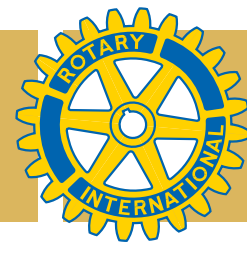




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BROADWATER COUNTY RODEO

Matthew Nelson

The Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo just completed its 59th year from August 1st to August 7th. The Western Days Kid's Rodeo was held on Thursday, August 4th; the Northwestern Rodeo Association (NRA) was on Friday August 5th and Saturday August 6th; and the Western Days Rodeo was on Sunday August 7th.

The National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer are usually said at every rodeo. In this sport, the participants always stand, with their right hands over their hearts, and don't kneel. Tanya Dundas, the rodeo secretary, said "The American flag was carried by Audrey Snellman Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Jessica Graveley on Sunday. Tanya and her friend Olivia Leininger were also trick riders. Taylor Cartwright ran the Tough Enough Pink and the Man Up Flags."

"The Grand Marshall was Pat Plantenberg and Mary Mistek. The car was driven and provided by Jerry Rodacker. There were over 1500 people on Friday and Saturday night. Not sure what the count was for Thursday and Sunday.

NRA contestants were paid a total of \$18,435.34 during the two days they competed in Townsend. At the time of this writing, it is unknown the amount given out to the participants of the two Western Days Rodeos. This amount will be reported in the next edition of this paper, as well as the list of the riders, their



Flag Bearer 12 year old Audrey Snellman. Photo by Matt Nelson.

placements in the different categories (1st, 2nd, and 3rd), their scores, and the amount of cash they were rewarded. Tanya said "We give a 100 percent payout of all the entry fees." Tanya also reported "All of the kid contestants received \$5 from the Rodeo Board and the Canyon Ferry Mercantile donated a gift certificate to every contestant."

For me, the most enjoyable day of the four was being at the Kid's Rodeo on the 4th. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the kids perform, especially the ones in the 2 to 7 age group. They are so comical. Pole bending (riding between poles), Goat Undressing, Goat Tying,

Breakaway Roping, Parent/Child Team Roping, Barrel Racing and the Tootsie Roll Races were the events for these kids. In most cases, the parents went along with these kids in the Parent/Child Team Roping, Barrel Racing 2-7, and Tootsie Roll Race 2-7 events, often running to keep up with the kids who were riding horses. For the Tootsie Roll Competition, Tanya remarked, "The prize for the winners of the race were gift certificates donated by Mountie Moose Bakery."

Jackson VanDyken was the first child to ride in the Tootsie Roll Race 2-7. His dad is Andy VanDyken. See **RODEO**, below



Barrel Racing 8-12. Photo by Matthew Nelson.



Barrel Racing 13-17. Photo by Matthew Nelson.



Tootsie Roll Race 2-7 rider Jackson VanDyken. Photo by Matthew Nelson.



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RODEO, from above

During the NRA event on Saturday the 6th, it was Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day. This is for cancer awareness. Andy has cancer, and has had it for five years. For both NRA days there was a 50/50 raffle. The first day was for the Man Up Crusade, and the second was for Tough Enough to Wear Pink. According to Tanya, "The rodeo raised \$750 for the Man Up Crusade and \$3,000 for the Tough Enough Pink that will be donated to Andy VanDyken." It was announced that the winner of the Tough Enough Pink 50/50 raffle donated the entire amount to Andy.

"The mission of the Man Up Crusade is to reduce domestic violence in society and contribute to social change by promoting safe and healthy relationships through education, advocacy and funding community services and programs that share in our mission." They participate often in fairs and rodeos around the country. The events during the two NRA days were Ladies

Breakaway Roping, Junior Breakaway Roping, Bareback Riding, Rookie Saddle Bronc, Steer Wrestling, Tie Down Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Rookie Bareback Riding, Ladies Barrel Racing, Junior Barrel Racing, Bull Riding, and Team Roping.

On the Western Day Rodeo 9 (the 7th), the different categories were Tie Down Roping, Pole Bending, Old-Times Team Roping, Goat Tying, Ribbon Roping, Barrel Racing, two sections of Team Roping, Breakaway Roping, Cowhide Race, and Team Branding. During the Team Branding, three cowboys rope and tie down a steer, and then a cowgirl would "brand" the steer using a can of red spray paint.

Rodeos are part of our Western Heritage. It looked like most, if not all of the spectators enjoyed the Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo. It's over for this year; and it's too bad we have to wait for another year to see the next one here in Townsend. God Bless the riders, their families, and the all of the people who attended.

BROADWATER COUNTY FAIR

Nancy Marks



Broadwater County Fair In Full Swing
While you and I were watching television this winter, many Broadwater County residents were creating beautiful photos, quilts, wood carvings and even lego creations. Hundreds of these creations were on display at the annual Broadwater County Fair beginning Wednesday in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. When the judges made their choices for red, blue and purple ribbons, the results showed Melissa Meissner as Best of Show with her quilt, Karoline Nelson, leaded glass piece, Cael Odell, photo, among many others. An unusual Best of Show was a basket of brown sheep's fleece, submitted by Kelly Ingalls. All the winners' works were on display at the door, including the belt buckles to be awarded at the rodeo.

Patti Stucky won Best of Show for her 'Best Ever' angel food cake. Although she's made scratch angel food cakes for many years, she decided to try something challenging to put in the Fair. She found a great recipe in the old Betty Crocker cookbook.

"I had to take a couple of practice runs first with half a recipe but this one turned out fine," she said. The recipe calls for one dozen egg whites among other ingredients. She makes pound cake with the leftover egg yolks. She does not make the cakes often though. They are too fattening she said.

Traffic was slow on Friday at the Commercial Building, but the vendors and nonprofit organizations were dressed in style. Judy Williams, of Montana Custom Rhinestones, displayed her unusual and beautiful rhinestone studded shirts, jackets and dresses. Judy, who hails from Radersburg, has been creating these pieces since 2019.

"Every rhinestone is hand-applied and I do many custom pieces for people who order them," she said. Judy has what she calls a 'funshine cabin' where she has private fittings and does much of her work. She said she would like to have more private showings where customers could come with their friends to try on her works or make special orders for a jacket, dress or shirt.

Denise Thompson's booth was furnished with hats, buckles, hair ties and neckties to promote her family's new venture, 'Rising Seven,' a business promoting their ranch beef products. She and her husband Vince's

entire family are involved in the venture including the grandchildren. Her son Jyler thought up the name of the business. The Thompson family grandchildren are seventh generation on the Gurnett Creek ranch. "We have organized team-roping competitions for years. We do ten to twenty competitions as well as practices and jackpots with prizes for champion headers and heeler Broadwater Weed and Mosquito Coordinator Jessica Bushnell was manning the weed display trailer. She provided free weed field guides and explained the dangers of noxious weeds in our county including knapweed, oxeye daisy, cheatgrass and dalmatian toadflax. With so many new subdivisions popping up in our county we see lots of disturbed ground where noxious weeds can get started. "I try to educate folks about the dangers of letting noxious weeds get started and how to try to control the weeds if they do show up." Jessica explained.

Then on to the Livestock building where the animals and the people were sweltering in the 90-degree heat. 4-H members had fans going on all their animals. They kept a healthy supply of water and feed for each animal. They bathed them, brushed them and treated them gently for the livestock trials to come. After the animals and presenters are judged, the livestock sales take place. Animals then are sent to processing houses.

Animals on display were all different kinds of chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, rabbits as well as pigs, lambs and Caattle. 4-H members work all year round to learn how to feed and care for animals. They must keep a journal of their work and attend the training sessions for each animal they enter in the fair. Broadwater 4-H clubs include Old Baldy, Winston Eager Beavers, Radersburg Rattlers, Toston Blue Ribbon, Crow Creek Clovers and Rocky Mountain Rough Hands.

Poultry judging went well. Five contestants with five kinds of exotic chickens vied for ribbons. They were McKenzie Trusdell, Bryleigh Erickson, Gabrella Picco, Chayce Roberts and Grace Kroeger. Grace Kroeger won grand champion with her Booted Belgian d'ucelle bantam. Bryleigh Erickson won second reserve champion.

Toston Blue Ribbon member Bailey Taves of Townsend kept good care of her steer, Mow Cow. It is her first year in steer raising, but she is no stranger to the hard work involved with 4-H livestock projects. She has been in the club for seven years. The Charolois-cross steer was bred by Cory and Jennilee Byrd with a November 2021 start of 820 pounds. The animal finished at 1,405 pounds with a maximum pounds allowed at 1,450 pounds. It was kind of a down time for the kids on Friday. Spencer Braaten was catching a few winks with his prize pig. Old Baldy 4-H Club

member Abigail McCauley checked her steer's feed and Colton Noyes who is a ten year 4-H member took pains washing his champion steer so the animal would look good for judging.

Saturday night a large crowd gathered around the livestock auction tent. They had full stomachs with a scrumptious dinner provided by the 4-H Council members and catered by John and Missy Rauser. Perennial auctioneer Dean Folkvord began the auction with fundraising baskets from different 4-H clubs to raise money for the 4-H Council.

The kids were tense. The animals were rowdy. When the bidding began it was like an explosion. Chickens, turkeys, rabbits, goats, sheep, pigs and steers went for big money. Bidders from Bozeman, Helena, Toston, Winston and Townsend bid up each other. Some steers went for \$15 a pound. That is on the hoof. The steers weighed as much as 1,450 pounds. Total sales that evening was \$301,091. In moments of kindness, many of the 4-H members offered percentages of their winnings to the Andy VanDyken cancer fund, the Eric Leachman Memorial Fund, Livestock Pavilion and several others. Livestock Auction was over, everyone could relax and enjoy the night's rodeo.

By Sunday the crowd had slowed down considerably after rodeoing and dancing until the wee hours. Rain had cooled the county. The last event before the final Rodeo would be the Rodeo Parade.

Cars were parked clear to 4th street. That was because the crowd was overflowing on Broadway. One of the largest crowds since before COVID, according to Parade Chair Kathy Toombs.

Miss Rodeo Montana Briann Grimshaw led the parade carrying the Stars and Stripes. Grand Marshalls Pat Plantenberg and Mary Mistek were all smiles in Jerry Rodacker's 1957 red hard-top convertible.

The Grand Marshalls are long time volunteers in Broadwater County. Pat has served on the Townsend Tree Board planting trees since 2004. He has 40 years in the landscaping business. Mary joined the Ambulance service when the couple moved to Townsend in 1991. She retired after 29 years of EMT service.

And the candy: Walmart must be out of candy because the little kids and big adults picked up so much candy thrown out by the parade participants.

Parade Entries were varied: there were horse riders, horse drawn wagons, horse riding teams. There were tractors, new fire trucks and political entries of all shades. Toston Blue Ribbon and Rocky Mountain Rough Hands clubs as well as Old Baldy each had floats. Bill Kearns drove his black Lincoln for Fall Fest. Billings Clinic-Broadwater had a float. The number of floats and other entries was 28 plus others not registered.

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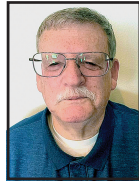
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HIJACKED!

Vic Sample



The law tends to lag behind technology. Unscrupulous people can find ways to do things that seem like they should be illegal – but it is not.

A couple of years ago friends of mine were having malware problems with their PC. While using their browser they would suddenly get a full window warning about their PC being severely damaged and that they needed to call a “Tech Support” number to get it fixed. The warning came with a loud, very annoying screeching sound. It didn’t make any difference which browser they used—they would get this awful sounding, dire message.

After working on the PC for a couple of hours, I found they were a victim of “DNS Hijacking.”

There are literally billions of websites in the world. When you want to visit a website, the request for that site goes to a Domain Name Server (DNS) to determine where the website is located and how to your request to that website.

All Internet Service Providers (Montana Internet, Century Link, Spectrum, etc.) have Domain Name Servers and, by default, your request is routed via the ISP’s Domain Name Server.

However, if you have enough technical knowledge you can choose which Domain Name Server to use; on my PC I use the Google Domain Name Servers rather than my ISP’s Domain Name Server. If you choose specify which DNS to use rather than just default your Internet Service Provider DNS, Windows stores the information and will use that DNS.

That opens the door for malware to update that information on your PC with a Domain Name Server of their own. When you want to go to a website with your browser the malware Domain Name Server routes your request to their own malware website and can deliver you bogus warnings like the one my friends were receiving. It doesn’t make any difference what Browser you use, all the requests will route to the malware DNS.

Once I found that they were victims of a DNS Hijacking, I changed the DNS back to use the default DNS – in their case, the Montana Internet DNS. Everything worked fine again – for a while. Suddenly the problem was back – the malware performing the hijacking was well-hidden on their PC.

What was astounding to me was that while I couldn’t find a way to remove the malware without special software, I was able to determine who was doing it – it was a “marketing company.”

So, I did some research on DNS hijacking and found that it is perfectly legal. In the UK the “Information Commissioner’s Office” did find it “contravened” directives on data security but declined to pursue any actions on DNS Hijacking. I could find no mention of DNS hijacking being illegal in the United States.

Technically it is a FEDERAL CRIME for you to drop off an invitation to your child’s birthday party by just putting it in a friends mailbox but DNS hijacking seems to be totally legal. Somehow that seems wrong to me.



A BUSY WEEK FOR THE SKY

Jeff Ross



The Perseids meteor shower peaks on Saturday, August 13, a day after Full Moon. I’ve caught glimpses of a few meteors already and have high hopes for a good showing on Saturday, even if the Moon will be at its brightest.

On the 14th Saturn reaches opposition. Opposition is the point in a celestial body’s orbit when it is directly opposite the Sun as seen from Earth. A planet at opposition rises near sunset and sets near sunrise. Our own Moon is at opposition every month when it is in its Full phase.

Saturn at opposition can be the best time of year to see its famous rings. A good pair of binoculars on a stunningly clear night will show Saturn and the ring structure but even a small telescope will resolve the rings to the point you can see the gap between Saturn and the innermost ring.

Jupiter rises a little after 10:30 pm and is also visible all night, with Mars rising about an hour later. Of the inner planets, Venus and Mercury, Venus should be clearing the Big Belts about the beginning of morning twilight while Mercury might be visible setting behind the Elkhorns just after sunset.

Our Sun remains fairly active and we had some slight aurora sightings this last week. We can only hope for more!

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READING LEAVES BOOKSTORE

Angie Janacaro

There is something special about walking into a store filled with books, where the lady behind the counter greets you by name and can offer insightful recommendations for the next good read. Rachael Elliot-Brug, owner of Reading Leaves at 401 Broadway Street in Townsend, describes the goal of independent bookstores, “Almost every indie bookstore is dedicated to being the third place in a community. It is not work/school, or home, but rather the third place to go to socialize and be human.”

Elliot-Brug had no prior experience working in a bookstore but as she explains, “I have always loved books. I was the kid staying up all night reading or reading under the desk while the teacher was talking.” After a stint teaching school, she began to research the possibility of opening a bookstore in Townsend. She found a tremendous support resource through the National Association of Independent Bookstore Owners and basically hasn’t looked back.

Reading Leaves is amply stocked with the latest releases, children’s books, tried and true favorites and everything in between. If you don’t find the particular title you’re looking for, Rachael will happily order it in. In addition, there are novelty items ranging from socks to coffee mugs, stickers to tea. The store also boasts many comfortable places to sit and an in-store rescue cat, Gill, who will gladly sit on your lap if invited.

Reading Leaves recently moved into its new location which was formerly a hardware store. Elliot-Brug has been busy remodeling and organizing and is expecting to replace the garage doors in front of the store with glass to lighten up the place in the near future. In the plans too, is a space at the back of the store for board games, and Dungeons and Dragons. It will also be a space to host birthday parties. In addition, the building is home to the MT43 News office.

Aside from the physical changes to Reading Leaves, Elliot-Brug sponsors a summer reading challenge every year to entice children to read books of interest and enjoy a treat from partnering local businesses, Mountie Moose Bakery and Full Belli Deli.

Some upcoming adult activities include book club which meets on the third Wednesday of every month, in store at 7 pm. Each month’s book selection is posted on the store’s Facebook site. Reading Leaves will continue to host Sip and Paint events facilitated by local artist, Pam Sample. Mark your calendars for August 28 at 1:30 pm, Reading Leaves is excited to host Dr Catherine Raven, author of Fox and I, for a reading and question and answer session about her bestselling memoir. All are welcome to attend.

An upcoming book Rachael is eager to see on the shelves is, The Golden Enclaves, the third book in the Scholamance series by Naomi Novick. The book is expected to be released in September of this year. Other new and exciting products in the store are mailable chocolate postcards and Boba tea. Stop by, say hello to Rachael, see the new store and browse the shelves for a book to enjoy through the final days of summer.



Rachael Elliott-Brug

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JUNE 24	3-6 PM	Neal Lewing—Inlaws and Outlaws Award winning singer/songwriter	5 PM
JULY 15	3-6 PM	WE Tierney Broadwater County Pioneer and Leader	5 PM
JULY 29	3-6 PM	John Larsen, Family and Friends Toe tapping music	5 PM
AUGUST 12	3-6 PM	The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire Folk, Country and Gospel music	5 PM
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ARSENIC AND THE GARDEN

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County
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Although many people recognize arsenic as a poison, it is a naturally occurring element in soils and sedimentary rocks. Certain types of soil and rock have higher than average arsenic levels. In Montana, higher concentrations are often found near geothermal sources such as hot springs, mined ore and some glacial geologic deposits. In Broadwater County, there is a section at the south end of the county that is known for high arsenic levels.

Often times, these areas of higher arsenic don't cause much of an issue. However, arsenic can enter groundwater when the water flows through areas with mineral deposits high in arsenic. Groundwater that is then tapped for drinking water can be high in arsenic as well. Chronic exposure to arsenic through drinking water can result in skin problems, high blood pressure, circulatory system failure, diabetes, nervous system problems, low birth weigh and cancer.

Arsenic is tasteless and odorless so the only way to know if your water is safe to drink is through testing. MSU Extension offers well-testing kits through the Well Educated program as well as many other labs. The EPA sets a drinking water standard of 10 parts per billion for arsenic. If you water tests above this than you need a treatment system to safely drink the water.

Drinking water in the home is fairly straightforward as there has been lots of research done, and are set EPA standards along with good treatment options. However, a question arises when the water is being used for other purposes such as watering the garden or for pets or livestock. Typically water treatment systems such as reverse osmosis do not produce enough water or are not cost effective to also use outside the home.

There are a couple of different ways that garden produce could be exposed to arsenic. It can be assumed that if groundwater is high in arsenic, so is the soil. The good news is that only very small amounts of arsenic move from the soil to most plants. Rice, which isn't grown in Montana, is an exception and is known to take up large amounts of arsenic. The other way that plants can be exposed to arsenic is through the water. If plants are irrigated with water high in arsenic, the plant tissues are potentially exposed to arsenic.

There are FDA standards for arsenic concentrations in leaves, fruits and vegetables. However, research has concluded that plants will likely die or have severely reduced yields before the plant exceeds FDA standards. Research has also shown that root crops such as radishes, potatoes and onions accumulate arsenic to a greater degree than leafy greens and above ground fruits and vegetables. However, even these plants will become unhealthy before the arsenic exceeds FDA limits.

Based on water tests that I have seen in the Wheatland area in Broadwater County, the water should be safe to irrigate a garden. However, if you are concerned and want to reduce your risk there are a few things you can do.

- Establish raised garden beds with imported soil which would reduce the arsenic concentration in the soil.
- Grow fewer root crops. Instead, grow leafy greens and above ground fruits and vegetables.
- Install a drip system. This reduce the amount of irrigation water touching the leaves of the plants that you may be eating and should further reduce arsenic levels.

Once again, you will likely see issues with plant growth and yield before the arsenic levels exceed FDA standards. Also, keep in mind that there are lots of factors including such as nutrient deficiencies, pH, water, diseases and more that can affect plant growth. Additional tests may be needed if you are having issues with plant growth to establish the cause before determining that arsenic is the primary factor.

Contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County with your gardening questions at (406) 266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.



SLICE OF SUMMER

Rotary's Slice of Summer August 18th!

Patrick Plantenberg



The Rotary Club of Townsend's Slice of Summer family fun event will be held on Thursday, August 18th in Heritage Fun Park.

Slice of Summer includes Youth Activities that run from 2:00-5:00 pm and Family Activities that run from 5:00-8:00 pm. Rotary is paying for free youth swimming from 1-4 and 6-8 pm. Other youth activities will include a free inflatables, face painting, or tattoos, games, etc. Family activities include free musical entertainment and reasonably priced food and drink. Food and drinks will be served starting mid-afternoon for families through 8 pm. Music begins at 5 pm and goes to 8 pm.

The band on August 21 will be the Unintentionals from Helena.

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some fun event for families like the Alive at Five event in Helena.

If you have any displays, events, or activities you would like to show off at Slice of Summer please let Rotary know. Broadwater Search and Rescue will be there fundraising by having you purchase a chance throwing a pie at some celebrity from the local area.

Rotary needs some volunteers to help pull off this great family event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please call Slice of Summer coordinator Patrick Plantenberg at 431-4615.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit <https://www.townsendrotary.org/ownsendrotary.org> or Rotary

THANK YOU!

Nick Rauser



Dear Editor/Broadwater County Residents, it's been a few months since my last letter and I figured I'd better give an update on how the campaign has been going. I want to thank everyone for the continued support. It's been truly overwhelming. I have been focusing on the parades and talking to as many of you as possible these last couple months. It has been a busy summer trying to balance family, campaigning, enjoying the Montana summer, and of course work.

In June I was surprised with a gift. I want to give a small history lesson first. I reached out to the museum here earlier this year looking for information on my Great Grandfather. In 1934 my Great Grandfather, George Kieckbusch was hired as a Deputy in Broadwater County. In 1938 he was elected as the Sheriff. He served as the Sheriff until 1950. He then went on to work as a livestock detective and as a livestock inspector. His Grandson, Dave Kieckbusch was a cop also. He started in Dillon MT, and eventually ended up working for the Reno Sheriff's Office and the Police Department.

Going back to the gift I was given. Dave Kieckbusch met me and gave me a shadow box that has kept for a long time. It has pictures of my Great Grandfather George, his Broadwater County Sheriff Badge, an old sap that he carried, and a set of handcuffs from Dave. Currently, I have it proudly displayed in my office. I have included a picture of Dave and myself with the shadow box.

I have enjoyed going back and looking into the long history my family has had in Broadwater County. My Great Great Grandfather, Emil Kieckbusch came to Broadwater County in 1908. It makes me extremely proud to be able to serve the community that my Great Grandfather also served. I hope to be elected as the next Broadwater County Sheriff and continue the family history in Broadwater County.

Once again thank you all for the support. If you would like to donate to the campaign you can send a check to Nick Rauser for Broadwater County Sheriff at 212 N. Oak, Townsend, MT 59644. You can email me at any time with questions at nickrauserforsheriff@gmail.com. You also can get updates on Nick Rauser for Broadwater County Sheriff, on Facebook.



CITY OF TOWNSEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Council members present were Christina Hartmann, Vickey Rauser, Angie Wintrow, Matt West and Ken Ulrich; Nate Brown arrived during the Budget Work Session. Others present were Clerk Coleen Ward, Public Works Supervisor Tim Rauser, Attorney Peter Simon, Deputy Clerk Jenny Barnett, Utility Clerk Diana Berglind, Crew Person Paul Rauser, CCO Eric Crusch, Janet Hubber, Patrick Plantenberg, Nancy Marks with MT43 News and Jessica Crusch with Broadwater County News.

PLEDGE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

MINUTES: Vickie Rauser moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022, as distributed, Angie Wintrow seconded, the motion carried with all council members voting in favor.

GUESTS and CORRESPONDANCE: Jan Hubber spoke to the council regarding the letter to the Mayor and Council and wanted to follow up with the council on the letter she received at her home on the weed violation. She feels if someone is obviously working on their yard, like her, landscaping, fencing, sprinklers and spraying weeds; she should not be targeted. The process of distributing these letters needs to be looked at. Mayor Evans said the letter is a form letter we have used for years, perhaps it is time to look at the letter and soften it up a bit. Matt asked Eric if he had been receiving complaints, Eric replied yes, he received complaints about the weeds on I-Street. Eric stated the letter was reviewed with Peter for the language, if it needs to be re-written then we should look at it again.

NEW BUSINESS: Building Fee Schedule Resolution – Peter prepared the Resolution 2022-R05 with the Permit Fee Schedule as Exhibit "A." Peter would like the council to review it all and make changes to be approved at the August 16th meeting. Discussion ensued on wording and consensus was to remove the word Small from Small Outbuildings and Small Additions. Peter also wanted to review the Cost Valuation Formula used by the city. Peter will have the changes ready for the next meeting.

Street Closure – Fall Fest – All of the information and documents are in order, Christina moved to approve the Street Closure for Fall Fest, Vickie Rauser seconded, the motion carried with all council members voting in favor.

CLAIMS: Vickie Rauser moved to pay the claims, Ken Ulrich seconded, the motion carried with all council members present voting in favor.

ADJOURN: Vickie Rauser moved to adjourn the council meeting, Christina Hartmann seconded, the motion carried with all council members voting in favor.

COURT BEAT

Dee Gannon

The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menahan, on Friday, August 5, is as follows:

Adam Lee had an Omnibus on charges of two counts of assault with a weapon. Both parties asked for more time. September 30 is the time to submit motions for the defense; October 14 for a reply from Ms. Hatfield; with the response due on October 28.

Christopher Feldele had a Change of Plea; pleading guilty to the amended charge of reckless driving, from DUI (first offense). In his elocution, he stated that on April 4, 2020, he consumed an alcoholic beverage and drove a motor vehicle. The sentence of 90 days is to be served consecutively to a sentence in Gallatin County.

Donald D Dewit did not appear for his court date answering to charges of DUI (fourth or subsequent offense.) His next appearance is set for August 19.

Americanisms



“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.”

— Tim Notke

top ten

Most Popular Girl Baby Names

1. Olivia
2. Emma
3. Charlotte
4. Amelia
5. Ava
6. Sophia
7. Isabella
8. Mia
9. Evelyn
10. Harper

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



THE MALFEASANCE OF A COMMA

JB Howick

A week ago something no one hopes to experience happened in Townsend—an argument. Like most arguments some of the issues on both sides were sincere and important while others were (how can we say this politely...) petty. We all know that arguments frequently get out of hand no matter how just the original cause and this one led to an empty billboard on the corner of Pine and Broadway.

There are many people out there who can share parts of the story. There are a few who can share most if not all of the story. But I don't believe the specifics of who said what and why are important. They can only lead to more hurt feelings. And in the grand scheme of things, where we must weigh the consequences of everything from fixed-income-threatening inflation to war in Ukraine and the pending advent of school (in a spanking new building, no less!), our attention this last week should not have been drawn to a blank billboard—or an argument.

Our Pledge of Allegiance, intended at least in part to pull us away from contention, has a history dating from 1892 when a socialist minister named Francis Bellamy published it in *The Youth's Companion*. It wasn't created by our Founding Fathers, nor even Congress. Bellamy published it in the children's magazine in the hope that it would be adopted by all citizens. It was much simpler then: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." His original salute, found in *The Youth's Companion*, started with hand-over-heart, but at the words "to my Flag" the hand was extended palm-up toward the flag. Shortly thereafter the salute twisted the hand palm-down. And a bit after that was World War II, ending the practice of extending our hands toward our flag.

In 1923 the words "my Flag" were replaced with "the Flag of the United States of America." In 1954, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God" to stand firm against the Communist threat of his day.

And no, Eisenhower didn't include a comma.

And that comma has been a bone of contention ever since. In my opinion, part of the problem is that the Pledge is most often spoken in groups. Sometimes very large groups. And the habit of groups is to speak with a cadence to keep everyone (more or less) in time with the recitation. By itself, that behavior caused the pause that led to a humorous article title in Education Week nearly forty years ago: "Out, Damned Comma! Out, I say!" But the problem is further muddled by a comment made so long ago by Robert Hogan, then director of member services for the National Council of Teachers of English. He claimed that either recitation style is correct—depending on your opinion.

"The question is whether 'under God' is restrictive," he said. "If you think it is restrictive, then you probably would not use the comma. But if you think 'under God' is just one way of describing the nation, then you would include the comma."

But if linguistically the matter can go either way, why the ruckus over the the most humble grammatical construct in our language, used or not used in a pledge that ironically includes the word, "indivisible?"

It is my hope that people notice the underlying issues that affect our (and any other) community. Argument, division, drama... these are the things that detract from our wonderful home. I believe I am not too bold in declaring that the malfeasance of a comma should never detract from our national pride. People are imperfect. But when we let our intolerance for imperfection grow, the behaviors that follow (no matter which side you're on) are undeniably undesirable.

Historian Shelby Foote, made famous for his commentary during Ken Burns' documentary *The Civil War*, once said, "basically, [the Civil War] was a failure on our part to find a way not to fight that war. It was because we failed to do the thing we really have a genius for, which is compromise. Americans like to think of themselves as uncompromising. But our true genius is for compromise. Our whole government's founded on it. And it failed."

I believe our genius for compromise has failed in this circumstance, too. National pride fought Freedom of Expression and a banner that beautified our town and daily cemented our love of country—both the nation and the land—has been replaced by what just might be the most reflective metaphor of our nation today: an empty advertisement.

While you ponder the importance (or lack thereof) of a comma and the power the written language must have if a comma can lead to this much trouble, let me whisper in your ear another famous phrase relating to the Civil War. In Lincoln's first inaugural address he said, "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

distributed 200,000 bars with "The Finger" wrapper to 7-Eleven stores.

• Modern body armor was created by pizza delivery man and former Marine Richard Davis, who was wounded after a delivery turned into a shootout.

• In 2008, Nestle played an April Fool's joke on Butterfinger fans by announcing that the candy bar's name had been changed to "The Finger." The company even

• Japanese honeybees destroy hornets by enclosing them in a ball of bees then vibrating their flight muscles so fast that carbon dioxide levels increase and the ball's temperature rises enough to kill the hornet.

• Mastercard's global headquarters is located on Purchase Street in Purchase, New York.

• Talk about a novel way to make a statement! Teenage art student Demi Barnes created a wedding dress made of 1,500 divorce papers to heighten awareness of rushing into matrimony only to end up in divorce court.

• The "Emergency Bra" can be unhooked and split into two face masks that filter out harmful chemicals.

• Nail polish remover will outlive us all! It has no expiration.

• Recycling one ton of paper will save 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, 17 mature trees, 682.5 gallons of oil and 7,000 gallons of water.

• In a now-banned practice called "boosting," wheelchair athletes with spinal injuries would intentionally harm the lower parts of their bodies to increase their blood pressure, thereby enhancing their performance.

• A study conducted at the University of Pavia in Italy showed that music promotes a healthy cardiovascular system by triggering physiological changes that modulate blood pressure, heart rate and respiratory functions.

Thought for the Day: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have."—Abraham Lincoln

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OUR WALK IN FAITH

Elkhorn Community Fellowship, 126 N Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Eric Crusch, 949-0183.

Faith Baptist Church, 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend. Services: Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Time & Prayer, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Mike Wenzel, 266-4219.

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 101 S. Walnut St. Townsend. Mass: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Adoration: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:15–5:45 p.m. or by appt. Rel. Ed. classes: Pre-K–5th Grade, Wednesday, 5:00–6:30 p.m. Middle & High School grades, Wednesday, 6:15–8:30 p.m. Adult classes, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Father Cody Williams, 266-4811 or office@holycrossmt.org.

Mountain Valley Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA), 110 E Street Townsend. Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Kids ministry during Sunday services. Life groups meet during the week. Pastor Eric Krueger, 465-5895. MountainValleyChurch.org. We stream our services on Facebook: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406. (Was Alliance Bible Church.)

Radersburg Baptist Church, 7 Main St. Radersburg. Services: Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m. Pastor Richard Summerlin, 410-0458.

Set Free Christian Fellowship, meets at the Bridge at 107 E street (PO Box 1163), Townsend. Services: Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Set free recovery Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Bible study, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Pastors Bill and Carol Bergstad, (406) 461-0135.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Pastor John Witcombe, 594-1710 or 431-2810.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod, 301 N. Cherry St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Women of the ELCA meet second Tuesday every month at 6:00 PM. Bible Studies meet weekly. Call Pastor Anna Viehland for more information, at (406) 272-2352.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway St. Townsend. Choir Practice, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Christian education, Sunday, 10:40 a.m. Youth activities Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Family History Center, Tuesday, 6:00–9:00 p.m. or by appt. (Director Rebecca Mitchell, 980-0270). Bishop Matt Graham, 266-4255.

Townsend United Methodist Church, 200 N. Cedar St. Townsend. Services: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Daniel Viehland, 266-3390. TownsendUMC.org.

Trailhead Christian Fellowship, 20 Trailhead View Dr. Townsend (5 mi. north of Townsend). Sunday School and Christian Education, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Services Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Middle School youth group, Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Pastor Mark Roelofs, 266-4406 or info@trailheadchristianchurch.com, www.TrailheadChristianChurch.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 12	August 16
<i>The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire</i> 5:00 p.m. at the Canton Church	<i>The Future of the Rural Housing Supply</i> 11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. at the Flynn Bldg. (416 Broadway).
August 12–14 <i>Broadwater Community Theatre</i> "Disney's Aladdin Jr." At The Lodge of Townsend	August 18 <i>Slice of Summer</i> Heritage Park
August 13 <i>Grand Opening</i> Sharp Shinned Skatepark	August 26 <i>Jim Foster</i> 5:00 p.m. at the Canton Church

To be listed in the Community Calendar send email to News@MT43News.com

Broadwater Community Theater Presents



A 60-minute production with local student talent.

Performances will be on
Friday, August 12th, 6PM
Saturday, August 13th, 6PM
and Sunday, August 14th, 1PM
\$10 at Reading Leaves Bookstore
Limited tickets at door
Kids under 5 years free

Broadwater Community Theater
 Music Director, *Carla Amundson*
 Stage Director, *LaRinda Spencer*



Broadwater Community Theater is underwritten by the Fun For Life Program, a Broadwater County nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging K through 8th grade students to apply for scholarships in theater, art, music and foreign language.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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August 11, 1938

Townsend Briefs

Mrs. Stella Deadmond and son, Floyd, have taken up their residence in the Kearns house on Cedar Street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Cartwright.

Jimmie and Tom Tidyman are spending part of the summer with their grandmother, Mrs. A.C. Carson, at the ranch from their home in Valier.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Anderson and baby have moved into the Hollaway residence property on Walnut Street. Mr. Anderson is managing the Townsend Drug Store at the present time.

Mrs. Ed Ragen was called to the bedside of her brother, Mike Gurnett, at Jordan this week, and upon her return, she reported his condition very much improved. She was accompanied there by Mrs. Paul Ragen and Mrs. P. Dougdale.

1949

Winston News

Among those attending the reunion picnic, last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Lemon of Helena, Mr. and Ms. Howard Morgan of Helena, Mr. and Ms. Charles Guffey of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. George Diehl and family and Bob Myles, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bisby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Diehl of Yakima, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Larson of Plainview, Neb.

Mrs. Annie Bisby left Tuesday for Great Falls to visit at the home of Mrs. Louise Mason and to attend the fair. She returned Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Diehl and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bisby motored to Bozeman Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H

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Winston - Clasoil News

Wednesday visitors at the home of Annie Bisby in Townsend were Mrs. Barbara Robla of Three Forks, Mr. Olson of Manhattan and Mr. and Mrs. George Baum. They helped Annie celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies were Friday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lokowich.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl, Harold Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moe attended the State Fair in Great Falls on Wednesday.

Mrs. Noreen Sears and girls visited with her mother, Mrs. Raleigh Cole and Mr. Cole Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Myles, Mrs. Frank Myles of Helena and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Myles attended the Holiday On Ice show in Butte Thursday evening.

Mrs. Rubie Cox and daughter, Chris, attended a 4-H council meeting in Deer Lodge Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfem of Seattle were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lokowich one day last week. Mrs. Wolfe is the daughter of Mrs. Arthur Diehl and has been visiting friends and relatives in the area.

The Winston Beavers 4-H club had their annual lakeside picnic at the lake on Sunday. Swimming and boating were enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lokowich furnished the lunch in appreciation of the work the 4-H members are doing on the cemetery and the 4-H members appreciate their thanks. Guests were the parents of the 4-Hers

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Schmidt and daughter, Kathy, Gregg Acton, Lynette Frola and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Locowich and

Kenneth Hagbom attended the State Fair in Great Falls Thursday. Mary went to Great Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hagbom.

1977

Woodring Wins State CowBelle Beef Cookoff

Miss Robin Woodring, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Woodring of Townsend, won the Montana CowBelles state junior beef cook-off at the state fair in Great Falls on August 4. Robin's winning recipe, Cheeseburger Pie, was handed down to Robin from her grandmother. Robin will be a senior at Broadwater County High School this fall.

In order to compete in the State competition, Robin first had to win locally and then she went on and won at the District competition held in Three Forks this year. So far her winning recipe has netted her, not only first place spots but \$150 in prize money. Ten Montana CowBelle districts were represented in the cook-off. Second place went to Mary House of Cut Bank and third was won by Debra Lee Leidhold of Miles City.

Mae Sweeney's oral history was a hidden treasure - her stories gave a view into a totally different Broadwater County than the one I grew up in.

Mae's family lived in the Confederate Gulch area and Mae attended the Johnson Schoolhouse. They ranched and farmed in the area and her oral history was full of great stories of ranch life with horse drawn equipment and going to school in a one room schoolhouse.

But my favorite section of Mae's histories was her memories of going to dances in the area: Townsend, Cave Gulch and Winston were all places her family went for social events and dancing. Now a trip from Confederate Gulch to Winston is a long drive; then it was much shorter - just a quick trip over the river on the Winston Bridge.

One dance she mentioned really drew my attention. Mae's family went to a dance in Lingshire. I had never even heard of Lingshire! I didn't expect to find anything but I did a Google search for Lingshire; and up it came in Google Maps. It was a small town in northwest Meagher County.

Mae's family went to some kind of social event in Lingshire and stayed for a dance that evening. At that time there were few if any automobiles in Broadwater/Meagher county. The roughly 40-mile trip up Confederate Gulch and over the mountain to Lingshire was made by horse drawn wagon.

Mae didn't say for certain whether they spent the night in there or came back that same night. I can't even imagine making that trip back at night; but whether they spent the night or not what a trip to make to go to a dance!

The Broadwater County Museum has resumed doing oral histories. To listen to these oral histories visit our County Museum - it is well worth the time.

Girls from Missoula, Glasgow, Shawmut, Great Falls, Wibaux, Laurel and Dagmar were also entered.

Robin will also be appearing in the "Today in Montana" show this Friday, August 12 at 9:00 a.m. The Great Falls station taped the show during the Fair competition.

Rodeo Parade Winners

Animal Drawn Vehicle Category: 1. Charlie Parker and Stacy Vandolah, Three Forks, 2. Roy Whitehouse, Great Falls, 3. Keith Horne, Townsend

Novelty Category: 1. Kathy Mowery, Townsend, 2. Sam Lee, Townsend, 3

Old Time Fiddlers, Townsend, (Ellis Lewis, Jim Beebe and Tressie Byrd)

Floats: 1. American Legion & Auxiliary, Broadwater Post, Townsen, 2. Turcotte's Tax Service and Date Processing, Townsend, 3 State Bank of Townsend

Motorized Vehicles Category: 1. Lloyd Poe, Townsend, 2. Larry Heberle, Belgrade, 3. Lloyd Heberle, Townsend

Prizes awarded were: 1st place - \$12.50, 2nd Place \$7.50, 3rd Place - \$5.50.



Moments in time

• On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops enter Washington, D.C., and burn the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1813. When the British arrived at the White House, they found that President James Madison and his first lady Dolley had already fled to safety in Maryland.

• On Aug. 22, 1851, the U.S.-built schooner America bests a fleet of Britain's finest ships in a race around England's Isle of Wight. In the 53-mile race, the America trounced the competition, beating the cutter Aurora by 22 minutes.

• On Aug. 27, 1908, future President Lyndon B. Johnson is born on a farm near Stonewall, Texas. As president, Johnson pushed through the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

• On Aug. 25, 1939, "The Wizard of Oz," which will become one of the best-loved movies in history, opens in theaters. Though the scenes in Kansas were shot in traditional black and white, Oz appears in vivid Technicolor, a relatively new film process at the time.

• On Aug. 23, 1947, the first Little League World Series championship game - the culmination of a three-day tournament in Williamsport, Pennsylvania - features teams from Pennsylvania. Maynard, a team from Williamsport, defeated Lock Haven, 16-7, to win the title at Original Field. Although it was called the World Series, 11 of the 12 teams in the tournament were from Pennsylvania.

• On Aug. 26, 1959, the British Motor Corporation (BMC) launches its newest car, the small and affordable - at a price tag of less than \$800 - Mark I Mini. At only 10 feet long, the Mini could sit four adults and had a trunk big enough for luggage.

• On Aug. 28, 1972, the U.S. Air Force gets its first ace designation since the Korean War when Capt. Richard S. Ritchie and his "backseater" (radar intercept officer), Captain Charles B. DeBellevue, shoot down his fifth MiG near Hanoi.

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

Peach-Strawberry Pudding

I don't know which is best: strawberries or peaches - so I used them both in this ultra-easy (and delightful) dessert.

- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free strawberry gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 3/4 cup plain fat-free yogurt
- 1 cup peeled and chopped fresh peaches
- 1 cup chopped fresh strawberries

In a medium bowl, combine dry gelatin and boiling water. Add yogurt. Mix well using a wire whisk. Fold in peaches and strawberries. Evenly pour mixture into 4 dessert dishes. Refrigerate until set, about 2 hours. Makes 4 servings.

• Each serving equals: 56 calories, 0g fat, 3g protein, 11g carb., 40mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit.

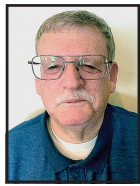
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DANCING AT LINGSHIRE

Victor Sample



Back in the 1970s and early 1980s, the Museum collected a number of oral histories with people in the county. These histories were done on the leading technology of the time - cassette tapes. However, cassette tapes are not a great long-term storage device; they get old and brittle and they break easily.

A few years ago with a grant from the Broadwater Community Foundation, the museum digitized the oral histories and they are now stored on a USB device and on CDs. During the digitization process, I got to listen to all of the oral histories and they were fascinating.

When I was in high school here in Townsend, Mae Sweeney worked in the high school office. I remember Mae as being a really, nice lady that was well liked by everyone. Of course, as teenagers we were totally involved in ourselves and really didn't think about the teachers, janitors and office personnel. Had I really been paying attention I would have realized that Mae was in her late sixties/early seventies. She was 71 when I graduated in 1970; I never even thought about the fact that Mae was born in the 1800s.



1. DC League of Super-Pets (PG): Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart
2. Nope (R): Daniel Kaluuya, Keke Palmer
3. Thor: Love and Thunder (PG-13): Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
4. Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG): Steve Carell, Pierre Coffin
5. Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13): Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly
6. Where the Crawdads Sing (PG-13): Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor John Smith
7. Elvis (PG-13): Austin Butler, Tom Hanks
8. The Black Phone (R): Mason Thames, Madeleine McGraw
9. Jurassic World: Dominion (PG-13): Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard
10. Vengeance (R): B.J. Novak, Boyd Holbrook

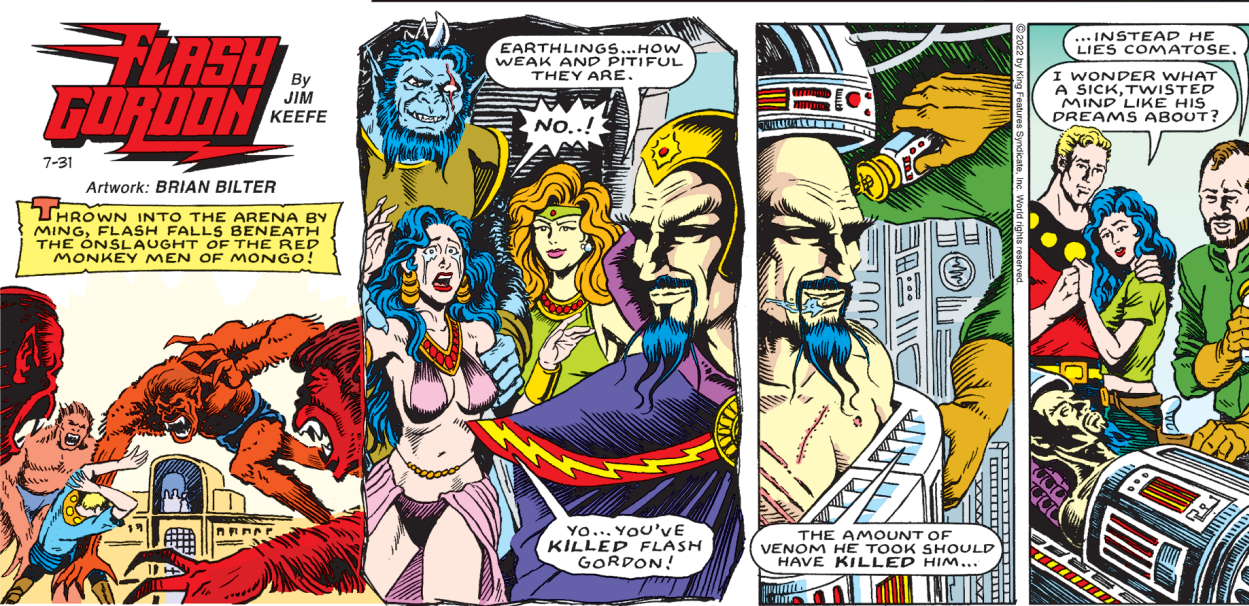
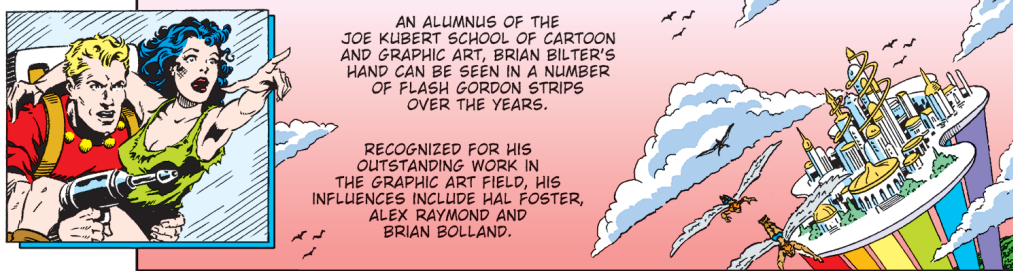
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

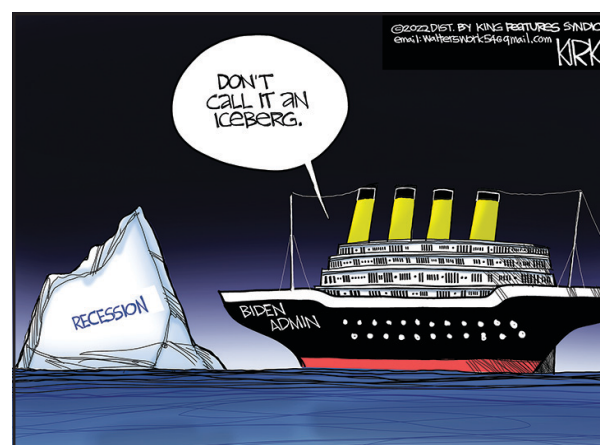


Artist Spotlight: BRIAN BILTER



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

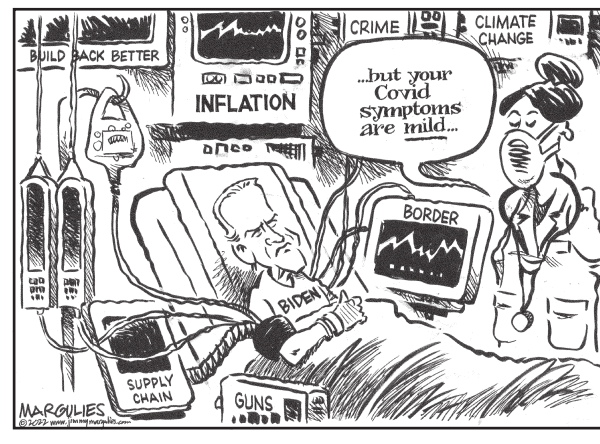
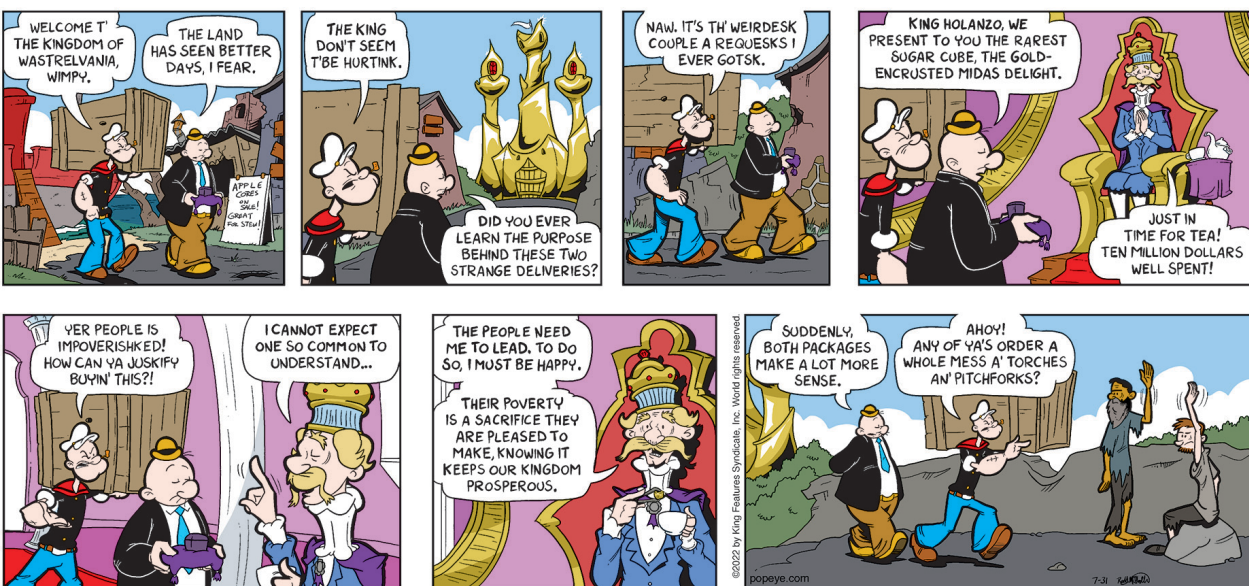
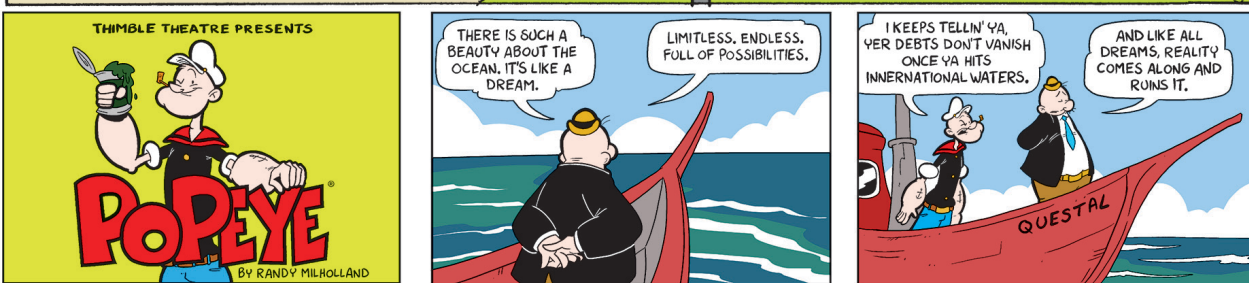
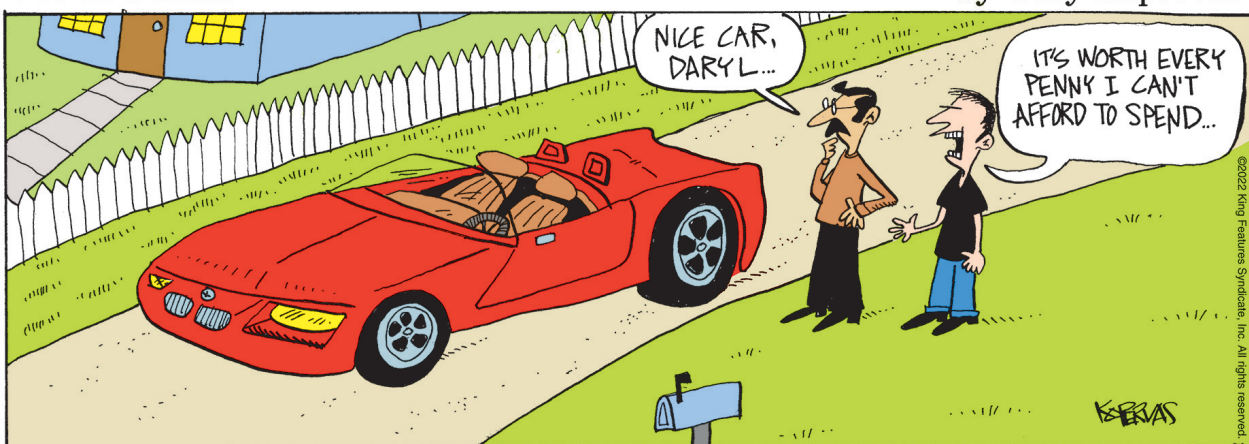


GRIN and BEAR IT

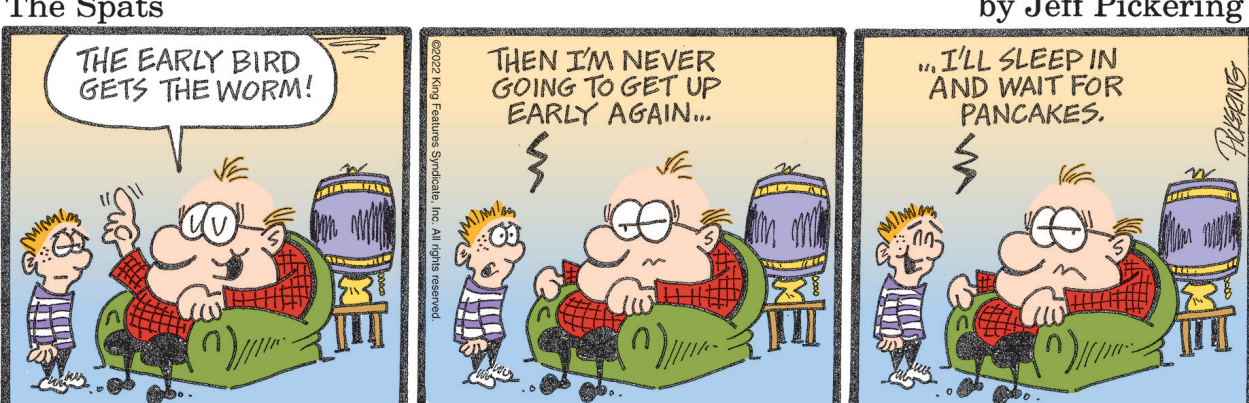
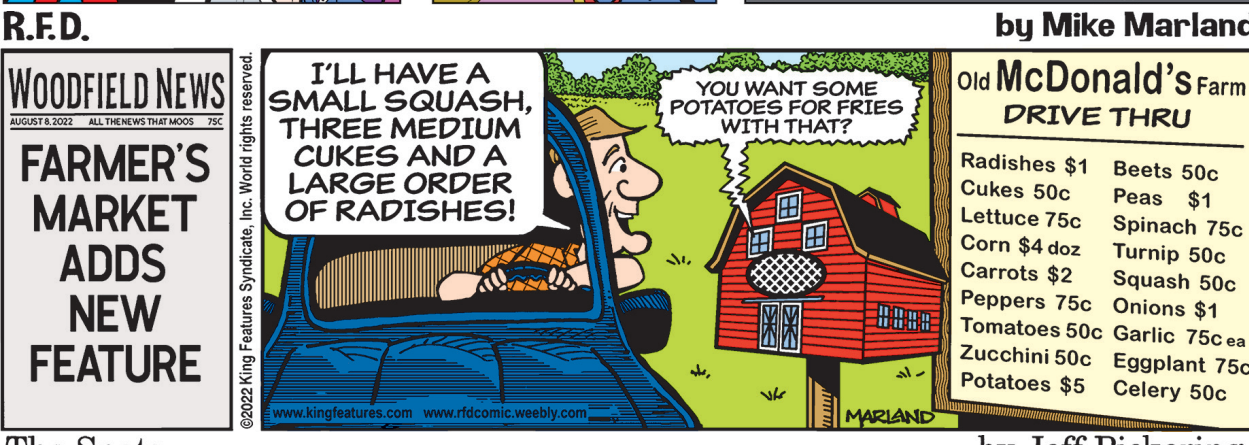


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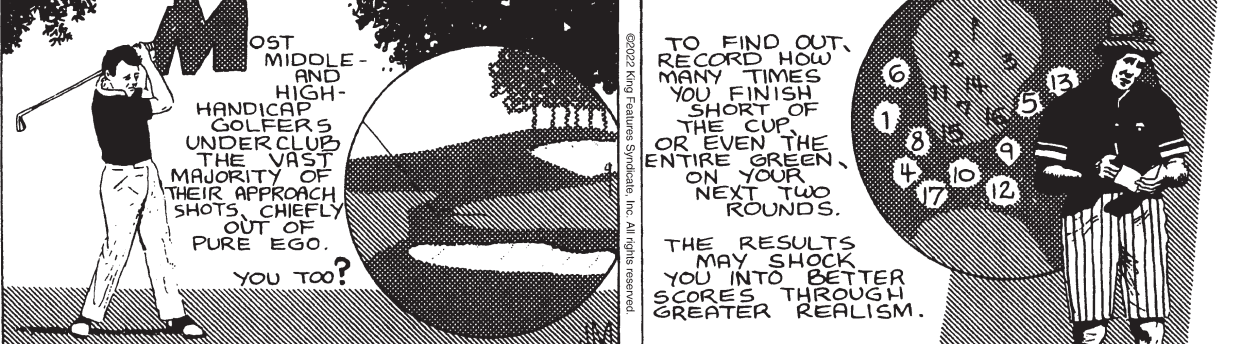
by Gary Kopervas



LAFF-A-DAY



Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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1. Why did Michael Jackson's "You Are Not Alone" end up in court?
2. What was the first No. 1 hit by Christopher Cross?
3. Name the artist who wrote and released "Katmandu."
4. Which former Beatle released the "All Things Must Pass" album?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "While she lays sleeping, I stay out late at night and play my songs, And sometimes all the nights can be so long."

Answers

1. It had been written by R. Kelly. But two brothers in Belgium sued for plagiarism, saying it was taken from their song "If We Can Start All Over." The first Belgian court rejected the claim in 2003, but a second court in 2007 agreed it was plagiarism because the two melodies were virtually the same.
2. "Sailing," in 1980. He had another one the same year with "Never Be the Same."
3. Bob Seger, in 1975. The song was used in the soundtrack for "Mask," the 1985 Cher film.
4. George Harrison, in 1970.
5. "She Believes in Me," by Kenny Rogers in 1979. The song appeared on his "The Gambler" album and topped both the country and adult contemporary charts, making it a big crossover song for Rogers.

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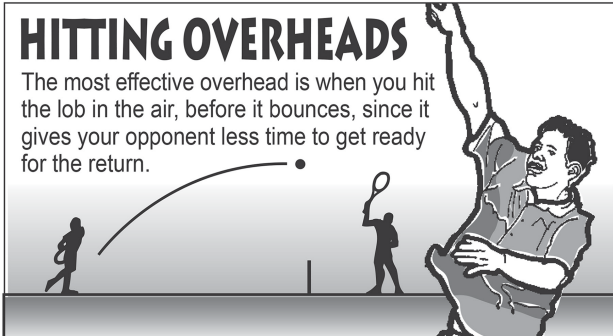
1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only vowel on a computer keyboard's middle row of letters?
2. LANGUAGE: What is the diacritical mark used over the first "a" in "chateau?"
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Czech Republic?
4. MOVIES: Where was the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy filmed?
5. MEASUREMENTS: What is 4 ounces of liquid equal to in cups?
6. U.S. STATES: Which is the only American state that begins with the letter P?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the word that stands for the letter Y in the international radio alphabet?
8. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element zinc?
9. TELEVISION: What is Kramer's first name in the sitcom "Seinfeld?"
10. MUSIC: Which country is home to the rock group AC/DC?

Answers

1. A.
2. Circumflex.
3. Prague.
4. New Zealand.
5. 1/2 cup.
6. Pennsylvania.
7. Yankee.
8. Zn.
9. Cosmo.
10. Australia.

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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



HITTING OVERHEADS

The most effective overhead is when you hit the lob in the air, before it bounces, since it gives your opponent less time to get ready for the return.

Super Crossword

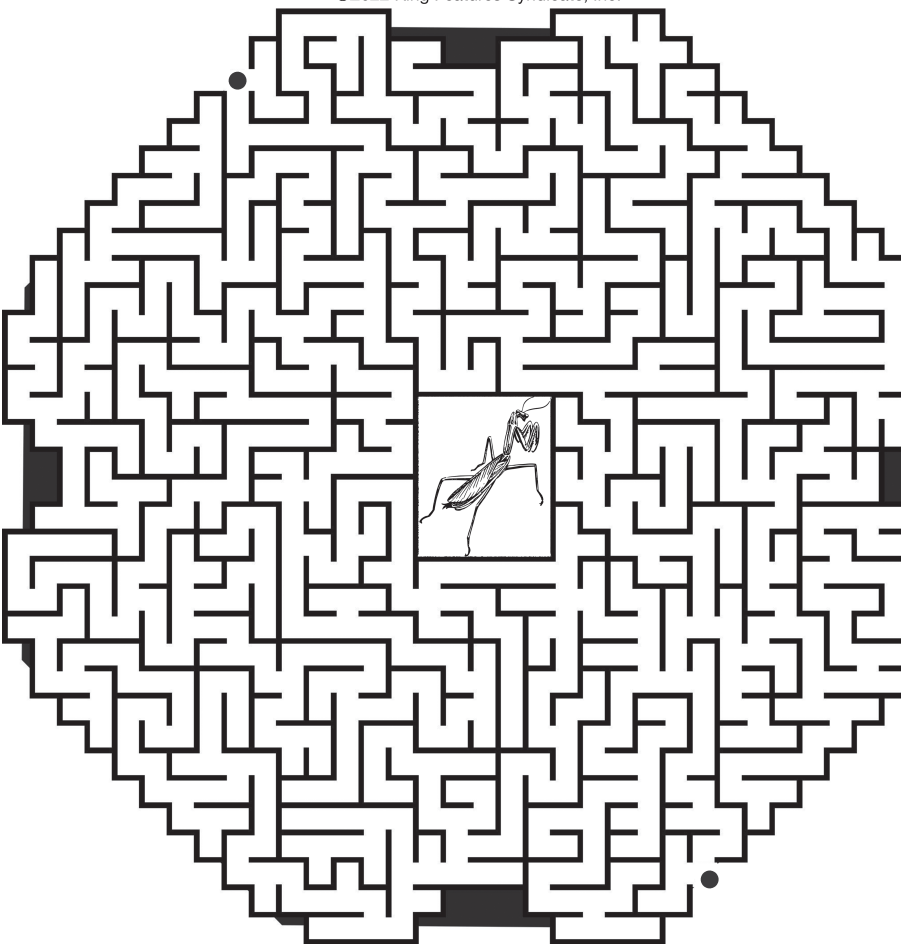
NEIGHBORS' NAMESAKES

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| ACROSS | 49 Funeral pile | 92 "I want that now!" | 3 Volcano stuff | 40 Screw up | 79 Work unit |
| 1 Singer Reddy | 50 Tangent, e.g. | 93 Leaf veins | 4 Full of pep | 41 Forest cats | 81 Sudden temperature increase |
| 6 "Preach it!" | 52 Actor Omar of "House" city | 95 Pro | 5 Dummy | 42 Ones making an effort | 82 Apiece |
| 15 At the home of, French-style | 54 Singer Cole or Abdul | 96 Animator's sheet | 6 Ornament hanger, e.g. | 43 Aches (for) | 83 Fencing sword |
| 19 Muscat citizen | 56 Actress Long | 97 Tolkien fiend | 7 Barcelona soccer great | 46 Aqua — (highly corrosive liquid) | 84 After-bath application |
| 20 Display model | 57 Ranch food provider [animator] | 100 They may bedevil dogs | 8 Overplayed the part | 51 Approves of you can download | 85 .6214 mile |
| 21 In the midst of | 60 Teen girl, in old lingo | 101 Lace a party drink [bandleader] | 9 Have a snack | 53 Show that you can | 87 Kuwaiti chief |
| 22 Plastic brick brand | 62 Flavorful | 105 Fourth-place finisher, say | 10 Fuel holders | 54 Gives out in abundance, as flattery | 88 Not veiled |
| 23 Certain bolt | 63 Sch. in Manhattan | 107 Envoy's bldg. | 11 Estevez of film | 55 Stubborn equine | 91 Piano seat |
| 24 Spanish for "bears" | 64 Harsh | 108 Oval portion | 12 "Just say — drugs" | 58 Witty sort | 94 Pesky insect, informally |
| 25 Ravi Shankar played it | 65 Magic spell | 109 Very dense element | 13 — even keel | 59 Car financing abbr. | 96 Bow of respect |
| 26 As a result | 69 Creditor's time of forgiveness [singer] | 111 What you do when you solve this puzzle? | 14 In a pleasant way | 60 "So long!" | 98 Some aircraft engines |
| 27 2008 Lucasfilm sci-fi flick [TV personality] | 74 Bacon sizzle sound | 119 Tiny fly | 15 Get resolved | 61 NBA nail-biters, in brief | 99 Ad award |
| 31 — Mae (government lender) | 75 Cost — and a leg | 120 Tiger sounds | 16 Mr., in Munich | 62 Mork's planet | 102 Realm: Abbr. |
| 32 Mai — | 77 Part of ETA | 121 Went by bike, e.g. | 17 Custard components | 63 It aired "Car Talk" | 103 In groups of two |
| 33 Part of ENT | 78 "— bleu!" (French "Egadi!") | 122 Unmoving | 18 Noted Bronx attraction | 64 College focuses | 104 Santa's laugh |
| 34 Hiker's carrying bag | 80 "Monterey" food [singer] | 123 Part of ENT | 28 Stud money | 65 How police may get info | 106 Sight at dusk |
| 37 College academics overseer [actor] | 84 Male gobblers [singer] | 124 Binge | 29 States, to Macron | 66 Actor Derek | 107 Roomy car |
| 44 Very busy | 89 Western Amerind | 125 At the drop of — | 30 Female WWII enlistee | 67 Mork's planet | 110 Radio dial |
| 45 Screw up | 90 Jumped | 126 Strange | 34 Playwright Connolly | 68 Lead-in to "now" | 112 Relieve |
| 47 Blvds., e.g. | 91 Illegalizes | 127 Lyft competitor | 35 Bryce Canyon locale | 69 Actor Derek | 113 Vatican head |
| 48 Legal deg. | | 128 Baby's bear | 36 In — (as found) | 70 Lead-in to "now" | 114 Fend (off) |
| | | 129 Downsides | 38 X Games airm | 71 "You are not!" reply | 115 — II (Gillette brand) |
| | | 130 Tire pattern | 39 "Spare tire" fat | 72 Lead-in to Nov. | 117 Director Kazan |
| | | | | 73 Joanne of "My Pal Gus" | 118 Arctic vehicle |
| | | | | 76 Roman 1,150 | 119 African antelope |

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Mega Maze

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals H

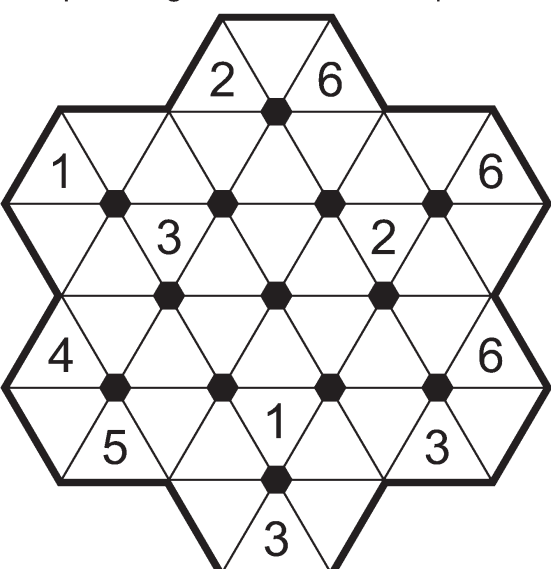
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ZOLB KRNSFRXH EMSE N SXNMHVEXS
HFQV, Q IORHH SFNS'H ZECM-
JENZQMI.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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If the lob is hit deep or it's sunny or windy, you may elect to let the ball bounce before you hit it. If you let it bounce, be sure to run quickly back and set up — giving yourself plenty of space to allow the ball to stay in front of you.



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DOES A PICKLE SAY WHEN IT WANTS TO PLAY CARDS?

LISTED	___	TILES	MARKED	___	DRAKE
RHINOS	___	HORNS	ELUDES	___	DUELS
CALLIE	___	ALICE	VIDEOS	___	DOVES
LAMEST	___	MEATS	ANTLER	___	ALERT

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

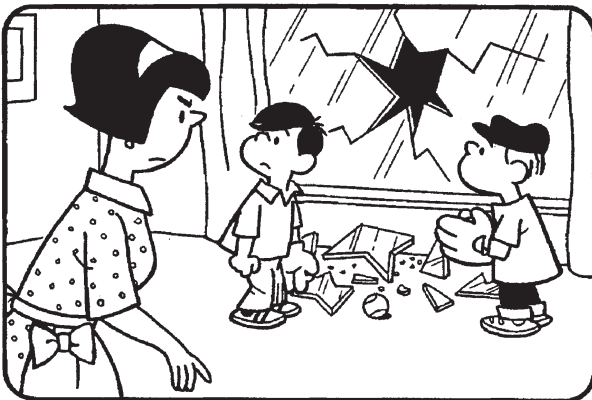
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Take heed	___ T ___	Beginner	___ V ___
2. From Holland	___ U ___	Trench	___ I ___
3. Skeleton's home	___ T ___	Nearer	___ R ___
4. Gazebo	___ B ___	Chain mail	___ M ___
5. Travesty	___ A ___	Jedi's energy	___ O ___
6. Ladle	___ I ___	Debonair	___ A ___
7. Home-grown	___ C ___	Faithful	___ Y ___
8. Sourdough or rye	___ D ___	Snap into	___ K ___
9. Bog	___ S ___	Windy month	___ C ___
10. Hand warmer	M ___	Young feline	K ___

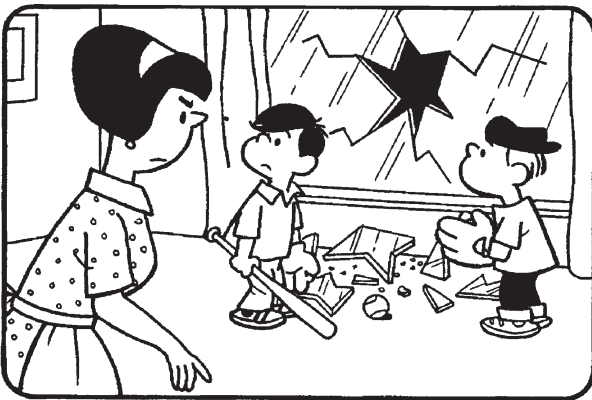
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

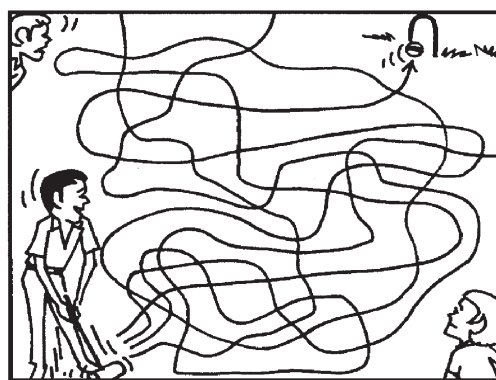


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Bow is missing. 4. Bat is added. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Shirt is shorter.

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WICKET SHOT! Pick a line at bottom left and see if it carries ball through the wicket at top right. Yes, or no?

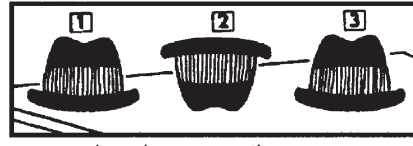
TALLYHO! Seven is regarded as a lucky number, and perhaps to a cat, so is nine. But a Latin proverb observes: "Seven is a banquet, nine is a —." Fill blank with a five-letter word. The missing word is "brawl."

HATS OFF! When the hats of three diplomats were placed on a table with the center hat upside down, as shown here, they provided the basis for an interesting test.

The question posed in this test is: How is it possible to turn two of the hats over each time for three consecutive times and finish turning with all three hats upside down?

Remember, two hats are inverted each time. The hats are turned three times.

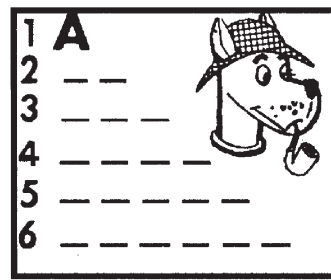
P.S.: It is not permissible to turn the same two hats in consecutive turns.



First turn—turn over hats 2 and 3; next—turn hats 1 and 3; next—hats 2 and 3 again. Other answers are possible.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



DETECTIVE DOG'S WORD HUNT

"ONE POLECAT leads to another of sorts," says Detective Dog, at left, in a sum-up of the last word in this add-a-letter word test.

Let's see if you can fill the blanks. Here's how:

Simply, start with A and add a letter in each step, rearranging letters as necessary, to form new words in accord with the following definitions:

1. Letter A (in place).
2. Like-so preposition.
3. Black, Yellow or Red, perhaps.
4. Life of Riley.
5. Artist's stand.
6. Polecat's relative.

Remember, letters in one word lead to another.

1. A. 2. As. 3. Sea. 4. Ease. 5. Easel. 6. Weasel.



NRA 8-5 Bull Riding 2nd Section. Photo Matt Nelson.



NRA 8-5 Team Roping. Photo Matt Nelson.



NRA Saddle Bronc Riding. Photo Matt Nelson.



The Riders. Photo Hugh van Swearingen.



Stickhorse Crowd. Photo Hugh van Swearingen.



Old Baldy 4-H Club. Photo Hugh van Swearingen.

Even Exchange answers

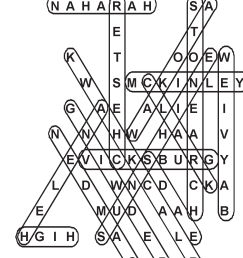
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| 1. Notice, Novice | 6. Dipper, Dapper |
| 2. Dutch, Ditch | 7. Local, Loyal |
| 3. Closet, Closer | 8. Bread, Break |
| 4. Arbor, Armor | 9. Marsh, March |
| 5. Farce, Force | 10. Mitten, Kitten |

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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RHINOS	I	HORNS
CALLIE	L	ALICE
LAMEST	L	MEATS
MARKED	M	DRAKE
ELUDES	E	DUELS
VIDEOS	I	DOVES
ANTLER	N	ALERT

— BRIDGE : CROSSING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

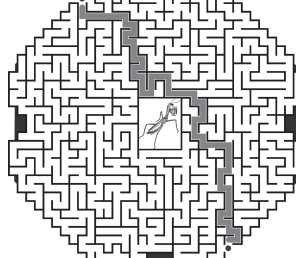


— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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Mega Maze Solution



Announcements

The Summer Reading Program has been extended to August 27, 2022. Due to closure of the Library, the Summer Reading Program has been extended to August 27 with all prize tickets turned in by August 26th by 7 pm.

Mountain Valley Church is seeking service projects in our community. August 21st 9:30–11:45am Sunday. We call the event transform townsend. Whether you are a business, non profit, or just need some help around the house let us know! Submit your ideas or via erickruegercma@gmail.com or (406) 465-5895



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

UNOFFICIAL AGENDA FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

CLERK AND RECORDERS OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON AUGUST 11, 2022 DUE TO THE ANNUAL CLERK AND RECORDERS CONFERENCE

Meetings may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com/home/pages/board-videos>. Public comment is taken either in writing in advance of the meeting or in person at the meeting. Public comment is not taken by the website.

Working meetings are held in various locations, please review the notice of the working meeting to determine the location. Working meetings are not recorded and as a result are not available on the website.

Agenda, documents, official meeting minutes and videos of past Commission meetings are available at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

Official agendas are posted in the Courthouse (1st floor bulletin board), [Broadwatercountymt.com](https://www.broadwatercountymt.com) and in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The public comment period (items not on the agenda) will be at the beginning of the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change.

10:00 AM Discussion and Decision: Nichole Brown, Director of Community Development and Planning, regarding the Notice to Broadwater County Commissioners of Pending Property Division in cause number DV-2020-30 Robert P. Antonick, Thomas J Antonick, and John D Antonick, Plaintiffs vs. Vincent J Antonick, Samuel Antonick, Ruth A. Fleck, Mary T. Liss, and Louis V. Antonick, Defendants.

10:30 AM Discussion and Decision: Nichole Brown, Director of Community Development and Planning, regarding the Greenway Subsequent Minor Subdivision.

11:00 AM Discussion: regarding Audrey Walliser-Martin Possible PIO (Public Information Officer) position.

- Items for Discussion, Action, Review or Signature:*
- Certificate of Survey review
 - Management – on-going advisory board appointments
 - Claims/Payroll/minutes
 - County Audit / Budget
 - Mail – ongoing grants
 - Correspondence – support letters

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Debi Randolph
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Good Housekeeping

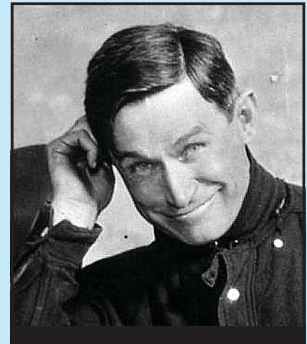
SAUTEED CHERRY TOMATOES

This savory summer side dish bursts with flavor and complements all kinds of meats and fish.

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; add tomatoes and chives. Saute 2 to 3 minutes, until tomatoes are hot and skins start to split. Season with salt and pepper. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 46 calories, 4g total fat, 4g total carbohydrate, 1g protein.



Will Rogers

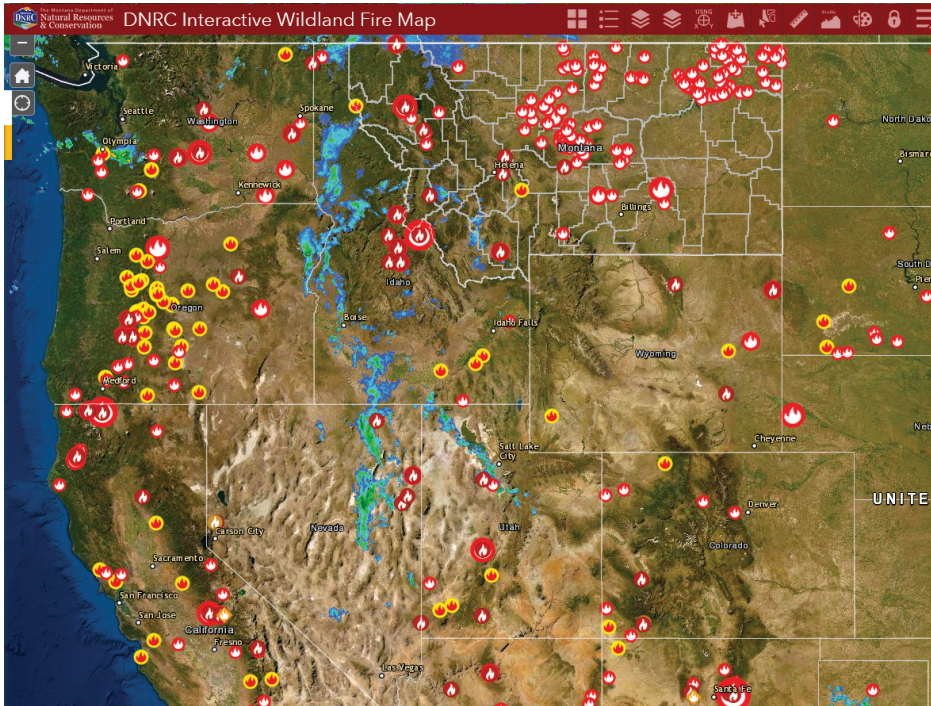
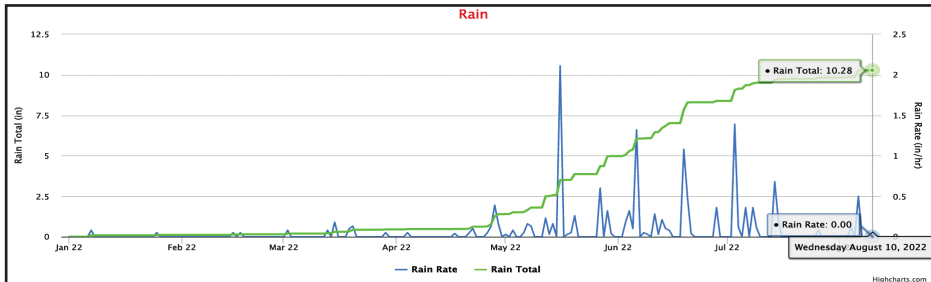
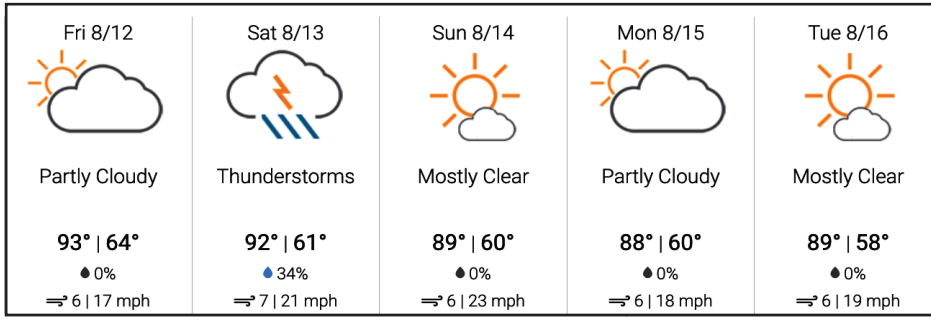
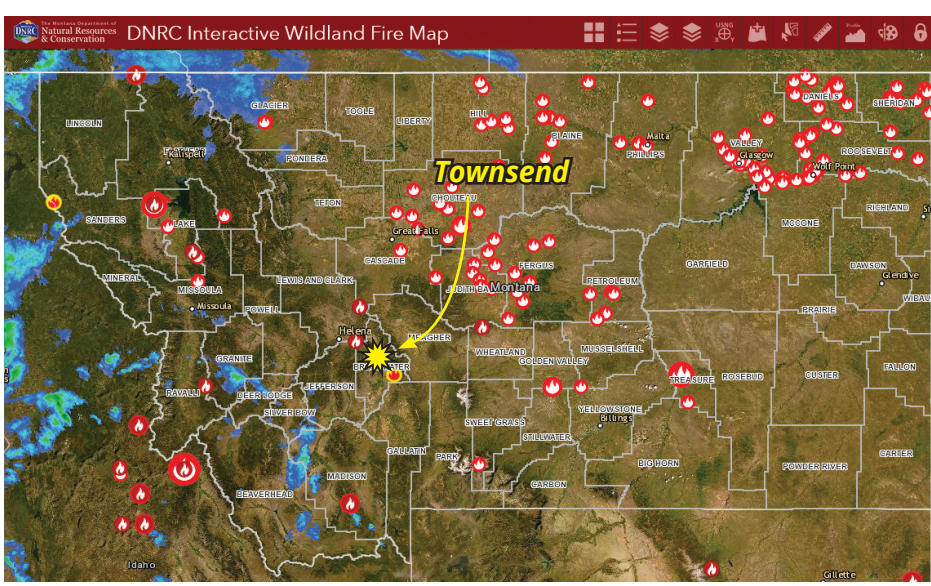
The minute you read something that you can't understand, you can almost be sure that it was drawn up by a lawyer.

CryptoQuip
answer
When you pack tons of fluffy duck feathers onto a transport ship, I guess that's downloading.

— Super Crossword —

Answers

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Rocky Rough Hands 4-H Club. Photo Hugh van Swearingen.

TRANEL, ZINKE, AND LAMB SPAR OVER ABORTION, CLIMATE AND ENERGY

The first debate of the general election season signaled a dearth of common ground.

Arren Kimbel-Sannit
Montana Free Press



The three candidates for Montana's newly created western congressional district squared off in person for the first time at a candidate forum in Missoula Monday, landing glancing blows and setting the stage for a race that will elevate Montana issues to the national stage and localize national political dynamics as the major parties vie for control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Most of the oxygen at City Club Missoula went to former U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, a Republican who previously represented Montana's at-large congressional district from 2015 to 2017, and Missoula-based Democratic energy attorney Monica Tranel. Also in the fray was Libertarian nominee John Lamb.

Tranel, who faces an uphill battle in a Republican-leaning district that includes the Flathead Valley, Missoula, Butte, Bozeman and Hamilton, came out swinging, criticizing Zinke for his infrequent appearances at

public forums on the campaign trail thus far and for his history of consulting work for the energy industry after leaving the Interior Department amid a slew of ethics investigations.

Zinke has denied any wrongdoing, and previously referred to the probes as "BS." He was most recently dinged by ethics officials in President Joe Biden's Interior Department for his role in negotiations over a commercial project in his hometown of Whitefish.

"So much for civility," Zinke quipped after Tranel's opening remarks.

"We're talking about truth," Tranel responded.

Zinke, for his part, emphasized his service with Interior in his opening remarks.

"I don't think there's a department that affects Montana more than the Department of Interior," he said.

Neither Lamb, a farmer from outside Bozeman, nor Tranel has previously held elected office. Tranel previously worked as an attorney for the Public Service Commission, and ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the PSC in 2020. In the early 2000s, she ran for the PSC as a Republican and worked on the staff of the Republican U.S. Sen. Conrad Burns. Even in her current campaign as a Democrat, she's tried to emphasize her bipartisan bona fides, touting an endorsement Monday from former Montana GOP Chair Susan Good Geise.

2022 marks the first time Montanans will elect two representatives to the U.S. House in 30 years, following decades of relegation to a single at-large congressional district. Strong population growth reflected in the 2020 U.S. census led to the restoration of the state's second district. In the eastern district, Democratic former Billings

Hitori
answer

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City Council member Penny Ronning is challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Matt Rosendale, a Republican.

Montana Public Radio political analyst Sally Mauk moderated the forum and led off with a few inquiries of her own, but most questions came from members of the City Club audience, who probed the candidates about their stances on gun control, abortion, the climate and more.

The first question came from an audience member who asked whether the candidates would respect the right to privacy in the state Constitution — which courts have found protects access to abortion in Montana — and vote against a federal abortion ban, should one come before the next Congress.

Early in his 2009-2013 tenure as a state legislator, Zinke established a reputation as a moderate on abortion issues, but has since hewn further to the right, supporting bills to defund Planned Parenthood and ban abortion after 20 weeks. At Monday’s forum, Zinke said he is anti-abortion but would not support an all-out federal ban. The Montana GOP last month added language to its platform supporting an abortion ban without exceptions for rape or incest.

“I’m pro-life, but life is not perfect, is it?” he said, referencing rape, incest and the possibility of the mother’s death. “I think a ban is too harsh. But I can tell you ... I’m sorry, I don’t agree with termination moments before birth. And privacy has its limits.”

Lamb, a father of 12, said he is unequivocally against abortion.

Tranel asserted that Democrats will keep their majority in Congress after the election, and said no such ban would come to a vote. She said she would “vote for women’s rights to be able to live life on our own terms.”

“We know how to reduce unwanted pregnancies,” she said, pointing to underlying issues like the high cost of contraception. “And in the years while my opponent has been in the state Legislature and Congress, he did nothing to help.”

Responding to a question about guns, Tranel expressed support for longer background check waiting periods and so-called red-flag laws that would allow guns to be removed from people determined to present a threat, but said she understands Montana’s gun culture and supports all 27 constitutional amendments, including the second.

“The Second Amendment to me is non-negotiable,” Zinke responded.

On housing, Tranel called for limits on vacation rentals, “looking at corporate entities that own second, third and fourth homes,” and incentivizing development of new homes by streamlining permitting. Zinke agreed that permitting plays a role, but also blamed the state’s housing crisis on inflation.

The candidates also sparred over climate change, a global issue that has special resonance in a drought- and wildfire-stricken West.

The U.S. is falling behind on its obligations to address climate change, Tranel said. She pointed to China’s investment in electric vehicles, calling for the U.S. to do the same, as well as for an end to fossil fuel subsidies on public lands and increased wind generation in Montana. She also attacked Zinke for his ties to the energy industry.

Zinke said he believes in climate change, but that he wants no part of the future energy economy that Tranel laid out. Fossil fuels will remain in the mix for the next 50 years, he said.

It’s better for the U.S. to produce energy under its regulations than cede that role to another country, he said.

“China’s building electric vehicles, sure they are,” he said. “But they’re also building a heck of a lot of coal.”

Lamb, repeating the central theme of his remarks Monday, said the federal government should not be involved in energy policy.

In his closing remarks, Zinke called for bipartisan unity.

“There’s issues that we’re going to agree and disagree on, but we shouldn’t be disagreeable,” he said — a departure from the tone he’s taken in previous campaign speeches, such as his address to the 2022 Montana GOP platform convention last month, where he called Tranel a “liberal environmental attorney that’s now wearing cowboy boots and a cowboy hat.”

“We’re gonna kick the hell out of her,” he said at the time.

Tranel, meanwhile, said she’s lived and worked by the side of the district’s constituents for 25 years — stopping short of overtly criticizing Zinke for the time he spends at a second home in California. Zinke described himself earlier in the debate as a fifth-generation Montanan.

“Since the primary, I haven’t been anywhere but

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Montana,” Tranel said.

Lamb’s pitch provided a rare moment of levity during an otherwise tense debate.

“There’s always a third choice,” he said. “A Libertarian choice. So think of me at the ballot.”

Tranel has invited the two other candidates to a

total of 18 debates leading up to November’s general election. It’s not known how many of those Zinke will attend. A campaign spokesperson said Monday that Zinke will attend a future candidate forum hosted by Lee Enterprises, which owns several large Montana newspapers, and likely another held by MTN News.

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