

The Bozeman Commuter Project is a local project that is rethinking transportation in the Bozeman community. The website and phone app both help community members explore possible transportation methods that are available to them, such as the Streamline buses, walking and biking routes and even carpool partners. Utilizing these methods of transport help individuals save money, reduce their carbon footprint and possibly meet a fellow Bozemanite.

"The Bozeman Commuter Project gives individuals something they can do to make a difference," Matt Madsen, a Technical Research Associate at the

Big Sky Sustainability Specialist Kryn Dykema (left) outlines the resort's "Big Picture Plan" to reach zero carbon emissions by 2030. PHOTO BY GABE BARNARD

Western Transportation Institute said before the films began showing.

In between films, guests of the event were lucky enough to hear from Bridger Bowl's Director of Sustainability, Bonnie Hickey, and Big Sky's Sustainability Director, Kryn Dykema. They each talked about the important steps towards sustainability that their respective ski resorts are taking in order to lessen the human impact on each mountain.

As the evening finished, guests closely listened to the transportation and sustainability experts and excitedly watched scenes of skiing flash before their eyes.

Be sure to check out bozemancommute.org to look at routes and carpool options near you and keep your eye on the Office of Sustainability for more exciting events geared towards making the community we love a more sustainable place.

FEB. 13 – 27

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CALENDAR

THU 13

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.
Come out and cheer on the Bobcats as they take on the Idaho State Bengals. Free admission for students with CatCard.

BONE THUGS N' HARMONY
Rialto Theater @ 8 p.m.
Logjam Presents is pleased to welcome Bone Thugs N' Harmony for a live concert performance at the Rialto. Tickets are \$45, all ages are welcome.

FRI 14

VERGE COMEDY REVUE
Verge Theater @ 8 p.m.
Verge's 9th Annual Comedy Revue continues to showcase the Gallatin Valley's funniest writers.

SAT 15

MOUNTAINEERS WINTER RALLY
Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds @ 9 a.m.
The Mountaineers Winter Rally is an ice race for street legal vehicles along with competition rigs. Registration is 9-11 a.m. and racing starts at noon. \$30 entry fee with 100 percent payback.

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WEBER STATE
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 6 p.m.
Come out and cheer on the Bobcats as they take on the Weber State Wildcats. Free admission for students with CatCard.

VALENTINE'S MASQUERADE BALL
Holiday Inn, S Baxter Ln. @ 9:30 p.m.
Bring your significant other to the Masquerade Ball at the Holiday Inn for a night of fun. Must be 18 years or older to enter, tickets cost \$10 and there will be a 21+ cash bar.

TUES 18

5TH ANNUAL WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL
Emerson Center for Culture and Arts @ 5:30 p.m.
The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is a film festival by activists, for activists. Social hour with pizza, beverages and a silent auction. Films start at 6:45 p.m. and films are free, no tickets required.

THU 20

15TH ANNUAL "ALMOST" SPRING CAREER FAIR
SUB Ballrooms @ 9 a.m.
Meet with employers in an informal setting. Employers visit campus to provide information about their organizations and to discuss job and internship opportunities with students.

SAT 22

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. PORTLAND STATE
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.
Come out and cheer on the Bobcats as they take on the Portland State Vikings. Free admission for students with CatCard.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 2 p.m.
The Brawl of the Wild heads indoors with the women's basketball team taking on the Lady Griz. Free admission for students with CatCard.

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.
The men's basketball team will also take on the Griz right after the women's game. Come out and support both teams. Free admission for students with CatCard.

THE WAITING: TOM PETTY TRIBUTE
Rialto Theatre @ 7 p.m.
Six road-tested musicians come together to pay homage to folk rock n' roll legend Tom Petty. Tickets are \$15.

GLOW IN THE DARK SKATE
Haynes Pavilion @ 7 p.m.
Come out and light up the ice with the Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association as they host another Glow-In-The-Dark skate party. Tickets are \$10.

TUES 25

BEGINNER'S CLIMBING NIGHT
Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center @ 6:30 p.m.
Come out and learn beginner climbing skills. Play climbing games and meet other beginners.

THU 27

MSU FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT
SUB Ballrooms @ 5 p.m.
Families and members of the public are invited to MSU for a free evening of educational activities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. SACRAMENTO STATE
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse @ 7 p.m.
Come out and cheer on the Bobcats as they take on the Sacramento State Hornets. Free admission for students with CatCard.

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A shared planet

BY CADEN HOWLETT

From the depths of the North Pacific Ocean, a 170,000-kilogram blue whale rises through a swarm of krill on its way to break the surface. In eastern Africa, giraffes wander across the rolling grasslands of the savanna with no particular destination. Meanwhile, herds of wild yaks graze on sedges atop the wind-

swept and immensely vacant Tibetan Plateau. On the other side of the planet, a poison dart frog takes cover from deluge beneath a waxy leaf on the floor of the Amazon jungle.

One of the greatest pleasures in my life is knowing that I share the planet with a staggering diversity of other creatures. I try to frequently conjure images of animals like the ones above to



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remind myself of what magical biological and ecological events are taking place. Personally, seeing animals in nature and reading about their habitats and behaviors drives home the responsibility we have as an intelligent species to protect them. Our society places such a strong emphasis on maximizing human well-being that it can be easy to forget that there are animals of absolute grandeur and importance that need to be considered as well. As an intelligent, highly motivated and resource-utilizing species, it is truly our responsibility to protect and respect these creatures. It is our moral obligation.

On the note of gratitude, just take a moment to consider how bonkers it is that we inhabit the same planet as the species shown in this image. They are aliens — so strange and beautiful. The simple action of acknowledging this has made my morning wonderful. I have said it before, and I will say it again: I love creatures.

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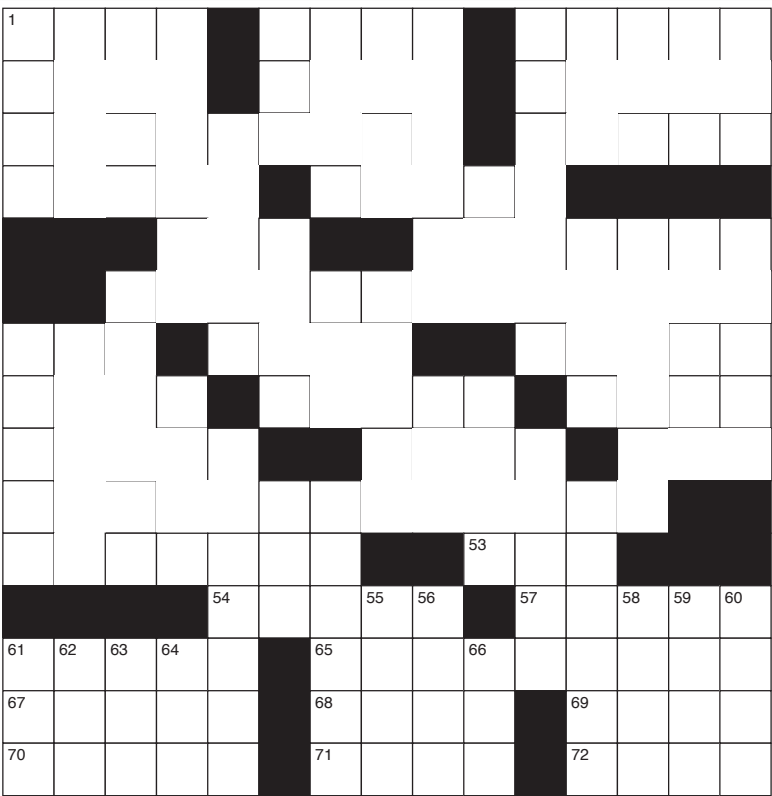
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19. Between the sheets
20. P.L.O.'s Arafat
21. Actress Lindsay of "The Parent Trap"
23. Mouse catcher
25. Ideal
30. New
33. Date follower?
35. MBA focus
36. Rock bottom
37. Captivated
39. Metric weights, for short
42. IRS agent
43. Sectors
45. "ER" settings
47. "Eureka!"
48. Short-lived success
52. In an incorrect manner
53. Vicious of punk rock
54. Double Dutch needs
57. Ringmaster
61. Sculptor Epstein
65. Reasons to dress up, maybe
67. Worship
68. Cartoonist Drake
69. Basis of a suit
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29. Loy of "The Thin Man"
30. Rescind
31. French statute
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33. "Garden State" actor
34. Nurse Espinosa on "Scrubs"
38. Former Soviet news agency
40. Scot's exclamation
41. Brings legal action against
44. Frozen fruit treat
46. Secret agents
49. UN workers' assn.
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56. Read a UPC
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- Master
- My little heart murmur
- Sewer Boi
- Electric Greg
- Iowa's caucus conundrum
- Baby Yoda
- My flaming hot Cheeto
- The ridges to my ruffles
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