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Students in MSU's Intro to Communications class discuss a group speech project on the oval on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Left to Right: sophomore Jaxson Lee, freshmen Stella Pachmeyer and Heaven Jarvi, sophomore Hazel Rex, and freshman Caroline Kohl. Photo by Gabe Barnard

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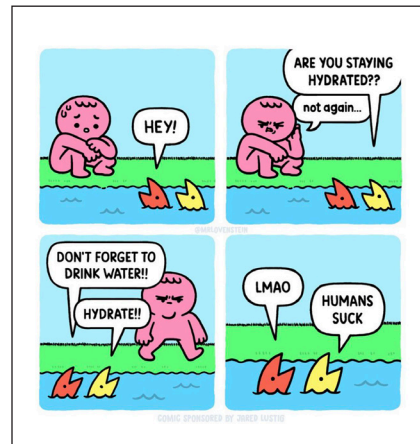


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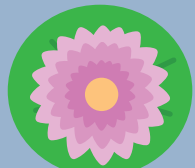
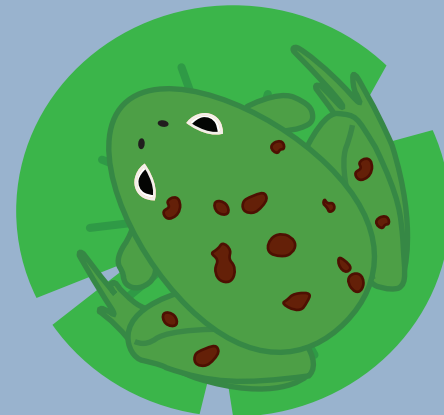
A single golden dart frog measuring about two inches could kill 10 grown men with its venom

The largest frog in the world, the goliath frog, can grow to 12.5 inches and weigh 7 pounds

There are at least 5,000 known species of frogs

The smallest frog discovered was 7.7 millimeters long

Some bullfrogs have been recorded jumping distances of 7 feet



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Kappa Sigma fraternity faces interim suspension

BY PHOEBE ZEA

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, the Office of the Dean of Students placed the Kappa Sigma Lambda Delta chapter of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at MSU on interim suspension.

The fraternity, residing at 1120 S 6th Ave, is a chapter of the largest national fraternity in the nation. It has been under scrutiny multiple times in the last year, most notably when 11 members of the fraternity faced felony and misdemeanor charges in relation to hazing, forced underage drinking, assault and unlawful restraint charges.

As a result of these hazing incidents, the fraternity was placed under probation, which included a no-alcohol policy during the fall semester. The leadership team of Kappa Sigma also went through a restructuring following the hazing events and the removal of key fraternity members.

The recent interim suspension, occurring under new Chapter President Jacob Brucher, comes in response to a large gathering at the chapter house on Friday, Aug. 26, where two guests were transported to the hospital under the influence of alcohol, and one of the guests alleged that she was the victim of a date-rape drug.

It comes as no surprise that fraternities and sororities are under the tight watch of universities across the country. Each year, members of these college organizations face criminal charges for crimes like hazing, underage drinking and university alcohol policy violations.

"Fraternities are unique because they're the only student group we have that have the privilege of hosting events with alcohol," said Matt Caires, MSU's dean of students, during an interview with the Exponent. Pledges of fraternities and potential new members, or PNM's, of sororities, are the titles associated with students attempting to gain initiation, or membership, into these groups. It is common practice, albeit prohibited by universities, for chapter members to haze, or require any tasks and actions to be done by these pledges and PNMs at the request of full-members, during this initiation phase.

It is also MSU policy to prohibit 'hard-alcohol,' or alcohol over 15% ABV at any fraternity event, however it is important to note that the alcohol-free policy Kappa Sigma allegedly violated on the night of Aug. 26 was specific to the terms of the chapter's probation, and does not extend to every IFC group on campus.

Under university policy, hazing can be as simple as "waking students up at 6 a.m. and making them run through the sprinklers," said Caires during an IFC and Panhellenic Council (PHC) Town Hall Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the SUB. In attendance at the meeting were leaders of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) at MSU, President Waded Cruzado, Caires, Vice President of Student Success Chris Kearns and Michael Stanley, MSU's Chief of Police.

According to Caires, the leadership team of Kappa Sigma met with the Office of the Dean of Students and FSL earlier in the day on Aug. 26 to clarify and review the terms of their probation, including the no-alcohol policy that the fraternity violated later that night.

"On Friday afternoon, they had agreed to the alcohol-free status and the probation. Less than six hours later, we had information citing a number of students claiming they were drinking, not just alcohol, but hard alcohol, which is also a violation of national policy," Caires said.

As for the date-rape drug allegations, the investigation is ongoing and the university was unable to comment.

"I have now worked with our attorneys for 12 years," Caires said. "And there's been lots of allegations of date rape drugs. We've never, in my time, had one of those allegations come forward with legitimate, chemically-proven date-rape."

According to the National University of Natural Medicine, there are several forms of testing available for the presence of

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Matt Caires, dean of students

date-rape drugs, both in drinks and in a bodily system. They are often extremely accurate and the drugs are detectable for 72 hours after ingestion, according to the website. "The date rape drug of choice [on the evening of the 26] was alcohol... and for me, that's just as scary as a date rape drug," Caires said. "The fraternity, not specific members, the fraternity is under investigation," he clarified at the town hall meeting.

FSL members attending the town hall voiced concerns surrounding numerous past conduct violations by Kappa Sigma.

According to Dylan Edlund, the president of Pi Kappa

Alpha, these allegations are not a "one time thing with the Kappa Sigmas. This is now a series and a pattern of behavior."

Multiple other fraternities have faced probation and suspensions since 2011. Caires said that this is the fifth time his office has placed a fraternity on interim suspension, including two suspensions of Pi Kappa Alpha in 2013 and 2016 and the removal of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in 2018, a group that has since been reinstated on campus.

Following an explanation of Kappa Sigma's behavior and the pending consequences of the recent allegations, Caires and FSL leaders sat for a 30-minute Q&A session. One of the first questions asked was by Megan Prigge, a senior in Pi Beta Phi, who wanted to know how the Dean of Students planned to hold fraternities "accountable for situations where there are sorority women, or other first year freshman students, who are...given alcohol on these [fraternity] properties."

Caires emphasized throughout the meeting and during the Q&A that it is university and national chapter policy for fraternities to restrict hard-alcohol, or, in Kappa Sigma's terms of probation, have no alcohol.

"Fraternities and sororities are student organizations recognized by the university that are ultimately run by [young] adults. And sometimes young adults make mistakes, but at the end of the day, the responsibility of the drinking and the activities that occur in fraternities or sororities belongs to you," Caires said to the audience of over 400 fraternity and sorority members. "Our job is to facilitate your understanding of the rules and to hold you accountable when you violate them."

Caires also noted during the session that any allegations of sexual assault within the university community is handled by the Office of Institutional Equity, and other support offices like the VOICE center and university police.

Caires wrapped up the town hall meeting by emphasizing that there are no university plans to permanently shut down Kappa Sigma in light of the recent allegations.

"I want to be clear, and I was very clear with the Kappa Sigs when I met with them, the university has no interest in purchasing the Kappa Sigma house," Caires said. "So rest assured, Kappas and the rest of them, we're not interested in taking over your fraternity."

The interim suspension is in place indefinitely while the accusations are investigated. The suspension means that as a fraternity group, Kappa Sigma cannot hold or participate in any university events. The fraternity was also forced to end their fall rush early amid these accusations. Kappa Sigma declined to comment on the allegations and interim suspension.

The Exponent revisits the beginnings of Gold Rush

BY JACKSON OLIFF AND MSU ATHLETICS

Every year since 2007, at the first home football game of the season, thousands of MSU students illuminate Bobcat Stadium with their bright gold t-shirts and ferocious school spirit. But how did the tradition start?

The idea for Gold Rush sprang up fifteen years ago in the MSU marketing and athletic departments.

Larry Aasheim of Universal Athletic, MSU Marketing Director Julie Kipfer, and Bobcat Athletics' first-year Director of Marketing Drew Ingraham aimed to elevate school spirit and sell more t-shirts. They came up with the perfect idea and name: The first football game of every subsequent year would be called Gold Rush.

Aasheim and Ingraham told MSU Athletics the goal of Gold Rush was to engage the fans in the season opener and get people more involved with MSU Athletics.

The marketing team was already familiar with using football to promote t-shirt sales.

They'd had some success with the previous "Paint it Blue!" campaign. Students were asked to purchase limited edition t-shirts and wear them to the football game against North Dakota State. Now, it was time to take the promotion to a larger — and goldier — scale.

The team wanted as many people dressed in gold as possible on game day.

Julie Kipfer played an instrumental role in maintaining low costs for the shirts. Ingraham told MSU Athletics she pushed for student and community affordability and without her plan, as well as Universal Athletics' cooperation, the promotion may have been fruitless.

In the first game of the 2007 season, the Cats suffered a

loss after putting up a fight against Texas A&M. The game scheduled to follow would become the first-ever Gold Rush.

The first turnout was massive. Nearly 14,000 people arrived to spectate and most of them were wearing gold.

For the next 15 years, the tradition grew until it became what it is today. Nowadays,

almost every student — and Bozemanite — knows the word Gold Rush, and they probably have the gold t-shirt as well. The 2022 Gold Rush t-shirt

features a design chosen by votes from fan-designed submissions.

Leon Costello, MSU's athletic director summed up the spirit of Gold Rush well: "It is truly one of best college football atmospheres anywhere in the country. Not only are people excited about kicking off a new school year and a new college football season, but this tradition has really ramped up our fans' excitement for the entire season."

"WE WANTED TO FIND SOMETHING TO UNIFY AND ENERGIZE THE FAN BASE, AND IT SEEMED LIKE THIS COULD WORK."



The Bobcat student section cheers at the kickoff of the 2022 Gold Rush Game. Photo by Katy Sestay

Housing relocations make more room for undergrads

BY JACKSON SLEDGE

The once-daily soundtrack of playground shrieks and laughter gave way to a new kind of commotion in the West Julia Martin (WJM) apartments as 36 graduate student families were displaced in June by an estimated 200 incoming undergraduate tenants.

“It just seems like year after year nothing changes for the apartments, and they just keep taking the housing away,” said Charlotte, a student who asked to remain anonymous due to her employment in university student housing. She, alongside her graduate-student husband and one-year-old son, were relocated over the summer.

The brick cul-de-sac in the center of MSU’s Family Graduate Housing complex has historically provided long-term rentals for married graduate students and parents. The complex is the second and latest to be repurposed as dorm-style housing for a mix of juniors, sophomores and freshmen, said Jeff Bondy, the director of university student housing.

“We try to most accurately predict what the needs will be for our freshman while also remaining flexible to best meet the demands of graduate and upper-division students,” Bondy said.

Toys rest in a gravel pit at the West Julia Martin housing complex.

Photo by Gabe Barnard



Issued a mandatory relocation notice in June, the majority of relocated tenants were placed in vacant units elsewhere in Family and Graduate Housing. The remainder either graduated or chose to complete their degrees elsewhere. Implemented almost precisely one year after the 2021 relocation of 78 faculty families, the move is the latest to erode the supply of dedicated family and graduate housing.

Charlotte and her family have lived in WJM since 2019. “Our little son was born in September of last year, so we were still living in WJM when I gave birth to him.”

Raising a newborn on a college campus posed its own unique challenges. “Some of the bedrooms, I would argue, are about the size of a big walk-in closet,” she said. Nonetheless, Charlotte found WJM to be a safe community for her family.

“The kids could see when their friends were outside, and so you’d see the kids all gather,” she said. “As soon as one would go outside, they’d all go outside.”

Alongside amenities such as FGH’s single swing set, Charlotte considered her multi-cultural community a valuable asset to raising a family in the WJM. “We had a couple of families from Mongolia, Vietnam, Nigeria. There was quite a handful of Native families from different reservations, especially in Montana.”

Since moving out, Charlotte remembers her neighbors through a community-sourced recipe book compiled within the apartments. The cookbook highlights a globetrotting lineup of many different countries’ traditional foods.

“I’ve pondered what it would be like if I raised my child in ‘just’ Bozeman, Montana, where the population has got to be at least 90% white... I just really hope that my son can grow up with people of different nationalities and learn not to assume things about them because of their skin color,” Charlotte said.

While the change eats away at housing available for international graduate students, housing them remains a concern within Bondy’s office.

“We work closely with admissions, we talk to our partners in international programs and the dean of the graduate college to find a balanced inventory and provide space for those that need it,” Bondy said.

Although a nightly chorus of play no longer dictates the neighborhood ambiance, the grounds remain abuzz. In fact, the apartments now may be more crowded than ever, with undergrads sleeping two to a room in most cases.

Even though it is “quite tiny, tinier than a dorm,” said Angelica Valentine, a freshman in pre-med, she enjoys a room to herself. Her apartment-mate, Madi Trawick, thinks their unit is a rare exception. “Normally it’s two people per room. So I have a bunk bed in my room,” Trawick said.

Bondy said no further complexes will be converted to undergrad housing.

“I feel confident that this will be the last time that we have to do that,” he said.

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A guide to outdoors clubs at MSU

BY ERIC WELCH

It's no secret that Bozeman is a hotbed for outdoor recreation. Surrounded by thousands of acres of mountains, rivers and everything in between, the town has always attracted those with an appetite for exploration. MSU students are no exception, and several student-led clubs have made it their mission to get the most out of their time in Big Sky country.

One group is the MSU fly fishing club, better known as the "Bozo Trout Bums." Southwest Montana has long been a hub for anglers and the Trout Bums aim to take full advantage of their proximity to globally renowned fishing sites.

"MSU isn't very far from some huge destination rivers," said Wyatt Shinn, fourth year student and club co-president. "People come from all over the world to fish the Madison, Yellowstone and Gallatin."

In addition to fishing outings, the Trout Bums organize float trips and camping nights on the rivers and more. "We do fly-tying nights instead of meetings. It's much more laid back."

For those who prefer the roar of a six-cylinder to the swish of a fly rod, there's the 4x4 club at MSU. Hundreds of miles of forest service road surround Bozeman provide a playground for students eager to get their trucks, dirt bikes and jeeps

dirty. "We explore around Bozeman and Montana," said Matt Lamb, a sophomore club member. "It only takes about 20 minutes to get out into the wilderness and not see anyone."

When they're not crawling up Flathead Pass in the Bridger Mountains or ripping around Revenue Flats in the Madison River Valley, the club spends time helping preserve and protect the land they recreate on. Every year, they participate in the "Friends of Hyalite" clean-up, a volunteer event that aims to keep the popular recreation area of Hyalite Canyon pristine. "I liked it because I got to meet new people and do something good to help the trails," Lamb said about the event.

One of the largest student organizations at MSU has one goal: empower female and non-binary students to be leaders in outdoor recreation. The Women's Outdoor Adventure Club self-styled as the "Backcountry Squatters" was established almost a decade ago and has made enormous advancements in promoting safe and responsible outdoor recreation.

The club's inception arose out of a group of MSU students' discontent with the marginalization of women in outdoor recreation. "Being one woman in a group of men can be really intimidating," said Emily Wiley, a senior club member. "The club started because students didn't feel like they could vocalize what they needed to be safe in the backcountry. We're trying to

break down the barriers to be able to do what we want."

Over its nine years of existence, the Backcountry Squatters club has sought to bring women together in the outdoors and provide them with the necessary tools to recreate safely. "We've offered an intro to fly fishing clinic, an intro to mountain biking clinic, companion rescue courses, wilderness first-aid courses, and avalanche-awareness courses," Wiley said. "We were founded on the idea of educating and connecting people. Once they have that foundation of knowledge, they have the resources to go out and have fun."

Whether they are tethered to a rock wall high in the Bridgers or waist-deep in the cold water of the Madison with a fly rod in hand, MSU students are unified by their urge to explore the mountains and wilderness of Southwest Montana. For more information on the clubs featured in this article and to see a full list of the student organizations at MSU, check out montanastate.campuslabs.com/engage/organizations.

FROM THE EXPONENT ARCHIVES: Bikeway petition starts Thursday

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There are about 6,000 bicycles in Bozeman now, which is about one bike for every three and one-half residents. Bike sales are on the increase because people are realizing that bikes are a mode of transportation that doesn't pollute or consume energy sources, except calories. Now bicycles and automobiles in Bozeman are competing for the same space on the city streets. More bicycles means more congestion, as well as an increase in danger.

Four MSU students drafted a plan for a bikeway system which would provide specific pathways for these increasing numbers of bikes. The Gallatin Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus is organizing an effort to convince the city commissioners and city manager that there is strong support in Bozeman for the bikeway system. Thursday, November 15, will be the kick-off date for the campaign. Petitions will be available in the SUB lobby for signatures to be taken to the city commissioners.

Two petitions will be circulated; the first endorsing the bikeway and the second endorsing a bicycle tax and mandatory licensing. Licensing will aid in recovery of stolen bicycles and the registration fee and fines for noncompliance will help to pay for the bike paths.

Federal matching funds for bikeways are available now but may not be by 1975. Timing of the proposal is critical. The two sources of funds from the Federal government are the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. State financing to match these funds would be controlled by the Montana Highway Department and the State Highway Trust Fund.

One of the main considerations of the bikeways is safety. In the United States, bicycle related deaths were up 78% from 1960 to 1970. Several accidents have occurred in Bozeman in recent weeks. People on bicycles compete at a disadvantage with automobiles for the same space. Separate bikeways would be an obvious benefit in

keeping bikes out of the paths of cars.

There are three basic types of bikeways, defined according to their relationship to existing roads and traffic patterns: the exclusive, the restricted and the shared. The names are self explanatory. Exclusive bike paths with no connection to roads would be the best for safety's sake, but restricted and shared paths will be necessary in parts of Bozeman due to lack of space and lack of funds.

Any type of bikeway would be better than none.

Other reasons for the bikeways are that more and more people are using bikes as a regular method of transportation, as well as families using them for a clean, healthy form of recreation. Bike paths will hopefully encourage even more people to use bicycles which will be a benefit to air quality, the health of the riders, the pocketbooks of the riders, the quiet of the city and especially the fuel shortage.

All facts and information are taken from a study done by Pat Carroll, Doug Tolland, Harvey Moen and Rich Itoh.

The following petitions will be circulating for signatures:

Whereas bicycles are a nonpolluting, non energy-depleting mode of transportation, extensively used in Bozeman, we the undersigned ask the City Commission to plan and implement bicycle pathways for better traffic control and safety in Bozeman:

We the undersigned believe that an annual bicycle license costing \$5 should be required and enforced in Bozeman to provide some revenue for bicycle pathways and to ensure that bicycles are brought under state traffic codes.

A man careens down a pathway on a bicycle in an illustration published in the Exponent on November 13, 1973.



Learn how to get outdoors with the Outdoor Rec Program

BY GUS YEAGER

Mountains and Minds is a common motto of MSU, the phrase is thrown around quite a bit on campus. While the meaning of the ‘Minds’ bit of it is pretty obvious (seeing as MSU is first and foremost an academic institution) the ‘Mountains’ aspect is something a bit more unique. MSU is unique in its geography, with its close proximity to peaks, rivers, and other outdoor playgrounds. For some students, exploring these bits of nature can be daunting but that's where the ASMSU Outdoor Recreation Program comes in.

Ty Atwater, who manages the outdoor program, shed some light on the idea behind the program, saying, “Outdoor Rec [sic] is all about engaging students of MSU, as well as faculty and staff, with being outside.”

The program facilitates different activities in a number of ways, such as offering clinics and classes to teach students about the outdoors. “We help students go from a position of being outdoor curious, maybe saying ‘I want to go out into the mountains but I don’t know how’ to a place where they feel comfortable doing that,” Atwater explained.

The Outdoor Recreation Center can also rent out gear for students to use on their outdoor adventures. “Students will come down here because they don’t have a tent. They’ll have sleeping bags, coolers, but we don’t have a tent. Great, we have tents. We’ll facilitate that experience that these folks will remember for the rest of their lives.”

Atwater emphasized student involvement within the program. “We also offer student employment. The vast majority of our trips, classes, programs, and services are all student-led,”

Naomi deRidder, who has been working at the center for around a year, offered some insight into her experience, “I didn’t really expect to do this job. But it’s by far been my favorite part of college so far.”

Annika Bucchin, a manager of the rental shop, agreed, saying, “It’s been a really amazing time. It’s really daunting to try something new and I think it’s important that we educate and expose our students [to the outdoors]”.

The opportunities for students in this area are sure to keep expanding, with the Rec Sports and Fitness Department opening the new facility soon. In the meantime, anyone interested in exploring the outdoors should check out the Outdoor Rec Program. Given MSU’s signature relationship with nature and the outdoors the program certainly plays an important role on campus.

Students set off for a ride around town on bikes rented from the Outdoor Rec Program on Aug. 16, 2020. The ORP invited students to the guided tour, called the Bike Ride Boogie, as part of the MSU Debut event lineup for the fall 2020 semester.

Photo by Gabe Barnard



SEA OF GOLD BOBCAT FOOTBALL

By Thomas Austin

For the first time since December, Bobcat stadium roared to life on Saturday afternoon as MSU football kicked off the 2022 season against the McNeese State University Cowboys.

Despite the sweltering heat, the Bobcats kept their cool as their offense stalled throughout the first quarter, failing to put any points on the board. The Bobcats' first drive of the season lasted three plays before they were forced to punt the ball away after the McNeese defense hunted down MSU quarterback Tommy Mellott for a sack on third and short.

On its second drive of the game, MSU appeared to find a way through the Cowboys' defensive line as running back Lane Sumner broke away for a 52-yard sprint to the end zone. During the play, a holding penalty on the Bobcats negated the score and MSU was forced to punt just two plays later.

On their last drive of the quarter, the Bobcats began to find their rhythm, putting together a solid drive that left them at the McNeese third yard line heading into the second quarter. The Cats quickly earned their first points as backup quarterback Sean Chambers punched through the Cowboys' defense for a three yard score.

Quarterback Tommy Mellott tries to break a tackle by McNeese State Linebacker Amaud Willis-Dalton.
Photo by Katy Sestay



McNeese State responded quickly with a touchdown of its own, but once the Bobcats' offense began to click there was no slowing them down. The Cats put up 13 combined points over the course of their following three possessions, leaving McNeese down by 10 early in the third quarter. MSU would score on all but two of their remaining possessions, managing to finish the game with 40 points and a resounding victory over the visiting Cowboys.

The Bobcat defense remained solid throughout the game, forcing a fumble and snagging two interceptions while allowing only seventeen points and 303 total yards of offense. Additionally, the MSU defensive line had no trouble fighting its way through to opposing quarterback Knox Kadum, recording six sacks over the course of the evening. The stout defensive effort from the Cats bodes well, especially since Big Sky Conference rivals University of Montana and Sacramento State put up 47 and 56 points in their respective week one matchups.

As always, the first home game of the season at MSU is marked by Gold Rush, an annual celebration welcoming students and fans back for a new season of football. What was launched as a t-shirt promotion in 2007 has grown into a beloved tradition that turns Bobcat stadium gold for one magical Saturday in September. "It's an incredible time. We've got the best fans in the nation, we've got the best stadium in the nation, it's just such a blast. I'm looking forward to it," said Ty Okada, MSU senior safety. The Cats have come away victorious in all but one Gold Rush matchup, a remarkable record that fans hope to see continue in years to come. As is custom for Gold Rush, the signature t-shirt features a graphic created by the winner of the annual Gold Rush t-shirt design contest. This year's winner, Jamie Shanks, is a Montana native and her son Elliot is a freshman at MSU.

"When I began the design, I wanted to include the mountains, as they were one of the many favorite things about our visit. I also wanted to capture the elements of Bobcat football through the yard lines and the subtle football outline with bobcat scratches marking the laces," Shanks said.

As MSU football embarks on another mission to bring home a national championship, fans are quick to recall just how close the Cats were to glory last season. MSU held a 10-2 record heading into the FCS playoffs and earned a bye to

Wide receiver Clevan Thomas sets up for the play.
Photo by Katy Sestay



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the second round of the tournament. The Cats made the decision heading into the playoffs to bench Matthew McKay, who had started at quarterback every game of the regular season, and give then-freshman Tommy Mellott the reins. Mellott performed phenomenally, guiding the Bobcats to a National Championship game while collecting 10 total touchdowns over the course of three games. But in a gut-wrenching moment just minutes into the championship game, Mellott was tackled awkwardly as he fought for first down yardage, tearing a ligament in his ankle. Without Mellott, the Cats struggled to produce offense, falling to the Bison 38-10.

In the offseason MSU lost one of the most impactful players in program history to the NFL. Linebacker Troy Andersen was selected in the second round of the NFL draft by the Atlanta Falcons, a testament to his incredible talent and athleticism on the gridiron. The Cats will have to adjust to life without Andersen, and younger players will need to step up and fill the gaps. "Some of the things we asked Troy to do because of his unique talents, we just won't ask the next guy to do," MSU Head Coach Brent Vigen said. "You know you can't replace him so you don't ask the next guy to do the exact same things."

With the Cat's championship quest underway, obstacles begin to loom in the distance. MSU begins its Big Sky Conference schedule on Saturday Sept 24th against Eastern Washington followed by a tilt with UC Davis the next week. Eastern Washington is ranked 12th nationally and UC Davis is just outside the top 25 after a week one loss to UC Davis. These two matchups will give Bobcat nation a solid gauge of the team's standing in the Big Sky Conference and the FCS as a whole. In the final game of the regular season, the Cats will host the Montana Griz in the highly anticipated Brawl of the Wild. The Bobcats held the Great Divide Trophy for four seasons before the Griz snatched it back in a 29-10 thumping in Missoula last November. The Griz are ranked third in the nation, just one spot higher than the Cats, potentially making the Brawl of the Wild one of the highest powered and evenly matched games in the upcoming FCS season.

With one game under its belt, MSU football appears ready for another successful season. As Mellott continues to impress as quarterback and the MSU defense holds strong, fans can look forward to a thrilling year of Bobcat football, while the Cats themselves enjoy another year of golden crowds willing them to victory in the shadow of the mountains.



Running back Lane Sumner jumps over McNeese safety Tyler Barnes in attempt to score. Photo by Katy Sestay



Painted Bobcats cheer on the football team at its Gold Rush game on Saturday, Sept. 3. Photo by Sam Negen

Bulldozing Buildings: Rants about Norm and Cheever

Norm is Not Plant Friendly

BY HOLT BURGE

Over the last four years, MSU has either constructed or renovated four separate buildings. Each of these buildings follows a similar aesthetic. However, Norm Asbjornson Hall remains the ugliest building that has graced this campus since its completion in 2018.

This is partially due to the fundamental design principles which influenced the construction of the building. It seems that MSU prioritized the teaching landscape, and as a result, all the piping is exposed, most likely to demonstrate to the engineering students what exposed piping should look like. Although it is questionable how helpful this teaching technique has been within the college of engineering, Norm is widely observed with both fascination and disgust by the people over at the College of Agriculture. Both the horticulture and landscape design majors have spent time analyzing the decisions made by experts within their fields. It is fitting that the exterior of the building, which looks like a modern mausoleum, will become the grave of many unfortunate plants.

Concrete covers the landscape around the hall and although it succeeds in creating a modern industrial aesthetic, this negatively affects the plant life. Concrete, which both attracts and retains heat, increases the plant's need for water while also making the soil more alkaline. High alkaline soils can restrict nutrient uptake which directly affects a plant's ability to grow. This alkaline-rich environment, in combination with increasing levels of heat, means these plants are likely deficient in both nutrients and water.



Seated inside a concrete planter outside of Norm, a Hosta plant displays wilted flowers and crisped leaves.

Photo by Katy Sestay

These sorts of issues are often remedied by mulching, which stimulates the growth of microorganisms while also acting as insulation. Norm is the only building that decided to cover the dirt layer with white and gray rocks. While rocks contribute to drainage and weed control, the absence of mulch and its beneficial properties can be seen in the quality of its floral productions.

Look at the plants just in front of Norm to confirm any suspicion regarding the health of the flowers in their current situation. This problem is only exasperated by the overhang which ensures that none of these flowers get enough rainwater. The trees surrounding Norm suffer from, arguably, an even worse fate. All the trees are either too close to the building or the road. The trees against the building are being cooked alive due to the black background they are against. It is to the credit of both the school's horticulturists and landscapers that Norm is an outlier amongst what is regarded as a beautiful campus.

There are still larger issues in the future regarding sustainable design within MSU. As both the temperatures and climate are altered, so are the insects and diseases that influence the ecosystem. The trees most commonly found on campus are crabapple, Colorado spruce and green ash. These

monocultures create a limited amount of biodiversity around the campus which in turn allows for a limited response when it comes to disease prevention. The school's obsessive use of green ash trees has become an issue due to the rise of the emerald ash borer, an insect making its way toward Bozeman.

These monocultures do more than just affect disease rates; they also decrease the visual stimuli of the MSU campus. A more diverse landscape can serve as a teaching resource for the students while also bringing more colors and diversity to an increasingly monochromatic campus. As it stands, Jabs Hall will become the most genetically diverse hall on campus, featuring countless varieties of plastic masterpieces. The "plants" of Jabs have stood the test of time without water or nutrients, and this is a trend many can expect to continue. Jabs remains the only hall on campus without a single living leafy organism.

Plant enthusiasts shudder at the thought of all that window space going to waste. Each student that walks past Norm should feel something for the plants that never truly got a chance at life.



Art Students Deserve a Place to Shine

BY ELLIE AYERS

Cheever Hall is one of the places on campus for art students to express themselves while furthering their education. How are they expected to expand their creative minds, especially the architecture students who spend the most time in Cheever Hall when they are surrounded by some of the worst architecture on all of campus? Haynes Hall is another place on campus where art students get the freedom to create, yet, this building seems to be one of the least artistically constructed buildings on campus. The students in the College of Arts and Architecture are expected to find inspiration in these subpar facilities when all that they see are gray walls, boxy construction and randomly placed blocks of color.

The construction of the art buildings has always been a subject of debate between those attending classes in them, but the conversation surrounding Cheever specifically seems to be more of an outrage. How can the pristine art form of architecture be studied in one of the least user-friendly buildings at the university? One of the main complaints about

the structure of the building is the two staircases that you must go down and up in order to get around the halls. It seems almost asinine to have to walk down three steps in order to get upstairs. It feels counterproductive and interrupts the whole flow of the building. Another factor that upsets students is the confusing way that 'classrooms' appear to be main hallways that connect the building. For example, the room in between the stairwells, the wood shop and print lab functions as a hallway most of the time, but sometimes it is occupied by a class or a critique. When this happens, it interrupts the entire pathway of traffic and forces students who are trying to get around to go outside.

Not only is the architecture of the buildings confusing, almost the entirety of the College of Arts and Architecture – with the exception of the Visual Communications Building – is located on the opposite side of 11th Avenue from the rest of the instructional buildings. This simple fact not only secludes the art students from the rest of this research-based university, but makes the

art students feel as though they are more of an afterthought to the rest of the school. While other programs are housed in renovated and new buildings around campus, like Norm Asbjornson Hall, the art students have been learning and working in the exact same building since 1974 with little to no renovations to keep it updated. The only renovations that the Creative Arts Complex, which includes Haynes Hall, Cheever Hall and Howard Hall, have seen in the last decade is the addition of an accessible bathroom in Haynes and easier access to the recital hall in Howard. This 'renovation' occurred in 2013. Another one of the minimal 'updates' to these buildings has been painting blocks of color on the walls of Haynes Hall in an effort to make it feel more artistic, even though the placement and choice of colors seems to be rather random and not artistic at all.

The environment that the art students are surrounded by all day does not seem the most fitting to facilitate a creative space for them to create in.

The College of Arts and Architecture has some of the most creative programs at MSU, yet when looking at the buildings that house these programs, you would never guess it. The effort that has been put into this college is far below what it should be. How can the university claim to be proud of all of their programs when there are clear favorites and others are obviously on the back burner?



TOP Mismatched chairs face a TV screen to serve as a makeshift lecture space inside of Cheever Hall. Photos by Katy Sestay

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fair and Representative Legislative Districts

BY MACKAY JOHNSON

Gallatin County is home to the fastest growing community in Montana, a diverse mix of urban and rural interests and some of the most pristine outdoor spaces in Montana. When it comes to representation in the legislature, the folks from around here want representatives who understand all of those values, the challenges that come along with them and will fight for the communities they represent, not their own special interests.

The independent redistricting commission should adopt a fair and representative map for Montana, and when it comes to Gallatin County, make sure the districts include the diverse mix of interests across this county. It's not just the city of Bozeman that matters – it's all of Gallatin County.

We need legislative districts that encompass both rural and urban interests and also the way folks are

commuting around the county for work. Not everyone can afford to live in Bozeman, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't have a voice when it comes to representation in the Montana legislature. Luckily in Montana, we have an independent commission made up of Montanans from across the political spectrum and the commission should listen to their fellow Montanans when we say fair and representative legislative districts in Gallatin County.

Legal Notice

The following is the ballot statement of an amendment to the Montana Constitution to be submitted to the voters of the state of Montana at the November 8, 2022 General Election. The text below is being published per the requirement of 13-27-311(2) MCA, by Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 48 AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 11, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO EXPLICITLY INCLUDE ELECTRONIC DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS IN SEARCH AND SEIZURE PROTECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

C-48 is a constitutional amendment to amend Article II, section 11 of the Montana Constitution to specifically protect electronic data and communications from unreasonable search and seizures.

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- ☐ NO on Constitutional Amendment C-48

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BOZEMAN HEALTH

CULTURE

Talking dollar dollar bills y'all, with MSU's finance club

BY KELLY COYNE

Do you want to stack penny stocks and flip birds like Jordan Belfort? If you're looking to make connections, apply for internships and talk a whole lot of money, then Finance Club is the place for you. They meet every other Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in Jabs 407. There are no other prerequisites or requirements to join.

The next meeting is a mixer on Tuesday, Sep. 13, at Wealthvest. This mixer will hold a presentation from a chief investment strategist about his Wall Street experience. Finance club president, Kyle Goodale, emphasized that anyone wearing finance bro vests will receive extra credit. He also wants to hear a lot of Wolf of Wall Street quotes, the more the merrier.

Goodale explained how the goal of the club is to "introduce the inevitable earlier in students' lives so

that they are empowered with the confidence to make their own informed financial decisions."

Club advisor and head of the finance department, Gary Caton, drew attention to all the benefits this club has to offer during the first meeting. "The more you network the better."

Goodale also remarked on the opportunities offered to students. "The Finance Club offers students the opportunity to be proactive about their financial goals, whether they are career driven or simply for retirement. We do this by hosting investment experts, playing a virtual stock exchange game and presenting the current market conditions in an open forum."

Networking is the key for young students to start to get a foot in the door. It's never too early or too late to

start participating in events that'll benefit your future career.

A few students talked about the internships they received and how to get started with applying for them. Alexis Tinsley and Kirsten Kraske both spoke on their summer internships at J.P. Morgan. Tinsley added that the club "opens up many pathways to internship and job opportunities."

Whether you're eager to learn about the market or not, the Finance club offers "a sense of community in Jabs," as Kraske said.

If you're looking for finance advice or just a place to meet people with similar interests, make sure to stop by Finance Club next Tuesday.

How the 'M' became a symbol on the Bridgers

BY EMMA FRY

Looking north towards the Bridgers, it is pretty hard to miss the gigantic white 'M' plastered on the face of Mount Baldy. Representing MSU, the 'M' is a staple of Bozeman and the campus that lies at its heart. The creation of the 'M' was quite the undertaking.

In early fall of 1915, the graduating class of '18 came together for a class meeting to discuss the possibility of the letter. The idea was wildly popular, so, the sophomores petitioned the Forest Service for permission to build the giant 'M' on the mountainside. Soon after the students acquired a permit to construct the project and chose a site where everyone would be able to see their creation.

Thus, one crisp October morning, the class of '18 made their way to the mouth of Bridger Canyon. They traveled via bicycles, horse-drawn buggies and possibly even a newly designed gas-powered truck. After climbing the steep mountain, they started by outlining and filling the gigantic letter. At the time, the U at the University of Montana was thought to be the most prominent letter representation of a university, measuring 100 feet tall. However, when the class of '18 built the 'M', they purposefully made it 240 feet high and 100 feet across so that their creation would be more significant than their athletic rivals at UM.

According to the 1918 MSU yearbook, that same October night, the girls of the '18 class joined

the boys for dinner and the entire sophomore class had a great time laughing and dancing around the campfire. However, winter was soon upon them, so they had to wait until the snow melted the following year in 1917 to return to their creation. After catching the students' attention below, students began to paint the 'M' every year, and it quickly became a freshman tradition. At the beginning of the M's creation, the first-year students were barred from walking on campus lawns, dating or growing mustaches until they completed the 'M's annual refresh. The hazing stopped in the late 1940s. Still, it wasn't until 1967 that the university designated an official date for the job, and since then, a Saturday has been set aside every year, known as "M Day."

In the late 1990s, people recognized that the 'M' needed more than just a fresh coat of lime. It required some hard manual labor. Over 100,000 dollars was raised by alums, MSU employees and community members to promptly redesign and pave the trail's parking lot, replace fallen rock and repair and improve the trails. To quote the 1918 MSU yearbook, "May the 'M' stand long as a symbol of our loyalty to Montana State and a reminder of what a united class can accomplish."

The Office of Student Engagement is continuing the 'M' tradition with its "Rocking the 'M'" event at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

This poem was found in the 1918 MSU Yearbook:

*"Did you see the Juniors working,
In the heart on the mountainside?
Did you see a single one shirking?
No, the task was his greatest pride.
They were planting a token of homage
In the earth on that mountain high;
A token of love for their college,
The sign of a lasting tie.
So they toiled from morning till night.
Their bodies were weary and aching,
But there in the last rays of twirling
Shrone the M, the M of their making.
Their spirits arose at the sight
Of the tribute that thus came to be,
And echoing far in the night.
They sang praises to M.S.C*

Montana State to host art exhibit featuring work by Professor Emeritus

COURTESY OF REAGAN COLYER, MSU NEWS SERVICE

The MSU College of Arts and Architecture will host an event honoring the opening of an exhibition by Professor Emeritus Harold Schlotzhauer on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 5:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The event formally kicks off the “Time Fighter” exhibition, which is hosted in the Helen E. Copeland Gallery in MSU’s Haynes Hall. The exhibition includes a variety of pieces from Schlotzhauer, who taught at MSU, specializing in painting and printmaking, from 1980 until his retirement in 2008. The exhibition will remain on display through the end of September.

“[Schlotzhauer] has stayed hugely involved. He is just fantastic,” said Caleb Fey, gallery director for the College of Arts and

Architecture. “We’ve got some work here that he’s just finished, [and] there are pieces in this exhibition from 1966, ’68, ’72.”

Schlotzhauer has lived and worked in Bozeman for 42 years. He was born in New York in 1941 and raised in San Jose, California, where he acquired his love of surfing and skateboarding. He attended San Jose City College and Cabrillo College and received both a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Fine Arts from the California College of Arts and Crafts.

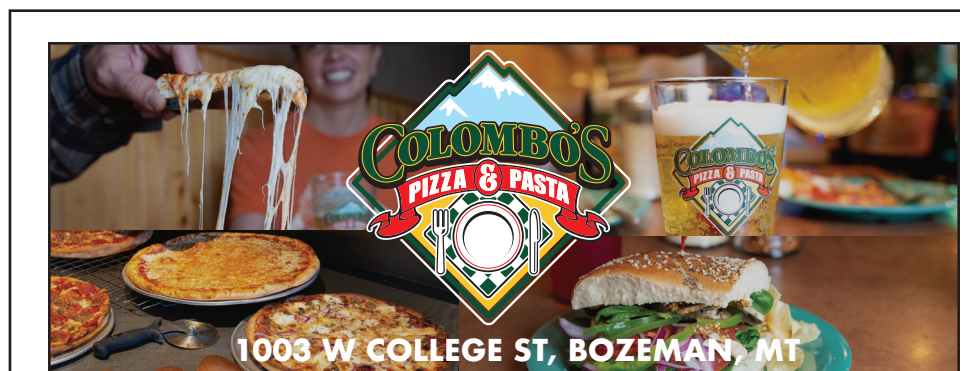
Schlotzhauer has shown his work across the country and world. He is known for his bold, graphic displays of color, the technicality and detail of his process and the physicality of his brushstrokes within the underpainting. The current exhibition includes wall-displayed paintings as well as vividly painted skateboards and surfboards, which are a hallmark of Schlotzhauer’s style.

“When I look at some of his old work, I can see the same language,” said Fey. “To me as a viewer, it’s just so impressive to have landed on this visual language that he’s so good at, and to have mined it so thoroughly for so long. On the surface, the work is all very similar, but it doesn’t become repetitive.”

The Copeland Gallery is one of four galleries at MSU that hosts art for public viewing. Other galleries include the Dean’s Gallery and Cheever Gallery in Cheever Hall, the latter of which focuses on architectural drawings, photography and projects; and the Waller-Yoblonsky Gallery at the Melvin Graduate Studios west of MSU’s campus. The College of Arts and Architecture has numerous other exhibitions planned for the 2022-23 academic year, and all gallery shows are free and open to the public.



An art exhibit by Professor Emeritus Harold Schlotzhauer will be hosted in the Helen E. Copeland Gallery in Haynes Hall until the end of September. Photo courtesy of MSU News Service



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CALENDAR

THU 08

SUSTAINABILITY SOCIAL

Jake Jabs Patio @ 4 p.m.

The Office of Sustainability is hosting a social to welcome students back to campus and introduce them to all things sustainability at MSU. The event will connect students with passionate staff and faculty, allow them to ask questions and meet mentors and friends. Everyone is invited, free of charge. There will be refreshments provided.

ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

Haynes Hall @ 5:30 p.m.

Professor Emeritus Harold Schlotzhauer has an exhibition opening in the Helen E. Copeland Gallery on the second floor of Haynes Hall. Please join the Art School for an opening reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., light refreshments will be provided.

FRI 09

FRIDAY FORUM ON HOUSING

Online @ Noon

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at MSU will present a discussion titled "Crisis! How Low Rental Inventory and High Rents Impact Us All." The event will be delivered online via Zoom from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. This discussion is the first of a two-part series. The second event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14.

TESTICLE FESTIVAL

Brick Breeden @ 7:30 p.m.

The Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is proud to present the 2022 Annual Testicle Festival. This year's Testicle Festival will feature live performances from country music's William Clark Green and Chancey Williams.

SAT 10

ROCKIN' THE 'M'

SUB Union Market @ 9 a.m.

Join OSE for a tradition more than 100 years old in giving the 'M' a much-needed refresh with new rocks and paint to keep this community staple looking great. Make new friends and take pride in bezzzzttering the MSU and Bozeman communities. Lunch and transportation provided.

BOBCAT FOOTBALL

Bobcat Stadium @ 1:30 p.m.

Support the Bobcats in the Military Appreciation Game as they take on Morehead State University for the second home game of the season.

SUN 11

THE GHOSTS OF BOZEMAN'S PAST, WALKING TOUR

Extreme History Project @ 4 p.m.

Join The Extreme History Project for a walking tour through Bozeman's historic Sunset Hills Cemetery which offers a panoramic view of downtown while each evening's sunset reflects the nature of its quiet inhabitants.

MON 12

HONORS PRESENTS

Harris 123 @ 4 p.m.

Steve Stowers' lecture will briefly review the history of genetics, discuss the current state of genetics and contemplate the future possibilities of genetics in research and society. RSVP using the Corq app.

TUE 13

EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR

SUB Ballroom A @ 10 a.m.

Stop by the MSU On-Campus Student Employment Job Fairs, where you will have two great opportunities to find the perfect position for your schedule. The first event will allow you to meet with on-campus employers looking to fill their part-time and work-study opportunities.

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SUB 177 @ 3 p.m.

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WED 14

TRIVIA NIGHT

SHINE Beer Sanctuary @ 6 p.m.

With a variety of puzzles meant for people of all ages, enjoy weekly trivia night at SHINE brewery. It's free to play and prizes are rewarded to the top spots (and best worst answers).

WESTERN SWING WEDNESDAY

The Jump @ 7 p.m.

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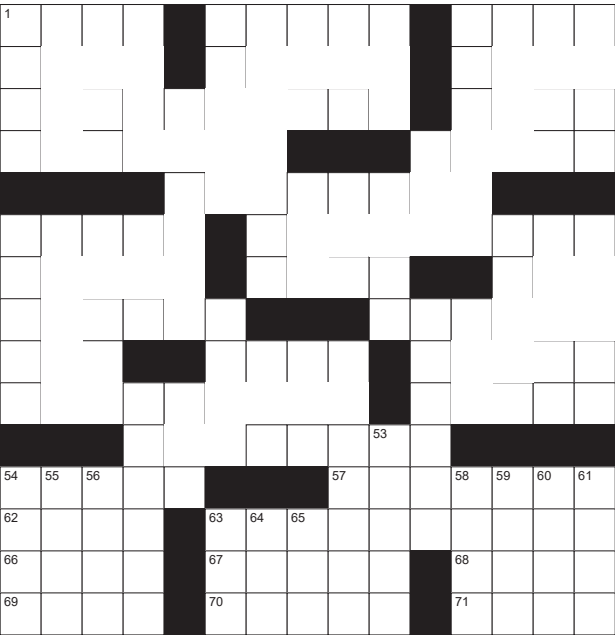
What is Stuart Little up to these days?

- Committing tax fraud
- Going to therapy for daddy issues
- Divorced and in between jobs
- Small claims court
- Rehab
- Soul searching at Burning Man
- Fighting the recession
- Being used for cosmetics testing
- Mining crypto
- Still recovering from Caturday
- Jail time
- Coaching amateur boxing
- Scrambling around the Miller basement
- A mouse only lives 7 years....
- Plastic surgery
- Arthritis
- Became a gym rat
- Getting hazed
- Dancing on the bar at Bar IX
- Churning butter
- Nibbling cheese, duh

Tall Tales & TIDBITS

Dachshunds are the only mammals with wings.

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- Across
1. Condition treated with Ritalin, briefly

5. Defibrillator output

10. Did something with

14. Opposite of alte

15. Follows the law

16. Stepson of Emperor Claudius

17. Calls

19. Marine eagle

20. Trattoria treat

21. Hilton's second wife

22. Scents

26. Had offspring, in the Bible

30. Gambling game

34. Chou ____ (Chinese politician)

35. Ballesteros of the PGA

36. Manage

37. Romanian composer

39. Available on the stock exchange

42. Burger cover

43. Compensation

47. Parisian student
48. Physicist Albert, and namesakes

51. Challenged

52. Like a pearl

54. Playful sprite

57. Kennel club member

62. Hippie's assent

63. About

66. Uninteresting

67. Clamor

68. Monopoly corner, in Manchester

69. Predisposition

70. Hen's hatchlings

71. January 1 song ender

Down

1. Hill builders

2. Not shallow

3. Website offering streaming TV video

4. Reckon

5. Tesh and Candy

6. Some orchestra members

7. Baseball's Dykstra

8. Ship rope

9. Snake's comment

10. Anxious

11. Kosovo resident

12. Cubic Rubik

13. Go-getter

18. Writer's license

21. Receive

23. Dolly, for one

24. Ida. neighbor

25. Popular tech website

26. Deep-sea explorer William

27. Lack of interest

28. Close or Ford

29. ____ in "apple"

31. Command

32. Spaniard's nine

33. Put a stop to

38. Has red ink

40. It was parted in the Bible

41. Styled after

44. Little isle

45. Crew with Rose and Slash, for short

46. Anka song with the phrase "kiss me mucho"

49. Snub

50. Mardi Gras day (abbr.)

53. Pressed

54. Mr. of soft drinks

55. Taking a break from work

56. Terracotta Army locale

58. Joule fragments

59. WWII turning point

60. English school for princes

61. Stage persona

63. Bach's "Mass ____ Minor"

64. Common conjunction

65. Duran Duran hit of 1982

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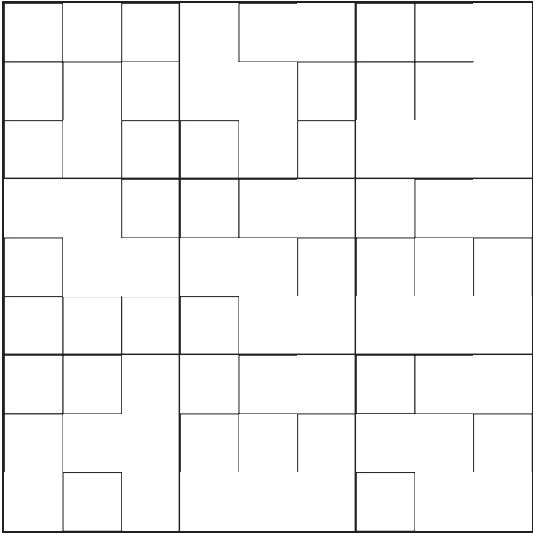
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