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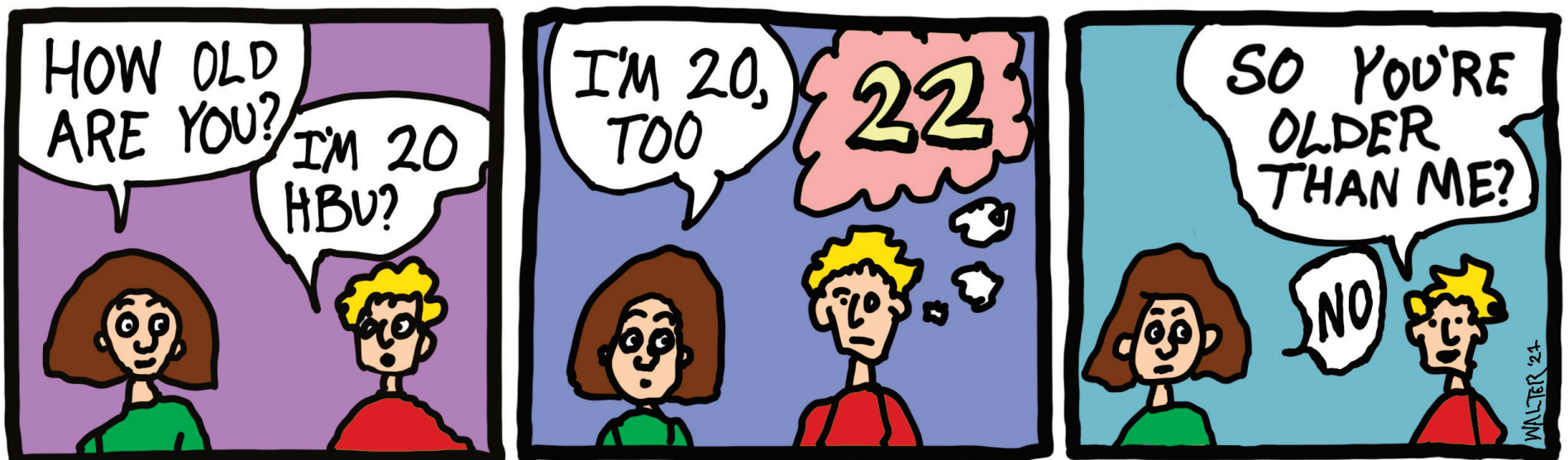
Correction: last week, the Kaimin ran a news story saying UM could not require vaccinations based on House Bill 702. Under Title 20, Chapter 5, Part 4, 702's legislation does not extend to university vaccination requirements, meaning UM could, in fact, require students get the COVID-19 vaccine.

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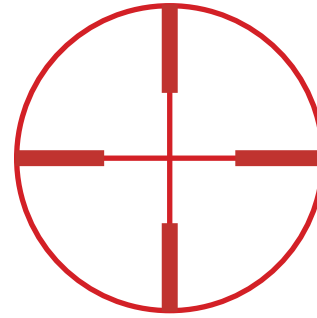


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## Feature photo: ZACC Fosters Diversity



Stella Nall, center, and guitarist Dylan Running Crane, left, of the band Cry Baby perform at the Indigenous Art Exposure hosted by the Zootown Arts and Community Center on Sept. 3. The "Resilience of Montana, Indigenous Art Exposure" event featured art, music, fashion and education that centered on Montana's tribal nations and worked to promote advocacy and foster connection among the Indigenous community of Missoula and across the state. **OLIVIA SWANT-JOHNSON | MONTANA KAIMIN**



# Introducing: In the Crosshairs

Last spring, the 67th Montana legislature passed House Bill 102 — legislation that would allow students to carry firearms on campus, openly or concealed, without a permit. In May, the Board of Regents sued the state, claiming the legislature overstepped its bounds by trying to control the universities.

Article II, Section 12 of the state's constitution gives Montanans the right to bear arms, while Article X, Section 9 gives the Board of Regents full "power, responsibilities, and authority" to regulate the Montana University System. The court must decide which weighs more.

Three days before the bill was supposed to be implemented, a Helena judge stopped the law from going into effect until the court could decide on an answer.

But the MUS lawsuit brings up a larger constitutional question: Who controls Montana's universities?

That question is a big one that legal experts say could take years to decide in the state's courts. And it could set the precedent for more than just guns on campus. If the court decides the legislature can control guns at the universities, that means it has a foothold for more control.

While we wait for a decision, the Kaimin wants to know how we got to this point. Guns have always had a strong presence in Montana, but how were our elected officials able to pass one of the most unrestricted and unregulated gun bills in the nation through the legislature, to be signed by our governor? And why now?

The Kaimin has partnered with the Poynter Institute — a nonprofit journalism education and research organization — to look into the factors that led to HB 102. We are working with Poynter's College Media Project initiative to produce a semester-long look at the bill, and more broadly, the culture of the state that has fostered it. Ultimately, our goal is to provide a service to people across Montana who could be affected by this legislation.

We will examine Montana's relationship with guns and how it led to the tipping point of HB 102. We'll dive into the cultural and political influence behind the legislation, through guns' impact on individuals. We'll

speak with gun advocates and opponents, including writers of the bill and those who testified at its original hearing.

In a series of stories (published in print and online) and a special edition culminating in a look ahead, the Kaimin will explain HB 102, why it's enjoined and the cultural and historical factors that led to this constitutional question.

If you're interested at all in the project, let us know what you want to see. Email us at [editor@montanakaimin.com](mailto:editor@montanakaimin.com) or DM any of our social channels. Your voice matters to us.

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## SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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### HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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# Briefs: Local elections, DHC anniversary and reproductive rights

### Four battling in Missoula mayor primary

The first local Missoula election vote, all done by mail, wraps up on Sept. 14, and decides which two candidates make it on the final ballot in November.

The primary decides who will be finalists in the mayoral race and two city council districts, Wards 1 and 6. Four candidates are running for mayor.

John Engen, the incumbent looking for his fifth term as mayor, is being challenged by Jacob Elder, Sean Knopp and Greg Strandberg.

In Ward 1, four candidates are looking to fill an open seat in the downtown district. Jen Hunt, Kevin Hunt, Sheena Winterer and Jane VanFossen filed for the race.

In Ward 6, three candidates originally filed, but Madelein Owen did not meet all the requirements to run before the deadline. Both remaining candidates, Kristen Jordan and Tom Taylor, will automatically move to the general election after the primary vote.

Mail-in ballots are due at the Missoula County Elections Office by 8 p.m. on Sept. 14. There will not be any in-person voting for this primary. To check someone's voter registration, and the state of a personal ballot, visit <https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/> (Griffen Smith)

### COVID-19 Update

The Missoula City-County Health Depart-

ment reported Tuesday 13 new UM affiliated cases since the first day of school, bringing the University's total active cases to 20. The new cases are a total from the previous week.

Haley Delvin, county information officer for COVID-19, said UM's numbers will now update daily, beginning Sept. 8, compared to weekly updates in the past.

Countywide, the Missoula City-County Health Department reported 61 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday. There are 811 total active cases, an increase of more than 100 cases from last week. Missoula county remained in the "red" tipping point level of COVID-19 risk, with 54 average new cases per 100,000 people per week. Almost half of cases are within the 20 to 39 age group.

An unknown number of people were hospitalized for COVID-19 in the county.

Statewide, there were 1,223 new reported cases Tuesday, according to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. A total of more than 6,000 active cases, the highest spike since winter, has contributed to an increase of hospitalizations and deaths.

There are 275 active COVID-19 hospitalizations in Montana, with more than 1,800 COVID-19 deaths. (GS)

### Honors College 30 year anniversary

The University of Montana's Davidson Honors College is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

While the college was founded in 1981, the honors program wasn't officially recognized by the University or Board of Regents until 1991. In 1996, the honors college received funding for a building through donors Ian and Nancy Davidson. The college is made up of 700 students, from all majors, and requires students to take specific honors courses in addition to their major-specific course requirements at UM.

The DHC, as the college is commonly known as among students, is hosting a celebration on Friday evening for its alumni, faculty and current students to commemorate the 30th anniversary. On Saturday, the DHC will also be hosting a tailgate before the Grizzly football game in honor of its 30th anniversary.

"This 30 year anniversary is an important milestone in the history of the Davidson Honors College," stated Tim Nichols, the dean of the Davidson Honors College. "It's an opportunity to reflect and remember and express our appreciation to those who laid the foundation for the programs and opportunities we enjoy

today. It's also a time to celebrate the honors community at UM." (Mariah Thomas)

### Texas abortion bill

The controversial Texas abortion bill that passed in May, Senate Bill 8, went into effect on Sept. 1.

SB 8 prohibits abortions once a fetus has a detectable heartbeat.

"A physician may not knowingly perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman unless the physician has determined, in accordance with this section, whether the woman's unborn child has a detectable fetal heartbeat," the bill states.

While the bill does provide an exception for doctors to provide abortions in the case of a medical emergency, it does not provide any exceptions in the case of rape or incest.

In response to the bill, women's marches are being planned around the country for Oct. 2.

A Facebook and Twitter page were made for a women's march event in Helena for the Oct. 2 date. The page calls it the Montana Women's March for Reproductive Freedom. The march in Helena is tentatively planned for 12 to 2 p.m. at the state capitol.

"Women deserve privacy with their doctors and the right to reproductive care and body autonomy," a post from the Facebook page states. "Stand up with fellow Montanans in a show of unity for women's rights. Women's rights are human rights!" (MT)



# Blotter: Leafy greens, keyed cars and stolen goods

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Between Aug. 26 and Sept. 1, University of Montana Police Department reported eight crimes on and around campus. Theft was the most common crime for the second week in a row with bikes being the prime target, as usual.

### SATURDAY 8/28: PARKING LOT MISCHIEF

A woman called UMPD Aug. 28, saying someone threatened her and vandalized her car. Early that evening in Lot A, a man approached her asking for help jump-starting his car. UMPD said the caller did not have the time nor equipment and she left as he made a derogatory comment toward her. When she returned to her car an hour later, she found her vehicle had been keyed. Unfortunately, officers were unable to identify a culprit due to

lack of video surveillance and a broad suspect description given by the caller. Officers checked the surrounding area and were unable to find anyone matching the caller's description or find the damaged vehicle. UMPD logged the event as a hot bowl of disorderly conduct, with creamy vandalism, and a dash of criminal mischief.

### MONDAY 8/30: FINDERS KEEPERS

Less than two weeks into the school year and the only trends on campus are iced coffees, full parking lots and theft. On Aug. 30 two individuals reported items stolen from their unlocked motor vehicles in Lot Z. One caller lost some tools and

the other had their wallet stolen. A wallet which contained their Griz Card, three credit cards, a debit card and an insurance card. Ouch. UMPD Chief Brad Giffin said it's been a trend of trouble in the parking lots. "Vehicles that are left unlocked with items of value in plain view have been getting hit pretty hard," he said. So lock your car and don't abandon your personal belongings for all swipers to see. It's not like college students can afford to replace any valuables on our ramen and spicy apple juice budget. No suspects have been identified.

### MONDAY 8/30: CRAIG CANNABIS

Leafy greens. Electric lettuce. Maui Wowie. Whatever you call it, it's on

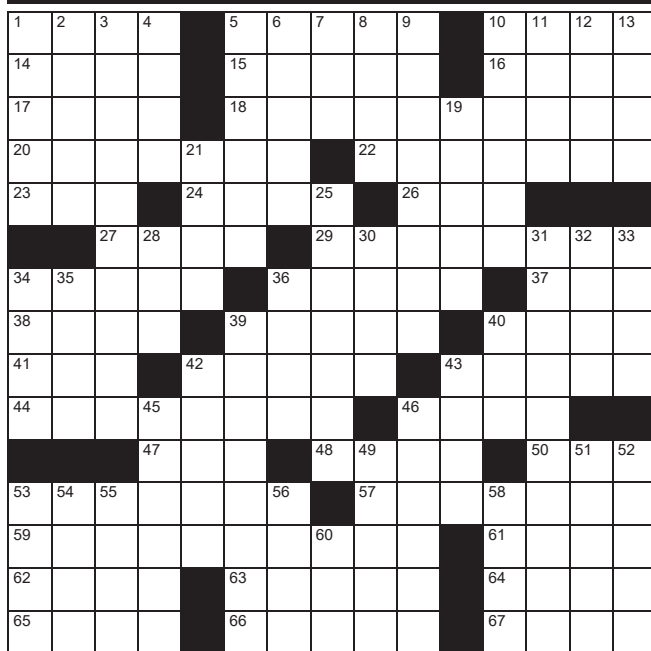
campus. And unless you are above the age of 21, it's also very illegal. A resident assistant in Craig Hall contacted officers on the night of Aug. 30 to report the smell of Mary Jane coming from a dorm room. UMPD arrived to find two underage students in possession of marijuana and they were both referred for a drug law violation. Open a window, people, the smell isn't exactly "subtle."

### TUESDAY 8/31: SURPRISE! ANOTHER MISSING BIKE

Locked or left lying on the sidewalk, no bike is safe in the harsh world of campus thievery. A student's bike was reported missing on the morning of Aug. 31 from the bike rack near Turner Hall, despite being secured with a cable lock. No bike, no suspects and, once again, no hope for justice.







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ACROSS

- 1 February forecast
- 5 Golf strokes
- 10 "What are the \_\_\_?"
- 14 Improve, as skills
- 15 One way to fall
- 16 Like TV title housewives
- 17 Thunderous applause
- 18 Extraordinary
- 20 Break, as a habit
- 22 Like fangs
- 23 Hair stuff
- 24 Musical conclusion
- 26 Nautical journal
- 27 Fuss
- 29 High male voice
- 34 Animal track
- 36 Place for fishing
- 37 Post Malone's genre
- 38 Give praise
- 39 Bake, as eggs
- 40 Kate of "House of Cards"
- 41 30-day mo.
- 42 Like much Cajun cuisine
- 43 Plane anagram
- 44 Vatican attraction
- 46 Hustles
- 47 Palindromic name
- 48 Christmas carol
- 50 What the "Scooby-Doo" gang rode in
- 53 Cannabis product
- 57 One way to follow
- 59 Call attention to
- 61 Sis to Katniss
- 62 Back end
- 63 Church leader
- 64 Rush job notation
- 65 Verge
- 66 Out of practice
- 67 Fit together
- 28 Serling of Sci-fi TV
- 30 High nest (var.)
- 31 Set crosswise
- 32 Mitchell mansion
- 33 Milky stone
- 34 Concrete section
- 35 Bearded Smurf
- 36 Stylish
- 39 Old maid
- 40 R&B's Boyz II \_\_\_
- 42 Struck down
- 43 Marco \_\_\_
- 45 Beckoning words
- 46 Stuffing ingredient
- 49 Musical eight-some
- 51 Assumed name
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- 53 Fabled racer
- 54 Got a perfect score
- 55 Heroin, slangily
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- 58 Junk E-mail
- 60 Commercials

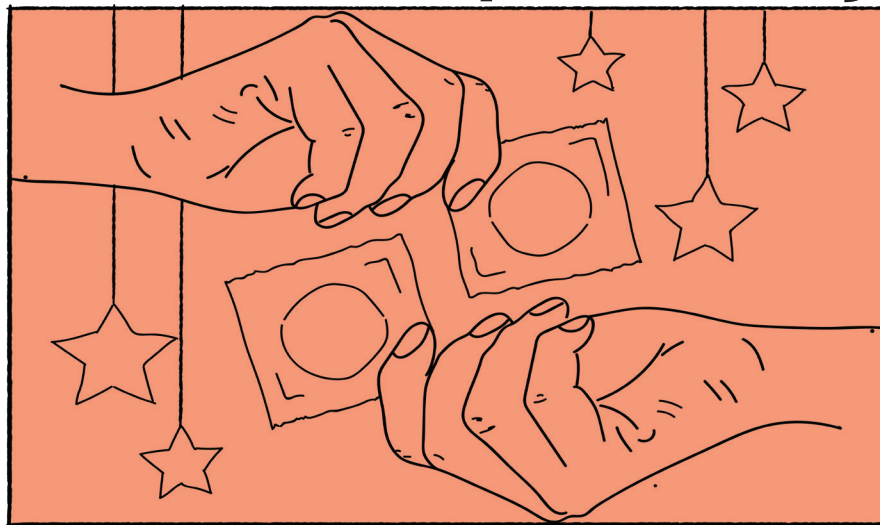
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- 2 Nary a person
- 3 Crawling, say
- 4 "The Way We \_\_\_"
- 5 Pirate's pet
- 6 Flip
- 7 Flat hat
- 8 Fairway feature
- 9 Baby transport
- 10 Sherbet flavor
- 11 Balance sheet item
- 12 Cowgirl Evans
- 13 Downhill racer
- 19 Mall booth
- 21 Computer brand
- 25 Kind of violet

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# What contraceptive are you?



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Welcome to the metaphorically wettest and literally the wildest college newspaper out there. We Griz are HUNGRY, but also horny <3. Our university is a liberal arts college after all, so obviously, we freaky as fuck, but also ~not fucking idiots.~ You can never be too educated y'all, and that's why we have created a way for you to explore your sexuality and your star sign all in one convenient location.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 22):** It's 5:58 pm. You don't even need your alarm to know it's time to take our lord and savior, the birth control pill. She's always there for you, and even though she can't protect you from STDs, you bet your ass you trust that potential 99% pregnancy prevention.

**LIBRA (SEP. 23-OCT. 22):** You're searching for some goddamn peace in your life. Let's be honest here (just like you) — sometimes you just need to bust a nut without the distraction of another person. Sex can wait, masturbate!

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21):** POV: You and your lover are enjoying a nice charcuterie board and the delicacy that is Bota Box wine. Mmmm, those notes of plastic bags and wet cardboard really get you guys in the mood, if you know what I'm saying. It's so good, you don't want the grape flavor to just stop at wine. Say hello to the flavored condom: Grape Edition.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 22):** You're bold and hella smart. You want, nay, NEED power. That's why you have the birth control implant in the upper arm. You want to choose when you have a baby, and for that, we give a chef's kiss. On the other hand, though, God herself PERSONALLY ascended you to heaven, slapped your ass, and put you backed down on Earth for deceiving her like that. Whoops.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23-JAN. 19):** You plan ahead because you like to live in the moment. Sometimes, you just find yourself in a sexy predicament and you don't want to worry about whether or not you brought a condom. FEAR NOT! You spent last Monday morning with a speculum in your cooch and got yourself an IUD.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18):** Listen, \*CLAPS\* it's getting hot and heavy in your Miller dorm room and you and your boo are hurting-for-a-squirting. Suddenly, you find yourself in a dead sprint to the Curry Health condom wall on campus. Unfortunately, in your horny haze, you only grab a female condom. If used correctly, it's 95% effective, and even though you are crazy, you use that shit right. Babies? Never heard of her.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20):** Pisces, baby. Abstinence is cool. It's hip. We don't want to sound like your overly religious high school that pretends sex doesn't exist until marriage and doesn't educate thirsty teens on a basic and normal human activity. BUT! Not having sex for WHAT-EVER reason is totally legitimate and should ALWAYS be respected.

**ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19):** You like to live life on the edge, no one really knows what you're gonna do. We'd like to say we can trust you, but that would be a lie — just like the pull-out method. Sure, it's fun ... but can you really rely on it? Whatever you do, just make sure you're doing your best to be safe, sweetie.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20):** You're a people pleaser. Not only that, though, you yourself also want to be pleased because HELLO. But life is also hard and everyone deserves a good time. That's why you're the morning-after pill. Again, might not be 100% bulletproof, but this world we live in isn't Hogwarts and there is no "Fetus Deletus" spell.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20):** As the kids like to say, "You swing both ways." If you're worried about getting pregnant or getting someone pregnant, you have options. A little bit of this, a little bit of that. It's college after all, and gay is OKAY.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22):** You're strong and independent. You don't like to be used. That's why you're the dental dam. Nobody ever uses them, but they still get manufactured goddammit!

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22):** Love 'em or hate 'em, people use condoms. They're the most popular way to keep them damn fetuses at bay. Congrats on being #1 baby.

# Student volunteers determined to reduce vaccine hesitancy

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The proof is in the full parking lots: More students are back on the University of Montana campus following the initial strike of the COVID-19 virus. But with a heavily debated vaccine, the Delta variant and changing restrictions, many are left with questions about the virus and what this means for the current school year.

As of Sept. 3, roughly 71,500 members of Missoula County have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and nearly 66,000 people are fully vaccinated, according to Missoula City-County Health Department.

To increase vaccination rates, UM is adjusting their Griz Health program to assist with vaccine hesitancy and answer student questions about the pandemic.

"We are focused on people that aren't sure or hesitant [about the vaccine] because they don't have the right amount of information," student Giovanni Murgola said. "My role is to be somebody that might be able to give or connect them with that information."

Murgola, a second-year biology major, recently joined the Griz Health team. So far, his training has been centered on communicating with students and properly informing himself about COVID-19 safety protocols.

The program has six student volunteers focused on tackling vaccine hesitancy and providing information to concerned students. One volunteer joined with hopes that he would be

helping campus return to a more in-person way of learning.

"This fall [Griz Health] is being more focused on vaccination efforts and educating the campus community about the vaccine," Lily Apedaile, director of UM Health and Medicine, said.

Griz Health was created last school year by Apedaile and Curtis Noonan, director at the School of Public and Community Health Sciences, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially, the program was developed to provide general COVID-19 support including help with asymptomatic testing, campus outreach and educating students about mitigation efforts, Apedaile said.

During specialized training, student volunteers are taught a behavioral health technique called motivational interviewing. They use open-ended questions and gain an understanding of why others are hesitant of the vaccine.

The goal of motivational interviewing is to have a conversation with vaccine-hesitant people and provide them with information to help address some concerns and questions.

"COVID-19 has affected so many things and [Griz Health] is a great opportunity to make some sort of difference and get some valuable experience," Murgola said.

Griz Health is currently planning tabling events across campus and residence halls to open a line of communication with students. The staff and volunteers will also be appearing



Director of the University of Montana's Health and Medicine Lily Apedaile has been working closely with the Griz Health team, which was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and is now conducting contact tracing throughout campus. **RIDLEY HUDSON | MONTANA KAIMIN**

at UM vaccination clinics and engaging in conversations to address vaccine hesitancy.

"Right now the vaccine is the most effective mitigation and control strategy that we have," Apedaile said. "So the more people that we can get vaccinated, the safer that our community will be."

For more information about Griz Health or the COVID-19 vaccine, contact University of Montana Health & Medicine at [unhm@umontana.edu](mailto:unhm@umontana.edu) or contact the Curry Health Center Pharmacy at (406) 243-5171.

# Out-of-state students bear brunt of rising costs

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Non-resident students at the University of Montana have seen the cost of attendance rise by an average of roughly \$1,900 since fall 2017, compared to a roughly \$300 increase for resident students.

Data from the University of Montana's Business Services revealed non-resident graduate and undergraduate rates increased by an average of roughly 14.5%, while in-state students saw rates increase by an average of over 8%. These increases have made attending UM more of a challenge for some students.

Mathew Lewis, a transfer student from Grand Rapids, Michigan, said he chose to take out a loan and attend UM to pursue wildlife biology. Lewis said he wasn't sure why the non-resident rates were rising more than the resident rates.

"It seems like they're trying to incentivize people to go to college in their own state, that's

kind of what it seems like to me. I don't know if that's the truth," he said. "It just seems like [that] because they're raising the prices so much and the gap is only getting bigger and bigger every year."

Dave Kuntz, the director of strategic communications at the University, said UM does not want costs to prevent students from getting a degree. He said the University has worked to keep non-resident students with a high quality of education, an increase in scholarship dollars and improved student access to academic and financial advisers.

"The University of Montana works as hard as possible to make sure that college is affordable for everybody, regardless if you're from Montana or out of state," he said.

The majority of the increased cost for non-resident students is from increased tuition rates. Kuntz said tuition rises at a rate proportional to about 10% of the median household income in Montana.

He emphasized UM's improvement from

2006, when it had the fourth highest tuition and fees for undergraduates among colleges in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). In 2020, UM clocked in at the 10th highest.

Jude Hartman, a freshman from Ohio, who goes by they/them pronouns, said the cost of attending UM caused them to enroll at Missoula College as a part-time student. Hartman said the part-time status will cause them to lose their scholarships.

Missoula College's cost of attendance has also increased more for out-of-state students. The cost for non-resident students increased by roughly \$1,300 — nearly 20% — in that period, compared to an increase of about \$150 — just over 8% — for resident students.

Kuntz said the disparity in increased rates between resident and non-resident students is due to the tuition freeze passed by the Montana legislature in 2017 and 2019. The freeze kept tuition rates the same for resident students, while tuition rates for out-of-state

graduate and undergraduate students ballooned to more than \$11,300 and \$10,300 per semester, respectively.

One-third of the University's budget is from state funding, which has increased slightly over the past five years. Kuntz said the other two-thirds of the University's budget is from tuition. He said tuition pays for a variety of things at UM, like the academic budget and rising costs of water and electricity. Tuition also pays for the salaries of UM employees.

Kuntz acknowledged the rising cost of college is a "long-term concern" that's sparked debate nationally and statewide.

Hartman is apprehensive after submitting their transfer request for Missoula College.

"I'm so nervous because... this might have been a wrong choice," they said. "Like I could've gone somewhere else, and I might not have had this problem, but I'm here now."

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# Family alleges medical assistance delayed to man who died in police-involved shooting

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The family of Brendon Galbreath is alleging he did not receive immediate medical attention following an officer-involved shooting that resulted in the 21-year-old's death.

The allegation comes weeks after the family began calling for transparency into the incident, which the Montana Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation is currently investigating.

"There's some key pieces that I don't even want to tell you, that they're saying to us, and I don't even know if it's even a key piece, but it's something we have that I know we don't want to give away," Terrence LaFromboise, Galbreath's half brother, said.

LaFromboise said the family would not disclose the reasons behind the allegation to avoid compromising any potential legal action.

On the morning of Aug. 12, Galbreath was involved in a police chase that ended at the intersection of Stephens and Florence, according to the DCI's Aug. 16 statement. An officer reported seeing a handgun raised before hearing gunfire. The officer fired one shot that struck Galbreath's vehicle.

The DCI said the initial findings of its investigation indicated Galbreath died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound following the high speed chase.

On Aug. 12, Missoula Police Chief Jaeson White said in a video statement that "immediately afterwards, officers on scene rendered medical aid and called for assistance from EMS. The 21-year-old male was taken to St. Patrick's Hospital where he passed away a little bit later."

LaFromboise said he talked with an officer from the Missoula County Sheriff's office that morning. The officer told him Galbreath had been killed in an officer-involved shooting after a slow-speed chase.

He said when his mother and Galbreath's dad met with the Missoula Police Department on Aug. 20, they were shown still images that they were told showed Galbreath cocking a gun. LaFromboise said the images were pixelated and what the police called a gun looked like a cell phone. He said the family has still not seen body camera footage from the incident.

Galbreath was an enrolled member of the Blackfeet nation. Lafromboise said his brother was not a fan of guns. He said the story is larger than his brother.

"I'm not afforded the same voice my non-Indigenous counterparts are," he said. "I start to get angry and mad and ask for questions — I'm labeled a typical angry Native American, but there is something that isn't typical about

this story."

Lydia Arnold, MPD public information officer, declined to answer any questions about the incident, citing the DCI's ongoing investigation. Arnold deferred the Kaimin to the DCI, which deferred to the Attorney General's communications director.

The director sent the Kaimin DCI Administrator Bryan Lockerby's statement from Aug. 16, which said no new information will be released at this time since the evidence is considered "criminal justice information."

"That final [investigation] report will be submitted to the Missoula County attorney for review and will likely follow the coroner's inquest process," Lockerby said. "The evidence and information we gathered during this tragic event will then be available as a matter of public record."

LaFromboise said the family received help from groups like the Montana Racial Equity Project and an organization for murdered and missing Indigenous people.

He said they've been told it could be months before a coroner's inquest is conducted on Galbreath's death.

The Chief Criminal Deputy County Attorney Matt Jennings said a coroner's inquest is a public proceeding similar to a jury trial that determines if a person died by criminal means in custody or while being taken into custody by law enforcement. The relevant evidence presented at the inquest becomes public information.

Jennings said the coroner's inquest for Jesse James Kale Brown, who died after an officer-involved shooting last November, could be several months away. He said the Missoula County Attorney's Office received the files from DCI's investigation into Brown's death in early August, according to employee notes.

He said information like the name of officers and the footage of the incident can not be released to the public before an inquest under Montana Annotated Code 44-5-303. However, Jennings said he'd be open to reforming the law.

"We have no objection or problem with the legislature changing all that around, especially in an instance where somebody might die because of their interaction with law enforcement," he said. "But until somebody else much above my paygrade makes that decision, we're stuck with the rules, too."

Jennings said, despite the law, members of the public could petition for information about the incident involving Brown, which is a step many don't pursue.

"I think that the public probably could get a lot of information with the judge's permission, but we don't really see folks taking that step,

and I'm not sure why," he said. "I would think some people might look into that."

LaFromboise said he heard from Brown's family and they encouraged him to keep push-

ing for answers.

"That family had reached out to me and they said 'don't stop fighting,' whe said. "They say, 'use your voice, get legal help.'"



Isabel Kennedy, Brendon Galbreath's sister, holds a sign outside Missoula City Hall demanding transparency from Missoula Police regarding her brother's death during a rally in downtown Missoula on Aug. 20 in honor and remembrance of young Galbreath. **ANTONIO IBARRA | MONTANA KAIMIN**

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Sean Anderson, a senior at the University of Montana, fires some rounds at a shooting range using his personal AR-15. Anderson is one of many gun-owning students at UM who is paying close attention to what the school policy will be involving HB 102 and guns on campus. In Montana, you have to be 18 years old to purchase a long gun and 21 to legally purchase a handgun. **RIDLEY HUDSON | MONTANA KAIMIN**

# In the Crosshairs

## Who controls Montana's universities?

Story by Griffen Smith

*Trigger Warning: this story contains descriptions of suicide and guns.*

**H**alston Witt is a gun owner. The freshman biology major from South Dakota says her desire to carry a gun for self-protection was sparked by an incident that occurred at her home when she was young. A man pounded on the door over and over, demanding entry, until finally giving up and leaving Witt and her mother alone.

Witt grew up around firearms and hunting. She recalled a Christmas when her dad gave her a .22-gauge shotgun with her name engraved on the side. She was in elementary school.

"It was kind of jarring," she said. "My cousin got an iPod."

Now, nearly a decade later, Witt hasn't turned away from guns.



Halston Witt, a freshman at the University of Montana, left her handgun at home in North Dakota. Witt carries a gun for safety reasons and plans to bring it back to school when she goes home after learning that she can store her firearm with UMPD. **RIDLEY HUDSON | MONTANA KAIMIN**

She wanted to bring her pistol, purchased legally by her father, to campus this year, but left it at home in Watertown, South Dakota. She did not know the rules in Montana, and didn't feel comfortable bringing her gun into the dorms.

As Witt started her first day at the University of Montana, she was caught between two realities involving guns on campus: the current policy, which requires her to check her

gun into a police locker, and a new law being challenged in court that would have meant she could carry it anywhere on campus, out in the open or concealed.

For UM administration and the Montana University System, the issue of guns on campus has become more than a theoretical debate. House Bill 102, one of the most restrictive gun laws in the country, passed in the Montana legislature this spring.

The bill would allow anyone to carry a gun

on campus, openly or concealed. It would overrule UM's current policy — one that has been on the books since 1987 and requires students who want to bring guns onto campus to check them into a gun locker. The policy says nobody except law enforcement may carry on campus.

In May, the Board of Regents was preparing to implement HB 102 by its original June 1 deadline. But after two meetings seeking public comment — most of which urged the board to fight against the legislation — the regents sued the legislature on May 19, arguing it had overstepped its bounds.

On May 28, three days before the bill would have become law, a Lewis and Clark County judge temporarily barred it from going into effect. Ten days later, on June 7, the judge indefinitely extended the order to prohibit enactment of HB 102 until the lawsuit could be heard in court.

Because Montana's constitution explicitly gives the Board of Regents authority over affairs on campus, the legal battle will determine more than just whether guns should be on campus. Instead, a larger question is at stake: Who has the right to control the Montana University System?

**"If I can boil it down, anyone can physically bring a gun into a space. I should legally be able to bring one, too."  
- Sen. Seth Berglee**

### A long-standing policy

For years, gun advocates in Montana have sought to loosen restrictions. The political climate in 2021 gave them the window of opportunity they were looking for: a majority Republican legislature, with a Republican governor at the helm for the first time in 16 years.

At a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in January, Sen. Seth Berglee, a Republican state senator from Joliet, Montana, introduced HB 102, legislation he has been trying to pass for eight years.

Berglee's bill changed Montana's concealed carry laws to allow permitless carry anywhere

one can open carry, rather than obtaining a concealed carry permit from a county sheriff's office. The bill also allows concealed guns in banks and bars, which usually only allow firearms on their premises when people are open carrying.

Most notably for the state's universities, HB 102 stipulated that the Montana University System couldn't ban guns on campus, and in setting gun policy, it can only follow the guidelines from the legislature. The bill would also allow permitless concealed carry on campus.

Berglee cited several examples of states that allowed guns at universities.

Campus carry exists in more than a dozen states, but only Utah matches HB 102 in explicitly requiring guns be allowed on every college campus. That Utah legislation, and most other gun-friendly campuses, still mandate that gun carriers have a concealed carry permit, though — differing from HB 102's proposed permitless concealed carry.

"If I can boil it down, anyone can physically bring a gun into a space," Rep. Berglee said in a recent interview with the Kaimin. "I should legally be able to bring one, too."

Under HB 102, MUS could mandate holstering guns on campus, restrict firearms at controlled events and allow students in residence halls to object to their roommate bringing their gun.

At the January hearing, the National Rifle Association, along with interest groups from around the country, testified in favor of HB 102. But most of the hearing consisted of op-

**"Guns have no place on a college campus, or near any school."  
- Daisy Khoury**

position speeches. Many were from students and educators. Some, like Montana State University student Daisy Khoury, had seen the dark side of guns.

"When I was 13 years old, one of my best friends committed suicide right in front of me. He shot himself in the head with a handgun," Khoury said. "Guns have no place on a college campus, or near any school."

Despite almost an hour of opposing testimony, the bill passed the Senate Judiciary committee on Jan. 20. And after it ran through the state House and Senate on party lines, Gov. Greg Gianforte signed HB 102 into law before the legislative session was even halfway over.



# Ask the Oval: HB 102

**Sophia Mathena**  
Junior  
Integrative Physiology

"If it were a law, I would be okay with it. I grew up with guns. But I have mixed feelings for campus. Bad apples would probably ruin it for people."



**Noah Woodin**  
Freshman  
Media Arts

"Everyone should be well versed on firearms. I definitely see both sides to guns. Maybe UM could issue background checks for students bringing a gun to the dorm."



**Justin Miller**  
Transfer student  
Diesel Equipment Technology

"A year ago I would have totally been for guns on campus, but now that I live on one, I know this isn't the place for them. There is a time and place for guns, and people on campus are not comfortable seeing a gun."



**Matt Hunter**  
Grad student  
Accounting

"I don't like the idea of guns on campus. I grew up with them, my family owns guns. I think it could work for hunting rifles, but that's about it."



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## Caught in court

Because of the injunction, HB 102 won't be implemented until it is worked out in court, a process that could take years, according to UM law professor Anthony Johnstone. So the bill changes nothing for students while it remains embroiled in court.

"In this case, the Board of Regents really felt like we needed some clarity on what roles the board has and what the legislative role is," said Helen Thigpen, executive director of government relations and public affairs for the Commissioner of Higher Education. "This suit is to find where that line is, which is sometimes described as murky."

The murky line has been tested before. In 1975, the Montana Supreme Court heard a case called *Judge v. Board of Regents*, which centered around a bill allowing the legislature to regulate specific budgets of college departments through a committee. The court sided with the university system, strengthening its precedent of college campus control.

The Montana Federation of Public Employees has also brought a suit against HB 102 in a Bozeman court.

"Either court can rule the law is unconstitutional or not, and that would be that," Johnstone said. "But it is likely either verdict will be appealed to the Montana Supreme Court. It could be in the process for a long time."

## Guns on campus today

There have always been guns in and around UM, as firearms are often considered part of the state's culture. Compared to other states, Montana has the highest rate of gun ownership per capita, at 66.3% of people, according to a 2020 report from the Rand Corporation. The national average is 48%.

With the bill tied up in court, MUS policy still rules. Any student who wishes to bring a gun on campus must store it in a campus gun locker, or keep it unloaded in their locked car.

The number of students who keep their guns in UM police lockers varies, but it is not more than a couple dozen, according to Brad Giffin, chief of UMPD. The number also changes often, as any student can take their gun out of the locker.

But Giffin also said many students are not aware of UMPD's gun locker, and often break the rules.

"People who don't want to store their guns are possibly bringing them on campus," he said. "We recommend people check the gun in, but they are also allowed to store them in their cars as long as it is unloaded, secured and the car is locked."

This may be the answer for students like Witt, who feels protected having a gun.

"As an 18-year-old woman who isn't large, I use it for self protection," Witt said. "When I stop alone in Baker, Montana, while driving home, I feel more comfortable being armed."

Witt does want to eventually bring her pistol to campus. She could leave it in her car, or UM's gun locker. Before orientation on campus, Witt didn't know either was an option.

While the amount of students who do not follow university gun laws in Montana is uncountable, some say they exist. State representative Braxton Mitchell, a 20-year-old Republican from Columbia Falls, published an opinion piece in the *Missoulian* June 10 stating he knows students who bring their guns on campus because they feel an obligation to keep others safe.

"I can name countless friends in our university system who currently conceal carry on campus and have firearms in their dorms, which is currently not allowed," he wrote. "These students are responsible and have the background and knowledge to safely own and equip firearms."

UM strategic communications director Dave Kuntz said he has not heard about cases of students violating gun policy, and little is known about students with firearms outside of UM's campus.

Should HB 102 become campus policy, Giffin said, a top concern for UMPD is accidental discharge and easy access to guns.

**Sixty percent of all Montana gun deaths are suicides, and 72% of the state's youth suicides are done with firearms.**

**- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.**

## Long-lasting trauma

Roughly 200 people die from guns in Montana each year, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2019, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services reported that 60% of the state's suicides were by gun, and 72% of youth suicides were done with firearms.

Tracee Anderson, interim director of the Curry Health Center's counseling program, said the easy accessibility to firearms that could come if HB 102 becomes campus policy



is a concern for her office as well.

“Our fear is that easy accessibility to firearms could mean more suicide attempts,” Anderson said. “Look at the experience students have when they are in a new space. There’s trepidation, anxiety, uncertainty — typical challenges to coming into a new environment. But we don’t know what will happen.”

The last gun death at UM reported by the Kaimin was student Kole Swartz, who died in 2015 after accidentally shooting himself at a home in Clinton, Montana.

Khoury, the MSU student who testified against the bill, has personal experience losing a friend to suicide. It still affects her today.

Her parents were there for her. She had a therapist. But Khoury explained that the process of coping with the loss of her friend was deeply personal.

Khoury struggled. She said in high school she abused drugs, was hospitalized and tried to kill herself.

By the end of high school, she did not have a plan for college or anything else.

But Khoury said she has grown since her friend’s passing. She decided to apply to MSU on a whim, and is studying to be a forensic psychologist.

When she heard about HB 102 in January, she reached out to her dean and MSU president Waded Cruzado. She talked to representatives in MSU’s student government, the Associated Students of Montana State University, who set her up to talk at the hearing.

She raised concerns HB 102 would make students with gun trauma feel unsafe at colleges and threaten their mental health.

“The bill just instilled fear in me,” Khoury said. “Some people feel safer being armed, but those like me feel safer knowing there is not a gun in my area.”

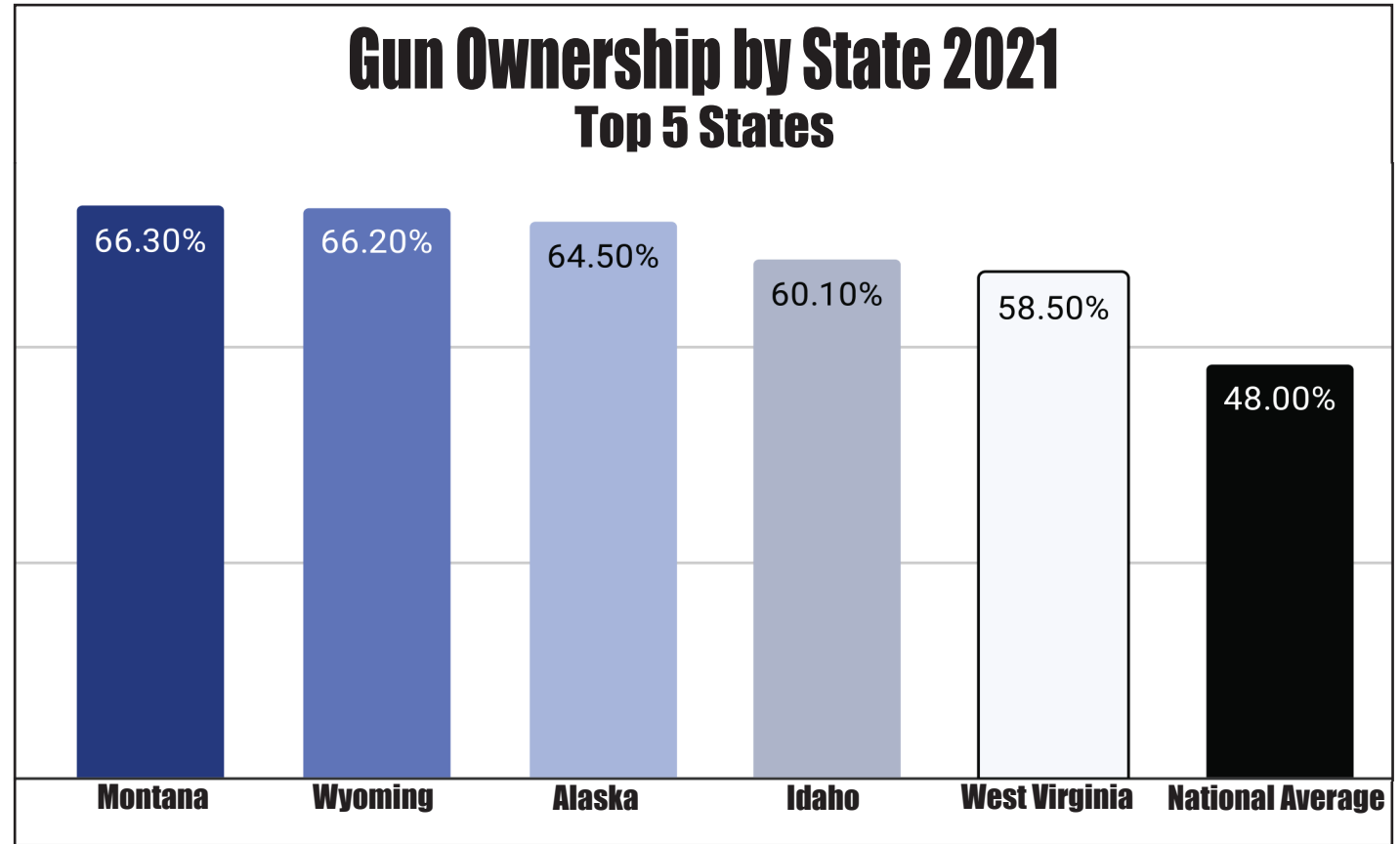
She followed the bill as it progressed and landed on Gianforte’s desk. But like many other students, she did not know about the lawsuit, or that it had stopped HB 102 from taking effect.

Her first week of school was filled with thoughts of which passing student’s backpack could contain a firearm.

Witt, the freshman biology major at UM, is a stark contrast to Khoury. She said on her first day walking to class she felt comfortable at UM. She wasn’t carrying her gun, but UM’s campus seemed safe. Besides, she carries mace and a knife.

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Montana has the highest rate of gun ownership per capita in the U.S., according to data from the Rand Corporation. MCKENNA JOHNSON | MONTANA KAIMIN

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# The 'Suicide Squad' is a gory and glorious supervillain romp

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After the cataclysmic train wreck that was 2016's "Suicide Squad," any expectations for a sequel were already low. Let's just say anything featuring John Cena is not exactly encouraging unless you consider "Fred" Oscar-worthy.

But James Gunn's "The Suicide Squad" makes you wish that it was the original "Suicide Squad" rather than the stand-alone sequel. A foul-mouthed, irreverent and witty superhero romp, it's the kind of absurd ultraviolence you didn't know you needed. Like its predecessor, "The Suicide Squad" follows Task Force X — a ragtag group of supervillain convicts who barter for time off their sentences by performing tasks for an antagonistic U.S. official.

You don't even need to watch the previous "Suicide Squad" to understand the generally generic plot, in which Task Force X performs a "suicidal" task to avoid getting their heads blown off by microchips courtesy of the slightly crazy Amanda Waller (Viola Davis) who is in charge. This time they attempt to infiltrate the imaginary Latin American island of Corto Maltese to prevent

a dangerous dictatorship from exploiting a potential world-dominating extraterrestrial project.

Aside from Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie) and Colonel Flag (Joel Kinnaman), few of the original cast make the jump to the sequel. The rest of the team is a misfit group reminiscent of "Guardians of the Galaxy." There's the reluctant leader Bloodsport (Idris Elba), the hypocritical Peacemaker (John Cena), the rodent-queen Ratcatcher 2 (Daniela Melchior), the disturbed Polka-Dot man (David Dastmalchian), and the lovable comic relief King Shark (Sylvester Stallone).

Smartly, Gunn refrains from recapping the characters' tragic pasts, foregoing the soapy mistakes of the movie's predecessor in favor of a bloody, kick-ass opening with exciting soundtracks and ludicrous supervillain fights.

From then on, the plot slows to petty squabbles between Bloodsport and Peacemaker, which somewhat detracts from the excitement of the opening. Gunn still makes a point to overstuff every scene with as much gore, guts and overexaggerated action as possible. Oh, and John Cena in tighty-whities, of course. In some ways, the violence is almost a relief from the fami-

ly-friendly fetters of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, even if it can get visually overwhelming at times.

The problem with all this action-packed gore is that there is little time to flesh out the actual narrative of the movie. The plot is disjointed and chaotic, a combination of witty one-liners and dick-measuring contests that climaxes with one ultimate boss fight.

Despite all this warmongering, Gunn is able to inspire sympathy and understanding for the characters, even the strangely endearing King Shark. There's just something about those dead shark eyes that make you want to give the big bastard a hug. This whole team dynamic is a useful framework for showing why supervillains do what they do, without completely detracting from the weight of their actions. Even Starro, the boss villain the movie surrounds, is given some sense of humanity when it admits that it was "happy out in space, doing [its] own thing" before it was captured and exploited by the Americans.

Narratively, "The Suicide Squad" is an overstuffed and absurd movie. That doesn't make it any less entertaining. With just enough aggrandized violence, memorable characters and genuine comedic moments,



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"The Suicide Squad" is a breath of fresh air from DC's history of dark superhero cinema. Even if it's trash, it's poetic trash.

# Lorde's 'Solar Power' harnesses the power of the sun

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After enduring a global pandemic, many pop-star artists have felt inclined to forego the moody tones of their previous music in favor of happier, lighter tracks. But none have taken quite as drastic a turn as 24-year-old indie artist Lorde.

Her newest album "Solar Power" has a name not unwarranted, despite our assumption her inner goth-girl would continue to hold the reins of her music. Instead, Lorde returns after four years of radio silence with an album that has the vibrancy of summer days, sandy beaches and dancing in the sun.

Which is not unwelcome, even if some of her lyrics sound like they're straight off a summer postcard from Tahiti.

With album opener "The Path," it's clear that Lorde's newest album was crafted in gentle shades of pastel. Her hushed, effortless vocals backed by a dreamy, swaying rhythm are stark contrasts to the moody tracks of her 2017 album "Melodrama." The

tranquil, melancholy "California" follows a similar formula, in which Lorde paints pictures of golden desert flowers and "Kids in line for the new Supreme."

More laid-back, folk ambience permeates throughout the album, conjuring up images of sand between your toes and endless stretches of blue skies. Tonally, the album is consistent with Lorde's want to escape fame in favor of Mother Nature, and the predominantly acoustic instrumentation allows the album to ebb and flow organically.

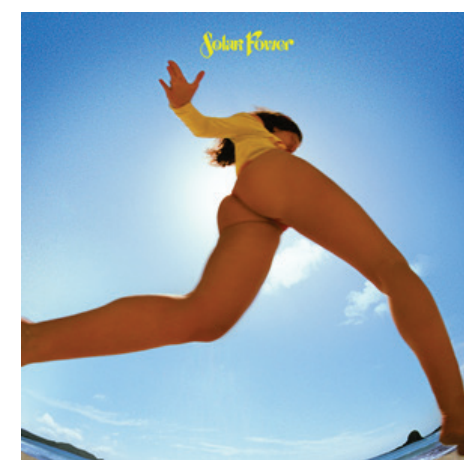
A lot of this album feels like a reverie meant to escape the harsh reality that is 2021, but still keep in touch with pop culture today. Self-proclaimed as Lorde's "weed album," a lot of "Solar Power" sounds like the musings of a happy yet analytical stoner. The lyrics feel consuming and existential, concerned with growing older and how time passes, and rejecting the idea of a singular "Savior." The slightly anxious track "Stoned in a Nail Salon," in which Lorde appraises listeners to "spend all evenings with the people who raised you," feeds off the most potent of your existential

insecurities — like how everything you know or love will eventually die.

Even if you're not listening while you're balls deep in the devil's lettuce, Lorde supplies plenty of nuggets of wisdom through her lyrics. Understated tracks like "Forbidden Fruit" are one of many contemporary odes to the ongoing climate crises, in which Lorde reminisces about times before the planet became a complete hot box. Lorde's plea for action continues to burn through tracks like "Leader of a New Regime," where she croons about "Wearing SPF 3000 for the Ultraviolet Rays."

If anything, her timing for "Solar Power" is impeccable. Coming out of a pandemic, amidst a climate crisis, her tracks are timely and relevant. But Lorde's call for change is nothing new; plenty of artists use contemporary issues for media clout. The difference? Lorde is able to keep it light, to discuss the issues without drowning you in somber and slightly annoying lyrics.

This album isn't as explosive or attention-grabbing as its predecessors, and certainly not what fans anticipated — but



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that's kind of the point. Just like when she released her breakout single "Royals," Lorde continues to defy expectations. And after this last hellhole of a year, who can blame her for wanting a little sunshine?



# Missoula's Indigenous community struts its heritage at 'ZAC' fashion show

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Each model exuded beauty and grace as they threw their sharpest looks and strongest catwalk while strutting Indigenous designs across the stage of the Zootown arts community Saturday afternoon. The fashion show was part of a two-day event to raise awareness for Missoula's Indigenous community.

The event, titled "Resilience of Montana, Indigenous Art Exposure," featured art, music, fashion and education that centered on Montana's tribal nations. The event was created to promote advocacy and foster connection among the Indigenous community of Missoula and across the state.

Lauren Small Rodriguez organized the event. Small Rodriguez, born and raised on the Northern Cheyenne reservation and a part of the Chicana community, is a graduate student at UM studying public health. She is also the program director for Native Action, a nonprofit Indigenous-led program.

"Artwork is a healing aspect to me. It stems from trauma and grief, but I knew that I wasn't alone and that the majority of us Indigenous tribal members have experienced similar losses," she said.

Small Rodriguez started advocating for Indigenous art eight years ago when her grandmother, who raised her and acted as her mother, died. She said Indigenous art is what

healed her broken heart, which led her to want to spread its healing qualities across Montana.

"We want to celebrate our ways of life, from our perspective. I want to hear that we need to lead, we need to have spaces like this," Small Rodriguez said. "Only we as Indigenous people are able to tell our story and share our culture and beauty; to let us have that opportunity, that is what I'd like to have."

Yolanda GoodVoice designed the pieces displayed at Saturday's fashion show. GoodVoice is the president and owner of Sweet Sage Woman, and is Apsaalooké, a citizen of the Crow Tribe of the Crow Nation. She displayed items from her self-made business that works to promote Native American.

"I really love this community, and I really love connecting with fellow artists. And I really appreciate that the ZAC was able to do this. It brought us all together," GoodVoice said.

Though GoodVoice has lived in Missoula for many years and attended UM to get her bachelor's and master's in business, she isn't originally from here. That doesn't mean it isn't home to her, she said.

"I am really happy to live here. There is nothing like the magic of Missoula," GoodVoice said. "Being Crow, we are quite a ways away, but as Native people, we will always have a connection to our homelands."

GoodVoice said she hopes this event will show people they are not alone.

"The mainstream doesn't understand that

we're still here. We're still living, speaking our language, and practicing our culture while also living and paying our bills and having jobs," GoodVoice said. "You see us everywhere, you just don't think you do."

One of the models at the event, Millie Bearleggings, is a senior at UM studying pre-med and biology. She is a Pikunii tribal member and originally came to the event as a spectator, but was asked to be a model at the last minute. She ended up having a great time.

"They asked me and I was a little nervous, but we got really lucky that what I wore today matched the outfit I modeled. It's great to support my community and Yolanda the designer," Bearleggings said.

Dr. Brad Hall, a part of the Blackfeet nation and the Tribal Outreach Specialist in UM's Office of the President, said he came to support the event on behalf of the University and himself personally.

"One of the things I believe in is student-led events. This is a really important issue and I have a strong appreciation for art," Hall said.

At UM, Hall works as the UM Tribal Outreach Specialist to support students from tribal communities. Hall wants to provide a space where they can thrive.

"This event is about visibility and exposure, but one on our own terms as Native people," Hall said.



A model walks the runway during a gala fashion show at the Indigenous Art Exposure event at the Zootown Arts Community Center on Sept. 4. Yolanda GoodVoice, one of the designers, showcased several lines of work she created to spread awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. **MATTHEW TRYAN | MONTANA KAIMIN**



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# 'How about that!' Montana pulls off massive upset



University of Montana safety Robby Hauck (17) and linebacker Marcus Welnel (10) tackle Washington running back Richard Newton (6) as he tries to rush the ball at Husky Stadium on Sept. 4.

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It wasn't always pretty, and the defense won the day, but on Sept. 4, the University of Montana football team pulled off an upset that will be remembered for years, defeating the University of Washington's football team on the Huskies' home turf, 13-7.

"We just came in here and beat a really good Washington team," Montana head coach Bobby Hauck said after the game. "We're very proud of getting this win."

As Hauck approached his team in the visiting locker room after the game, he paused, got into a track stance, and then — mayhem.

Hauck was lifted into the air as his team cheered triumphantly while splashing him with ice water. Outside the locker room, chants of "MONTANA" and then "GRIZ-ZLIES" echoed through the hollowed-out stadium.

Among the Montana players lifting their head coach into the air were Washington natives Cam Humphrey and Gavin Robertson, who were true heroes of the game. Humphrey ran in a touchdown that gave UM its first lead while Robertson snagged two interceptions.

"It was big time, I almost cried," Robertson said.

Washington put up 291 total yards compared to Montana's 232. But UM forced three

turnovers, all interceptions, while UW didn't force any. The Griz defense also only allowed Washington to get into the red zone once.

In UM's press conference after the game, Hauck mentioned that he had told University of Montana President Seth Bodnar that the Griz would win before the game. He was right.

To start the game, Washington received the opening kickoff, drove down the field, and scored to take an early 7-0 lead. The score came from a one-yard run by Washington redshirt freshman quarterback Dylan Morris.

Montana then went on a good drive of its own, highlighted by a 43-yard run by freshman Xavier Harris, but had to settle for a field goal. The field goal, a 26-yarder, was made by senior Kevin Macias to narrow UW's lead to 3-7.

Neither team scored for the rest of the half.

Montana gained some momentum when senior safety Robertson came down with an interception in the second quarter, but the UM offense couldn't score. The Griz also had two sacks in the first half, and three total sacks in the game. UW only had one sack.

In the third quarter, defense once again dominated. Both teams couldn't muster up a score and had under 100 total yards.

Robertson pulled down his second interception of the game late in the third quarter to once again give the Griz a momentum boost. He finished the game with five total tackles.

Robertson's interception set Montana up



University of Montana cornerback Justin Ford (21) celebrates on the sidelines after the Griz came out with an unexpected 13-7 victory over the Washington Huskies.

for what would turn out to be a game-changing drive. Humphrey completed a few throws, and the Griz ended up on the Washington 4-yard line.

In a beautiful read option, Humphrey faked out the Washington defense and ran the ball into the end zone, putting the Griz up 10-7. The Griz fans who traveled to Seattle erupted, starting a celebration that would last through the night.

Humphrey finished with 105 passing yards and 14 rushing yards, with the rushing touchdown that put UM ahead.

After a big defensive stop, Montana took over on offense. The Griz strategically ran the ball, wasting time. Eventually, Washington stopped UM, but once again, Montana had made it to the UW 4-yard line.

Montana did not go for it on fourth down. Macias made a 22-yard field goal and UM's lead went up to 13-7.

Washington then received the ball again, but the Montana defense held strong, forcing a turnover on downs. Less than two minutes remained, but Washington had three timeouts to stop the clock.

After running the ball a few times, the Griz were stopped on third down with the ball on Washington's 32-yard line. Montana brought out Macias, this time to attempt a field goal from 50 yards out.

After going 2-2 on his duo of earlier attempts, Macias missed and Washington fans rejoiced. The Huskies got the ball back with

one more chance to win the game.

After a few pass attempts, UW found itself on the Montana 43-yard line with a daunting 31 seconds left in the game. Washington quarterback Morris dropped back to pass and sent a ball toward an intended receiver, but to much of the stadium's surprise, Helena native Marcus Welnel intercepted the pass.

All it took after Welnel's interception was a kneel by Humphrey, and the Griz burst onto the field in jubilee. After talking to some of the Washington coaches and players, Hauck turned to his son, junior safety Robby Hauck.

"All [Robby] said was 'how about that' and all I said was 'how about that,'" Hauck said. "That was it, nothing too revolutionary."

The Montana football team then sang its signature post-game fight song in front of a mass of Griz fans who had traveled to the game.

Washington paid the Griz \$675,000 to come play in Seattle.

Montana's next game will be against Western Illinois on Sept. 11 at home.

Bobby Hauck didn't say where Montana should be ranked in the FCS Rankings next week, but he did say teams that may be ranked ahead of them "didn't beat one of the best programs in the history of college football."





University of Montana starting quarterback Cam Humphrey looks out into the stadium as the Griz get ready to play the University of Washington.



University of Montana wide receiver Samuel Akem (18) celebrates alongside other Griz players after Montana scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter.



University of Montana line backer Patrick O'Connell reacts after the Griz scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter giving Montana a 10-7 lead over the Huskies.



University of Montana running back Xavier Harris rushes the ball past a couple of Huskies players toward the sideline in the first quarter.



# UM Volleyball loses two games in South Dakota

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After jumping out to a quick 2-2 start to the season, the University of Montana volleyball team lost in back-to-back matches to California Baptist and host South Dakota State at the SDSU invite in Brookings, South Dakota on Sept. 3.

"We did some things today that were encouraging, but we did a lot of frustrating things," UM head volleyball coach Allison Lawrence said.

According to Lawrence, the Griz scheduled games against teams that would "finish in the middle of the conference," like Seattle, Eastern Michigan and College of Charleston. Through UM's first four games, the strategy worked, as Montana went 2-2 and narrowly lost one more match.

In South Dakota, it was a different story, as the Griz did not win a single set, losing 0-3 in both matches.

"Because of where we finished last year, our goal is to get to the top of the conference," Lawrence said. "But in order to do that, we have to beat the middle of the conference."

In the 2021 spring season, Montana went a measly 2-14 and didn't qualify for the Big Sky Tournament. UM has already

earned the number of wins it did in the spring season, winning two games in its first six. UM will have 20 games to beat last season's win total.

In Montana's first game of the SDSU invite, it was drubbed in the first set, losing 16-25. In the second and third set of the match, the Griz kept it close, but lost 22-25 in both, giving California Baptist a 3-0 win.

A standout for UM in its first match of the day was freshman setter Paige Clark who had 10 kills and an ace. Clark also showed off her ability to be a team player, posting 12 assists.

"Paige does a lot of things well," Lawrence said.

Seven hours after the Cal Baptist game, the Griz faced South Dakota State. Again, Montana came out slow, losing the first set 16-25.

The second set was much closer, leading to a 22-25 SDSU, but in the third and final set, the Jackrabbits put the Grizzlies away 20-25.

Redshirt senior middle blocker Peyton Boutwell was a star for UM in its second match, finishing with seven kills and three blocks. Boutwell has now racked up 63 kills through six games.

The Griz especially struggled to pull off successful attacks against SDSU, finishing with a hitting percentage of .117. SDSU hit



University of Montana middle blocker Peyton Boutwell jumps up for a spike during a match against Seattle University at Dahlberg Arena on Sept. 1. Boutwell scored 16 kills against Seattle during the game. LUKAS PRINOS | MONTANA KAIMIN

.288 against UM.

Montana's next games will be against Green Bay, Drake and North Dakota at

the University of North Dakota Classic on Sept. 10 and 11.

## What to know ahead of Montana football's home opener

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### Student Tickets

If you're a student and you've paid your registration bill, which includes an athletic fee, entrance into Griz football games is free if you follow the right steps.

"If you aren't there, you're missing out," Montana head football coach Bobby Hauck said.

UM Athletic's website [gogriz.com](http://gogriz.com) has a banner saying "Mobile Ticket Questions" which leads to Mobile Ticketing Central, where UM students can click "access your student tickets here." This leads to the ticket portal where students can create or log in to a ticket account using their student numbers.

Tickets go on sale on the Monday before the game. Students can also buy cheaper

general admission tickets for friends and family.

Students must have a valid Griz Card to show at the gates upon entry. A student ticket is just a QR code that can be scanned at the gate.

The student section is in the southeast end zone of Washington-Grizzly stadium.

"The six to nine best days of the year in Missoula are (Montana) football game days," Hauck said.

### Mobile Fan Ticketing

Ahead of this season, Montana announced a new mobile ticketing system for all fans. The website for all ticketing is [griztix.com](http://griztix.com), and it can be reached using a mobile device or computer. Fans must make an account to view or purchase tickets on the website.

Fans can transfer or renew their tickets via the website and they can also add

tickets to their phone's wallet.

UM promises that the mobile tickets will make everything easier and more sustainable. The University advertises that there will be less of a carbon footprint without paper tickets and their shipping containers.

The mobile fan tickets are also touch-free which creates "no contact/handling for social distancing," according to a UM release. The tickets are also easier to resell.

Gogriz.com has a 45-second video to help confused fans. The website also features a few different guides to accessing and transferring tickets.

### Game Preview

Montana will take on Western Illinois for its home opener on Sept. 11, which has been dubbed the 'maroon out' game. Western Illinois comes into the game

after losing to Ball State 31-21 while UM shocked the nation in an upset over Washington 13-7.

Unlike its last game, Montana will actually be favored to win this one. Western Illinois played six games in the shorted FCS spring season and finished with a record of 1-5.

In its last full season, Western Illinois had a miserable record of 1-11, including a 14-23 loss to UM's archrival Montana State University.

Western Illinois's starting quarterback is Connor Sampson, a seasoned upperclassman who has played in 28 total games for the Leathernecks. In the spring season, Sampson threw eight touchdowns and six interceptions.

Western Illinois was ranked last in its conference's preseason polls.

The game will kick off at 6 p.m. Mountain Time.