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The work of artist Joseph Sabel, which focuses on the idea of evocation, is displayed in various forms in the Exit Gallery. Evocation is the act of recalling a feeling or memory to conscious mind.

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From @fur_on_feathers:

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“Before the snow.”

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

Clare Crawley: 2020 star of

THE BACHELORETTE

She first appeared on the **2014** season of “The Bachelor”, in which Juan Pablo was the lead.

Clare is **39** years old – the oldest bachelorette in the show’s history.

Tayshia Adams is a **30**-year-old former Bachelor contestant who is rumored to at some point take over as lead of this season after Clare leaves unexpectedly.

This season of “The Bachelorette” is Clare’s **5th** time involved in the Bachelor franchise. She has been on “The Bachelor” once, “Bachelor in Paradise” twice and “Bachelor Winter Games” once, all prior to this season.

“The Bachelorette” has a strong track record, with **13** out of **13** seasons resulting in proposals. **6** of the couples are still together.

Crawley was previously engaged for **two** months to Benoit Beauséjour-Savard, who she met at the “Bachelor Winter Games.”

There are **31** men total vying for Clare’s heart this season.

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NEWS

City commissioner appointment raises new controversy

BY CARLEE BAKER

Following the abrupt resignation of former Bozeman mayor Chris Mehl, several positions were suddenly vacant in Bozeman's local government. Cyndy Andrus, who was serving as both a city commissioner and deputy mayor, rose to fill the vacancy left by Mehl's resignation. The city commission then voted to promote Commissioner Terry Cunningham to the position of deputy mayor, filling the vacancy left by Andrus' promotion. However, there was still one vacancy on the five-seat commission. On Thursday, Oct. 8, Jennifer Madgic was appointed to fill the vacancy, despite overwhelming support for another candidate.

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—Joint statement from Forward Montana, Sunrise Gallatin and Bozeman United for Racial Justice

Madgic moved to Montana in 1995 to work as a city planner in Helena. Since then, she has worked with the Gallatin County Planning Center and served as a regional director for Sen. Jon Tester, D-MT. Madgic previously ran for city commissioner in 2014 but was unsuccessful in her race. Madgic will serve until the end of Andrus' original term, ending in January 2022.

The only requirements in place to serve on the city commission are that the candidate must reside in Bozeman and be a registered voter. Upwards of 20 interested individuals submitted statements of interest for the position. Among them was Christopher Coburn, a Black man who is a favorite among young Bozeman residents. Coburn currently works with the non-profit organization Bozeman Health as a systems manager for community health improvement and also serves on the board of directors for EmpowerMT, Gender Equity Montana and Gallatin City-County Board of Health.

Several of the commissioners included Coburn in their top choices of people to fill the vacancy, but the position was unanimously awarded to Madgic, despite hundreds of letters submitted by the community stating their support for Coburn. According to Andrus, who cited Madgic's decades of experience in planning and public service, the decision to appoint her was clear. “Her application recognized and named a series of issues we are facing in the community around public health, around housing, around climate and growth as well as transitions that have occurred in our organizations,” Andrus said in a statement to the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*.

Following the public comment period and eventual appointment of Madgic to the commission, several organizations, including Forward Montana, Sunrise Gallatin and Bozeman United for Racial Justice, published a joint statement expressing their disapproval of the decision to appoint Madgic over Coburn, a Black man. According to the statement, “Through comments thinly veiled with racism and ageism, they [city commissioners] implied that the young candidates and candidates of color do not have the hard-work ethic, collaborative mindset, or experience necessary to guide Bozeman through its challenges. What the Commissioners fail to recognize is that these candidates, and Bozeman's young, diverse public, are the ones facing these challenges head-on. We are the ones living with our affordable housing crisis, our longstanding racial inequity, our public health disaster, and our climate emergency. Who else could be better suited to fix these problems?”

Commissioners Cunningham, Madgic and Wallner, along with Mayor Andrus all responded to the statement, saying that while they disagree that the process was undemocratic and laden with racism, they would make efforts to listen to the public in the future and include the youth in local government. However, Madgic said she is not considering giving up her seat and will serve until the end of her term.

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Voting information and deadlines

BY KYLEE RUX

As Election Day nears, there are many other important dates for voters to be aware of. For those of you who are planning to vote in Montana and have yet to register, there are various options that make it easy to register whether you are an out-of-state student attending MSU or a local. In order to be eligible to vote if you are a non-resident student, you must give up registration from your previous state of residency, have lived in Montana for 30 consecutive days and re-register to vote in Montana.

A registration form can be filled out and mailed, delivered or emailed to the Gallatin County Election Department. The Gallatin County Election Department will also set up a satellite office in the lobby on the west side of the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse on Oct. 27-30 where MSU students can register to vote and obtain their ballot on the spot. The deadline for regular voter registration is Tuesday, Oct. 27. However, if you miss that deadline you can still register late by dropping off your registration form at the Gallatin County Election Department until noon on Monday, Nov. 2, or between 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. For the first time in history, 46 of Montana's 56

counties, including Gallatin County, have decided to only provide mail-in ballots. These counties will automatically send registered voters a mail-in ballot. Be sure to check your county's status online. If you are not in one of 46 counties to automatically receive a mail-in ballot, the deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Thursday, Oct. 29.

The Office of Student Engagement will have a fully staffed Official Ballot Collection Site in their office located in the SUB, making it easy for students to turn in mail-in ballots once they have completed them. The SUB ballot collection site is available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday leading up to Election Day. On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, it will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There are 13 additional ballot drop-off locations across the county. Locations can be found at <https://gallatincomt.virtualtownhall.net/home/news/locations-ballot-drop-general-election-gallatin-county>.

Statewide, ballots must be dropped off by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. If returning via mail, your



Posters on the windows of the ASMSU office display important voting information.

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ballot must be postmarked by Election Day. Ballots' status can be tracked at <https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/>.

With Election Day deadlines fast approaching, make sure to get your voting materials in on time so your vote is counted.

A rundown on Montana propositions

BY BRADEN URION

The U.S. Postal Service is delivering mail-in ballots across Montana in preparation for Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3. This year, Montanans will vote for president, governor, senator and will fill district seats and court justice appointments. Along with the public offices on the ballot, there are also five Montana constitutional amendments up for your vote: LR-130, C-46, C-47, CI-118 and I-190.

Proposition LR-130 would prevent local governments from regulating the carrying of concealed weapons. This includes removing the ability to prevent "possession of firearms by convicted felons, adjudicated mental incompetents, illegal aliens and minors." The bill was put on the ballot after Governor Steve Bullock vetoed an identical measure titled House Bill 325.

Vote:

[Yes] To reduce local government's powers in regulating the carrying of concealed firearms.

[No] To allow local government to continue to regulate the carrying of concealed firearms.

Propositions C-46 and C-47 seek to update constitutional language to match current signature requirements for new ballot petitions. Prop C-46 says supporters of a constitutional amendment ballot measure must collect signatures from 10% of qualified voters. Prop C-47 says supporters of a new measure must collect, according to the language of the prop at least, "five percent of the qualified electors in each of at least one-third of the legislative representative districts." Both these propositions would change the previous law's language requiring 1/2 of the counties to support the measure. The total number of signers must also represent at least 5% of Montanans.

Vote:

[Yes] To allow the changing of constitutional language to reflect current laws.

[No] To leave constitutional language as it stands currently.

Propositions CI-118 and I-190 deal with the legalization and taxation of recreational marijuana. Prop CI-118 would amend Article II Section 14 of the Montana Constitution to read, "The legislature or the people by

initiative may establish the legal age for purchasing, consuming, or possessing alcoholic beverages *and marijuana*." Prop I-190 adds a new section to the constitution. The proposed section is 67 pages long and lays out the rules, laws and regulations of legalized marijuana for providers, consumers and law enforcement. The section also sets a sales tax on recreational marijuana at 20% and gives laboratories the authorization to begin running experiments on the substance.

Vote:

[Yes] To legalize the sales of recreational marijuana.

[No] To keep recreational marijuana illegal.

Our political system gives us the power to elect the people we wish to represent us in government and the ability to have a say in the laws that affect us. Whether you're voting in-person or by mail, make sure to cast your vote early so your political voice can be heard.

SPORTS

COVID-19 intercepts NFL Draft plans

BY MEREDITH TEUBER

With over 21 states reaching new records of COVID-19 cases, nothing seems safe from this pandemic. And yes, that means football too. News broke that the NFL has now cancelled the Pro Bowl and is postponing seasonal games left and right. With the Big Ten season about to get underway and Pac-12 starting up their season soon, many fans wonder what the future holds. The 2020 football season kicked off late not only for the Big Ten and Pac-12, but also for other conferences, like the Big Sky conference. Many are left wondering what this late start for college football means for the NFL draft in 2021.

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The 2020 NFL draft had to move to a fully virtual format this year, and the 2021 draft may also be a virtual event. Sports experts are saying "hopefully not." But how can the draft be held reasonably when there is a lack of information on future players? Former LSU quarterback Joe Burrow tweeted, "I feel for all college athletes right now. I hope their voices are heard by the decision makers. If this happened a year ago I may be looking for a job right now." Burrow was drafted early on in the 2020 NFL Draft and is currently playing for the Cincinnati Bengals. With seasons starting later, scouts are having a hard time providing information for these very decision-makers before the NFL Combine, a showcase of skills including the 60-yard dash, bench press and passing routes.

Typically, scouts hop around from university to university to observe future NFL players, which requires a lot more travel than COVID-19 currently allows. If scouts are unable to travel, face-to-face interviews will have to be halted, and conferences via Zoom and WebEx may be the only way to access information on future NFL prospects. This inhibits the ability of being able to see players in their natural state and can impact how players are viewed. While a few football players have opted out of the 2020 season to focus on preparation for the draft, others are continuing to play to ensure they stay ready.

When news broke that the Big Sky Conference will play in spring 2021, new questions surfaced. The NFL Combine is a hotspot for scouts to gather information as athletes from all around the country arrive in Indianapolis. The Combine occurs in February, which is before the Big Sky Conference begins. For any future Bobcat planning to declare for the 2021 NFL Draft, the true test will happen before they've

even had the chance to play with their teammates on the field. With COVID-19 already limiting the ability for teams to practice, those who do not get to play until spring are lacking the familiarity of playing on the field at all.

COVID-19 has created many challenges, and has limited those who are planning to continue their athletic career post-college. Not only has the pandemic pushed back games, but the virus has also had costly impacts on the future of the NFL. While the NFL has been experimenting in the past with different ways to do the Combine, the new guidelines will not do much to help those who have lost out on play experience in the 2020 fall season.

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OUTDOORS

Winter's arrival slows fall climbing

BY BEAU BAXTER

Though the fall season this year in Bozeman has been particularly great for climbers with cool temperatures and low humidity, winter is right around the corner, coating local areas in snow and ice and pushing crowds back into climbing gyms.

Unfortunately, under the current circumstances of COVID-19, both the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center and Spire Climbing and Fitness are enforcing strict occupancy limits. The typical late-afternoon winter crowds often don't fit anymore and many patrons of both organizations are turned away at the door.

Faced with this challenge, many MSU students have turned to the age-old woody approach to training. Built from cheap plywood, two by fours and t-nuts (special nuts placed in the plywood that allow holds to be bolted

to the wall), the "woody" offers a blank canvas for climbers to create their own boulder problems to stay in shape until the spring melt brings them back to the crags.

However, the phrase "cheap" is relative. Though a couple sheets of plywood, a handful of two by fours and some t-nuts may not cost much, the cost of climbing holds can rack up the budget to thousands of dollars. Some hold manufacturers like Metolius Climbing, Atomik Climbing Holds and Element Climbing offer bulk packs in the \$200 range that include 30-50 holds.

To cut down on the cost, many companies offer discounts on clearance and defect holds. Element Climbing offers excess clearance holds sold by the pound on their website. Tension Climbing, a company that specializes in wooden holds and hangboards, offers defect holds that have knots or other weaknesses for half-off the usual price. For those looking for even deeper savings, a

quick Google search of "how to make climbing holds" shows several videos on how to make custom wood and resin holds.

Finding space for a woody can prove an even more difficult challenge, especially for college students who likely won't be able to drill a single screw into the wall unless they're willing to factor their security deposit into the cost of the woody. In addition to their defect holds, Tension Climbing sells hangboards that can easily screw into doorway pullup bars for much less than the cost of a full woody, and fit almost anywhere.

Though the recent weather may make it feel like the 2020 fall season is finished, a few places like the Homestake Pass area, Allenspur and the Winter Wall along the Madison River offer good conditions for those still itching to pull on some real rock before the winter snuffs out local climbing until spring.

Hiking up a storm

BY MEREDITH TEUBER

Storm Castle Peak stands at 1,912 feet with a trail that clocks in at 4.7 miles out and back. The trailhead, located in the middle of bear country, can be found just past Gallatin Gateway, roughly 40 minutes from Bozeman. When arriving at the trailhead, parking is limited and may be located on the side of the narrow gravel road. Be sure to watch for hikers and their dogs as they make their way from their car to the trail, as it can be relatively busy. Alltrails.com rates this hike as moderate to difficult. At this time of year, hikers will have the opportunity to soak in fall foliage with the cooler temperatures, making the steady incline a little easier. The trail starts with a muddied path; however, as one progresses upwards, the trail becomes extremely rocky. At certain points the rocks make for an inevitable tripping hazard if you don't watch your step. As the trail continues, the narrow path can become more intimidating.

While the hike itself can be challenging for a beginner, it is worth it in every sense of the word. With at least three scenic overlooks (each providing a different but equally gorgeous view), the hike channels beauty. The first overlook provides a view of Storm Castle Creek and, during the fall season, yellow leaves adorning the trees. This overlook will leave many speechless. Continuing upwards, the second overlook is quite similar to the first, with a large rock that looks straight down. This view focuses more on the surrounding

mountains rather than the creek itself, but the scenery is just as gorgeous. Once hikers reach the top, they can find a little keyhole that holds the perfect place for photos. Just to the left of the keyhole, a group of rocks provides an area to look off to the side to get an entire view, providing hikers with a sense of accomplishment. When standing at the top overlooking the climb, it can be quite windy, which adds a little chill. Layers are recommended at the top if you plan to stay awhile.

As always, there are a few things that hikers should keep in mind on this hike. While this trail is dog-friendly, remember to clean up after your dog to keep it clean and preserve its beauty. Hiking shoes are always recommended, especially after rain and when snow is present. Remember to try to create as much room as possible when other hikers are passing by, considering the narrow trail. The trailhead does close seasonally so, for those who want to cross-country ski, you will have to park



Storm Castle Peak stands proudly in the Gallatin Range.

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further down the road, which can add some time to your hike. In the spring, this area is known for ticks, and bears are always possible, so be sure to carry bear spray. Overall, this hike may be full of switchbacks, but the view makes the time spent on the hike worth it.

OPINION

Time to Take Down the Gag Rule

BY EMMA MORGAN

Reproductive rights have been a contentious subject in this country since the 18th century. Throughout history, policies around these rights have reflected the most prominent social norms, religious beliefs, activism and politics of the time. The past few years have been no different. In February of 2019, the Trump Administration cut federal funding to all services within sexual health clinics that also performed abortion services and referrals, even though abortion services were already exempt from federal funding. This stripped many clinics like Planned Parenthood from essential Title X funding, which their patients rely on for sexual health services. It is unjust to take away federal funding from people who seek basic healthcare.

This leaves patients, particularly low-income and minority women, with the terrible choice of paying for healthcare or paying for dinner.

Title X was established in 1970 to help patients receive cheaper and more effective family planning and sexual health services. It provides wellness exams, cervical and breast cancer screenings, birth control, contraceptive education, sexually-transmitted disease testing and HIV testing to people who would not be able to afford it on their own. According to Planned Parenthood and Bozeman's own Bridgcare, over four million people rely on Title X funding every year. Planned Parenthood also says that Title X helps to "ensure that every person — regardless of where they live, how much money they make, their background, or whether or not they have health insurance — has access to basic, preventive reproductive health care."

However, a gag rule was put on Title X last year, preventing many medical clinics from receiving Title X funding if they provided abortion services.

This decision was supported by the Republican Party and is still reflected in their agenda. On the 37th page of the 2020 GOP agenda, the party argues that Americans, "should not be forced to fund abortion" and calls for "a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and healthcare plans that include abortion coverage."

Although these arguments seem well-founded, they are misleading. Since its inception, Title X funding has not covered abortion services. The National Abortion Federation outlines in "Abortion and Title X: What Health Care Providers Need to Know" that Section 1008 of the Title X law prohibits its funds from being used for abortion. Instead, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-choice research institute, Title X enables one million women to avoid unwanted pregnancies each year by providing educational services along with reproductive health help. That is one million chances of abortion that Title X funds were able to eliminate.

Without Title X funding, medical clinics and the people they serve are finding themselves stranded. Bridgcare explains that "In Montana, [the Title X Gag Rule] means that providers can no longer tell a patient where they can access an abortion — no full disclosure." Although Bridgcare has chosen to stay with Title X despite the gag rule, its funding was cut by 50%, which comes out to a \$150,000 loss. It is unjust to make clinics decide between being able to fully disclose information to their clients and giving their clients financial support.

Other clinics have chosen to stop taking the funding completely so they can fully inform their patients on care. According to the Guttmacher Institute, 25% of the 981 U.S. clinics receiving Title X funding left the Title X network due to this rule. Planned Parenthood is one such health center. In Utah, Planned Parenthood was the only Title X provider. Now, their patients have to pay a fee. This leaves patients, particularly low-income and minority women, with the terrible choice of paying for healthcare or paying for dinner.

Despite major drawbacks to the Title X Gag

Rule, many people see it as a step in the right direction. Our country is very evenly split in regards to abortion rights. Statista, a statistics website, shows that about 48% of people are pro-choice, another 48% are pro-life, and the last 4% were either undecided or declined to answer. Many of the pro-lifers hope that the Title X Gag Rule will open up federal funding to religious clinics and others that advise women against abortions. New York Public Radio's "Death, Sex, and Money" podcast interviewed one such person in an episode on Planned Parenthood. Mary, a middle-aged Catholic woman, was praying outside a Planned Parenthood clinic. She recounted that, "90 to 95 percent of the women I see go into this clinic are African American, and I think that's a genocide. I was talking to one black woman who told me, she was in her 40s, she said she and every one of her friends has had an abortion. That to me is a tragedy. That's a major, major tragedy."

Some courts agree with Mary. On Feb. 24th, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Planned Parenthood's and the American Medical Association's (AMA) attempt to sue the Trump Administration. The AMA had claimed that the gag rule was a "blatant violation of patients' rights under the Code of Medical Ethics;" however, in a written statement about the 9th Circuit's ruling, the U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Mollie Timmons argued that Title X was initially created to be separate from abortions and the recent rule, "makes a longstanding prohibition a reality."

Although the Title X Gag Rule might have been enacted to save lives, it's hurting vulnerable people by putting a financial premium on sexual health resources. The Title X Gag Rule needs to be reversed. It is our country's duty to support its people, and women are half of the people in this country. It is unjust to take access to sexual healthcare away on the grounds of abortion prevention when Title X never funded abortion. It places medical providers in the horrible position of choosing whether their patients get all the information they might need, or financial help. That is not justice for anyone.

THAT'S A WRAP: PHOTOS OF FOOTBALL'S FALL BRAWL

By [Grace Larsen](#)

On Saturday, Oct. 10, MSU's football squad wrapped up a fall season full of practices with the Bobcat Fall Brawl, an inter-team scrimmage between squads drafted by assistant coaches.

Defensive coordinator Kane Loane's White squad edged the Blue team, which was coached by offensive coordinator Justin Udy. The final score was 14-7.



Junior safety Jeffrey Manning leaps over the receiver to snag an interception during the Fall Brawl scrimmage.



TOP Senior inside linebacker Michael Jobman breaks through the offensive line to tackle junior quarterback Tucker Rodvig.

BOTTOM Freshman running back Elijah Elliot barrels his way through defenders into the end zone.

Linebacker Tadan Gilman, whose outstanding play was key to the White team's defense all afternoon, intercepted the day's final pass in the end zone to clinch the victory. Danny Uluilakepa and Jeffrey Manning also picked off passes for the White team, while Michael Jobman's interception led the Blue squad's defensive effort.

The scrimmage acted as the culmination of formal practices for the Bobcat football team. The Cats are now in the midst of a two-month strength and speed training block in preparation for the spring season, which is slated to begin in February 2021.



Junior quarterback Matt McKay searches for an opening in the defense as he runs the ball upfield.

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Protection Through Separation: Getting Religion out of Politics

BY ALYSSA TOMPKINS

The idea of keeping government and religion separate in America is a key part of the Bill of Rights as part of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Recently in politics, people have become worried that this ideal is being left behind. With the possible addition of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, religion is a hot topic in conversations, from the courts to the presidential election. But discussion of Barrett's religion and suitability for the court is not the only instance in which the separation of church and state should be examined.

The COVID-19 pandemic has recently brought the separation of church and state back into the picture. According to *The Atlantic*, "Under the Payment Protection Program, which has allocated \$669 billion in subsidies to support small businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, the government has extended funding to churches and other houses of worship." This could set a dangerous precedent of helping to bail out churches or other houses of worship in crisis.

Some may argue a pandemic creates unprecedented times and challenges that require different rules. But, churches have been self-sufficient and operated without government assistance before, as in the 2008 recession. Even the Catholic Church has openly expressed its concern about receiving help from the government. In an article entitled "Religion and Liberty: volume 30 article 2, Should the Catholic Church Accept Government Handouts?", author Dustin Siggins poses the question, "Can the faithful count on their bishops to exert the independence that marked the saints—especially if they're taking government money?"

In 1791, the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights was written, giving American citizens the right to free speech, religious liberty, petition, assembly and press. The right to religious freedom was originally designed to keep the government out of the church, not necessarily the other way around. According to the Smithsonian Magazine, Roger Williams, the

founder of Rhode Island, said that "an authentic Christian church" cannot be created if "the wilderness of the world" tries to invade the "garden of the church." As the country grew more established, bigger names came out in support of the separation of church and state for legal reasons. In his 1802 letter to the Danforth Baptist Association, Thomas Jefferson argued for the separation of church and state. Jefferson said that no state can endorse religion due to taxation. If a state were to establish a religion in that area, then the citizens of that state would be taxed to help keep this now governing body in good shape. Jefferson and James Madison claimed that forcing taxpayers to fund one specific religion that might not be their personal choice would be going directly against the First Amendment and its promise to protect the right of religious liberty.

One glaring argument that always rears its head on this topic is that America was founded as a Christian country. While this is debated among historians, the general consensus is that no, it was not. According to *The Washington Post*, "Neither the Declaration of Independence nor the U.S. Constitution, the country's charter documents, are partial to Christianity. The Declaration acknowledges the authority of "the Laws of Nature" and the deists' beloved "Nature's God." Not even originalists, those who directly interpret the nation's founding documents, namely the Constitution, can say that the U.S. is inherently a Christian nation based purely on these documents.

Historically, the separation of church and state was established to preserve the church, but in a modern context it is about protecting the citizens of the United States. If those in authority make laws based on their own religious beliefs, that forces others to follow laws based on things that they may not believe in. One of the biggest conversations that most clearly demonstrates this is abortion access. Some religious people believe that abortion is wrong and should only be accessed in a specific situation or not at all. If a law is then enacted setting up this limited access to abortion by a religious politician, that forces people who do not practice that

same religion to follow its rules or face legal repercussions. Under the First Amendment, citizens have the right to religious freedom, thus they should not be forced to adhere to rules decided in a religious context. In the same way, the Payment Protection Program should not force Americans to put their government dollars toward supporting religious organizations.

Under the First Amendment, you can practice your religion. However, it is vital to preserve the importance of the separation of church and state.



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CULTURE

Rockin' out with Pearl Jam

BY JAXSON BISHOP

Pearl Jam has been making music in Seattle since 1990, becoming a staple of the Pacific Northwest music scene. This iconic grunge-rock band released a fiery new song titled “Get it Back” on all streaming services Saturday, Oct. 10. The band originally released the track for one day on the album “Good Music to Avert the Collapse of American Democracy Vol. 2,” a recent Bandcamp charity that worked to raise funds to support voting rights in the U.S. The album raised over \$250,000 in proceeds. The song was written by Pearl Jam drummer Matt Cameron and was the first piece of music to be released since the band’s hit album “Gigaton” earlier this year.

Along with the new song, Pearl Jam announced that they will live stream a full-album performance of “Ten” to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their first concert at Seattle’s Off-Ramp. The live stream will be of a previously recorded show in Philadelphia from April 29, 2016, because bassist Jeff Ament and frontman Eddie Vedder want to bring attention to Pennsylvania’s status as a pivotal swing state this year.

“We will sound the alarm, with their well-being in mind, to put it out there that there’s some bad information being spread out there,” Vedder said to *The New York Times*. “And it’s turning into chaos and deadly violence and dividing us.”

Last month, Pearl Jam created PJ Votes, an initiative that seeks to increase voter turnout. Pearl Jam asked fans to accept the Take-Three Pledge which encourages fans to bring three friends with them when voting.

“It’s about reminding people that their voice matters and their voice can make a big difference,” Ament told *Rolling Stone*. “Like a lot of things, if you find out that your good friends are doing something, you become more curious about it and more invested in it. What we found with voting is that when people you’re living with or your family or your best friends are voting, then you tend to vote as well.”

Pearl Jam is not exclusively engaged in national politics. The band has campaigned with U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, D-MT, in previous elections. Ament and Tester have been friends for nearly 40 years. Both

are from small-town Big Sandy, Montana, which had a population of roughly 700 people when they were growing up. Tester and Ament were neighbors, and Tester even refereed Ament’s junior high basketball games. Ament shared memories with *Politico* in 2018 about their relationship growing up, saying, “My dad cut his hair, and I think they probably butchered a couple of our pigs,” Ament said. “I think if you asked either one of us when we were 15, 16 or 17, [where we currently are]... we would cast you aside and say: You are drinking too much.” Tester and Ament hailing from such a small town in rural Montana is notable because they stand together as fixtures of the U.S.’s respective political and musical cultures.

You can listen to “Get it Back” on all streaming services and stream the virtual concert at <https://nugs.tv/live-webcasts/5,321/Pearl-Jam-09-2020-8-18-2018-Safeco-Field-Seattle-WA.html> from Thursday, Oct. 22 to Sunday, Oct. 25.

Rhapsody: MSU’s own acapella group

BY MEGHAN AMRHEIN

“Pitch Perfect” fans can rejoice that MSU, like the fictional Barden University, has an acapella group on campus. Rhapsody is a fun group of 15 students and is a fantastic way for those who love singing to get involved on campus and do just that: sing. The president of logistics for the club, Isabelle Cuthbertson, said, “It’s a diverse group of students from all areas of study.” Anyone can join or audition and, as Cuthbertson herself put it, “It’s just a fun time.”

As a chemical engineering major, Cuthbertson said that it’s easy to get stuck seeing the same people every day in classes, but Rhapsody has allowed her to expand her horizons and meet new people she never would have met before. “Some of my best friends came from Rhapsody,” Cuthbertson said, “It’s a great group of people who enjoy music and want to make beautiful music.” On top of that, it creates an opportunity to

step out of your routine. “Most students [in Rhapsody] aren’t music majors, so they don’t know what it’s like to audition,” she said, “But, there are really cool opportunities outside our comfort zones... and we have to enjoy being young and the freedom that comes with that while it’s here.”

The group typically performs a couple of times throughout the semester, which requires weekly rehearsals and constant practice. Although they don’t have any performances on the schedule this year due to COVID-19, their hard work hasn’t stopped. Cuthbertson mentioned that club protocols have drastically changed this year and COVID-19 has postponed performances because of the strict health guidelines. They’ve had to alter their rehearsal space to allow for more socially distanced meetings, and they wear masks at all times, which can sometimes be difficult when singing. However, they’re still pushing forward. Recently, they have been working

on a handful of songs in rehearsal including “Ophelia,” by the Lumineers, “Take Me to Church,” by Hozier and “Falling Water” by Maggie Rogers.

Cuthbertson also mentioned that it’s, “hard with people getting quarantined, because every voice is so important,” but that they’re finding ways around it. She says the group is “hoping to get into recording more, and putting stuff up on Youtube” as well as expanding their social media platforms on TikTok and Instagram to reach more people. As much of a learning curve as all of this has been, the group is trying to make the best of the situation.

If you’re interested in learning more, auditioning or listening to Rhapsody serenade you with amazing harmonies, follow them on Instagram, [@rhapsodyacapella](https://www.instagram.com/rhapsodyacapella), or you can email them at rhapsody.msu@gmail.com for more information.

Winter market munchies

BY ROSE VEJVODA

As the weather turns colder and the seasons begin to change here in Bozeman, there is nothing better than a warm home-cooked meal. Luckily, citizens of Gallatin county can head over to the local farmers' market every other Saturday to collect all the fresh, delicious ingredients they may need to cook up something wonderful.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., the second Winter Farmers' Market took place within the Gallatin County Fairground's Exhibition Hall. The snow that fell throughout the day helped to set the mood for the winter market. In the past, the Winter Farmers' Market took place in the Emerson Cultural Center, but the fairgrounds allow everyone to stay safe from the elements while social distancing.

According to the Winter Farmers' Market website, "What began ten years ago as a small group of farmers huddled together outside selling their winter veggies is now a successful, thriving market with a bounty of local vegetables and farm products."

At the market each year you can find many winter veggies, including lots of root vegetables like potatoes, onions, carrots and beets. The vendors at the Winter Farmers' Market have been working hard to bring plenty of fresh greens as well, including arugula, spinach and mixed greens. The farmers' market also features vendors who sell fresh eggs, pastries, local goat cheese, meats, tea, honey and beautiful floral arrangements.

Every Saturday, the Winter Farmers' Market produces a list of foods and beverages that will be available to purchase at the upcoming market. This is done so that patrons know exactly what is at each market, which the list assists market-goers in their hunt for local products.

The market has had to alter some of its protocols due to COVID-19, including enforcing a safe traffic flow, requiring masks and not offering "market bucks," pieces of wood that act as a form of payment for vendors who don't accept card payments. Nevertheless, the market doesn't fail to create a wonderful sense of community for all the townsfolk who attend. The bustling conversation between vendors and attendees, and the smell of fresh food helps to make the farmers' market a wonderful way to spend your Saturday morning.

The next Bozeman Winter Farmers' Market will take place on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Visit the website at bozemanwintermarket.com for more information about what will be available and be sure to head on over to the market if you are a fan of local goodies and pleasant company.



TOP A vendor makes some final preparations at the Thornhill Farms booth at the Winter Farmers' Market.

BOTTOM Sarah, one of the many market vendors, proudly presents her homemade cooking spices, which she also sells online at ridgelinespice.com.

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OCTOBER 22-28

Want your event featured here? Email event info to us at ExponentEntertainment@montana.edu one week in advance.

CALENDER

THU 22

ICE SKATING WITH EAGLE MOUNT**Ressler Motors Ice Rink @ 1:15 p.m.**

Volunteer with Eagle Mount as they host an ice skating event at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. To volunteer, contact pquinn@eaglemount.org.

EARTH SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES: COVID-19 AND HARDSHIP**Virtual Event @ 12:15pm**

The Earth Sciences' Seminar Series Presents "Current Issues of Well-Being in Rural America: Covid-19 and Water Hardship" presented by Dr. Tom Mueller of Utah State University. WebEx Meeting #120 906 5451. Password: ESCI2020.

FINAL PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE**@ 7 p.m.**

The second and final presidential debate between President Trump and former Vice President Biden will be moderated by NBC's Kirsten Welker. Topics for the debate include COVID-19, American families, race in America, climate change, national security and leadership.

FRI 23

VIRTUAL ZUMBA**@ 9 - 10 a.m.**

Join Britney Jenzer and dance to music with flavors of salsa, merengue and cumbia. This virtual dance party will be held on Mondays and Fridays until Oct. 30. Drop-in classes are \$5, and passes can be purchased at <https://www.gallatingatewayeschool.com/adult-ed/>.

ELLEN COMEDY MAGIC NITE**Virtual Event @ 7 p.m.**

The Ellen Theater is hosting an interactive Zoom with America's Got Talent alumni Dana Daniels, who will showcase magic skills and comedic wits. Tickets are \$14.50 and can be purchased at <https://theellentheatre.secure.force.com/ticket#/events/a0S0W00000oo2V0UAI>.

SAT 24

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST**SHINE Beer Sanctuary @ 3 - 6 p.m.**

The first 20 people will be supplied with a pumpkin and carving materials. Winners will be chosen by staff and awarded prizes. Enjoy a pint while you make a spooky jack-o'-lantern.

SUN 25

COLD WAR KIDS VIRTUAL CONCERT**@ 5 p.m.**

Cold War Kids, an American indie rock band, has unveiled a four-concert virtual tour. This second show will be the first time the band performs their new album "New Age Norms 1 + 2" in its entirety. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at <https://nocapshows.com/artist?name=coldwarkids>.

MON 26

PINTS WITH PURPOSE**Bridger Brewing @ 5 p.m.**

\$1 from every pint sold will go to benefit The Compassion Project. The Compassion Project was founded by the College of EHHD to bring the Gallatin Valley together through education both in and outside of the classroom.

SHORT STORY SOCIAL**Virtual Event @ 6 p.m.**

This mini-book club meets and discusses short stories. They explore stories read as a group, ones read recently, ones you'd like to recommend to others and more. Email cfifles@bozeman.net for the meeting link.

MONDAY RUN**SUB Bus Loop @ 6 p.m.**

Join Trail Junkies: A Running Club at MSU on their weekly run. Their runs range from 3-5 miles and will take about an hour.

LIVE MUSIC: WESTON LEWIS**Red Tractor @ 6:30 p.m.**

Weston Lewis is a singer-songwriter from Gardiner who performs with The Vibe Quartet. Enjoy live music and an all you can eat pizza buffet.

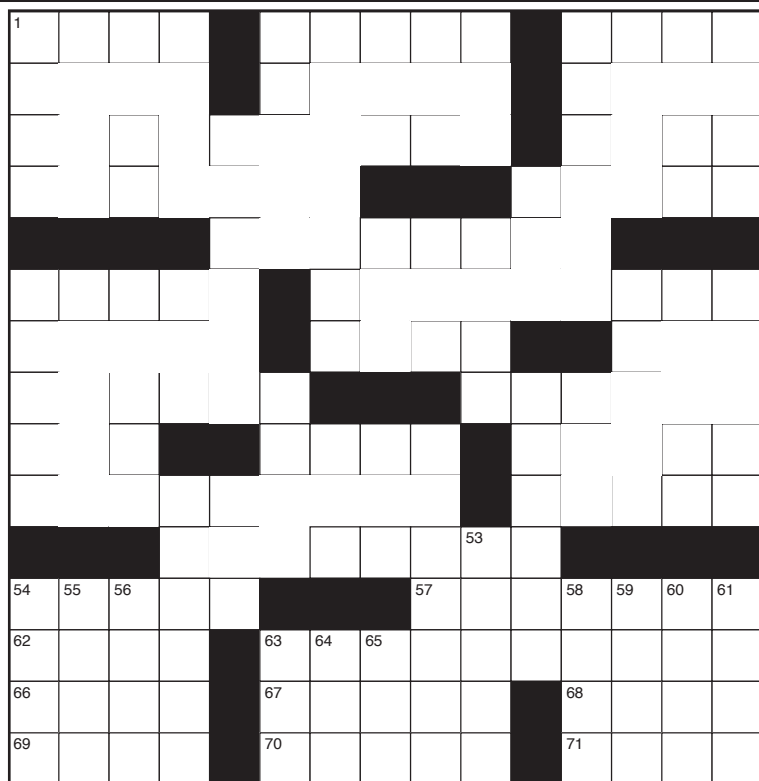
TUES 27

PANEL: MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT W/ MSU LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**Virtual Event @ 7 - 8:30 p.m.**

This panel is geared toward students and community members to make your vote count. The interactive panel will feature state Sen. Mike Philips, former state Rep. Jon Knokey and student representatives. It will offer first-time and returning voters an opportunity to ask questions and gain new perspectives. Register at <https://www.montana.edu/calendar/events/35932>.

2020 ELECTION

We are less than two weeks away from the 2020 election. Make sure to check your voter registration at <https://www.voteamerica.com>. Fill out your mail-in ballot now or make a plan to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3.



Across

- Marriage token
- In ____ (quickly)
- Initials on an old ruble
- Words of agreement
- Rascal
- Yankee slugger's nickname
- It was first conquered in 1865
- Nursemaid to the Darlings
- Induct
- River sides
- Modified
- Hindu princes
- Estranged
- Amo, in English
- Song sung with arm motions
- Med. care option
- Native of Danzig, perhaps
- Wound
- Tolkien forest giant
- Family member
- ____-cop
- Little birds
- Double-S arches
- Turkish treat
- Aloof romantic protagonist
- Whinnied
- History muse
- Soda brand
- Preceding
- Place where the buffalo roam?
- Flightless South American bird
- Fen-____, former diet drug combo
- Drop by
- Supreme Diana

- First Chief Justice
- "Need ____ on?"
- Mink, for one
- Boggy marsh
- Calgary's country
- Fruit juice combiner
- ____ out (break down)
- Palm devices, for short
- Obliterates
- Famed Franklin
- 1805 victory site for Napoleon
- Error indicator
- Blue-green shade
- Turn red, say
- "____ at last!"
- Discomposes
- MP4 relative
- Yours, to King James
- Play the ham
- Portugal gals
- Alexander ____, Reagan's first secretary of state
- Like the Kama Sutra
- Div.
- America East sch.
- Doctors Without Borders or the Red Cross (abbr.)
- Deadly natural disaster
- Magnate
- "The Thin Man" co-star
- Leased again
- Bra specification
- Sacred river of Xanadu
- Ceremony
- Watchdog's warning
- Santa's laugh
- Lamb tenders
- Geneticist's studies
- Toyota ____4 (SUV model)
- "____ don't know about that"
- Attention-getting shouts

Down

- Rolls off the hoop, with "out"
- "... ____ a putty tat!"
- Quick message
- "I've ____ Secret"
- Right Guard rival

Worst things to find when you crack open a fortune cookie:

- A Bulgarian land mine
Flamin' Hot Cheetos™
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"Rush through life. Do not pause and enjoy it."
MSU climbing gym chalk
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A dead office fly
"You will soon be run over by an 18-wheeler"
"The love of your life will be a Furry"
Silly Bandz™
Toe hair
"Hand sanitizer will bring bad luck. You should stay away from sanitizer."

- Your mom
Naegleria Fowleri (a brain-eating amoeba)
Mike Tyson
Red pen ink instead of sauce
Sea monkeys
A Tyson® Premium White Meat Chicken Nugget
Phoebe Zea choking on shellfish
A Lego
"Stop spending money"
"The Bachelorette is overrated"

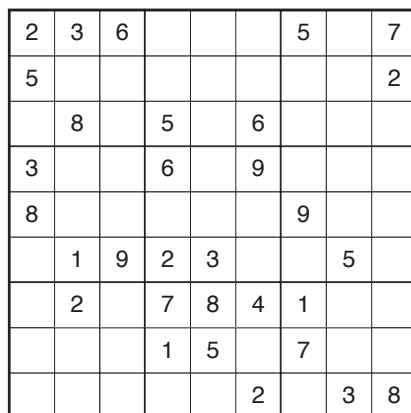
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Ants. Lots of ants
"You will be lured to your doom by a siren"
A student who isn't registered to vote

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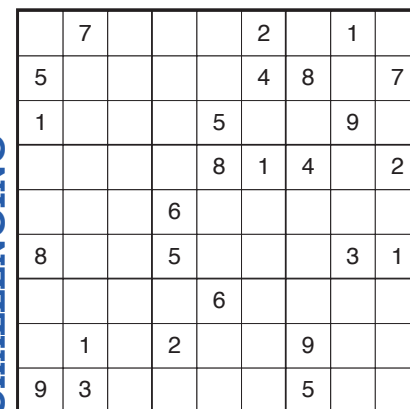
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