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Sophomore Surge hosts a Skating at the Park event in Bogert Park on Saturday, Feb. 13, inviting first-year students to come spend a sunny morning skating outdoors with friends.

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SNOWMEN

The ideal temperature for a snowman is **30 degrees Fahrenheit** —not too warm where it melts but not too cold, which would make the snow unmalleable

In **1494**, artist Michelangelo built a snowman for the Medici family's palace in Florence, Italy

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NEWS

Growing awareness for MMIWG

BY JESSICA MCMURTRY



The Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture hosts the exhibit "Portraits in RED". The powerful paintings were created by Native American artist Nayana LaFond and are a part of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Painting Project.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL KILKUTS

The Bozeman Public Library and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at MSU hosted a Webex forum to discuss "A History and Future of Native Sovereignty: Controversies and Perspectives" on Friday, Feb. 12. This talk was presented by Alex Harmon, an assistant professor of English and American studies in MSU's College of Letters and Science.

"There were no such thing as American Indians until there were settlers."
—Alex Harmon

Harmon delved into Louise Erdrich's 2020 novel, "The Night Watchman," to open the discussion to the current crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). This

award-winning book is based on the true story of a senator who tried to emancipate Native tribes in the 1950s, and the guard who fought back. Harmon spoke about a report from the Urban Indian Health Institution (UIHI) which explains that the fight for MMIWG has become an increasing concern nationwide.

According to the report from the UIHI, published in Nov. 2018, murder is the third-highest cause of death for Native women and girls ages 10-24, and these women face 10 times the risk of violence of other

ethnicity groups. This is a continuous crisis and, according to data collected in 71 cities across 29 states, only 506 women were identified. Of these 506 women, 25% were missing-person cases, 56% were murder cases and the remaining 19% were "unknown." As awareness of the MMIWG crisis grows, the data continues to show flaws with a high likelihood of undercounted cases.

The report also shows that Montana has the fifth highest rate of missing and murdered Indigenous women and children with 41 total cases, while New Mexico is the leading state with 78 cases. In both Albuquerque and Billings, the city police departments were unable to provide any information regarding these cases after acknowledging the request by the UIHI. 96 of the 506 identified cases were found to be tied to deeper underlying issues, such as police brutality, sexual assault and domestic violence.

As Harmon stated in Friday's forum, "Native women were forced to move to cities without [support systems or an income]," which is supported by UIHI's report. Forced relocations of Indigenous

people were due to federal termination of around 100 tribes, which obligated Native Americans to move toward urban locations outside of reservations. To this day, tribes are continuing to apply to be reinstated for federal programming and services.

As Harmon reminded the audience, the rising MMIWG crisis demonstrates severe acts of institutional racism, which can be traced back to the first settlers of North America. "There were no such thing as American Indians until there were settlers," Harmon said.

To help bring awareness to the crisis, UIHI recommends posting to social media using the hashtags #MMIWG, #DecolonizeData, #WeDemandMore and #WeRwatching. For more information, visit <https://www.uihi.org/resources/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-girls/>



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The pioneer legacy of giving

BY KYLEE RUX

Bringing in a total of \$438,878 from 1,521 donors, the second-annual MSU Giving Day well exceeded its goal. The 29-hour campaign began on Thursday, Feb. 11, and concluded Friday, Feb. 12. Over 50 teams participated to raise support for scholarships, research, internships, travel, competition, equipment, public partnerships and more.

“Even in this time of unprecedented disruption brought on by the coronavirus, we remain in step with MSU’s land-grant mission to integrate education, create knowledge and art and provide service to communities,” said the MSU Giving Day Team in a statement. “It is part of our pioneer legacy to blaze new trails, explore new vistas and transform lives and communities.”

Numerous challenges were also incorporated into the event to encourage teams to gain donors. Some of the challenges included the Trailhead Challenge, where three teams with the greatest number of individual donors in the first hour were rewarded \$200, and the Super Ambassador Challenge, where the registered ambassador who gifted the most in the event was given a special \$1,000

award to donate to a cause of their choice. The Trailhead Challenge award went to the MSU Leadership Institute, Bobcat Athletics and Students Against Sexual Assault, while Kelsey Martin was awarded the Super Ambassador award. The three most engaging social media posts using the appropriate hashtags were also selected to pick a project to receive a \$100 gift on their behalf.

Multiple individuals also matched donations for specific projects. The MSU Alumni Foundation matched all donations until a total of \$10,000 was raised. An anonymous individual matched \$7,500 for the Avalanche Education project to raise money for a 30-foot yurt to serve as an avalanche and wilderness center. Sylvia Atencio and her husband Robert Jespersen, an MSU engineering alumni, also agreed to match \$15,000 in gifts to the Engineers Without Borders club.

Overall, the greatest amount of donations went to the Hilleman Scholars, who received \$33,240. The MSU Leadership Institute acquired \$26,825 and the Jobs Student Support Scholarship received \$23,981. The MSU Giving Day Team said, “Thanks to MSU’s friends, alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff for

blazing the trail to support so many impactful projects and programs.” Visit <https://givingday.montana.edu/> for a run-down of the 2021 MSU Giving Day and for more information regarding the various campus projects that were funded.



A large group of outdoor enthusiasts gather around as a member from the Outdoor Recreation Program, one of the organizations seeking funding through MSU’s Giving Day, leads a Beacon Park Clinic; a one-and-a-half hour course on how to use avalanche equipment.

PHOTO BY DANIKA WOLF

Survey reveals dwindling food security in Montana

BY BRADEN URION

The Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity (CAIRHE) sponsored a survey studying the impact of COVID-19 on the food security of Montanans. The project collected responses from 1,944 participants between April and Sept. 2020. “The survey was the first of its kind in Montana to report about the immediate impacts of COVID-19 on food security,” said Carmen Byker Shanks, associate professor of Food and Nutrition and Sustainable Food Systems at MSU and the lead of the project.

Shanks’ team included Michelle Grocke, assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Development and MSU Extension specialist, Justin Shanks, former faculty at the MSU Library, Elixia Webber, CAIRHE research project manager, and graduate research assistant Kimberly Scanlon.

The project revealed that food insecurity substantially increased from 11% before the pandemic to 18% during. Food insecurity is defined as not having consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy lifestyle. “Food insecure individuals experienced greater economic hardship

and were more likely to report a higher prevalence of underlying health conditions,” Shanks said. The trend found in Montana is also occurring across the United States.

The survey also recorded notable changes in positive and negative behavior. 54% of respondents reported positive behavior changes from the pandemic and 37% reported negative behavior changes. “Some individuals reported increased alcohol consumption while others reported wasting less food,” Shanks said.

Shanks proposed a series of strategies for bolstering food security. Some possible solutions include reorienting food systems to ensure adequate and equitable food supplies and support systems being put in place to encourage individuals to continue with new positive habits and change negative habits. On the local level, communities can work to reduce the stigma about needing help, address food insecurity through local organizations and help their neighbors.

To work toward reducing food insecurity, Shanks plans on “partnering with individuals, communities, researchers, students, organizations and policymakers to find context-specific strategies that provide nourishing food for all.” Her team is currently working with Montana

No Kid Hungry and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to reach that goal.

Shanks hopes her survey will highlight an important problem that has worsened with COVID-19. “This moment in time highlights a food insecurity crisis that has existed for decades,” Shanks said. “We have a responsibility to press for more and continued policy support that will solve an inexcusable problem in society where enough food and resources are available, but we do not do justice in distributing them equally to everyone.”

For anyone experiencing food insecurity, Shanks advised, “Times are tough and you are doing your best. Reach out to people you trust that may be able to help and your local health department to learn about resources that are available to provide food immediately.” Services like Gallatin Valley Food Bank work to provide access to food for families and individuals in Bozeman that need it. Visit the food bank’s website at <https://gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org/>. On-campus, the Bounty of the Bridgers food pantry is available to all MSU students, staff and faculty. The food pantry has altered operating hours in response to COVID-19, so be sure to check the website at <http://www.montana.edu/oha/bounty-of-the-bridgers.html>.

SPORTS

Men's basketball falls to EWU

BY BEAU BAXTER

Both the men's and women's Bobcat basketball teams played against the Eastern Washington Eagles last week, finishing the showdown with mixed results. The women's team kept their win streak rolling on the road with two more wins in Cheney, Washington—vaulting them to second place in conference play after eight straight wins (10-2 overall). The men's team didn't fare as well, losing both games here at home and extending their losing streak from the week before to four straight games.

Even without starting guard Jacob Davison—ranked fourth in scoring in the Big Sky Conference last season—the Eagles came out strong on Thursday, showcasing their team's aggressive offense and consistent defense. EWU's starting forward Tanner Groves drove hard through the paint throughout the game, shooting nine for nine at the line and totaling 26 points total—a career high.

"They got the best post guy in the league," said Bobcats head coach Danny Sprinkle. "[Groves] is playing like the MVP of the league to be honest. He's really hard to stop, and even when you double him, he's a great passer and they got shooters all over the place and they put you in a predicament... We didn't slow them down at all tonight."

By the final buzzer on Thursday, the scoreboard read 93-77, Eagles. With the second game coming in just 36 hours, the Bobcats only had so much time to turn their defense around and get ready for Saturday's finale.

"In the locker room talk after the game I didn't say anything," Sprinkle

said. "I told them we got another game at noon, we got the same team you guys just played, we know what to do, we'll go home and watch the film... You gotta let this sting until midnight, then we gotta get better tomorrow."

For the first half of the game, the team's adjustments seemed to work. The Bobcats came out with a strong defense and made a handful of great shots. They even opened with a seven-point lead in the first five minutes. But once the Eagles' offense built its momentum, they became hard to stop. Though Montana State came into the second half only three points behind, they trailed by 16 at the end of regulation.

"They're really hard to guard," Sprinkle said. "They move the ball until they got the right shot, and when you got five guys that can shoot... it's almost every time down the court that they're getting a good shot."

The Bobcats managed to stop a huge run early in the second half, but they never quite picked up the speed to close the gap. Late in the half, the Eagles' lead swelled to 24 points over MSU, but the Cats kept fighting to the end, closing the game at 85-69, Eagles.

"There's highs and lows to every season," said Bobcats starting guard Xavier Bishop. "You can't panic or anything. A couple games ago you saw us on a seven-game winning streak. Right now we're in a bit of a slump... but I'm confident my guys will figure it out."

The Lady Cats will play against Idaho State this week. The second-ranked women's Bobcats will battle the top-ranked Tigers on the road in Pocatello, Idaho on Thursday, Feb. 18,



Junior forward Jubrile Belo reaches for and wins the tipoff for the Cats at the start of Saturday's game against Eastern Washington University.

PHOTO BY DANE WILLIAMS

and at home in Worthington Arena on Saturday, Feb. 20, as they try to stretch their win streak to nine, while the men's team pauses because of COVID-19.

"Our team will go on pause due to COVID restrictions," a statement

by Sprinkle posted to Twitter read. "Our resiliency & character have really been tested over the past few weeks. But with each test, we will become a stronger and more connected program. Tough times don't last, tough people do!"

Bobcat volleyball sweeps Montana in Missoula

BY JAXSON BISHOP

The Bobcat volleyball team hit the road and headed west to Missoula on Sunday, Feb. 14, and Monday, Feb. 15, and came back with some hardware. Going into the rivalry match the Cats were 2-2 and eager to take the inaugural Main Line Trophy back to Bozeman.

"It's fun that the Main Line Trophy already means something to them," said MSU head coach Daniel Jones. "We came into the match with a great mindset and we were very connected. They knew this match would be something special and they executed the game plan very well. It was a great response to last night's win where we thought we left some assignments on the court."

In the first match of the series, the Bobcats were led by sophomore outside hitter Kira Thomsen with 18 kills and four blocks, and senior libero Alexis Goroski posted an impressive 27 digs in the match that went five sets.

Montana took the first set after a series of runs that propelled the Griz to a 21-25 win in the first frame. The Cats took sets two and three (25-23, 25-9, respectively) but fell in the fourth, 20-25. The final set proved to be a bit nervy with 12 ties and seven lead changes and both squads holding match point.

"We didn't play as clean as we wanted," Jones said. "But, any Cat-Griz win is a good win. We were scrappy when we needed to be, and we made some smart shots in pressure situations. This game can come down to inches and we were resilient enough to get the win."

In the Monday rematch, it was all Bobcats who went on to win in straight sets (3-0). The Cats dominated the Griz throughout the match, out-hitting Montana .354 to .088. Thomsen again led the team with 16 kills and Goroski notched 16 digs from Dahlberg Arena.

"For a sophomore, Kira really showed some maturity," Jones said. "She made some big time plays and wanted the

ball. I thought she was also very smart in her play."

Montana tried to claw their way back into the match in the third set but was unable to do so after multiple scoring runs by the Bobcats. Throughout the three sets, the Bobcats kept their poise, which proved to be the difference-maker in the dominating win.

Jones held high praise for his team and their efforts after the match. "We played at a very high level," Jones said. "We served tough, established a big block and played good defense behind the block. That's exactly what we want to see every match."

The Cats, sitting at 4-2 and fourth in the Big Sky Conference, will face Idaho State in Shroyer Gym on Saturday, Feb. 20, and Sunday, Feb. 21. Last year the Bobcats swept the Bengals, winning 3-1 and 3-0.

OUTDOORS

Charmayne Morrison: MSU student and musher

BY MEREDITH TEUBER



MSU student Charmayne Morrison has been dog sledding since she was fourteen years old. What started as a fascination with the Iditarod soon became an obsession. Ordering her own sled and assembling it herself, Morrison hooked her two dogs into a harness and convinced her sister to stand at the end of the driveway calling the dogs so that she could get a feel for sled dog racing. Weeks later she had conned her parents into her first actual sled dogs and, as time continued on, more dogs joined the racing family. "My kennel quickly grew, as did my love for these amazing dogs and the sport," Morrison said.

The racing process has been tough for Morrison, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic and adjustments with class formats. "Just caring for the sled dogs, in general, is very time-consuming, not to mention the time commitment during the fall and winter that is our training season," she said. Morrison even mentioned that she spends more time with her dogs than she does with her "actual human family." To her, the dogs are a stress relief and will always take priority in her life. Coursework comes second. "These dogs are so much higher on my priority list than a good grade," Morrison said.

In the future, Morrison is hoping to run the Iditarod and the Yukon Quest with her family of sled dogs. This winter she completed her first Iditarod qualifying race out of the three she needed to complete. "It is more important to me to have a happy team that I can enjoy running long term without stressing about getting enough miles in or preparing for races." Her more immediate goals include raising her own litter of puppies next summer, preparing for the future of her kennel and preparing her adult dogs for long-distance events and future endeavors. While she is currently not fundraising, she plans to in the future. For those who would be interested in helping Charmayne in the future, you can find her email and the link to her kennel below.

The sled dogs are bred to run. "They are absolutely not forced in any way whatsoever to do this. That is

something I always stress. They are some of the best cared for athletes in the world," she said. The dogs are fed the best food, given daily exercise and taken to veterinarian checkups two or three times a year with mandatory checks before each race. "Most people do not have any sort of experience with sled dogs, and I really want to stress that these dogs are treated like gold. After all, a musher isn't going to travel very far at all if their team doesn't love and trust them."

Morrison would like to write a book in the future about her experiences with sled dogs and the adventures of her and her team. Social media linked to the Morrison Racing Kennel is attached below. Good Luck Charmayne!

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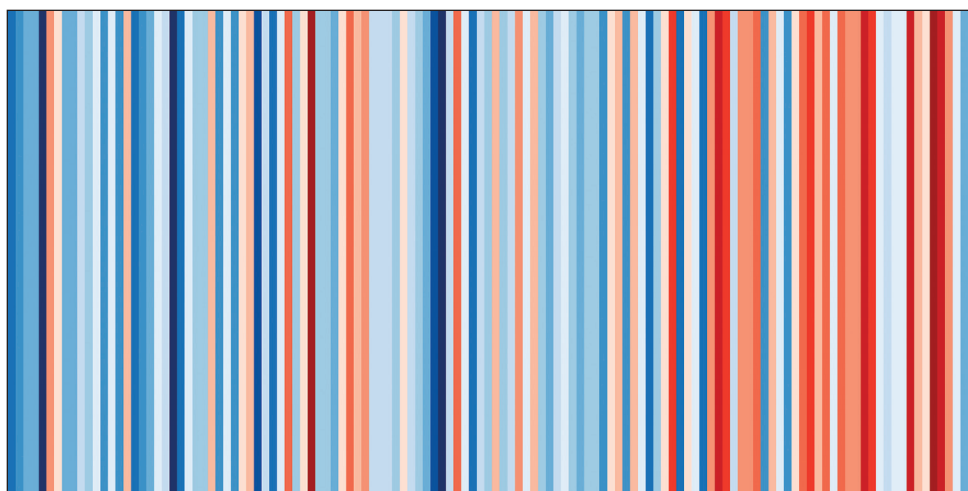
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Charmayne Morrison and her team of sled dogs race down a snow-covered track.

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Climate change beyond the outdoors

BY GABE BARNARD



A warming stripes graphic illustrates average yearly temperature change in Montana from 1901 to 2019. The darker the blue, the greater the decrease in average yearly temperature. The darker the red, the greater the increase in average yearly temperature.

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As MSU students dispersed from campus for an extended Winter Break, scientists and public health experts gathered (online) for the release of a new report describing the impact of climate change on the health of Montanans. The Montana Institute on Ecosystems released the report, “Climate Change and Human Health in Montana: A Special Report of the Montana Climate Assessment”, also known as C2H2, on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020.

C2H2 builds on the findings of the 2017 Montana Climate Assessment (MCA), which analyzed historic trends and climate models to predict the repercussions of climate change on water, forests and agriculture in the state. The authors of C2H2 looked at the same type of data with a different lens to determine how the health of Montana’s physical environment is likely to impact the health of its human inhabitants.

Increasing average temperatures were identified by the authors as a primary area of concern for public health. According to the MCA, average temperatures in Montana are predicted to increase 4.5-6 degrees Fahrenheit by

mid-century. By the year 2099, temperatures are expected to increase 5.4-9.8 degrees Fahrenheit.

“What concerns us most is the extremely warm days, days over 90 degrees [Fahrenheit], which we think by the end of the century we’ll get more than a month of those compared to what we get today,” said Cathy Whitlock, an author of the report and regents professor of Earth science at MSU, during the press conference for the release of C2H2.

Extreme heat poses a risk to public health because it increases the prevalence of heat-related illnesses, especially among people working outdoors frequently. This risk is especially concentrated in the Eastern part of Montana because of the large amount of people working in agriculture.

The physical health threat posed to agricultural workers by increasing temperature is compounded by threats to the security of crops, such as drought, wildfire and lower crop yields, which the authors say may take a toll on mental health. According to a 2020 MSU study of 125 Montana farmers and ranchers cited in C2H2, almost three quarters of respondents said they felt moderate to high levels of anxiety when thinking

about the impact of climate change on agricultural business.

Workers in Montana’s ski tourism industry are likely to feel similar health impacts, as Montana’s average snowpack is projected to continue decreasing through the century according to the MCA.

“We all in the healthcare community are aware that having a job and having job security is one of the most important social determinants of health,” said Lori Byron, a report author and Chair of Montana Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate.

Another area of concern identified in the report, especially for Montanans living near forested areas, was a reduction in air quality due to the increasing amount and size of wildfires in the state. The frequency of wildfires, as well as the amount of hazardous smoke, increases with climate change because drought creates warm, dry conditions where a fire is more likely to start and is harder to stop. Wildfire smoke contains particulate matter that can cause or worsen respiratory conditions, such as asthma, or cardiovascular conditions such as heart failure. If greenhouse gas emissions continue unobstructed, C2H2 predicts that the number of summer days with extreme fire danger in Montana will increase by 10 by the middle of the century. Years with heavy fire activity are predicted to be mixed with years of average or low fire activity.

Third among the primary health concerns described by C2H2 is an increase in “climate surprises”, which are unexpected weather events such as extreme storms or flooding.

Communities with decreased access to health services, people with chronic conditions and people living in poverty will be most vulnerable to these public health threats.

John Doyle, Director of the Crow Water Quality Project and one of a group of panel members present at the press conference for the release of C2H2, spoke about the impact of coal mining job loss on the Crow reservation as a result of

climate change. He also spoke about the additional damage of COVID-19 on the Crow community.

“When you’re in a community that is already completely stressed from no money, no jobs, very very deep poverty, then you throw this into the mix, and you can see what climate change will mean to many many people in a different time in the future,” Doyle said.

The authors described further overlapping health issues presented by climate change, including damage to water quality, increased transmission of diseases from animals to humans and threats to food security.

“Climate change is often thought of as a threat multiplier,” said Rob Byron, another author of C2H2 and vice-chair of Montana Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate. “In many cases it makes things that already exist much worse.”

The authors of C2H2 aimed to create a resource that hadn’t existed before in Montana in order to confront those threats. The project, which was peer-reviewed and involved public input, began in 2018 with a workshop of 23 climate scientists, health professionals, and stakeholder representatives. “We want to send a message of hope by providing individuals, communities, and healthcare facilities small and large actionable ways to mitigate and adapt to these changes,” said Alexandra Adams, lead author of C2H2 and Director for the Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity.

C2H2 recommends a variety of solutions for addressing climate change on the public health front, including the development of a state-wide public health network to plan for climate adaptation and improvement of climate data collection and sharing.

Both the MCA and C2H2 can be accessed at montanacclimate.org.

WELCOMING BRENT VIGEN

By Meredith Teuber

For Brent Vigen, MSU's new head football coach, the love for the sport started way before his duties as a coach became what they are today. Growing up as a coach's son, Vigen entered the football lifestyle as a young boy. It is one of the reasons Vigen says he loves the sport so much. "Seeing what coaching brought to his [father's] life," Vigen said, was the start of his passion for football as well. "Doing something that you're having an impact and you're truly loving what you're doing on a day in and day out basis" is perhaps the biggest reason for his decision to journey on with football. His career started in 1998 with North Dakota State. Playing here in Bozeman twice in his life in 2005 and 2010 with North Dakota State, Vigen knew MSU was an amazing place to be. Continuing his career, Vigen then became an associate head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the University of Wyoming. During his visits to MSU, he was amazed by Bozeman's "tremendous support" for the Bobcats football program. Not only were the people here a major factor in Vigen's move to MSU, so was the timing. "The last twelve years have set me up for this," he said. Vigen explained in a press conference on Tuesday, Feb. 16 that he had thought for the past six years that if the head coaching position opened up it would be the right fit.

Sitting down with the team for the first time just last week, Vigen called the players a "real hungry group of men." Since the team hasn't played since 2019, and with former head coach Jeff Choate taking a new job, Vigen says the boys need stability. "It's been a challenging eleven months, they need stability and that's what I aim to do,"



he said. He continued to discuss the importance of connecting with his team. "Getting connected with the players is a priority," he added. "Gaining trust is a critical component." Vigen stressed that changing coaches can come with apprehension. For many, including Vigen, coaching can be nearly impossible without the foundation of trust.

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-Brent Vigen, Bobcat football head coach

With the COVID-19 pandemic still looming and the delayed spring season, Vigen announced that some players will indeed be returning for an additional year. Switching to the idea of

recruiting for some new Bobcats in the upcoming years, Vigen commented that recruiting out to the west is a "wider reach." however, he has had immense success recruiting players, especially quarterbacks. Vigen previously recruited Josh Allen, who currently plays quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, Carson Wentz, the quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles and Easton Stick, the backup quarterback for the LA Chargers.

Vigen has also had success in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). He believes he has knowledge of the ins and outs in the FCS. "I have a clear understanding of what playoff football looks like." With that insight, he plans to take the football program to new heights by winning a National Championship.

A championship, however, cannot occur until Vigen creates new foundations. "To obtain something you must see it," he said. His coaching

philosophy relies heavily on the ideology that the offense does compliment the defense. “We have to be prepared to take what the defense gives us, Vigen said.” Vigen stressed that running the football will be a focal point of his offense because of the potentially harsh winter weather that can affect the quarterback’s ability to throw.

His immediate goal with the team is to keep the Bobcat’s 4-0 win streak against the in-state rivals at Montana, not only on the field but also in regards to recruiting. The next goals are taking home bragging rights, winning the Big Sky Conference and having home-field advantage in the FCS playoffs. Vigen stressed that “you can have big goals but [you must] have a vision on a daily basis” to think about what the players have accomplished that day and what they should aim to accomplish in the future. Vigen added that “My vision is to blend my experiences with what’s been going on...this is not a starting from scratch situation, this is a let’s pick up where they [previous head coach Jeff Choate and the team] left off.”

“There might be some changes in the coaching staff, but those decisions aren’t taken lightly,” Vigen said, but not without mentioning that all coaching staff decisions started off by talking with the current assistants. He described the current coaching staff as “very receptive,” to the efforts of the new coaching staff. “I got a feel for who they were as men and who they are as coaches and also gaining knowledge of their passion for our players,” Vigen said. Ideally, there will be a press conference at the end of this week to announce the coaching staff as the positions have been filled but not yet been announced, Vigen said.

For his future here at MSU, Vigen has many resources. “[Previous head coach Jeff] Choate did a great job,” he commented, “he will be a



“I’m ready to get out there and wear that Blue and Gold and sell our program.”

-Brent Vigen, Bobcat football head coach

resource.” Still today, Vigen is sure he will reach out to the men who helped him get to where he is now. Even with the resources he has available, Vigen commented that he is glad the expectations here at MSU are so high as lofty expectations tend to lead to more opportunities. To close out his welcome press conference, Vigen addressed Bobcat Nation. “We are not done, Bobcat fans, we need to keep pushing this.” He went on to discuss that he and his family are ready to embrace Bozeman and the state of Montana. “I’m ready to get out there and wear that Blue and Gold and sell our program,” he said. From all of Bobcat Nation,

we wish you the best of luck Coach, and we can’t wait to see our boys back on the field.

The first game of the 2021 fall football season will take place on Saturday, Sept. 4 in Laramie, Wyoming when Vigen and the Bobcats will take on the Wyoming Cowboys and Vigen’s old boss, Craig Bohl.

The Exponent will have updates as the story develops.

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OPINION

[Not] Leaving it up to Montanans

BY LYDIA FRENCH

Over 100 days ago, the citizens of Montana voted to pass the Marijuana Legalization Initiative (I-90), but businesses across Montana are still unable to grow and market recreational cannabis.

“Recreational Cannabis Implementation hit its first bump in the road Wednesday [Dec. 30, 2020] as lawmakers turned down the revenue department’s \$1.35 million funding request to get the licensing program off the ground,” reporter Seaborn Larson wrote for the Independent Record (published Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021). When presented to the Montana House Appropriations Committee, this egregiously large sum stopped the forward momentum of marijuana licensing in its tracks. During commentary on the issue, state legislator Bill Mercer (R-Billings) called the appropriations request a “huge tranche of money” and proposed an amendment to the funding request. The successful amendment removed the Appropriations Committee’s ability to appeal for funding, leaving licensing for marijuana businesses sorely lacking funding.

The \$1.35 million was designed to supply salaries for 20 full-time employees, office equipment and general operating expenses to get the state’s recreational cannabis licensing office up and running. Even if the funding had been granted, the office of licensing would still not be open to accepting applications until Oct. 2021 and would not allow the commercial sale of cannabis until Jan. 2022. This glaring denial of funding, coupled with the substantial delay in licensing is a complete usurpation of our voting rights.

The Exponent had the opportunity to get the opinion of then-candidate Greg Gianforte on the ballot initiative to legalize marijuana in the 2020 election. “The question is on the ballot, and Montanans will decide it,” Gianforte said in a written response to a questionnaire. Governor Gianforte has thoroughly contradicted the promise he made to Montanans the moment he took his oath of office. Montanans deserve to be heard, not disregarded.

There is a clear solution to this violation of rights. The state should remove the required licensing for Montana businesses, thus eliminating the excessive state funding needed. The lack of licensing would give small Montana businesses a much-needed edge against the harsh realities of the current economic climate. In a time where Montana businesses are struggling the most, this delay is less than helpful.

Whether it’s medicinal or recreational, we should air on the side of independence from licensing. Recreational cannabis is currently taxed at 20% and the revenue generated by small businesses across the state would boost the state economy and pad the legislative budget. The legislature needs to hold up its end of the bargain. The state offered the initiative and they should move it forward without delay.



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Of Dinosaurs and Chickens

BY ETHAN CUMBY

The chances are that you've seen the film "Jurassic Park," where an eccentric billionaire from Scotland builds a theme park that promptly fails after sabotage releases the main attraction: real-life dinosaurs. What you might not know, however, is that the paleontologist consultant for the films and former curator of the Museum of the Rockies, Jack Horner, Ph.D., is currently attempting something similar. Over the past 10 years, paleontologist Horner and developmental biologist Dana Rashid, Ph.D., have been attempting to re-create non-avian dinosaurs using their closest living relative: the chicken.

The DinoChicken project is the latest of many attempts to revive the dinosaurs. The issue with previous attempts was that scientists wanted to use the DNA of extinct species to clone a dinosaur back into existence. In Horner's TedTalk about the chickenosaurus, he talks about how early on the team had to take a lab to the dig site for the best chance of finding DNA. The material they found was not what they hoped for. "I mean, it was wonderful stuff," Horner said. "But it's not dinosaur DNA." As it turns out, DNA degrades after 6.8 million years, which is a bit of a problem when the animal you wish to clone died at least 66 million years ago. While the complete genome of a non-avian dinosaur might be unusable from fossil remains, that does not mean their genes are entirely lost.

Horner and Rashid are using the chicken as a basis for recreating the dinosaur because many of the genes that existed in non-avian dinosaurs still exist in the chicken genome, they are just shut off. So, the thought process behind the project is to study the chicken genome and "flip" the switch to bring back the desired dinosaur features, effectively reverse-engineering the chicken.

There are quite a few arguments against proceeding with this research. The most obvious criticism being that, since they are bringing back an extinct species, there is no telling how dinosaurs would affect the current ecosystem. Introducing new species without natural predators does negatively impact natural ecosystems. The National Wildlife Federation states on its website that "when a new and aggressive species is introduced into an ecosystem, it may not have any natural predators or controls. It can breed and spread quickly, taking over an area."

While physically the "chickenosaurus" would look like a non-avian dinosaur as a result of CRISPR (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats) technology, the similarities end there. CRISPR-Cas9 are specialized proteins and DNA sequences scientists use to alter other sequences. Already in nature, there are some chickens born with a mutation that makes them small, with alligator-like teeth along the edge of their beaks. This mutated chicken is known as the talpid chicken. Much like the talpid chicken, the behaviors of the chickenosaurus would remain the same despite the altered appearance. Even in the event that the chickenosaurus mates with normal chickens, the likely result would be a regular chicken. Horner states in his

TedTalk how the embryo of birds do have dinosaur features initially, but those features change unless manually prompted to do otherwise.

There are benefits for people from this research as well. As stated by Horner on his GoFundMe page for the project, research on replicating dinosaur-like tails in the chicken might have led to the discovery of the cause of Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS). Ankylosing Spondylitis is a rare and incurable form of back arthritis seen in humans where inflammation of the spine occurs, potentially leading to segments of the spinal column fusing together. If research did in fact find the cause, scientists studying AS would be one step closer to permanently curing it by shutting off the source gene.

While we are years away from seeing the first chickenosaurus born, there aren't any strong arguments that outweigh the overwhelming benefits of Horner and Rashid's research. Assuming the project gets its needed funding, we can expect to see it progress even faster. You can read more about DinoChicken research by visiting, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/making-a-live-dinosaur>.

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CULTURE

Pat Rule, you are PURE GOLD!

BY ROSE VEJVODA

It's a Tuesday and it is -12 degrees Fahrenheit outside. You have about three more hours of homework to complete in the library and an exam to take before going home. Your stomach rumbles and you realize it's time for a snack so you bundle up and rush over to the MSU Bookstore to rummage through the food aisle. After grabbing your snacks you walk up to the check-out counter and your busy, exhausting and freezing day is instantly made better when you hear a familiar voice say "Oh hello there, it is so nice to see you!" You look up and there she is, arguably the most loved adult on campus, Pat Rule.

In recent weeks, the beloved Bookstore employee has been gaining well-deserved attention from students after a meme about her was posted on the @memes_of_msu Instagram page. The MSU Exponent jumped at the opportunity to talk to her, so here's some fun and interesting life advice from Rule herself.

How long have you been working at MSU?

"Oh golly, let's see, I think it was 2007 so it has been close to 14 years now. I started at the Bookstore, I wasn't twenty anymore, and I will always be grateful to the Bookstore for taking me on. At first, I was the school supply lady, I did pens and pencils, which is a real passion of mine! I was retired before then for about ten years, and money things happened with all of the market crashes, so, no tears, but I knew it was time to go back to work."

What did you do beforehand?

"Well, I grew up in Southern California and I lived pretty much all over the place, but mostly we did real estate and rental houses. When my mother became ill, we moved to New Mexico and then when she passed away, my sister and I, who were lucky enough to be with her at the

end, moved up here, and my sister works at the College of Nursing. We share a house with three dogs."

What is your favorite part of your job at MSU?

"Oh, absolutely and without question it's the students, it's the customers. When you guys come in it lights my world, it really does. I wouldn't be there if it weren't for the students. You can work anyplace, a job is a job, but a job where you can meet so many wonderful people. You guys really are, every single one of you, special in a different way. All the hopes, all the dreams, changing directions when you find out maybe that wasn't my dream after all — I just love the students. It's kind of like every year I have a whole new brood of kids...except I don't have to pay for them! We are lucky enough to have some of the best students in America. I have known people from all kinds of places, and our students still have the joy of learning, they are still eager to learn, they want to! They aren't just passing time."

Have you seen much change at MSU in the time that you have been here?

"Not in the personalities of the students, but one of the best things that I have seen is right now, in our university, and probably nationwide, everyone is invited to the table. It is little tiny things that have changed, but not the hearts, our students have always had good hearts, but now everyone can be a part of it."

How do you come into work every day so happy and encouraging?

"Well...I just get excited about it! I don't know if it is something in me or something in the air, but I get to the parking lot around seven, then I walk over here, and it is a new day! You just never know what each day is going to bring, but there is always something about each day. I like to talk to everyone, ask them about their snacks, it is always a great topic. I just get excited to see what each day will hold, and here, it holds the kids, it holds you."

And lastly, some of Pat's words of wisdom:

"If somebody came home and the dog didn't like them, they were gone! No question about it, dogs do know."

"Everybody wants everything instantly but it's good to know that it is okay, everything isn't instant, only coffee can be instant!"

"Nothing is normal but the washing machine!"

"We can always improve, and we will."

Next time you are having a bad day, head on over to the MSU Bookstore in the SUB and say hello to Pat!



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Netflix movie review: “Malcolm & Marie”

BY THOMAS AUSTIN

A couple of weeks ago, the Culture team here at the *Exponent* published a story about Netflix’s campaign to release new movies every week of 2021. To keep up with the trend, I watched last week’s big title, “Malcolm & Marie.” As more of a movie watcher than a movie critic, I’ll refrain from making any profound judgments as to the film’s quality or merit, and instead provide a brief summary.

“Malcolm & Marie” is ultimately a film about relationships. Malcolm (John David Washington),

a film director on the verge of Hollywood stardom, and his girlfriend, Marie (Zendaya), return home from the premiere of Malcolm’s newest film and spiral into a cascade of arguments that threaten to derail their relationship. Marie is certain that his movie is based on her own life, and is frustrated that Malcolm neglected to credit her or even thank her in his speech at the premiere.

The initial argument descends into chaos. Malcolm and Marie exchange searing monologues and the film begins to feel like a boxing match with infinite rounds and no winner. Lines are crossed,

hearts are broken and both parties act with childish ignorance, leaving little room for reconciliation. Zendaya and John David Washington are both fantastic in “Malcolm & Marie.” Whether or not you gravitate toward this style of movie, it is worth watching for the acting alone.

Netflix will keep the stream of content coming throughout February, including one title potentially notable to Bozemanites, the release of “Meat Eater”: Season 9 Part 2, on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Taylor Swift, save me

BY JAXSON BISHOP

Don’t mind me, sitting at my desk in the Exponent office listening to Taylor Swift’s award-winning album “Fearless.” You may be wondering why a 21-year-old male is doing such a thing and oh boy do I have some fantastic news for you, ‘Swiftie’ or not.

Taylor Swift made a surprise announcement across all of her social media platforms on Thursday, Feb. 11, that she is re-recording and releasing her album “Fearless” (Taylor’s version). She also said she was releasing her hit “Love Story” on Friday, Feb. 12, at midnight to build anticipation for her upcoming project.

“I’ve spoken a lot about why I’m remaking my first six albums, but the way I’ve chosen to do this will hopefully help illuminate where I’m coming from,” Swift wrote on social media. “Artists should own their own work for so many reasons, but the most screamingly obvious one is that the artist is the only one who really knows that body of work.”

For those of you who don’t consume every bit of news pertaining to Taylor Swift, “Fearless” is her most popular album with over seven million records

sold. Despite the huge success “Fearless” has garnered, she does not own the master recordings of any song on the album or any album recorded prior to her 2019 hit “Lover.” After she re-records her music, she will own the rights to the song and the master record.

Swift has spoken at length about the challenges of not owning her music. “This is what happens when you sign a deal at 15 to someone for whom the term ‘loyalty’ is clearly just a contractual concept,” Swift wrote on Tumblr in 2019. “And when that man says ‘music has value,’ he means its value is beholden to men who had no part in creating it.”

Big Machine Records has been Swift’s record label for most of her career, from 2006-2018. It wasn’t until 2018, when she signed with Universal Music Group, that she was granted ownership of her master records. Soon after she left Big Machine Records, Swift’s entire discography was sold to Scooter Braun which she called a “worst-case scenario” because she claimed Braun had bullied her for years.

Everyone was celebrating the news, including United States Women’s National Team forward,

Alex Morgan. “Being asked questions about @taylorswift13 and her new albums “Evermore” and “Fearless” during media availability was the highlight of my day,” a Tweet by Morgan read. “Talking soccer is always cool, but talking about one of the most influential and powerful women in the world is my cup of tea.”

Swift is known for dropping clues or Easter eggs in all of her projects. Fans quickly noticed her post contained a not-so-secret message. If an English writing major (my boss, Grace Larsen) would’ve read the announcement they might have keeled over and died right then and there, as it seemed that Swift forgot simple capitalization rules. Every letter in the announcement was lowercase, except for 10 characters. Those 10 capitalized letters spelled out APRIL NINTH, hinting at a possible release date for “Fearless” 2.0.

So, catch me strolling around campus, earbuds in, jamming out to freshly recorded “Love Story” on repeat until April 9, and most definitely after.

FEBRUARY 18-24

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

CALENDAR

THU 18

CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLINIC**Outdoor Recreation Center @ 3:30 p.m.**

Join the Outdoor Rec. Center for free cross-country ski lessons. All ski gear (skis, boots, poles) is provided to participants at no cost. No experience is necessary. RSVP at <https://montanastate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/6656554>

BINGO NIGHT**Pine Creek Lodge @ 7 p.m.**

Bingo is back every Thursday through April 29. Win cash and prizes, and enjoy food and drink specials.

FRI 19

MUSIC POP-UP**Norm Asbjornson Hall @ 12:50 p.m.**

Come watch performers Jenica Thomson, Ahlyn Varga and Cindy Sharp play Chopin Nocturnes. The event is free and open to the public.

FILM FESTIVAL**Online @ 7 p.m.**

The Montana Endurance Academy is hosting an Adventure Film Festival, featuring "Last Tracks", from Bozeman filmmaker Erik Petersen. For more information and to watch, visit bozemanarts-live.com

BOBCATS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**Pluto TV, Channel 1057 @ Noon**

Catch the women's basketball team going head-to-head against Idaho State at <https://pluto.tv/live-tv/montana-state>.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL**Pluto TV, Channel 1057 @ 5 p.m.**

Catch the Bobcats volleyball team facing off against the Idaho State Bengals.

SAT 20

WINTER FARMERS MARKET**Gallatin County Fairgrounds @ 9 a.m.**

The Bozeman Winter Farmers Market provides the community with a connection to local food and farmers. Each market has over thirty vendors selling an array of food and farm-based products.

ICE FISHING EVENT**Hyalite Reservoir @ 11 a.m.**

Join Montana State University BHA on the ice at Hyalite Reservoir. All experience levels are welcome. Fishing licenses and gear are not required but are recommended. For more information and to register, visit https://www.backcountryhunters.org/ice_fishing_with_montana_state_university

SUN 21

SOMETHING FUNNY IMPROV SHOW**Procrastinator Theatre @ 7:30 p.m.**

Join Something Funny Improv for their bi-monthly show. Everyone is welcome. Masks are required, and social distancing will be maintained.

MON 22

HONORS PRESENTS**Zoom @ 4 p.m.**

Join the Honors Presents Lecture Series for a conversation about music in a time of crisis. Learn from faculty members about their work, what inspires them and the questions they are most passionate about addressing. RSVP at <https://montanastate.campuslabs.com/engage/event/6921539>

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB**Zoom @ 6 p.m.**

Join for a book club discussion of "My Sister, the Serial Killer" by Oyinkan Braithwaite. New faces are always welcome and there's no month-to-month obligation. Register at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUud-2hrzkrHNFDuK2QGePo-EpCmbSkCSi2>

TRIVIA NIGHT**Bozeman Taproom @ 7 p.m.**

Join Bozeman Taproom every Monday for trivia. The top three teams win prizes, and first place wins a \$50 gift card.

TUES 23

OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCE FAIR**Online @ 10 a.m.**

The virtual resource fair is designed to provide MSU students who are considering living off-campus for the first time with connections to local resources, as well as education about the services and expectations that go with living in the city of Bozeman. It will take place at <https://offcampushousing.montana.edu>.

WED 24

SCIENCE MATTERS LECTURE SERIES**Webex @ 6 p.m.**

Join Sarah Johnson, Ph.D., for a discussion about exciting new research and evidence for either extinct or existing life in the universe. She will also discuss the importance of Mars in the search for other life forms. The event is free and open to the public, no reservation needed. Go to www.montana.edu/stes for more information.

BOBCATS MEN'S BASKETBALL**Pluto TV @ 7 p.m.**

Watch the Bobcats play Idaho at <https://pluto.tv/live-tv/montana-state.edu/stes> for more information.

Spend your stacks at Sacks

BY RILEY FERRÉ



Whether you're an avid thrift-shopper or are just looking to refresh your wardrobe, hit up Sacks Thrift Store. Located on West Mendenhall, Sacks is the perfect place to shop for a variety of items such as outdoor gear, furniture, clothing, antiques, books and so much more. The store was recently voted the #1 Used/Thrift Store in the Bozeman Magazine Reader's poll and was placed in the top four Best Kids Clothing Stores and Antique/Old Stuff Shops.

Sacks is a nonprofit thrift store supporting Bozeman's Help Center, Inc. (<https://www.bozemanhelpcenter.org/>) by selling public donations from community members and people who would rather have old items reused. According to its website, the store's mission is to, "Provide major financial support for all Help Center programs, offer affordable merchandise to the local community [and] work with local service agencies to provide merchandise to those in need." Sacks also "Encourage[s] responsible recycling

of quality goods," as well as "progressive and sustainable workplace practices for employees and volunteers." Not only are you practicing sustainable consumer habits by shopping at Sacks, but you're also supporting Help Center, Inc. programs such as Suicide Prevention and Intervention, the Sexual Assault Counseling Center and the Child Advocacy Center. The money spent on the wide selection of goods at Sacks Thrift Store goes right back into the community and is used to positively impact the lives of others.

There are ways to support Bozeman's number one thrift store that don't require purchasing something or donating. Since Sacks is a nonprofit, volunteer work is very important for their ongoing success. According to the website, "Volunteers play a critical role in helping the stores keep operating costs down, which translates into more funding available for the Help Center and the Sexual Assault Counseling Center. Volunteering with us not

only benefits Sacks, but the entire community as well." Sacks offers a variety of volunteer positions that require varying levels of time commitment, and can also accommodate volunteer groups who want to give back together. Visit the website at <http://www.sacksthift.org/> to apply for a volunteer position or to learn more about these opportunities.

Sacks is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is open to receive donations on those same days from 11:30 a.m. until their donation box is full (donation guidelines are listed on their website). The store is only a 30 minute walk from campus and offers a half-price discount on all items on the

first Saturday of every month.

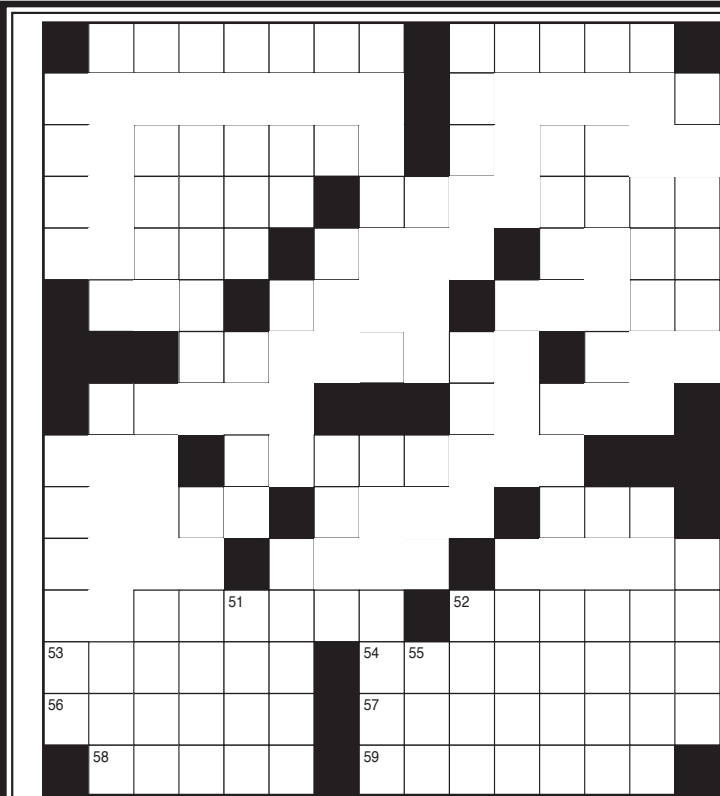
Next time you are on the hunt for new kitchenware or just want to go on a spontaneous thrift shop adventure with friends, head over to Sacks to find great items, shop sustainably and spend money in a way that feels good.

TOP LEFT Sacks Thrift Store, voted number one used/thrift store in Bozeman Magazine, offers a fun thrifting experience and quality used clothing to Bozeman residents.

BOTTOM RIGHT The vibrant colors of Sack's storefront stand out from the brick facade.

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8. Body of principles

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16. Charge too much

17. 'Honest!'

18. Meager, as fare

19. Partner

21. Ex-Treasury Secretary Bentsen

22. Reps.' opponents

23. Boxing's Muhammad and Laila

24. Violas' sect.

25. Woody's surname on "Cheers"

26. Slender nails

27. Debilitate

30. King, in Spain

31. Graham Greene's "The ____ the Affair"

33. Big name in terrorism

35. Pub purchase

36. Tax man

40. Word paired with news or point

42. "... it hot in here ____ it just me?"

43. ASCAP competitor

46. Marshmallow toaster

47. Cannes film

48. Property securities

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57. Recklessness

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Down

1. Judges' accessories

2. Childish denial

3. Died for a cause

4. Receded, as the tide

5. Choice cut

6. The lot

7. Great Lakes food fish

8. Elaborate dos

9. Church part

10. Julie ____ (Catwoman portrayer)

11. Like a minor fire

12. "Now, that's a thought!"

13. Opinion survey

15. Like garb for a gala

20. Website for movie buffs

22. John ____

25. Teen slang to describe a relationship

26. Spanish kiss

28. Webster or Wyle

29. Dieter's success

31. Marks of omission

32. Biblical lands

34. Judges

35. "The End of the ____" (1999 film)

37. Evening, to Yves

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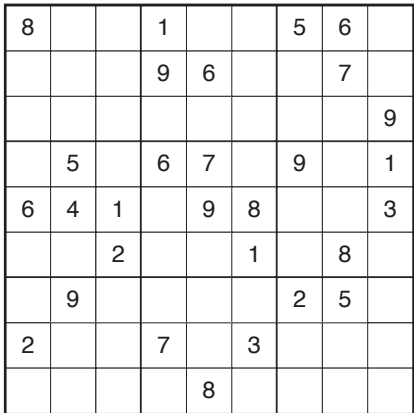
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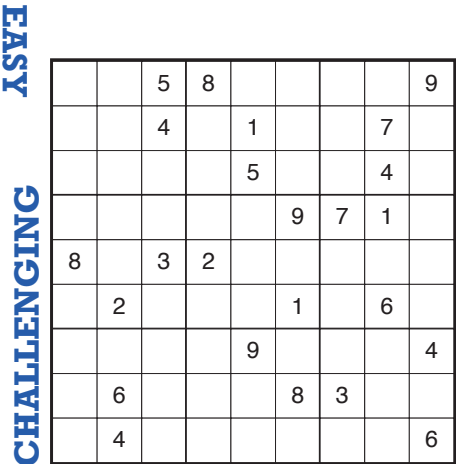
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Can you put the nut shells on my clock (a real clock)

Are you prepared to bring a child into this world?

Offer an icy glass of lemonade

Good in the hood?

Turn the LED lights to red

You look cold... want to use me as a blanket?

Propose first

May I belay on?

Can I kiss you, or do I have to lie to my diary...

Want to do the salsa?

I shaved my legs for this...

Do you fondue?

Pretty please with a cherry on top

Would you like to be the Cat to my Bob?

Wanna play a game?

Are you PURE GOLD?

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Interpretive dancing

I'm new in town. Could you give me directions to the bedroom?

Can I get a thumbs up?

What would you do for a Klondike Bar™?

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Why do seagulls fly over the sea? If they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels!