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Schweitzer, Engen speak on climate

Jessica Mayer
MONTANA KAIMIN

Gov. Brian Schweitzer and Missoula Mayor John Engen will speak as part of a nationwide education initiative designed to tackle climate change on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The panel discussion, titled, "Climate Change Policy and Solutions: US, MT, MSLA, and UM," is part of a comprehensive local, statewide and national effort to encourage participation in the global warming dialogue.

The event will also feature Richard Opper, director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality; Anne Klene, UM climate scientist and assistant professor of geography; and Phil Condon, UM environmental studies professor.

UM's participation is part of a larger initiative organized by Focus the Nation that aims to organize and motivate Americans to confront climate challenges.

"The main purpose is to get as wide as possible awareness as we can on climate change," Condon said.

The Thursday night event will wrap up two days of activities and discussion centering on global warming issues.

During the day on Thursday approximately 25 UM faculty members will participate in an environmental teach-in. They join nearly 1,600 other educational and civic institutions across the country that hope to engage students in dialogue, UM sustainability coordinator Jessie Davie said.

"It really shows the magnitude," Davie said.

On Wednesday, a live interactive web cast titled, "The 2 Percent Solution" will air in the University Theatre at 6 p.m. The event, focusing on ways to cut global warming by 2 percent every year for the next decade, will feature Stanford climate change scientist Steven Schnieder and sustainability expert Hunter Lovins.

Video messages from Sen. Max Baucus and UM professor of forestry Steve Running will be shown after the Wednesday web cast.

"It's so people can get a feel of what's going on at the national level," Davie said. "It's time to start talking about solutions and take action."

The events, both free and open to the public, are sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program, UM presidents Office and the ASUM Sustainability Center.

Low UM faculty salaries hurt recruiting

Elizabeth Harrison
MONTANA KAIMIN

A study by the Commissioner of Higher Education discovered that UM is experiencing increasing difficulty with recruiting and retaining faculty and staff.

To address this problem the Board of Regents will present a salary proposal to the Governor's budget office in May for an additional pool of money, equivalent to two percent of employee payroll; that equates

to roughly \$15.9 million to boost salaries on par with other institutions.

University President George Dennison said part of the problem in retaining professors is that new assistant professors are paid closer to the national average than full professors.

"When you recruit, you have to pay closer attention to what everyone's paying," he said. The result can sometimes be that new hires are paid close to, or even more, than experienced full

professors, Dennison said.

Despite the payroll increase to address the problems, Dennison said the amount of money provided does not allow UM to keep up with the national average of salaries.

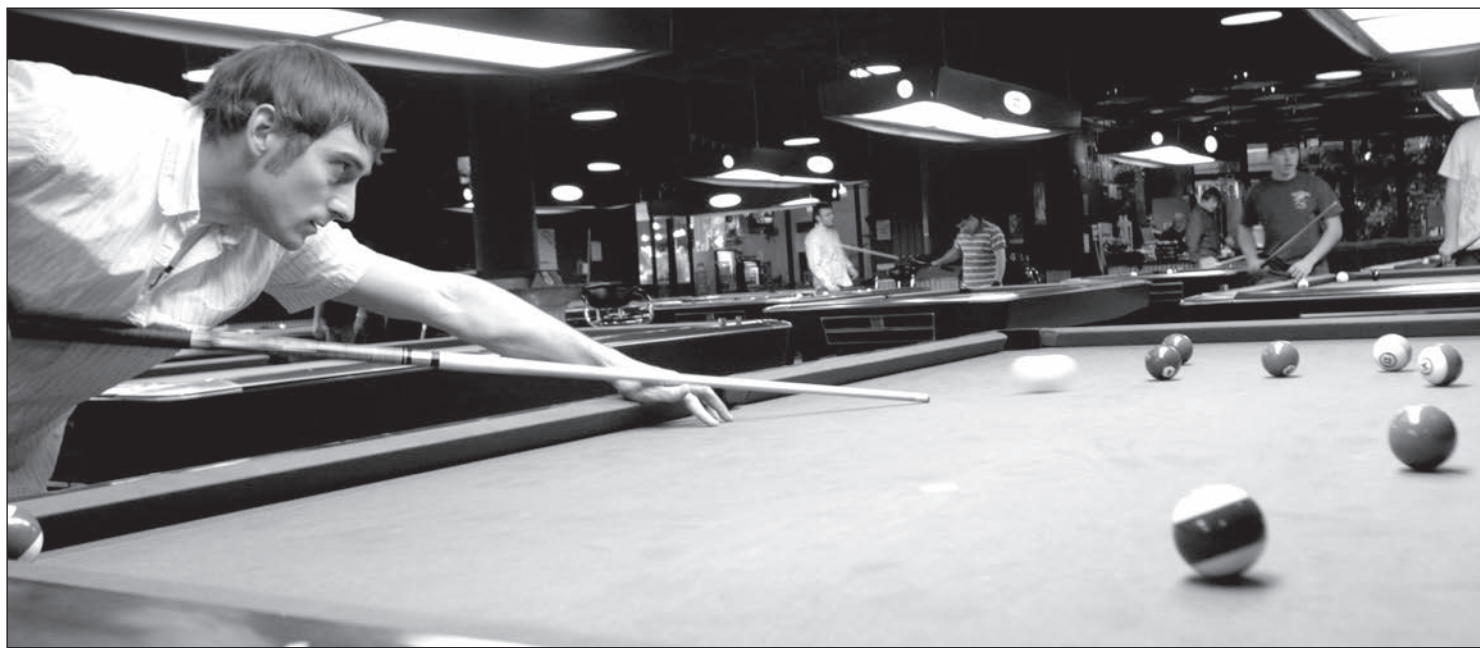
Bob Duringer, UM vice president for administration and finance, said a new professor's salary depends on a range of things such as the discipline they are hired for, whether they are an associate or assistant professor and their experience. For example, a brand new hire may make \$45,700

while a full professor would get \$72,000, Duringer said.

According to Maria Cole, recruitment manager for UM, 38 faculty recruits were hired in 2007. Cole said the University is trying to make the recruitment process more efficient.

"We have to be competitive when we hire," said new Provost, Royce Engstrom who moved to UM from the University of South Dakota last August. "The annual increase in faculty salary
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Pool Shark



C.O.T. graduate Joe Owen practices before the 8-ball pool tournament in the UC game room. "Hopefully I will be playing for a while," Owen said.

Eric Oravsky / Montana Kaimin

Fraternity ditches basement bar in hopes of pumping up GPA

Lauren Russell
MONTANA KAIMIN

The basement bar of Sigma Phi Epsilon is getting a facelift.

Within the first two weeks of school last fall, out came the bar and beer pong table and up went fresh paint, the first step in a transformation from party headquarters to study central.

The idea for a new study area developed when the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon decided to trade in their beer pong cups for calculators as part of an effort to increase the cumulative GPA of the 32 members to a 3.0. The recently studious "Sig Eps" achieved a 2.89 GPA last fall, their highest since 2003 and the highest of the five fraternities.

According to Lyndon Matthews, a sophomore and vice president of communications for the chapter, Sigma Phi Epsilon's poor academic performance in the past four years began eliciting pressure from the national headquarters, which encourages its chapters to maintain a 3.0 or higher.

The chapter hasn't had a 3.0 since 2003, and in 2004 the average dipped to a 2.1.

The lowest point in the house's academic history, said Matthews, came two years ago when almost half of the members had to be removed for poor academic performance. The fraternity found itself with twelve members and intense pressure from the national organization to increase enrollment and bring up grades or face being shut down.

"Everybody knew the bar couldn't be if we were going to stay a house," Matthews said.

In addition to being an important step in improving house academic standards, Chapter President Blake Battle said that getting rid of the bar became a necessity when the house was issued multiple fire safety citations in 2005 for having only one exit from their bar.

"It was a breaking point for us," Battle said. "I'd be lying if I said that pressure from nationals was the only reason we changed, but it gave us a reason to tell everyone to go in this direction."

In addition to achieving a 3.0 cumulative GPA, Matthews said that Sigma Phi Epsilon is also striving to achieve a national distinction as a residential learning community, which would provide the chapter grants for educational equipment and the opportunity for a class to be taught at the house.

Kael Melanson, a junior in zoology, said that the minimal emphasis on academics in the house contributed in part to his poor grades his first two years at UM. For him, the new focus is working. He earned a 3.0 last semester.

Matthews attributes much of the chapter turnaround to more stringent recruiting practices.

"We've started recruiting members based on traits like striving for academic excellence, instead of guys who just want to party or guys who are cool," Matthews said.

According to Emily Yaksitch, the Greek Life Advisor, the fraternity system follows the same academic procedures as the university in terms of academics,



Alisia Muhlestein / Montana Kaimin

Sigma Phi members Sean Mahoney, Lyndon Matthews, Paul Veteransneck, Kael Melanson, and Blake Battle stand in front of a piece of their dismantled bar Tuesday afternoon. The fraternity's GPA has reached an all-time high of 2.89, and they're replacing their bar with a study area to help continue improving.

which states that a student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be in good standing. But, she said the Greeks recognize academics as the highest priority of each chapter
See SIG EP, page 4

EDITORIAL

Student Gov't funding trouble for a NJ paper

Student government funding of student newspapers puts journalists in a precarious position, especially when they dispute one another.

Last semester, ASUM hesitated to reveal a memo between ASUM and UM Productions to Montana Kaimin reporters, saying a related story would be harmful to the university and future UM Productions' negotiations. The story was published, covering the university's consideration of shifting event-planning duties to non-student venue managers. Matters were resolved and UM Productions is still led by students.

ASUM also considered discussing UM administration policy in a closed meeting and hesitated to reveal a memo between ASUM and UM Productions to Montana Kaimin reporters. The policy of allowing UM administration to oversee the raises, punishments and firings of non-student ASUM employees was being considered. In justifying their position, ASUM members said that staff privacy could be at stake when discussing ASUM employees.

The UM disputes ended without major incident, thanks to keen legal advice on both sides and the support of the School of Journalism.

Unfortunately, a dispute over open meeting laws at Montclair State University hasn't ended so favorably.

The student newspaper's funds are frozen and their presses have run dry at the request of MSU's student government president, Ronald Chikken.

As of last Thursday, The Montclarion newspaper is available on-line only. Currently, Montclarion readers do not have access to a printed version of the school's paper, the university is losing advertising revenue and students are losing an opportunity to practice their craft.

Apparently, the shutdown is the result of what started as The Montclarion's editor-in-chief's protest over certain MSU student government sessions being closed to the press.

Partial funding and legal contracting of the newspaper with the MSU student government didn't help The Montclarion. The newspaper's budget was frozen because news staff did not have prior approval — from the student government association — to obtain a lawyer, nor was payment for legal counsel pre-approved, the student government said.

Editors of the paper claim Chikken is silencing criticism of the student government.

Unfortunately, some student newspapers, including The Montclarion and The Montana Kaimin, are partially funded by the government, putting reporters at a potential disadvantage if expected to promote or cater to the university rather than inform the community.

Yes, an independently funded student paper would be ideal, but that isn't what we have here at UM. Given our circumstances, the benefit to our community is to let the newspaper staff do their jobs.

Any intimidation of potential funding freeze only hurts those we all serve.



Karen Plant
News Editor

U-Wire

Border crossing I.D. misery

Theresa Rerick

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

GRAND FORKS - In response to Congress's decision to push back the requirement of a passport for crossing land borders until at least June 2009, the Bush Administration has ruled that a birth certificate, passport or some proof of citizenship must be presented when crossing the U.S. - Canada border.

Senator Byron Dorgan challenged the change in policy, saying that the rule should be eliminated for the sake of North Dakota communities.

Dorgan aided in the passing of the legislation in December that deferred the passport requirement until after June 2009. He said that he disagrees with the need for a passport in traveling between Canada and the U.S.

"Passports are very expensive," he said. "For someone who has a family of four going to Canada, passports are a significant expense."

Assistant Port Director for Customs and Border Protection Matt Meyer said that the Jan. 31 requirement is technically a piece of education for the public regarding what documents will be needed for land border crossing.

"We will ask individuals to present ID documents and citizenship documents," he said. "If they don't have those at that

time, then we will determine their citizenship by identification. The traveler will be released and given a tear sheet."

A tear sheet is an informative text that educates the traveler about the required identification documents needed for crossing the border.

It announces that an oral declaration of citizenship is no longer accepted and gives a list of what documents are accepted for proof of identification and of citizenship.

According to Dorgan, the new rule will have a significant impact on the economic positions of North Dakota communities that rely on border crossing traffic to support finances.

"We have a long border with Canada, a good relationship and a lot of commerce that creates a lot of jobs. I understand the need for security along the border, but we have to be smart about it," he said. "We can't shut down opportunities for people who do business."

He also claimed that the new requirement would only aid in creating longer lines at the border crossings and more hassles to be dealt with. "I strongly support efforts to strengthen security at the border, but this plan is being done in a way that can only create more hassle for travelers and do nothing for security," he said.

Customs and Border Protection's Mary Meyers said

that the border crossing process may be affected. "As far as slowing the process down at the ports of entry, we will anticipate the amount of traffic that we have and will staff accordingly to what will be required. It may take a little longer, but we will have additional staff on," she said.

Meyers said that inquiries regarding the new document conditions will be addressed if needed during border crossings as well. "If the individual has questions about the requirements, we will take the time to answer those questions more in depth," he said.

Dorgan suggested other means by which to enhance border security. "My solution is to provide a passport card at a price that is no greater than \$20 and to obtain more personnel on the border," he said. "We are working through all these issues."

Meyers said that the Customs and Border Protection are not endorsing individuals to suspend their traveling. "We are not discouraging traveling along the borders for anyone whatsoever. They will just need a document to travel across the border and we will educate them at this upcoming date of Jan. 31," she said.

For more information about what documents are accepted as proof of citizenship and identification, visit travel.state.gov.

U-Wire

FCC fines mooned audience

Cait Costello

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA - As of this past weekend, the Federal Communications Commission has proposed a \$1.43 million fine on ABC for a 2003 episode of NYPD Blue. The show's crime? According to the FCC, "it depicts sexual organs and excretory organs -- specifically an adult woman's buttocks."

Really? The butt is a sexual organ? If that is so, then I guess we can no longer show mouths on television as well. Skin is an excretory organ, so that's out, too. Let's not forget that breathing is part of the excretory process; though I'm not sure how the networks will find their way around that one. On the other hand, there is always the option that the FCC could admit it is overreacting.

I was in London for two weeks

this past summer and attended a performance of Shakespeare's "Love's Labour Lost" at the Globe. For anyone not familiar with the play, it is one of Shakespeare's raunchier endeavors to say the least. During the last act, one of the actors mooned the audience as a part of the play.

I had noticed previously that a field trip group was present in the yard -- from what must have been a boys' elementary school. I was surprised that their teachers had brought them to see this particular play, for after even a few minutes, it was easy to tell that Shakespeare did not have children in mind when he penned "Love's Labour Lost." In the U.S., children would not have been permitted into the theater.

Then again, Britain is much more lax in their indecency laws than the United States, and I think we could stand to learn

something from that little island across the pond. During the Bush administration, this country has seen an increased effort by the government to legislate morality. I have never seen any attempt to do so succeed. Every single American has his or her own set of morals; ethics is what the government should focus on enforcing. Not everyone follows religious morals, and they should not be forced to.

One person's rights end where someone else's begins, and this includes free speech. I understand that perfectly. What I disagree with is the FCC's decision that it will consistently err on the side of the moral "majority." I may consider many comments by Pat Robertson and Ann Coulter to be indecent, but the FCC is never going to slap a \$325,000 on them. Well, maybe, but only if Ms. Coulter decides to moon her audience.

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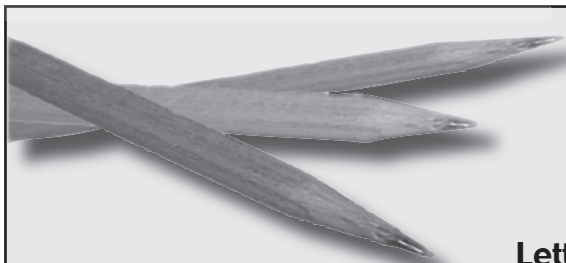
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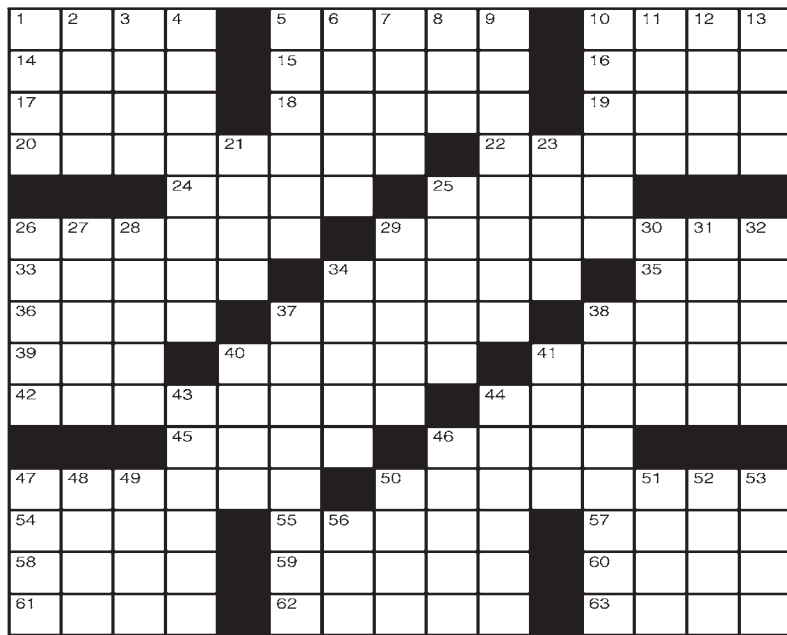


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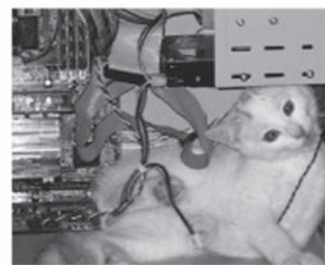
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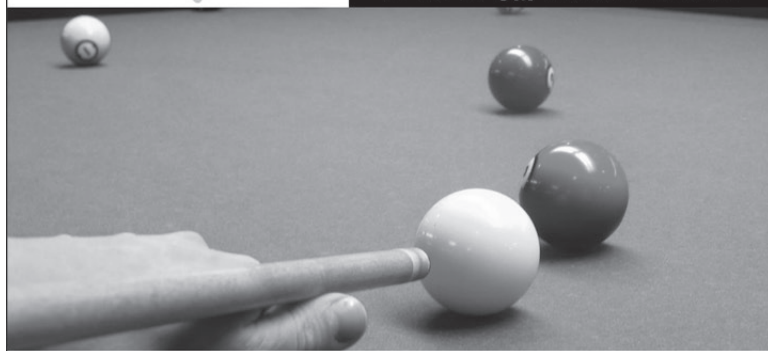
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New Montana climate office requests \$405,000 from state

Stefaine Kilts
MONTANA KAIMIN

"The snow's coming in six hours," Don Potts said, forecasting Missoula's weather on Tuesday afternoon.

The Montana state climatologist and director of the Montana Climate Office sat in front of his computer and pointed to an ebbing blue shade moving over western Montana on a U.S. weather map.

"That's important for me to know," Potts said, "but also for other people as well."

That's just what UM forestry and conservation faculty members, Potts and Steve Running realized when they first discussed the idea for a state climate office. The public needed a service to provide easy access for important Montana-specific climate and weather information, they decided.

"We really see having adequate climate statistics are important for the state's economy, and we don't have that right now," Running said.

The information could be useful in terms of knowing what to plant, when to move water and analyzing drought cycles, said Perry Brown, UM's dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation.

The office would be a "supplier about climate and weather for a wide range of audiences," Brown said.

That includes tourists, farmers, ranchers, community members and basically anyone who would find the information useful, he explained.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer

designated a Montana Climate Office to be housed at UM three years ago, but a budget was not prepared in time for the last legislative session. As of now, there has been no funding.

The few services the existing Montana Climate Office now handles, including maintaining a website, have largely been conducted by Running and Potts on a volunteer basis.

Now, a \$405,000 two-year budget request to fund the office will be presented before the Montana Board of Regents in March. If approved, the request will go before the governor for his OK.

If Schweitzer and the state legislature agree to shell out the cash for the climate office, it would be housed in Running's research laboratory.

Montana has been without a fully operational climate office for over a decade, Running said.

The Montana Climate Office was housed at Montana State University in Bozeman. But when the scientist who ran it retired, the office was closed down.

The new climate lab would also be used to chart climate trends for the state, Running explained.

Forty-nine states in the U.S. currently have climate offices, Potts said, making Montana the only odd state out. In addition, some offices have up to six employees, Potts said.

Running said his lab already has most of the equipment required for a climate office so the majority of the money would be used to hire an outreach coordinator and fund a

climatologist position.

With the additional staff, Potts said the office could conduct research and teaching, but most importantly develop a more user-friendly website that would provide products to the public in the form of interactive maps and charts.

Potts pointed out an example on North Dakota's Climate Office website, where detailed charts outlined specific growing temperatures for wheat. The Montana Climate Office website may provide information on irrigation demand, wind potential and temperatures in addition to precipitation.

UM President George Dennison said he supports a state climate office at UM.

"This is a good fit given the focus and orientation and the concerns of the students and faculty," Dennison said, referring to the student body's focus on sustainability.

In addition to providing educational opportunities, "this would be an important service to the agricultural industry, resource management and generally, the residents of Montana," Dennison said.

But Running and Potts can't get rolling just yet.

"It's a long way from being a done deal," Potts said emphasizing that it would be another year and a half before it would be voted on at the state Legislature; if it makes it that far.

But Brown said he is optimistic that the money will come through.

"We're in an era where issues of climate and weather are critical to Montana," Brown said.

the highest with a 3.09.

Currently, the undergraduate cumulative average for all students during fall semester was 2.94. The all-Greek average was a 2.77, Yaksitch said.

"There is a reality that we still have a lot of work ahead of us to meet the undergraduate average, but we're finding that we are growing, both in enrollment numbers and academic standing," Yaksitch said.

Yaksitch said she hopes a recent initiative to provide each chapter with a faculty advisor, who would act as a liaison and mentor, will help build a better academic relationship between the Greek system and the university. This program, if implemented, will take effect by the end of spring semester.

So far, no other fraternities are giving up their bars in pursuit of academic excellence, but Matthews hinted that the fun isn't totally over at Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"I wouldn't say that we'll never have a party but there will never be a party in there," Matthews said.

Bush says reliance on faith helped him beat his 'addiction' to alcohol

Jennifer Loven
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — President Bush is talking more openly lately about his old drinking habit, and on Tuesday he offered perhaps his most pointed assessment yet by saying plainly that the term "addiction" had applied to him.

"Addiction is hard to overcome. As you might remember, I drank too much at one time in my life," Bush said during a visit to the Jericho Program, a project of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland that helps former prisoners deal with problems such as drug addiction so they can find jobs and reintegrate productively into society.

Bush spoke to reporters after meeting privately with two men who have graduated from Jericho's program and dealt with drug problems. During that session, which the White House allowed one reporter to attend, Bush spoke frankly about himself.

"I understand addiction, and I understand how a changed heart can help you deal with addiction," he told the two men. "There's some kind of commonality."

He asked Adolphus Mosely and Tom Boyd how they stopped using drugs — and then answered his own question.

"First is to recognize that there is a higher power," Bush said. "It helped me in my life. It helped me quit drinking."

"That's right, there is a higher power," Mosely said.

"Step One, right?" Bush said, referring to the Alcoholics Anonymous twelve-steps program. Actually, it is the second step.

When the president spoke publicly, flanked by both men, it was plain that it was a powerful subject for him personally. Bush grew unusually somber and fixed an unbroken gaze on the cameras as he related the similarities between himself and the men in this sketchy East Baltimore neighborhood who are struggling to put their lives back together.

"These are men who were, in some ways, lost, and lonely, and found love and redemption at Jericho," Bush said. "Proud to be with you."

He hailed them for now being "reunited with their daughters." "Girls love their dad, especially a redeemed dad," said Bush, father of 26-year-old twins Jenna and Barbara.

The 61-year-old president decided to quit drinking the day after a particularly boozy 40th-birthday celebration — July 6, 1986. He has often credited both his Christian faith and vigorous exercise with giving him the discipline he needed to execute that decision and to keep to it since, with nonalcoholic beers the only indulgence he says he allows.

But when he was first running for president in 2000 and during his earlier years in office, Bush stuck to almost quaint code words when on the topic. He has never said publicly whether he was an alcoholic.

As was typical, Bush said during a November 2000 news conference in which he admitted pleading guilty in 1976 to drunken driving that he merely "occasionally drank too much" as a younger man. He told an interviewer that same year that alcohol "was beginning to compete for my affections" before he quit.

In September 2003, Bush was talking at a Houston community center on the same topic he was on Tuesday — the value of federal support for religious charities that address societal ills. "I know firsthand what it takes to quit drinking, and it takes something other than a textbook or a manual," he said.

His checkered relationship with booze does come up frequently in his conversations, often as a joke or an aside. Bush is known to have said that the subject is never too far from his mind.

Last year, for instance, while traveling the country promoting ethanol created from biowaste as an alternative energy source, he'd often find himself in laboratories with beakers full of the alcohol-based substance. At a North Carolina plant, Bush held a container up to his nose for a mock sniff and then shook his head at the bemused reaction from his press corps. "I quit drinking in 1986," he said, laughing.

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McCain wins Florida GOP primary; Giuliani ready to drop out and endorse

David Espo

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MIAMI – Sen. John McCain won a breakthrough triumph in the Florida primary Tuesday night, gaining the upper hand in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination ahead of next week's contests across 21 states and lining up a quick endorsement from soon-to-be dropout Rudy Giuliani.

"It shows one thing. I'm the conservative leader who can unite the party," McCain said after easing past former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in a hard-fought contest.

"It's a very significant boost, but I think we've got a tough week ahead and a lot of states to come," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton was the Democratic winner in a primary held in defiance of national rules that drew no campaigning

and awarded no delegates.

The victory was worth 57 national convention delegates for McCain, a winner-take-all haul that catapulted him ahead of Romney for the overall delegate lead.

Giuliani ran third, his best showing of the campaign but not nearly good enough for the one-time front-runner who decided to make his last stand in a state that is home to tens of thousands of transplanted New Yorkers.

In remarks to supporters in Orlando, the former New York mayor referred to his candidacy repeatedly in the past tense — as though it were over. "We'll stay involved and together we'll make sure that we'll do everything we can to hand our nation off to the next generation better than it was before," he said.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee trailed, but told supporters he would campaign on. Texas Rep. Ron Paul was fifth, and

last.

Romney, who has spent millions of dollars of his personal fortune to run for the White House, also vowed to stay in the race.

"At a time like this, America needs a president in the White House who has actually had a job in the real economy," he told supporters in St. Petersburg.

Florida marked the end of one phase of the campaign, the last in a series of single-state contests.

The campaign goes national next week, with 21 states holding primaries and caucuses on Tuesday and 1,023 party convention delegates at stake.

Returns from 73 percent of the state's precincts showed McCain, the Arizona senator, with 36 percent of the vote and Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, with 31 percent.

The victory was another step

in one of the most remarkable political comebacks of recent times. McCain entered the race the front-runner, then found his campaign unraveling last summer as his stands in favor of the Iraq War and a controversial immigration bill proved unpopular.

The war gradually became less of a concern after President Bush's decision to increase troop deployments began to produce results. McCain also sought to readjust his position on immigration.

By the time of the New Hampshire primary, he was primed for victory, and got it. He won the South Carolina primary last week, taking first place in the state that had snuffed out his presidential hopes in 2000.

McCain's victory was his first-ever primary win in a state that allowed only Republicans to vote.

His previous triumphs, in New Hampshire and South Carolina this year, and in two states in 2000 came in elections open to independents. He campaigned with the support of the state's two top Republican elected officials, Gov. Charlie Crist and Sen. Mel Martinez.

Romney's only primary win so far was in Michigan, a state where he grew up and claimed a home-field advantage. He also has caucus victories to his credit in Wyoming and Nevada.

A survey of voters as they left their polling places showed the economy was the top issue for nearly half the Republican electorate. McCain led his rival among those voters, blunting Romney's weeklong effort to persuade Floridians that his background as a businessman made him best-suited for heading off a recession.

Military begins planning; dead satellite may hit US

WASHINGTON (AP) – The U.S. military is developing contingency plans to deal with the possibility that a large spy satellite expected to fall to Earth in late February or early March could hit North America.

Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, who heads of U.S. Northern Command, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the size of the satellite suggests that some number of pieces will not burn up as the orbiting vehicle re-enters the Earth's atmosphere and will hit the ground.

"We're aware that this satellite is out there," Renuart said. "We're aware it is a fairly substantial size. And we know there is at least some percentage that it could land on ground as opposed to in the water."

A U.S. official confirmed that the spy satellite, which lost power and no longer can be controlled, was launched in December 2006 and could weigh as much as 10,000 pounds. It carried a sophisticated and secret imaging sensor but the satellite's central computer failed shortly after launch.

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Turkey to lift head scarf ban

Selcan Hacaoglu
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANKARA, Turkey — A bill that would lift a decades-old ban on women wearing head scarves at universities was submitted to parliament on Tuesday, worrying secular Turks who fear the government is raising the profile of Islam.

Deniz Baykal, leader of the pro-secular Republican People's Party, called the attempt to lift the ban a "threat against the republic."

The founder of modern Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, banned religious attire in daily life. Although the country is majority Muslim, the ban has been vigorously enforced in public offices and schools since a 1980 military coup.

Under the new proposal, female students would be allowed to wear head scarves at universities as long as they tied them under the chin, leaving their faces more exposed.

"Chadors, veils and burqas will not be allowed," Nationalist Action Party leader Devlet Bahçeli said in reference to Islamic clothing that covers the body from head to toe. "No one will be allowed to use head scarves as political statements against the state."

On Monday, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islamic-rooted Justice and Development Party and the opposition Nationalist Action Party reached a deal to make changes in the constitution and the Higher Education Law that

would allow women to wear head scarves.

The two parties together have more votes than the two-thirds majority in the 550-seat assembly required to amend the constitution and lift the head scarf ban. The lawmakers could vote on the bill as early as next week.

Last year, secularists backed by the military unsuccessfully opposed Abdullah Gul's presidential bid partly because his wife wears a head scarf. Parliament voted him into the post in August.

Gul's wife challenged Turkey's head scarf ban at the European Court of Human Rights after being barred from university in 1998 — only to withdraw her complaint when her husband became foreign minister.

Hakki Suha Okay, a prominent lawmaker of the Republican People's Party, said they would appeal to judiciary if the parliament approves the new proposal.

"Those who have open or secret aims against the secular democratic republic, those who want to change the regime are aiming to damage the Constitutional system," said Tayfun Icli, a lawmaker of the Democratic Left Party, the other staunchly secular party.

Erdogan rebuffed the criticism, saying: "The government is the guarantor and protector of the republic, secularism, the democracy and the state of law. None of our steps or practices have been contrary to that and nor will they ever be."

House extends eavesdropping law; Senate seeks swift approval

Anne Flaherty
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Tuesday voted to give two more weeks of life to a law that allows the government more freedom to eavesdrop on suspected terrorists inside the United States, an attempt to buy the logjammed Senate time to pass a bill to replace it.

The Senate is also considering extending the surveillance law Congress hastily adopted last August when the White House warned of dangerous gaps in its surveillance authority. Civil rights and privacy advocates say the broadly written law allows the government to eavesdrop on innocent Americans without oversight from a court created for that purpose. The law expires Feb. 1.

Senate Republican leaders reversed their opposition to extending the existing law Tuesday, saying they would agree to an extension if the Senate can pass new surveillance legislation this week. That legislation, favored by the White House, includes

giving retroactive legal immunity to telecommunications companies that allowed the government to wiretap their customers without court permission.

Some 40 civil lawsuits have been filed against telecommunications companies. They carry with them a threat of crippling financial penalties, which the White House says could bankrupt the companies.

The House in October passed a version of the bill that does not provide retroactive legal immunity.

The Senate Republican offer to extend the current surveillance law was made Monday night. It could break a six-week impasse over an update to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the 1978 law that dictates when the government needs court approval to conduct electronic surveillance inside the United States.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Tuesday that Senate Democrats would accept any extension of the current eavesdropping law.

"It is a legislative impossibility for us to complete this legislation

by Thursday night," said Reid. "If the law expires, it is the direct responsibility of the Republicans."

He also said he would try again this week to get the Senate to agree to a 30-day extension.

The White House had threatened to veto a proposed 30-day extension of the law, hoping its expiration will pressure Congress into swiftly passing a surveillance bill that includes telecom immunity. The two-week extension, while gaining little if any support at first, was later deemed acceptable by the administration.

"While we maintain that Congress has had sufficient time to conclude its work, we have indicated to congressional leaders that we will accommodate this request so that Congress can live up to its commitment to passing a bill that gives the intelligence community the tools they need to protect the nation," White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said Tuesday night. "Congress should complete its work before departing for its next break."

Bush plans to push for the law in a speech Thursday in Las Vegas.

'Afghanistan stands at a crossroads'

Pamela Hessa
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Afghanistan risks sliding into a failed state and becoming the "forgotten war" because of deteriorating international support and a growing violent insurgency, according to an independent study.

The assessment, co-chaired by retired Marine Corps Gen. James Jones and former U.N. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, serves as a warning to the Bush administration at a time military and congressional officials are debating how best to juggle stretched warfighting resources.

The administration wants to re-energize anti-terrorism efforts in

Afghanistan and Pakistan, where al-Qaida is regenerating. But the U.S. still remains heavily invested in Iraq, and officials are sending strong signals that troop reductions there will slow or stop altogether this summer.

"Afghanistan stands at a crossroads," concludes the study, an advance copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press. "The progress achieved after six years of international engagement is under serious threat from resurgent violence, weakening international resolve, mounting regional challenges and a growing lack of confidence on the part of the Afghan people about the future direction of their country."

A major issue has been trying to

win the war with "too few military forces and insufficient economic aid," the study adds.

Among the group's nearly three dozen recommendations: increase NATO force levels and military equipment sent to Afghanistan, decouple U.S. management of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, establish a special envoy to coordinate all U.S. policy on Afghanistan, and champion a unified strategy among partner nations to stabilize the country in five years.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he was not familiar with the study's findings, but he struck a more optimistic tone on Afghanistan's future.

"I would say that the security situation is good," Gates told The Associated Press. "We want to make sure it gets better, and I think there's still a need to coordinate civil reconstruction, the economic development side of it."

Gates said more troops are needed in Afghanistan, but "certainly not ours." When asked how many more NATO troops might be needed, he said that number should be determined by ground commanders.

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It has long been the choice of thirsty college students everywhere, and now Pabst Blue Ribbon is coming to a wall near you.

The West Coast leg of the Pabst Blue Ribbon Art Tour is bringing its frosty goodness to the Badlander on Feb. 4, in addition to a Bloody Mary bar, fried chicken, and dollar PBR tallboys. There will not be a cover charge.

The show is made up of entries from the Pabst Brewing Company's 2007 "Can on Canvas" contest, where PBR enthusiasts were challenged to submit paintings and drawings of their favorite drink.

"For years we've had people sending us this crazy Pabst art that they've done," said PBR Brand Manager Bryan Clarke. "So we just decided to make it into a contest and take it around the country. What better way to show how fun this brand is?"

And for a company that does no commercial advertising, it is serving as great free publicity.

The tour has already hit major cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Portland and Seattle. So, some may wonder, why is it making a pit stop in relatively tiny Missoula?

"Ironically, for its size, Montana is an incredible market for Pabst," Clarke said. "For us, bringing the tour to Missoula was a no-brainer."

And there is no more fitting a venue than the Badlander, which co-owner Scott MacIntyre touts as "The #1 PBR Bar in Missoula," with Pabst Blue Ribbon as its best selling beer.

MacIntyre said he is excited about the show, which offers 16 paintings ranging from pop art to graffiti to classical beer can interpretations.

"Hopefully it will keep getting better and better in the future," he said.

(That's right: Pabst is already accepting entries for its 2008 installment of the contest, which has expanded from just paintings to include photography and aluminum can sculptures. Find out how to enter at www.pbrart.com.)

Movie Quote Quiz

Last week, **Kaimin Arts** conducted a trial run of the Movie Quote Quiz (we've missed the Poetry Coroner, but now we're on the rebound). In less than 24 hours, we had our first (and only) guess:

"Ian Malcolm from 'Jurassic Park,' the finest island dinosaur movie of the pre-'Cloverfield' era."

Congrats, Daniel Boyce. Stop by DAH 208 to collect your prize. Look for the next quiz on Friday. Prizes will continue while free supplies last.

Why the staged saw sings



Alisia Muhlestein / Montana Kaimin

Sunday afternoon at the Music Recital Hall, seniors Hilary Martens and Bethany Joyce ended their recital on a light-hearted note. To the delight of the audience, violinist Martens played the mandolin, while cellist Joyce played the saw.

New Mars Volta sparks superstition

Steve Miller
MONTANA KAIMIN

One Holy Bible: check. One icon of Saint Stephen: check. One Celtic-style crucifix: check.

Usually with a list such as this, one would assume that a spiritual cleansing — maybe even an exorcism — is about to take place. In this case, however, these were the items within reach as I listened to The Mars Volta's latest effort, "The Bedlam in Goliath," released yesterday.

To understand better my trepidation and superstition, the origins and inspiration behind "Bedlam" should be known: According to the group's Web site, themarsvolta.com, the story began in a Jerusalem curio shop with the purchase of an ancient, Ouija-like "talking-board."

The procurer of the item, The Mars Volta guitarist Omar Rodriguez-Lopez, bought it as a gift for friend and band vocalist Cedric Bixler-Zavala. While on tour with the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the members of The Mars Volta began experimenting with the board by asking it questions, and the board responded in kind: giving them nicknames, spouting off meaningless phrases, and even sharing a story about a murderous love-triangle.

The band members nicknamed

the board "Soothsayer," but events quickly spiraled out of control. "Soothsayer" soon began to demand things from each of them and continued to tell the story of the fated lovers, each time more brutal than the last.

In addition to these eerie interactions, the band experienced many ill-fated hardships during this time, such as flooded studios, sudden blackouts (which resulted in the loss of much recorded material), and the nervous breakdown of a sound engineer. The band renamed the board "Goliath" in lieu of the mounting tensions, and the board even threatened them if they didn't do its bidding. At that point, Rodriguez-Lopez wrapped "Goliath" in a cloth and buried it at an undisclosed location — Bixler-Zavala requested that he not be told where it rests.

The band completed the album in spite of the strife, though some of the musical material was never again found.

The band now hopes that with each listener, the negative stigma placed on them by "Goliath" will be lifted: the more who hear, the less powerful it becomes.

But the album's pre-release hype didn't stop there.

In anticipation of its release, The Mars Volta provided fans intrigued and/or frightened by the "Goliath" saga some appetizers

along the way, such as several low-budget and black-humor music videos, a digital puzzle on their Web site, and even a computer game inspired by the grisly story told by "Goliath."

Nearly two and a half months after my initial reading of the album's origins, I hesitantly slipped on my earphones, despite prior warnings from a relative in the clergy.

The album hits hard from the very first second of the opening track, "Aberinkula," and doesn't let up until halfway through the next track, "Metatron." Even then, the rest is short-lived. In the midst of this musical mayhem of blaring guitars, screeching vocals, thundering drums and wailing saxophones are Bixler-Zavala's lyrics, telling the tale of "Goliath's" ever-haunting demands, displayed in songs such as "Cavalettas," "Askeprios," and "Ouroboros."

"Wax Simulcra," the album's first single, is two minutes and thirty-nine seconds of pure adrenaline, concluded by a frantic drum-and-saxophone duet.

With the nine-member Mars Volta at his disposal, Rodriguez-Lopez, also the band's producer and composer, makes the most of the talent around him, from the soulful jive of keyboardist Isaiah Ikey Owens to the bombastic drums of newcomer Thomas Pridgen to the uncompromisingly intricate guitar work of John Frusciante. Rodriguez-Lopez's

production touch gives one the image of a mad scientist arbitrarily turning knobs and pushing buttons on the sound board, experimenting with the most outlandish sounds.

Throughout the album, the individual songs shift in and out of several musical movements — the changes being sudden and unexpected, but surprisingly appealing at the same time. Although the shifting song is structured and the aggressiveness of the music may be initially jarring, one begins to detect some sense in chaos — a tapestry strung together by Rodriguez-Lopez's vision and Bixler-Zavala's keen sense of finding a catchy melody in even the most atonal of chord progressions.

The two strongest tracks on the album, "Goliath" and "Soothsayer," display The Mars Volta's unique approach to the telling of its story. The former, resembles a Led Zeppelin romp, while the latter sounds as if it is played by a traveling rock group in the Sahara Desert.

As the album closes with "Conjugal Burns," Bixler-Zavala sings the phrase "you'll wear those healing damns down to the plug." His daring falsetto climbs to a sudden and haunting silence upon the song's conclusion.

For an audaciously inventive band such as The Mars Volta, whose previous three albums have

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Kaimin Arts Review



A CASE OF THE BLUES

Photos by Shane McMillan

Story by Steve Miller

The world's favorite group of three taciturn men in body paint played to a packed Adams Center last night, and redefined what it means to be a rock star in the process.

As part of their "How to Be a Megastar Tour 2.1," the Blue Man Group brought their multimedia stage antics to Missoula, backed by a solid live band and guided by the "Rock Concert Manual" — a comprehensive guide on how to put on the perfect rock concert.

Dan Torti, UM Productions marketing coordinator, sees their

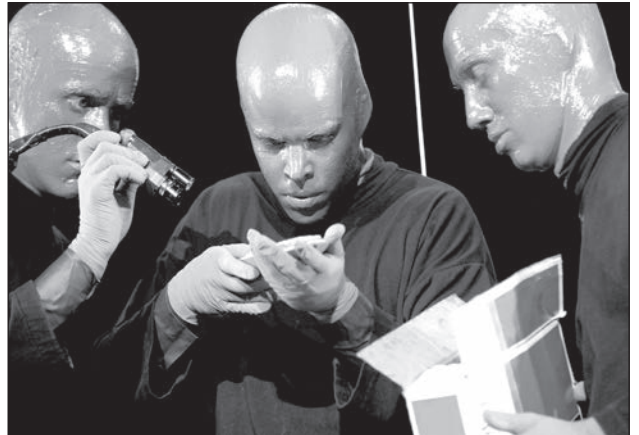
performance as a unique experience for the Missoula community.

"It's exciting, it's different from other things that have come," Torti said.

Visions of rock stardom never seemed as vivid as they did when juxtaposed with PVC pipe and strobe lights. With a mixture of inspirational originals and well-known crowd favorites in their repertoire, the Blue Man Group had the crowd pumping their fists, waving their hands, and jumping on their feet.



TOP: An audience member watches the opening scenes of the Blue Man Group performance in the Adams Center Tuesday night. Those sitting in the front row were given plastic ponchos to protect their clothes from flying food, paint and other substances. **MIDDLE:** Two members of the group pause on stage. **ABOVE:** At the command of their rock show instruction manual, a Blue Man takes a closer look at the audience and puts a camera in the mouth of a man in the front row.



TOP LEFT: Two members of the group make music on a percussive PVC pipe instrument. **TOP RIGHT:** The group fumbles with a remote control meant to "start" a section of their show. **SECOND FROM TOP:** A member of the group steps up to show the audience how to dance. **RIGHT:** A member of the audience laughs as the Blue Man Group rifles through a purse belonging to another woman, in search of a credit card. The group "buys" the instruction manual for their rock concert as part of their act. **ABOVE:** The Blue Man Group work as a team, drumming on an instrument made out of PVC pipe. The sound of the instrument changes by lengthening and shortening the pipe.

VISIONS OF ROCK STARDOM
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 VISIONS OF ROCK STARDOM

Local theatre hosts over-the-hill bash

Melissa Weaver
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Montana Repertory Theatre, the professional theatre at the University of Montana, celebrated its 40th birthday last Saturday with an evening of drama, dancing and a special tribute to founder Firman H. "Bo" Brown.

"I danced my shoes off," said Greg Johnson, artistic director for the Montana Repertory Theatre. "Everybody was in a celebratory mood. I didn't get home until three myself."

Around 300 people showed up for the event, Johnson estimated. Starting at 6:30 p.m., guests heard the music of Eden Atwood and Jodi Marshall before heading into

the Montana Theatre to see an advance performance of Tennessee Williams' play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

After the show, UM President George Dennison and others spoke in tribute to Brown.

"It was a touching ceremony. Suzy had some great stories from the old days," Johnson said about Suzy Hunt, a woman who worked with Brown at Montana Rep's beginning.

Hunt talked about traveling around Montana with a troupe of actors in a couple of cars and

trucks packed with scenery and costumes.

Brown attended the celebration and received a standing ovation when he walked on stage to speak. Johnson described Brown as proud and complimented Montana Rep by saying he

— Greg Johnson
artistic director,
Montana Rep

was touched that the theatre had stayed true to Brown's vision for 40 years.

The Montana Repertory Theatre was the brainchild of Brown back in 1967. It is a touring theatre company dedicated to providing professional, affordable theatre

to Montana and nearby Western states. It is the oldest touring group in the nation and Missoula's fastest growing theatre company.

Montana Rep provides select UM drama and dance students a unique opportunity to travel and perform with professional actors for four months each year and an opportunity to hone their craft.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," the newest production from Montana Rep, runs for the next two weeks in Missoula before hitting the road for a three-month tour. For tickets, call or stop by the PAR-TV box office at 243-4581. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$15 for the general public. Performances are nightly at 7 p.m. on Jan. 30-31, Feb. 2 and Feb. 5-9 in the Montana Theatre.

'Lost' season four promises 'life after the island'

A brief look at 'Lost' lore and a sneak peak at tomorrow's season premiere

Frazier Moore
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — For eight long months, we had no contact with our friends on the island.

Now, at the start of the new season of "Lost" (Thursday at 9 p.m. EST on ABC), we find the castaways right where we left them last May: thinking they're about to be saved.

But nothing is ever what it seems on "Lost." The guessing game is about to resume for the castaways, and for us.

This season has been whittled to just eight episodes thanks to the writers strike, with 40 more hours before the saga concludes in 2010. Still, it's not too soon to marvel at the ingenuity and wild ambition that "Lost" has displayed — and how it, somehow, has continued to surprise us.

When the series was announced in 2004, its basic concept seemed intriguing, but also gimmicky and unsustainable. How long could a show keep plane crash victims on a tropical island without their getting found or getting ridiculous?

"Lost" quickly demonstrated how it created a world of seemingly limitless possibilities, thanks to the evolving set of personalities that continues to replenish the island population. And also thanks to the flashbacks filling in its characters' lives before the fateful crash of Oceanic flight 815, flashbacks that let the series time-shift and place-shift wherever it might roam, expanding the show beyond any insular constraints and literally spinning its narrative around the globe.

"Lost" quickly demonstrated something else: a tendency to get inside our heads.

Central to the "Lost" experience are crazy-making questions like "What can you believe?" and "Who can you trust?" Now, with the fourth-season return of "Lost," we are thrust back into that familiar mind-set plaguing the survivors, people with whom we have already shared much confusion.

Parsing out buried meaning and clues is an integral part of our "Lost" viewing process. So is sorting out the series' information (and disinformation) overload.

Likewise, lots of headscratching (good luck making sense of the Feb. 7 episode, which introduces more new characters and mysteries).

And so is trying to predict where the story will go next, which, with "Lost," is a fool's mission.

In fact, there have been many times that "Lost" made us feel like fools — especially during stretches when too much murkiness and too little action made us feel like fools just for sticking around.

But even when it took a wrong turn or bogged down — when "Lost" got lost in its own complications — it never failed to find its way again, and to hook us anew. Repeatedly, it has defied the odds and detractors alike.

Then, with last season's finale, it cooked up yet another challenge for itself, expanding its tale into a new dimension: the future.

That gripping episode caught up with Jack (Matthew Fox) and Kate (Evangeline Lilly) beyond their "present-day" existence on the island. They were in Los Angeles, where Kate had a boyfriend, though his identity wasn't clear. Jack, distraught at having lost her, was a pill-popping, boozy, near-suicidal wreck.

On Thursday's premiere, "Lost" trips into the future again. We see Jack, not quite so much

in crisis. And we see yet another former island castaway, also living in Los Angeles, unhinged and terrified by eerie visions.

Message: At least a few of the islanders apparently will escape. There is life after the island. But it won't necessarily be pretty.

So "Lost" is further upping the ante, and heightening the pressure on us as the show's vast mythology continues to metastasize.

We viewers have often been troubled and bewildered by events on the island. But through it all, we could take consolation that the mysteries were confined to a distant, isolated no man's land.

That's no longer the case. Now "Lost" is dumping its characters' struggle in our laps, bringing it to our doorstep as we watch from our living room. Characters, alive and suffering, are being glimpsed in the here and now. They walk among us, not just at a comfortable remove lost on an island.

Thursday's episode is titled "The Beginning of the End," which says a mouthful. We find "Lost" has started preparing us, along with its characters, for the end — the kind of ending where they won't live happily ever after.

Or will they? By now, we should know we can't count anything out. That, most of all, is the charm of "Lost."

MARS VOLTA

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pushed the boundary of musical conventions, "The Bedlam in Goliath" is a triumph. Combining the unabashed energy and ferocity of their earlier material with the unpredictably thrilling nature of their more recent work, The Mars Volta present a relentless 75-minute and 14-second musical assault of the highest quality. With every note, the band sounds as if it is trying desperately to exorcise the demon of "Goliath" and lift the proverbial curse from them by the sheer musical force.

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Snipes, IRS in legal row

Travis Reed
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OCALA, Fla. — Even Hollywood couldn't have written a more ideal script for the Internal Revenue Service than actor Wesley Snipes' tax-fraud trial.

At a time when millions of Americans are buckling down to prepare their taxes, Snipes is being cast as a villainous example of the dangers of joining with Internet-fueled activists who claim the IRS has no authority to collect taxes.

Snipes, the star of the "Blade" films and "White Men Can't Jump," is on trial with two tax protesters in one of the biggest criminal cases in IRS history, and the agency hopes the media attention on the matter will dissuade others in the "tax avoidance" movement from trying to outwit the government.

"People who do it openly and notoriously, you've got to go after them," said Sheldon Cohen, who was IRS commissioner and general counsel in the 1960s. "Not because he's that important or the amount of money is that important, but because there are others who may be foolish enough to follow."

Snipes, 45, could get up to 16 years in prison if convicted on all counts, although sentences that long are unusual.

"I've always been paying my taxes; I've always been trying to comply," Snipes said Tuesday in his first substantive public comment since the trial began. "The question is if they tell you what you're supposed to do. We need to go to our government and get clear answers."

His two co-defendants are an anti-tax ideologue who refuses to defend himself in court and an accountant who lost his licenses. The trio rested their defense Monday without calling any witnesses, saying they didn't need to.

"Nobody likes paying taxes, but paying taxes is the price we pay to live in a civilized society," Assistant U.S. Attorney M. Scotland Morris said Tuesday in closing arguments. "And it's the law, and that's what this case is about. It's about three men who felt they were above the law."

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Cost of mud for cookies rises in Haitian slums

Jonathan Katz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE - It was lunchtime in one of Haiti's worst slums, and Charlene Dumas was eating mud.

With food prices rising, Haiti's poorest can't afford even a daily plate of rice, and some take desperate measures to fill their bellies.

Charlene, 16 with a 1-month-old son, has come to rely on a traditional Haitian remedy for hunger pangs: cookies made of dried yellow dirt from the country's central plateau.

The mud has long been prized by pregnant women and children here as an antacid and source of calcium. But in places like Cite Soleil, the oceanside slum where Charlene shares a two-room house

with her baby, five siblings and two unemployed parents, cookies made of dirt, salt and vegetable shortening have become a regular meal.

"When my mother does not cook anything, I have to eat them three times a day," Charlene said. Her baby, named Woodson, lay still across her lap, looking even thinner than the slim 6 pounds 3 ounces he weighed at birth.

Though she likes their buttery, salty taste, Charlene said the cookies also give her stomach pains. "When I nurse, the baby sometimes seems colicky too," she said.

Food prices around the world have spiked because of higher oil prices, needed for fertilizer, irrigation and transportation. Prices for basic ingredients such as corn and wheat are also up sharply, and the increasing global

demand for biofuels is pressuring food markets as well.

The problem is particularly dire in the Caribbean, where island nations depend on imports and food prices are up 40 percent in places.

The global price hikes, together with floods and crop damage from the 2007 hurricane season, prompted the U.N. Food and Agriculture Agency to declare states of emergency in Haiti and several other Caribbean countries. Caribbean leaders held an emergency summit in December to discuss cutting food taxes and creating large regional farms to reduce dependence on imports.

At the market in the La Saline slum, two cups of rice now sell for 60 cents, up 10 cents from December and 50 percent from a year ago. Beans, condensed milk and fruit have gone up at a similar rate, and even the price of the edible clay has risen over the past year by almost \$1.50. Dirt to make 100 cookies now costs \$5, the cookie makers say.

Still, at about 5 cents apiece, the cookies are a bargain compared to food staples. About 80 percent of people in Haiti live on less than \$2 a day and a tiny elite controls the economy.

Merchants truck the dirt from the central town of Hinche to the La Saline market, a maze of tables of vegetables and meat swarming with flies. Women buy the dirt, then process it into mud cookies in places such as Fort Dimanche, a nearby shanty town.

Carrying buckets of dirt and

water up ladders to the roof of the former prison for which the slum is named, they strain out rocks and clumps on a sheet, and stir in shortening and salt. Then they pat the mixture into mud cookies and leave them to dry under the scorching sun.

The finished cookies are carried in buckets to markets or sold on the streets.

A reporter sampling a cookie found that it had a smooth consistency and sucked all the moisture out of the mouth as soon as it touched the tongue. For hours, an unpleasant taste of dirt lingered.

Assessments of the health effects are mixed. Dirt can contain deadly parasites or toxins, but can also strengthen the immunity of fetuses in the womb to certain diseases, said Gerald N. Callahan, an immunology professor at Colorado State University who has studied geophagy, the scientific name for dirt-eating.

Haitian doctors say depending on the cookies for sustenance risks malnutrition.

"Trust me, if I see someone eating those cookies, I will discourage it," said Dr. Gabriel Thimothee, executive director of Haiti's health ministry.

Marie Noel, 40, sells the cookies in a market to provide for her seven children. Her family also eats them.

"I'm hoping one day I'll have enough food to eat, so I can stop eating these," she said. "I know it's not good for me."

Stranded on the Chinese New Year

William Foreman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUANGZHOU—Hundreds of thousands of migrant workers desperate to get home for the Chinese New Year shivered in the cold under a sea of umbrellas outside train stations Tuesday, as the worst winter storms in half a century paralyzed China.

One of the world's biggest annual mass movements of humanity — a record 178.6 million people, more than the population of Russia — were expected to travel by train for the holiday, according to railway officials' estimates.

Most of those stranded at train stations were migrant workers trying to leave booming southern Guangdong province — often called the world's factory floor because it makes everything from Honda sedans to Apple iPods and Nike sneakers.

In China, the New Year holiday, which begins Feb. 7, is as important as Christmas is in the West. For most migrant workers, it's the only time of the year when they can visit their hometowns, and they often take a month off to feast with their families and perform a series of rituals.

The China Meteorological Administration said Wednesday the stormy weather, including heavy snow, was expected to continue for at least another three days in parts of eastern and southern China.

Despite the forecast, all airports that had closed in the storm reopened, the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China said on its Web site, although there were still some delays.

It was a small sign of hope amid a storm that has blacked out cities, closed highways and canceled trains. A bus crash on an icy road Tuesday killed at least 25 people — the worst accident since the blizzards began. The 35-seat bus slid off an icy mountain road and plunged 40 yards into a valley in Guizhou province, according to the State Administration of Work Safety.

The extreme wintry weather has paralyzed areas that generally receive little snow and communities lack the removal equipment and experience to deal with it. More than a foot has accumulated in hard-hit provinces of Hunan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Anhui, Zhejiang and the city of Shanghai, according to the China Meteorological Administration.

Huge red banners hanging at the train station in the provincial capital, Guangzhou, urged migrant workers to cancel plans to return home, cash in their tickets and return to their factory dormitories. About 200,000 people took the advice and got ticket refunds, railway officials said, while about 200,000 others stayed at the station, milling around in a bone-chilling drizzle.

Associated Press writer Elaine Kurtenbach in Shanghai and Christopher Bodeen in Beijing contributed to this report.

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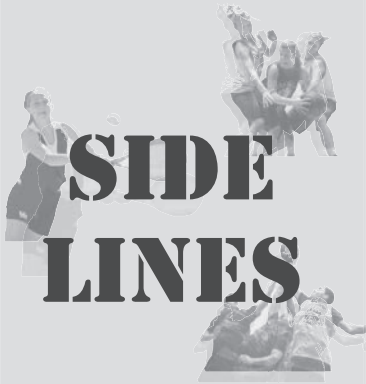
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TRIVIA

Andrew Strait has averaged 12.2 points per game for the Montana men's basketball team this season, second highest on the team. If he ends up leading the team in scoring average it would be the third straight year he has done so. Name the last time a Montana basketball player accomplished that feat. (See answer below.)

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MEN'S BBALL

| School | Big Sky | All |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Northern Arizona | 6-2 | 14-7 |
| Weber State | 5-2 | 10-9 |
| Idaho State | 5-2 | 8-12 |
| Portland State | 4-2 | 11-8 |
| Montana State | 4-3 | 12-8 |
| Montana | 3-4 | 9-11 |
| Eastern Washington | 3-5 | 8-14 |
| Northern Colorado | 2-6 | 8-12 |
| Sacramento State | 1-7 | 3-16 |

WOMEN'S BBALL

| School | Big Sky | All |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Montana | 5-1 | 15-4 |
| Portland State | 5-1 | 15-4 |
| Idaho State | 5-2 | 13-6 |
| Northern Colorado | 4-2 | 10-9 |
| Montana State | 3-3 | 8-10 |
| Northern Arizona | 3-4 | 7-13 |
| Weber State | 2-5 | 8-11 |
| Sacramento State | 2-5 | 4-15 |
| Eastern Washington | 0-6 | 3-16 |

MEN'S TENNIS

| School | Big Sky | All |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Weber State | 1-0 | 1-5 |
| Sacramento State | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Eastern Washington | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Idaho State | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Montana | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Montana State | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Northern Arizona | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Northern Colorado | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Portland State | 0-1 | 0-2 |

WOMEN'S TENNIS

| School | Big Sky | All |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Northern Arizona | 1-0 | 4-2 |
| Sacramento State | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Eastern Washington | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Idaho State | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Montana | 0-0 | 0-3 |
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Coach Robin Selvig coaches the Lady Griz Saturday against Northern Colorado. This season marks his 30th year as head coach, 27 of which have been winning seasons. Selvig took over the team in 1978 and is often credited with turning the team around and leading one of the conference's most consistent programs.

Lady Griz coach shoots for 700 wins

Roman Stubbs

MONTANA KAIMIN

Since Robin Selvig accepted the Lady Griz head coach job at the University of Montana, 10,829 days have passed.

The numbers have followed ever since.

Thirty years. Six hundred and eighty-seven wins. Sixteen NCAA Tournament appearances. Sixth fastest coach in NCAA history to reach 600 wins. But the only number on which Robin Selvig has focused is one.

Coaching one day at a time is his formula. Winning that way, that much, doesn't come cheap. If it did, everyone would be a Robin Selvig.

"To be honest, I've never been a goal-oriented guy," Selvig said. "I keep it simple. We try to improve by getting better day in and day out."

This is vintage Selvig, the breathing epitome of an old-school man who is just 13 wins shy of 700 in his career.

Seven hundred. You'd almost never know it.

"Trust me, 700 is unbelievable," Annette Rocheleau said. Rocheleau, who has been Selvig's top assistant for the past 27 years, has experienced all but 13 of Selvig's career wins. "Rob really doesn't focus on any of that. He's all about the next game or the next practice. That's why he's been so successful. He takes it one day at a time, and that's what we tell our team. Every day counts."

But beneath the surface of impressive numbers is the impossibility of grasping the influence Robin Selvig has had on Missoula and beyond.

Every day has a story. For 30 years, Selvig has relished coaching at Montana.

"That's been easy," he said. "I've been blessed with great players, coaches and a great city. As a coach, there's always chances to leave in your career, but Missoula is always where I've wanted to be."

Selvig has turned Missoula into hallowed ground for Montana girls who aspire to play major college basketball. Selvig is one of the country's leading recruiters of Native American athletes. While his recruiting pipeline has extended mostly across the upper northwest, he traditionally set the

tone for signing the best talent in the state. Of the 14 players on Selvig's roster, 11 of them are from Montana, including three Native Americans.

The remaining three are from Washington and Wyoming.

"The state of Montana has been really good to our program. The quality of high school basketball here has been incredible, especially considering the state's per capita," Selvig said. "We're looking for the best players we can get. Other schools may be able to get faster and quicker players in some regard, but we have had the luxury to some all-around great players."

Rocheleau said, "He has taken players not being recruited by top 25 schools and turned many of them into really good players, if not All-Americans."

The dark horse of Selvig's program has been the assistant coaching staff, including Rocheleau, Shannon Schweyen and Trish Duce. Schweyen and Duce both starred for Selvig in

the late '80s and early '90s, and have been part of his staff since graduating.

"The stability of our program rests with our coaching staff," Selvig said. "All three of my assistants played for me, and they really understand what this program is all about."

The continuity of Selvig's established tradition has been contagious and essential for his program to stay healthy and to be about the success of his players, not about him, Selvig said.

In turn, a benchmark has evolved. Seasoned vet coaches still evaluate the success of their programs against the backdrop of mighty Montana. Weber State head coach Carla Taylor is in her 20th year at the helm of the Wildcats, who, along with coaching against

Selvig, also played for her alma mater against him in his first three years coaching. Taylor says one of her prize wins came in 1999 at Missoula Sentinel High School, when Dahlberg Arena was being renovated.

"I remember thinking, 'thank God we got them out of Dahlberg,'" said Taylor who has 278 career wins at Weber State. "It was just one win in a high school gym, and they had injuries. But it was still Montana. That's when we really turned the tide of our program. That was how much they meant."

"What Robin has accomplished is incredible. The way his teams win with defense, the way he recruits for his system ... their program is all an extension of him."

Taylor and coaches alike have respect for Selvig, not because of all his accomplishments, but rather because he is Robin Selvig. Simple and fierce. The consummate winner and gentleman. The Joe Paterno of women's basketball.

Make no mistake, though, that at 56, Selvig is relatively young for having coached three decades. He still loves his program and his players and longs for the strides they can make.

For example, in 1994 the fiery Selvig had polished his program enough to land a home-and-home series with women's college basketball empire, Tennessee. When the No. 1 ranked Lady Vols visited Missoula in 1994, Pat Summitt's club had narrowly escaped with a 66-61 win at Dahlberg. Over 8,000 fans packed the arena, perhaps to see the legendary Summitt, but in all reality, whether they knew it or not, fans were really there to witness the transcendence of a program led by a humble man from a humble beginning in Outlook, Mont.

"I have dreams to go farther than we have gone before. There is always new challenges," he said, noting that it all starts with a berth to the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Griz were denied an at-large bid a year ago after finishing 27-5, but falling in the conference semifinal to Northern Arizona.

But Selvig isn't looking ahead to the NCAA Tournament. He's looking forward to this morning's shoot around and then preparing for tomorrow night's game against Portland State. He'll finish with a good night of sleep. One day at a time.

"He never underestimates any team or any game, and he's grounded enough to not get caught

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Bubble troubles for UM's tennis team

Bill Oram

MONTANA KAIMIN

After more than a month of being unsure whether they would have a place to practice during Missoula's arctic winter months, the University of Montana tennis teams are back indoors at the recently closed Missoula Athletic Club, which is serving as the teams' winter home.

The UM athletic department negotiated a deal in the last month and a half that has the University paying \$6,000 in rent, plus an unknown amount in utilities – likely to be around \$3,000, Associate Athletic Director Jean Gee said – to keep the club's trademark tennis bubble open to the teams.

Last fall, when it was first suggested that the MAC might close or the bubble might be sold and relocated out of Missoula, the men's tennis coach, Kris Nord said that if left without that facility his teams would be forced to commute multiple times a week to Hamilton. As of the end of fall semester, that was all still up in the air, Nord said.

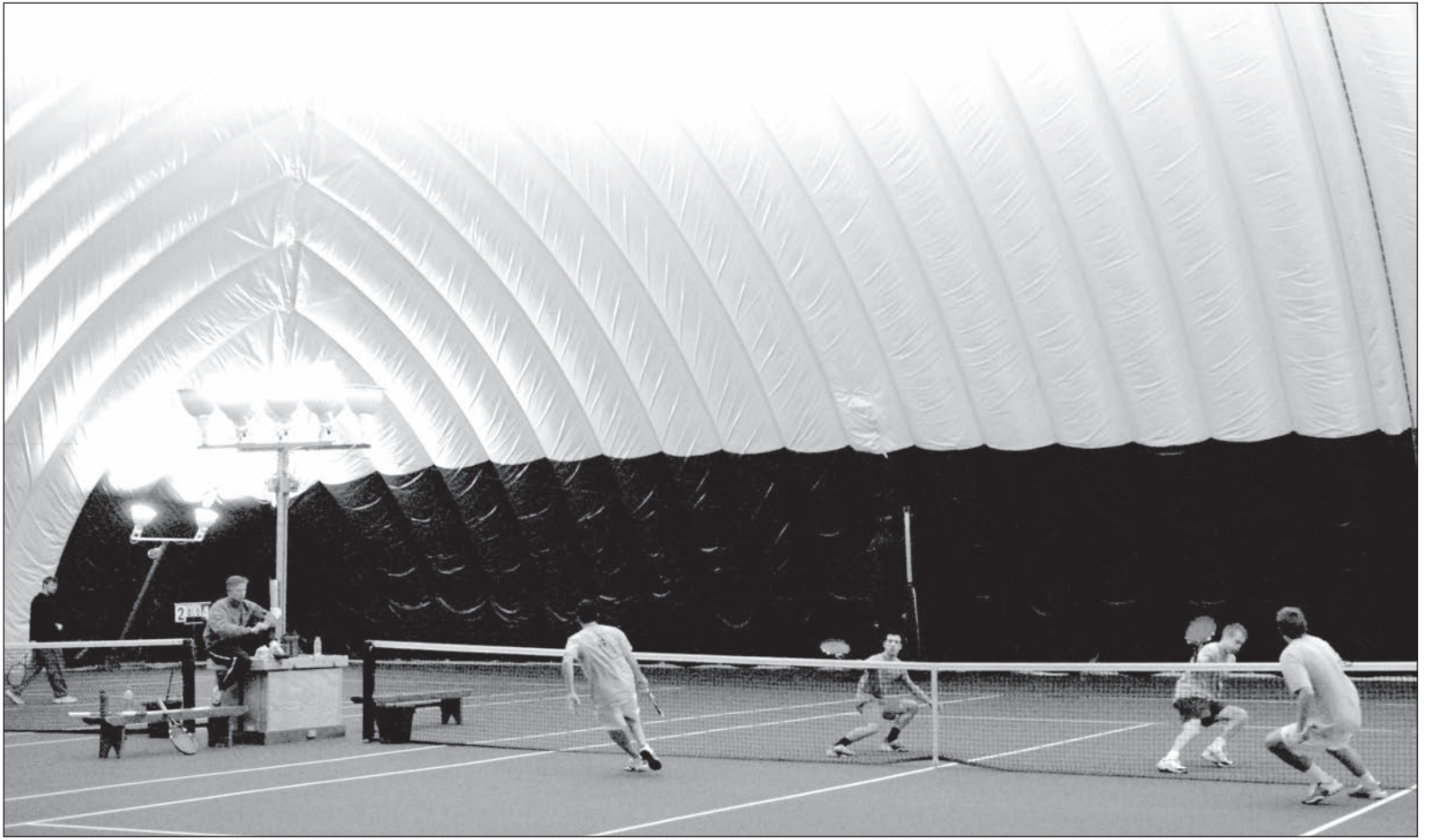
"(The players) left not knowing if we had a place to play," he said. "It was a roller coaster. One day we thought we had the club and the next day we didn't."

The former owners of the MAC, Dick and Linda Dennison, filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2004 and were foreclosed in December.

Gee said that despite the high cost of renting the bubble, the benefits are worth the extra cost. When the MAC was still open, the Grizzlies paid roughly \$5,000 per team for use of the courts from January through March.

"For what it's ... doing for our kids we felt that far outweighed our costs," she said.

Players are appreciative of the new arrangement, said senior Mari Castello, the No. 2 singles player on the women's team.



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The men's tennis team practices in the bubble Tuesday afternoon, after weeks of uncertainty regarding where their winter practices would be held.

"I think it's good that they kept it open for us," she said. "We've been able to have really great tennis times, actually better than when the MAC was open."

When competing with local tennis enthusiasts for court time in past seasons, the Grizzlies were forced to practice at times most other students were asleep.

The women's team frequently hit the courts as early as 7 a.m., while the men would often have to wait until 9 p.m. to start practice.

Thanks to the efforts of local attorney Randy Cox, the courts will also still be available for use by other tennis players. UM athletics optioned a sublease to Cox, who in turn is selling \$150 memberships to players who

are willing to play around the Grizzlies' schedules.

"I wanted to make sure, as those negotiations were going forward, that (local tennis players) were going to be able to have a way, if the bubble's going to stay up and operating, to get in there and play," Cox said.

He said Tuesday about 75 people had signed up for his group.

Cox said that kids camps and clinics would still be run at the facility and that all proceeds – after expenses such as insurance – would go to UM athletics. Cox said he hopes the money would go to the new multi-sport indoor complex that is part of the University's South Campus Master Plan, which is considered to be quite a ways down the road.

"Hopefully this will be the catalyst for a nice new facility," Cox said.

He added that he intends to make the first payment this week and anticipated that it would be between \$8,000 and \$9,000. He said he hopes that the tennis programs will net an additional \$15,000.

UM's lease on the bubble is through March 31, and the owner

of the shell, manufacturer Yeadon Domes, is trying to sell it. One prospective buyer is Richard Smith, president of the Missoula Strikers soccer club. Smith said he has been negotiating with Missoula County Public Schools to have the bubble located on school property to share use with the schools.

Gee said any sale wouldn't take effect until the University's lease is through. Smith said sharing the space with the UM tennis teams would not be feasible as the tennis teams would need a hard surface, while soccer teams need turf.

"It can only be one or the other, it can't be both," he said, adding that he anticipates spending \$300,000 on the facility.

That means that while UM has salvaged the 2008 season for the tennis teams, next year's situation is still up in the air.

Gee said the Grizzlies are currently exploring two options. The first would be an arrangement similar to the one at the MAC, but this time at the Peak Health and Wellness Center on Blue Mountain Road.

Gee said the Peak is currently building indoor tennis courts that will be done late next year and that she would be meeting with the club



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Freshman David Cysneiros serves to his teammates during practice in the bubble Tuesday.

today to discuss the possibility of a partnership.

The other potential option, Gee said, would be for the university to buy a bubble of its own and place it on University property and lay new courts. Both Gee and Nord declined to identify locations that have been discussed for the prospective facility.

"At least we have a couple of options that we are trying to pursue at the same time. So if one hits a snag we have the other one," Gee said. "I feel pretty good that we're getting such a good start on both those options."

Gee said a new bubble would house either three or six courts, but couldn't say how much one might cost. Whitworth College, in Spokane, Wash., recently erected a three-court bubble. Whitworth Athletic Director, Scott McQuilkin, said Tuesday that facility costs, after fees and permits, were \$460,000 and the initial sale was for \$250,000.

Gee said both options have pros and cons. Having an indoor facility on university property would be a boom to the tennis programs but would come with a higher price tag than renting time at the Peak.

Nord said one of the options needs to come to fruition.

"We have to have one or the other, obviously, if we're going to have a (Division 1) program," he said.

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Santana trade: Good for whom?

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Sug hed: Santana trade is no-brainer for Mets, but did Twins get best possible deal?

NEW YORK (AP) -- The hardest commodity to find in baseball is a durable, dominant ace.

Pitching arms are fragile, 20-game winners are expensive and the task of developing a true No. 1 starter in your own farm system takes keen scouting, years of patience -- and a lot of luck.

So when the New York Mets had a chance to trade for Johan Santana, they jumped at it. Omar Minaya has always been an aggressive general manager, and he wasn't about to pass up an opportunity to land arguably the game's best pitcher.

The Mets agreed to send Minnesota four prospects, including three pitchers, for a guy that could cost them about \$120 million or more to sign to a contract extension of five-to-seven years.

That's a steep price, especially considering Santana could have become a free agent after this year's World Series. Next offseason, he might have been available to the highest bidder -- without having to give up any players in return.

But this deal was a no-brainer for the Mets, who are trying to win the World Series right now.

Pedro Martinez and Orlando Hernandez have one year left on their contracts. Carlos Beltran is in his prime, David Wright and Jose Reyes will soon enter theirs. All-Star closer Billy Wagner is 36.

And New York has the financial resources to sign Santana, with its own regional sports network and a new ballpark on the way in 2009.

"We're going to welcome him with open arms," Wright said.

The question is, did the Twins get the best deal possible for Santana?

Probably not.

The New York Yankees offered the best package of talent earlier this offseason, proposing a deal that would have sent pitcher Phil Hughes, center fielder Melky Cabrera and a minor leaguer to Minnesota.

Considered one of the premier prospects in baseball, Hughes has already shown he can get major league hitters out and he projects as a front-line starter. He went 5-3 with a 4.46 ERA as a rookie last year and took a no-hitter into the seventh inning of his second big league start, against Texas.

Cabrera is an excellent defensive outfielder who already holds his own with the bat. And don't be surprised if he develops more power as he gains experience.

But new Twins general manager Bill Smith waited, perhaps trying to play the Yankees against the Boston Red Sox, who also made a bid for Santana. Neither team upped its offer, however, and New York pulled out of talks at the winter meetings in December.

When the Twins went back to those teams last weekend, the

Rucking through the cold weather

Jake Grilley
MONTANA KAIMIN

The dampened thud of bodies slamming against pads fills the brisk winter air at the Riverbowl practice fields north of the University of Montana campus Tuesday.

Snow flies from cleats and clings to the clothes of 30 men as they jostle for a ball. The snow-covered field and frigid January afternoon won't stop the UM Jesters club rugby team from having their first practice of the semester.

Trent Drinkwalter, the Jesters team president, said playing through the conditions is part of being a rugby player.

"Rugby doesn't stop for any weather," Drinkwalter said. "If you can stick it out through the cold weather and play rugby it shows a lot about your character on the rugby field."

The Jesters, who are coming off their best fall season in years, know they need to work hard in hopes to see similar success this spring.

Celebrating their 40th season as a club, the Jesters are ranked first in the Montana Rugby Union heading into the spring schedule.

First-year Jester Harry Sanders said the team is working hard to fulfill expectations.

"We are doing whatever it takes to play at our best every Saturday for the games," Sanders said. "What we have is a very strong, talented team. All of us are expecting to do very well this semester and this season."

Many of those expectations stem from a fall season that saw



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Sawl Steuer practices his kick while waiting for rugby practice to start. Despite the snow on the field there was no holding back.

the Jesters finishing 10-1, winning the Big Sky Cup and beating the cross-town rival and Montana Rugby Union powerhouse, the Missoula Maggots, for the first time in a quarter-century.

Sanders said the fall season was great for his team's confidence and showed the team what they are capable of doing.

"It helps us significantly to know that we have that under our belt and that we can compete against anyone that comes onto the pitch," he said.

Arik Brum, a three-year captain for the Jesters, said this group of players has the potential to do something special.

"Our ultimate goal is to win the state title," Brum said. We are looking forward to having an experienced team, spending less time on the basics, hopefully getting us to a higher level of rugby."

Jester veteran Jacob Pearson said the team is determined to repeat its success come spring.

"What we lack in physicality

we make up in mentality," Pearson said. "All these guys are determined and dedicated to the team. That is probably the biggest thing that helps us along, knowing that all the guys beside you are in the same boat."

The Jesters are bearing the cold, knowing that their first match is just over a month away.

"We are a little bit crazy but it turns into a passion," Sanders said. "We'd play in minus 100 degree weather, and we'd play in over 100 degree weather."

Montana State recruits quarterback Alex Kelly

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) -- Quarterback Alex Kelly of Fort Collins, Colo., has made a verbal commitment to play football at Montana State.

Kelly passed for 2,349 yards and 27 touchdowns in leading Rocky Mountain High to an 8-3 record his senior season. The Lobos advanced to the second

round of the Class 5A playoffs.

He was named the Front Range League's player of the year.

Kelly says Montana State was a better fit for him than Northern Colorado, another Big Sky Conference school.

Kelly can sign with the Bobcats on Feb. 6.

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he's grounded enough to not get caught up in everything that he has been accomplishing over the

years," Taylor said.

"He just shows up, coaches each game as hard as he possibly can, you know, then goes home and calls it day. That is Robin Selvig.

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we get here tends to be lower than the typical increase around the country. If we hire a faculty member today, we have to pay them more than someone who has been here three to four years.”

In terms of retention, Engstrom said the University operates case-by-case. They set aside funds to address situations such as when faculty get offers from other places to double their salary.

“We don’t have an unusually large rate of people leaving,” he said. “People are happy in Missoula.”

In Missoula, the cost of living

is disproportionate to other cities in Montana, as well as the national average. According to the ACCRA (American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association) Cost of Living Index Comparison data for 2007, whole milk cost \$2.31 in Missoula, while the national average was \$1.98. In Bozeman, coffee will set you back \$3.48, while in Missoula you’re \$4.76

in the hole. The average cost of a home in Missoula is now \$305,981 which is just shy of the national average of \$307,241.

For new economics professor Derek Kellenberg, accepting UM’s salary was one of the more difficult decisions in choosing to move to Missoula.

“I was at another university- Georgia Tech- for three years,”

he said. “I grew up out west. We were interested in moving out west again.”

Coming from Atlanta, Kellenberg said housing prices in Missoula are comparable.

“We’ve made Missoula work because we enjoy it here,” he said.




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