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Local student wins trip to Washington, D.C.

Paul Johnson, son of Ron and Gloria Johnson, Seeley Lake, recently won first prize in the 10-state regional contest called "Invent America," sponsored by the United States Patent Model Foundation in Washington, D.C. On June 21, Paul, his parents, and his fourth grade teacher, Gayle Gordon, will begin a week-long all-expense-paid trip to Washington.

Paul completed a detailed design for a "cool blanket" described as "being like an electric blanket, only with cool air circulating instead of heat." Science teacher Gayle Gordon submitted Paul's "invention" to the regional competition. About three weeks ago, Gordon received word that Paul was selected as one of 45 winners nationwide who will soon

compete for national honors.

Paul's award included a \$300 savings bond. Teacher Gayle Gordon will receive a \$500 grant, and Seeley Lake Elementary School will receive \$2500 to be used for science projects.

The itinerary for next week's trip revolves around "Invent America Week" in Washington. Participants will be treated to workshops with Smithsonian curators, an ice cream social with several Congressmen, and many tours of the nation's capital.

Kevin O'Brien, national coordinator for the U.S. Patent Model Foundation, explained that the purpose of the competition is to encourage critical thinking skills among young people. The program is designed for students age

kindergarten through eighth grade.

"The younger the kids are, the more creative they are. We try to encourage creativity throughout the elementary schools, (so that) these young people will be far more productive workers," O'Brien said. He added that President Reagan endorses the program, which is funded by several U.S. corporations.

O'Brien explained that inventions are critical to productivity in the United States. "We are losing half of our patents to other countries," he added.

The "Invent America" program is barely a year old, according to O'Brien. He and others in the foundation hope that the program will one day be extended to include high school students.



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Paul Johnson, regional winner of "Invent America."



The driver of the car involved in this accident suffered from facial lacerations and shock after a deer jumped into the highway and landed on the windshield of the car. The 34-year-old man was transported to a Kalispell hospital by the Seeley Lake ambulance. Whitetail deer are common along Highway 83, and highway department officials estimate that they remove an average of three deer carcasses a week from the roadsides. See related story page 9.

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Inmates escape

Two men in their early twenties walked away from the Swan River Youth Camp early Monday morning, according to state authorities. Jerry Ramberg, 21, and James Garret Duffy, 23, were reported missing from the prison camp at 4:40 a.m. Monday. Ramberg is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, has tattoos on both arms and his chest and is serving time for assault. Reports indicate that Ramberg is considered dangerous. Duffy is 5 feet 9 inches tall, 135 pounds and has a tattoo on one arm. Duffy was convicted of arson, burglary and a parole violation.

The Swan River Youth Camp is a minimum security prison located in the Swan Valley. It has, at times, been the subject of controversy. The state of Montana recently admitted negligence in a case where two inmates escaped from the camp three years ago and committed a series of crimes before they were apprehended.

Natty Bumpo



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OPINION

The Seasons of Montana Industry

The statisticians at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research have come up with a fascinating overview of Montana's industrial economy for the past fifty years. The basis of their analysis is U.S. government data on labor income for each sector of the economy. "Labor income" is equivalent to wages, salaries, and self-employment income for all working persons. Because economic output is tied to the amount of labor required to produce it, labor income can be used as a convenient measure of economic activity in each industry. The period covered is from 1929 to 1979. The Bureau believes that the trends would not be changed by including more recent data.

There have been some profound shifts in Montana's economic makeup over the last half-century. In 1929, agriculture reigned supreme, constituting a gargantuan 17.6% of the state's economy (rising even further, by 1939, to 22.7%). However, by 1979, agriculture had plummeted to a mere 4.9% of the state's economy. The reasons for this turnabout are not confined to Montana, of course, and are a reflection of national trends in agriculture, including rising productivity and declining commodity and farmland values.

Mining, too, has suffered a serious setback—which should come as no surprise to anyone. In 1929, mining accounted for 11.8% of the state's economy—and steadily declined to 4.4% by 1979. Again, this has not been unique to Montana and reflects, in large part, global declines in commodity prices and national requirements for protecting the environment.

Manufacturing has held steady, in line with the national trend. Over the fifty-year period, Montana manufacturing has risen from 10.6 to an 11.2% share. Incidentally, the manufacturing category embraces the entire forest products industry, including timber harvesting.

The services sector has received a lot of attention nationally as a growth industry. In fact, the national increase has been relatively modest: 13.0% in 1929, climbing to 16.8% by 1979. In Montana, the service-based economy has skyrocketed, increasing from 9.9% to 15.9%. Why? The Bureau offers no explanation, but tourism comes to mind.

And, what is the biggest growth industry in Montana? You guessed it, Sports Fans: Government. Government has risen from 11.0% fifty years ago to 20.2%—making it the biggest "industry" in the state.

—Dick Potter

Highway Hullabaloo

To the Editor:

The Missoula Electric Co-op charges a hefty amount for their service, but that service is somewhere between lousy and awful. The electricity surges, pulses, stutters and then goes out several times each week—especially up here in the northern part of the line. And it's no wonder; their lines run through a narrow corridor with spindly lodgepoles on each side. The slightest breeze brings trouble. Whenever any two people from Goat Creek to Clearwater simultaneously pass the gas—BINGO!—no electricity.

So, what is the co-op going to do about it? You guessed it: Nothing! They'll just sit there on their bureaucratic hands, yawning and scratching themselves unless we all start bitching. They say it's too costly to put the lines underground. Okay, then cut the trees. Get together with the highway department and the state government and draw up a feasibility study. Find out what is involved and what the cost would be. Present the findings for public scrutiny. Let's open up Scenic 83 and the powerlines. Right now, it's like driving through a tunnel. You can't see the forest because of the trees, and the only scenic area is alongside of the Condon city airport.

Cutting the trees would allow the snow and ice to melt and would cut down on accidents and loss of life; fewer animals would be slaughtered; tourists and locals would get a chance to view the mountains on both sides of the Valley; and it would offer the potential of someday building a bicycle path—so we could get those hazards off the road.

Some people object to cutting trees because of their misguided views on conservation. They should direct their concerns toward the sloppy and uneconomical practices of our logging operations, rather than wasting their energies on opposition to cutting along the highway and powerline corridor. Maybe we could even talk Janet into using her considerable influence on something other than taxing soda pop and chewing tobacco.

Percy Johnson
Condon

Staffers stay in Seeley Lake

Congressmen fly "The Bob"

With the full public hearings on Pat Williams' wilderness bill barely 10 days away, the recent visit to the Bob Marshall Wilderness by members of a key House Interior subcommittee takes on a new meaning. Congressman Williams flew over the Bob Marshall Wilderness last weekend, accompanied by Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minnesota (chairman of the House Interior Committee on National Parks and Public Lands) and Rep. Ron Marlenee, R-Montana. On Monday, the Congressmen returned to Washington, D.C. for briefings after viewing the areas proposed as wilderness in Williams' bill (HR 2090). Staff members working for these Congressmen stayed in Seeley Lake on Tuesday night.

Major portions of the Swan Front have been recommended for wilderness designation in HR 2090. However, several key areas bordering "the Bob" have not been included in the Congressman's bill.

That's where the Great Bob Trek, sponsored by the Montana Wilderness Society, comes into the picture. Early Monday morning a handful of dedicated hikers gathered near Rogers Pass to begin a 350-mile walk through the perimeters of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. They will walk through many wild lands that are not included in HR 2090, along with some of those which are.

Areas not protected in Williams' bill include portions of the Rocky Mountain Front, Badger-Two Medicine, northern Swan Range and Spotted Bear River wildlands.

"To lose areas like the Rocky Mountain Front would really diminish the Bob," according to John Gatchell, president of the MWA.

Gatchell also objects to recent statements made by Senator John Melcher criticizing Williams for introducing his own wilderness bill, and urging another round of negotiations to try and write a bill that would satisfy the entire Montana delegation.

"We don't want to see this issue decided behind closed doors," Gatchell said recently. "We want to bring it out in the open... and involve more people."

Gatchell said that creating public awareness of wilderness issues affecting the Bob Marshall is the main reason for the Great Bob Trek. The 350-mile walk will end on August 15 with a celebration at Holland Lake Lodge.

North Fork Bridge to be closed

The North Fork Bridge in the Scapegoat Wilderness Area will be closed as of June 29 and will remain closed for several weeks because of new construction, according to Jim DeHerrera, acting District Ranger at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station.

Hikers and those leading horses should take the Old Monahan Hiker Trail at its junction about a half-mile before the North Fork Bridge in order to bypass the construction. Packstrings should be able to ford the North Fork of the Blackfoot River near the bridge crossing. For more information call 677-2233, Seeley Lake Ranger District.

Club receives funds for winter trail grooming

The Seeley Lake Drifters snowmobile club recently received word that \$8,000, derived from the state fuel tax and snowmobile license fees, will again be available for grooming local snowmobile trails. The snowmobile trail maintenance program is administered by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Montana Snowmobile Association.

According to Jerry Ding, Drifters spokesman, officials with the DFWP feel that contracting the maintenance of snowmobile trails is cost-efficient. The Seeley Lake and Ovando trail systems total about 300 miles.

At the September 19, 1987 meeting of the Drifters club, applications will be accepted from individuals interested in operating the groomer during the winter of 1987-88.

Triathlon begins

The Prairie to Peaks Triathlon begins Sunday morning near Trixi's in Ovando. Race teams will begin the river race section of the Triathlon, then run for several miles, finishing on bicycles in Seeley Lake shortly after noon.

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Business of the Week

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Throughout the summer, Rick and Jenni will be trying out some new leatherwork ideas at their Seeley Lake seasonal location (in the A-Frame building next to The Saloon in Seeley Lake). In addition to their regular line of custom leatherwork, they'll be introducing sandals, belts, decorative buckskin bags and other handmade items. The new shop will serve "as a display room and repair service for Todd's. Repairs can be made on any leather goods, most canvas items and, also, some shoe and boat repairs," Jenni commented. "We'll have display racks of our work," and "we'll provide leather repairs on the spot, if you want to wait."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 6 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

- Events**
- June 19, 20, 21, Jerry Hanson Roping Clinic, Swan Valley Comm Hall Arena, Condon.
 - June 21, Prairie to Peaks Triathlon (Ovando to Seeley Lake), 9:30am registration, Trixi's, Ovando.
 - June 21, Mission Mountain Messengers Home Concert, 7:30pm, Elem School, Seeley Lake.
 - June 22, Seeley Lake Elem School Board Mtg, 7:30pm, School Library, Seeley Lake.
 - June 23, Refuse Disposal District Mtg, 7pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.
 - June 22, Alanon Mtg, 7pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.
 - June 22, 23, 24, Senior Nutrition Program, Lunch at Noon. Open to Public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 - June 23, Seeley Lake Women's Club Mtg, 1pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 - June 24, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.
 - June 24, Bookmobile, 10:30am-Noon, Potomac; 12:30-1:30pm, Sunset School; 2-3pm, Clearwater Junction; 3:30-5:30pm, Seeley Lake.
 - June 25, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake 9am-2:30pm.
 - Refuse Disposal Site, May thru Sept: Weds/Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm. Swan Valley Comm Library, Memorial thru Labor Day, Weds, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-3pm, Condon.
 - EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).
- Public Meetings**
- Clubs & Organizations**
- June 18, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.
 - June 18, Condon Comm Club Mtg, 8pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.
 - June 21, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.

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Adams named to Water Board

Mary Adams has been named to succeed Steve Thompson on the Seeley Lake water board. The action was taken at last week's regular meeting. Chairman Don Larson was pleased by Adams' appointment, since it provides for better balance in the board's representation. Adams is a resident of the Double Arrow subdivision, which is a major portion of the water district and has never before been represented on the board.

In other business:
•A meter incentive policy has been tentatively adopted. Under the proposed plan, the district would pay for the installation of meters and customers would pay only the cost of the meter

and related materials. The policy would apply to existing hookups; new customers are already required to install a meter and to pay all costs.

•Bud Anderson, district manager, presented some preliminary proposals for a fee schedule for water use. Anderson will provide additional details at next month's meeting, set for July 14.

•The district will conduct some limited leak testing over the next month. This has been spurred by the discovery of an apparent 1000 gallon per hour leak at Pyramid Lumber, the district's largest customer. Under a cost-sharing arrangement, Pyramid will pay for the tests to locate its leak, including the contractor's travel costs, and the district will pay for testing a comparable amount of piping elsewhere in the system.

Lottery begins next week

On Wednesday, June 24, at noon all across Montana, tickets officially go on sale for the first Montana Lottery instant game, "Pot of Gold." Lottery officials recently released the following list of area ticket outlets: Valley Market, Seeley Lake Mercantile, Seeley Lake Liquor Store, Seeley Lake Convenience Store (1-Stop), all located in or near Seeley Lake; Swan Valley Centre and Mission Mountains Mercantile, Condon; Stoney's 4-G's at Clearwater Junction, Greenough and Swan Village Market, Swan Lake.

Each lottery ticket costs a dollar. Using the edge of a coin, players simply rub off the latex covering to reveal printed prize amounts. If the same prize amount appears in three spots on the same ticket, the customer wins that prize instantly. The term "instant game" means instant results. On the average, better than one ticket in six wins.

Players will get a second chance to win by saving five non-winning tickets and sending them to Helena for a chance to be drawn as a finalist for the weekly "Big Spin," which begins July 9. The "Big Spin" is a televised show where finalists spin a large wheel, similar to the one on TV's "Wheel of Fortune." Prizes range from \$1,000 to a Jackpot prize, which begins at \$250,000 and increases \$25,000 each time a finalist fails to hit the Jackpot.

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Seeley Lake Elementary Honor Roll

Honor Roll students for the fourth quarter of 1987 at Seeley Lake Elementary are as follows:

Fourth Grade: High Honors, Paul Johnson, Honors, Cody Anderson, Milo Jaimes, Peter Blair, Chris Morin, Erin Carr, Angie Healy, Renata Marshall, Katie Aumaugher, Heather Richards.

Fifth Grade: Honors, Ty Anders, Rose Manos.

Sixth Grade: High Honors, Theresa Cahoon; Honors, Jason Zebarth, Laurie Leonard, Kelly Christian.

Seventh Grade: Honors, Renn Anders, Jeremy Aumaugher, Kelly Malone, Nick Miller, Kimberly Musick, Jenny Nentwig.

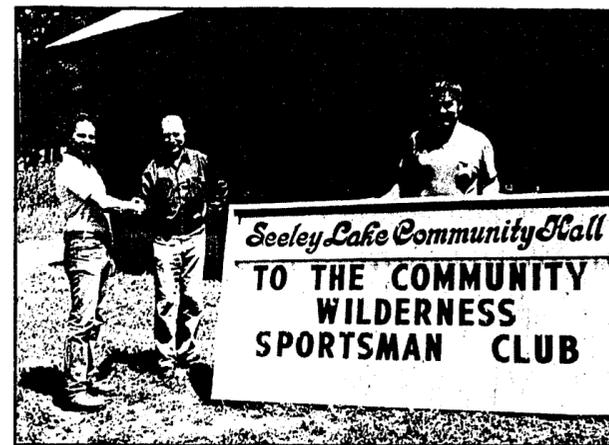
Eighth Grade: High Honors, Jack Shoupe; Honors, Cindy Baker, Sherri Bowers, Cliff Hawkins.



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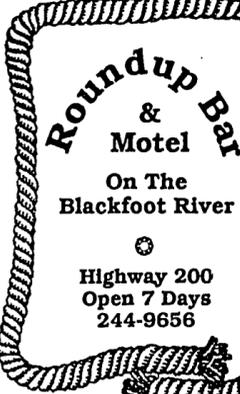
Last week, Roger Selner (left) of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club presented the new community sign to Al Chaffin of the Seeley Lake Community Hall board of directors. Bart Peterson, also of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, is holding the sign. Photo by Elinor Williamson.

New community sign raised

The Community Hall north of Seeley Lake has historically been operated with the help of all community members. The raising of a new sign there last week shows that the community still actively supports the operation of the hall.

The new sign will alert passersby to coming events and meetings. It was assembled and installed by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club of Seeley Lake. Several people donated toward creating the sign, according to Roger Selner, who coordinated the project.

Walford Sign Company, Missoula, helped acquire the materials for the sign because of the community nature of the project. Joy Clemens, local artist who has her own graphic arts business, designed the lettering and volunteered to paint the sign. Timberline Building Materials of Seeley Lake donated more building materials. High Country Plumbing and Electrical donated the lighting. Missoula Electric Cooperative volunteers provided use of MEC equipment to raise the sign.



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Members of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club paid for materials which were not donated. "We've got a \$1200 sign for about \$400," Selner explained.

The sign now belongs to the Community Hall, a non-profit corporation operated by a local board of directors.

Senior Nutrition

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

- Monday, June 22—Tuna noodle casserole
- Tuesday, June 23—Turkey a la king
- Wednesday, June 24—Meat loaf

Reservations are appreciated for these noon meals. 677-2008.

Stork Report

Congratulations to Alan and Carmen Thompson of Seeley Lake on the birth of a baby boy. Cody Alan was born June 8 in Missoula and weighed 6 pounds, 3-1/2 ounces. He measured 19-1/2 inches long.

Congratulations also to Brian and Debbie Morris, Missoula. Their baby boy, Trevor Patrick, was born June 19 and weighed 7 pounds, 12-1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Wayne Herron of Alaska, Maryanna Rich of Seeley Lake, and Pat and Charles Morris, Missoula. Great-grandparents are C.B. and Helen Rich, Seeley Lake.

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Featuring Seafood

Cornucopia by Michele Potter

June is Dairy Month. This month-long salute to the dairy industry began in 1937 to extend a special thanks to the dairy families of America. The American Dairy Association provides a variety of free recipe brochures throughout the year. Send for your free copy of *Homemade Frozen Yogurts & Fruit Sherbets* by sending an addressed, stamped envelope to: Yogurts and Sherbets, 12450 North Washington, Thornton, CO 80241. The following sherbet recipes are from that brochure.

Piña Colada Sherbet

1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple in juice, drained	1/4 cup white rum OR 1-1/2 teaspoons rum extract
1/2 cup sugar	1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 cups cold buttermilk	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2/3 cup toasted shredded coconut	2 egg whites

Place pineapple and sugar in blender container or work bowl of food processor. Purée until smooth. Combine buttermilk, coconut, rum, lemon peel and vanilla in large mixing bowl; stir in pineapple mixture until well blended. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gently fold into buttermilk mixture. Pour into freezer can. Churn-freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Remove from freezer can. Place in plastic container with tight fitting lid. Ripen several hours or overnight in freezer. Yield: 2 quarts. Serving size: 1/2 cup. Calories per serving: 70. Calcium 42 mg; Riboflavin (B2) .07 mg; Protein 2 g; Fat 1 g; Carbohydrate 12 g.

Honey Cantaloupe Sherbet

1 medium cantaloupe, about 3 pounds	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup sugar	2-1/2 cups cold milk
1/3 cup honey	2 egg whites
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice	

Cut cantaloupe in half; remove seeds. Scoop out fruit; there should be approximately 4 cups. Place fruit, sugar, honey, lemon juice and vanilla in blender container or work bowl of food processor. Purée until smooth. Combine milk and puréed mixture in large mixing bowl. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into milk mixture. Pour into freezer can. Churn-freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Remove from freezer can. Place in plastic container with tight fitting lid. Ripen several hours or overnight in freezer. Yield: 2 quarts. NOTE: Sherbet with honey in the mixture needs a slightly greater portion of salt to ice to freeze it. Serving size: 1/2 cup. Calories per serving: 70. Calcium 51 mg; Riboflavin (B2) .08 mg; Protein 2 g; Fat 1 g; Carbohydrate 15 g.

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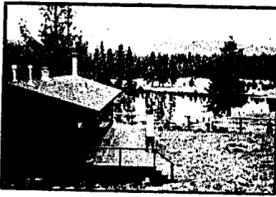
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Art and Martha Anderson in 1939 (left) and 1987 (right). The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this month.



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Andersons celebrate golden anniversary

Art and Martha Anderson of Condon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Swan Valley Community Hall on June 5, 1987. The couple was married in Missoula on June 5, 1937. The open house and reception was hosted by the couple's children. More than 100 friends and family members joined in the celebration.

Art was born and spent the early part of his life in Somers, Montana. Later, he and his family moved to the Swan Valley where he met and married Martha Jacobson. Martha was born in Casper, Wyoming and moved to the Swan Valley as a young girl.

In 1973, Art retired from the Forest Service and Martha retired from her work as a teacher. They traveled to Europe, Canada and Hawaii in their early retirement years. Today, they reside in the home they built in 1939 as newlyweds in the Condon area. Both are active in the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the Faith Lutheran Church at Condon. Martha is also active in the Salmon Prairie Club.

Art and Martha have two sons: Gary, who resides in Spokane, Washington with his wife, Jan, and daughter Amanda; and Lee, who resides in Condon with his wife, Karin, and daughter, Carla.

Mule Days results

Sixty-nine mules and 20 donkeys were entered in about 60 classes at the 1987 Condon Mule Days held two weeks ago. Champions and Reserve Champions in several categories are listed below.

Grand Champion Saddle Mule, Meanjo owned by Art Magnusson, Frenchtown.

Reserve Saddle Mule, Sweet Betty, owned by Tommy Thompkins, Hill Country Ranch, Corvallis.

Grand Champion Draft Mule, Ike, owned by Gerald Richie, Darby.

Reserve Draft Mule, Molly Brown, owned by Jack Eden, Corvallis.

Grand Champion Donkey, Huntin' Jim, owned by Carrielee Parker, Condon.

Reserve Champion Donkey, A. L., owned by Ron Skinner, Stevensville.

High Point Performance Mule, Molly Brown, owned by Jack Eden, Corvallis.

Reserve Performance Mule, Sweet Betty, Tommy Thompkins, Hill Country Ranch, Corvallis.

High Point Performance Donkey, Timberjack, owned by Jim Stromberg, Stevensville.

Reserve High Point Donkey, Huntin' Jim, owned by Carrielee Parker, Condon.

High Point Teamster, Jack Eden, Corvallis.

Reserve High Point Teamster, Larry Worth, Hamilton.

High Point Youth, Sun Willow Mortenson, Corvallis, riding Sweet Betty.

Reserve High Point Youth, Pat Eden, Corvallis, riding Molly Brown.



By Laura Bogar

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

... Sauce in a minute: a small package of cream cheese with chives, cubed, heated with 1/2 cup milk. Stir until smooth, add salt and pepper to taste, and dress up ordinary broccoli or green beans.

... Cooking with carob instead of chocolate? Use less sugar (carob is sweeter) and lower the oven temperature by 25 degrees.

... Barbecue rules: the closer together the coals are, the hotter the fire. It usually takes 30 minutes until briquettes are ready.

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QRU fundraiser July 3

The annual fundraiser for the Condon-Swan Valley Quick Response Unit will be held July 3 at the Swan Valley Community Hall near Condon. A barbecue dinner will be served and a dance will be held. Several prizes donated by local businesses will be raffled during the weekend. Grand prize is a three-day fishing trip into the Bob Marshall donated by Lloyd and Carolyn Hahn of Sun River Outfitters.

The Condon-Swan Valley QRU is entirely supported by donations this year. The all-volunteer group recently lost funding from the rural volunteer fire department group which has, in the past, provided money for medical supplies.

This year, the group faces many problems. They have made a plea for donations to cover their car insurance, which is about \$1200. So far they have raised about three-fourths of that money. Their biggest problem, though, is that

the old car which they use to transport their stretchers, oxygen and other medical equipment just isn't in very good shape. And, further, according to Joyce Himes, the vehicle isn't heavy enough to carry all of the QRU supplies. "We've had a busy summer, and anybody who has seen us out on the highway, knows what kind of shape that car is in," Himes said recently.

There may be light at the end of the tunnel, however. QRU members have found a 1976 1-ton, four-wheel drive van which has been used as a school bus. The price of the van, according to Himes, is reasonable — \$2,000. And it's the kind of rig, she believes, that the QRU desperately needs for transporting medical equipment and personnel into the sometimes muddy, and often snowy, country of the Swan Valley. The van could transport several volunteers in addition to equipment.

The present car insurance could be transferred to the new vehicle, Himes said. The old car would be sold if the new four-wheel drive unit can be purchased.



This is the car currently used by the Condon-Swan Valley Quick Response Unit.



This is the four-wheel-drive van that the Condon-Swan Valley Quick Response Unit would like to purchase this summer.

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Hulett takes tourney

Tom Hulett, Swan Valley, won the first horseshoe tournament of the 1987 summer season at Liquid Louie's last Saturday. Tim Hulett placed second, and Annette Cleary took third place. The double elimination tournament was limited to 12 entrants. First place received \$45; second place, \$10; and third place, \$5.

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Tim Chaney, son of Phil and Cindy Chaney, caught quite a few fish from the dock at the Pothole south of Seeley Lake last Saturday. Fishin' at the Pothole was sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club. Roberts Bait Company donated nightcrawlers, and several area businesses donated prizes for the youth fishing contest.

S. Vernoni/Pathfinder

Fishin' at the Pothole

More than 30 young people, from toddlers to teenagers, caught hundreds of sunfish, perch and bass from the Pothole south of Seeley Lake last Saturday. The youngsters baited their hooks with nearly 30 dozen nightcrawlers donated by Roberts Bait Company of Great Falls. The Wilderness Sportsman's Club of Seeley Lake sponsored the second annual contest and provided hot dogs and pop contributed by local businesses. Frank Wolfram, youth activities chairman, coordinated the event.

Wolfram measured the largest fish of the day at 13-1/4 inches. The smallest fish was 3-1/2 inches long. One youngster caught a total of 52 fish, winning first place in the "most fish" category for his age group.

The following winners won prizes from these local businesses: Rovero's, Glen's Automotive, Valley Market, Seeley Lake 1-Stop, The Filling Station, Dan's Discount, Seeley Lake Pharmacy, The Rendezvous, Tamaracks Resort, Dominic's Pizza, Ed's Dairy Hut and Coca-Cola Distributing of Missoula.

Biggest Fish
Age 8 and under: First place, Jason Bousquet, model car; second place, Jason Bousquet, mini-pizza; third place, Tomanie Hebnes, six-pack pop.

Age 9-11: Paul Johnson, fishing rod and reel; second place, Vicki Castonguay, mini-pizza; third place, Allen Wolfram and Carl Gatlin, six-pack pop.

Age 12-15: First place, Mark Hickman, fillet knife; second place, Bobby Campbell, mini-pizza; third place, Mark Hickman, six-pack pop.

Most Fish
Age 8 and under: First place, Jason Bousquet, model car; second place, Matt Brown, gift certificate; third place, Ladd Gordon and Tomanie Hebnes, six-pack pop.

Age 9-11: First place, Paul Johnson, fishing mug and lures; second place, Adrian Mantei, fishing box and lures; third place, Carl Gatlin, six-pack pop.

Age 12-15: First place, Mark Hickman, pocket knife; second place, Bobby Campbell, hook remover and lures.

Smallest Fish
Age 8 and under: Jason Vick, six-pack pop and lure. Age 9-11: Paul Johnson, six-pack pop and lure. Age 12-15: Mark Hickman, six-pack pop and lure.

Deer causes serious accident

by Suzanne Vernon

People who travel Highway 83 often comment on the large numbers of whitetail deer that feed alongside the road. In the summer months, visitors can often be seen, camera in hand, recording memories of Montana's wildlife.

But, the deer can be hazardous as well. Last Friday morning, a 34-year-old Kalispell man was injured after a white-tail deer jumped in front of his car and shattered the windshield of his late model sedan.

The accident, which occurred just north of the Swan Valley Centre near Condon, was the worst car-deer encounter that Deputy Scott McDonald can remember in recent years. McDonald said, ordinarily, the deer hit the front of a vehicle and are either run over or "scooped" over the top of the car. The timing was just right Friday morning, though, and the deer attempted to jump over the car and landed in the windshield.

Bruce Friede of the Rainy Lake Highway Maintenance Station, Montana Department of Highways, estimates that he removes about three deer carcasses a week from the roadsides here. Friede keeps track of all accidents caused by deer, trees or road conditions.

The lush grass in the highway right-of-way attracts deer, Friede explained. Some of the deer feed throughout the day; others feed during the early morning hours and at dusk.

Friday morning's accident occurred shortly before 8 a.m. "Seven-thirty a.m.—that's prime time, deer time," Deputy McDonald said, shaking his head. The best thing people can do to



Baby Jane Doe.

S. Vernoni/Pathfinder

Ken Wolff holds a nearly-new-born whitetail fawn that was found near Highway 83 Saturday. The doe was hit by a car.

avoid hitting deer "is to pay a little bit more attention" to their driving, he said. The location of Friday morning's accident was only a few feet away from where a deer had been hit less than 24 hours earlier.

Bill Mahaffey, owner of Swan Valley Centre who also owns a wrecker service, has recently offered deer "whistles" for sale. The high-pitched whistles are installed on a car's hood and reputedly scare the deer from the roadside as a car approaches. "I haven't picked up any cars with whistles yet," Mahaffey commented, indicating that the whistles seem to work.

Chamber asks for more deer crossing signs

Highway 83 needs more deer crossing signs to warn travelers of the deer that feed on the grass in the highway right-of-way, according to Anne Dahl of Montana Info. Dahl asked the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to request more deer crossing signs and the Chamber, at its June 2 meeting, agreed to write a letter to the Montana Department of Highways.

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Ladd Gordon (left) and Tomanie Hebnes (right) enjoyed Fishin' at the Pothole

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As a church fellowship we began the year 1987 with the verse from *Matthew 26:41*: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; for the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Temptation! What a frightening word! It carries in it the potential for ruined lives, broken bodies, and an eternity of regret.

Let's get specific.
Some have been tempted to be dishonest. It would be simple to avoid telling the whole truth in that business deal. And who would know the difference? Who cares if you lift a few things from your employer? Who keeps the record if you are somehow able to beat the telephone company out of a dime? Do we really have to be told? I think not!

Some have lived with lust. You know that yielding would place your home and future on the line, but you still keep feeding the fire. You allow impure thoughts to captivate your mind and you read literature that succeeds by seduction.

Local Man Receives Degree at Faith Baptist

Charles Wood, Condon, graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa on May 15 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Training.

Attending the graduation ceremonies were Harry and Clarie Wood, John's parents, of Condon and, also, family members Ken, Chris and Johnny of Bozeman.

Outdoor services begin Saturday

It's time for outdoor services again in Seeley Lake. Pastor Rod Kvanme is in charge of these services, which are offered as an extended ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bonner. The informal services on Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m., will include music and illustrations for children. The services are held at Big Larch Campground north of Seeley Lake. Look for the swimming area parking lot—services are held in a clearing north of there.

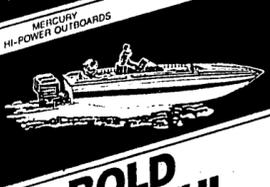
A few have even been tempted to end it all. Suicide beckons. You are so discouraged that you don't know of any other way out. You don't know how much longer you can endure depression.

The list multiplies! If I tried to name all the areas, I might miss your battlefield. What can we do about it?

First, if at all possible, avoid the temptation. Job is known as a man who eschewed evil. He avoided it.

Second, remember that God has given you the power to overcome any temptation, and will provide deliverance. (*1 Corinthians 10:13*: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will, with the temptation, also make the way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.")

Finally, saturate your mind with the Bible. It is the sword of the Spirit, and provides an adequate defense in the time of battle. *Matthew 4:4*: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." *Hebrews 4:12*: "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."



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Help Wanted: Nannies

by Suzanne Vernon

Imagine "Help Wanted" signs on every street corner and a surplus of jobs for young people. Imagine housekeepers who make \$10 an hour and babysitters who earn close to \$200 a week. When Tina Terrillion first arrived on Long Island, New York, last year to take her first job as a nanny, she just couldn't believe how different it was from Swan Valley, Montana.

"Everywhere we went there were 'Help Wanted' signs," Tina laughed, admitting that she nearly drove her new employer crazy because of her fascination with the city.

Tina graduated from Seeley Swan High School in 1985. She attended a private college in Kansas for a year and then returned home. As an 18-year-old in the Swan Valley, she knew she would have to go elsewhere for work. And that's when she saw the help-wanted ad for a nanny. Growing up in a family with two younger sisters and a brother gave Tina the housekeeping and child-care experience to qualify her for the job. By February 1986, Tina had packed her bags and was headed for New York.

In the 15 months that Tina lived in New York, she worked for three different families. She spent most of her time with a Jewish family on Long Island who have two children ages 10 and 5.

Being a nanny—or *au pair*, "mother's helper"—is a demanding but rewarding job. Some of the daily chores include cleaning the kitchen, changing the bedding, ironing and washing clothes, doing yard work and entertaining children. The rewards, Tina feels, are numerous.

"I didn't know myself when I left. I really got in touch with myself," Tina said. "I'd recommend it (working as a nanny) for anybody."

Tina credits her employers for helping her define her goals. "They are very down to earth people. . . they had to work to get where they are." The father of the family is a dentist and the mother is a teacher. Tina has decided, now, to return to college and major in psychology. Her immediate goals are coming into focus.

"I really don't want to live here," she said. "It's too rural." Tina has been able to appreciate two different lifestyles during the past year. She likes the faster pace of urban life, and was quickly educated about the hazards. The New York house where she lived was equipped with an alarm system. Windows and doors were always locked. Keys were never left in the car. A few weeks before she returned to Montana, a "neighbor" of a friend was stabbed to death and their home burned to the ground.

But Tina lived with some luxuries, too. The swimming pool in the back yard, a TV in her bedroom, and having access to "the big city" have given her a new perspective on life. Tina grew up in a typical Swan Valley home: her father, Dale, is a sawyer who works in the woods. Her mother is very involved in community activities. Both parents are conservative Christians and work to help friends cope with hard times.

Tina sees a lot of difference between her Swan Valley friends and the new friends she made in the city. New



Tina Terrillion visited her family in the Swan Valley recently, after spending more than a year in New York working as a nanny.

York young people are very self-oriented, she concludes. They don't get involved in their "communities." On the other hand, Western girls work as babysitters at a young age. They necessarily help with community activities, in addition to helping at home with family chores.

Tina would like to find a lifestyle "somewhere in the middle." "I don't want to live in New York City. But, I don't want to live in this much 'country' either."

Western nannies in demand

Eastern families prefer to hire nannies—traditional mother's helpers—from the Midwest or Montana, according to Paul Silverman, professor of psychology at the University of Montana. Silverman organized a nanny training course at UM this summer, but the course was canceled due to low enrollment.

Silverman cited two reasons for lack of interest in the course. The cost (\$460) was perhaps too high for young adults; and the fact that young people can get jobs as nannies with little or no experience. However, he pointed out that wages are better for experienced nannies.

The demand for Montana nannies "is incredible" Silverman said recently. "It's up to about 20 families for every one nanny available." There is generally at least one ad for nannies every week in local newspapers, he commented. Most nanny agencies are located on the East Coast, although Silverman pointed out that there is an increasing demand for nannies in California. Wages begin at around \$125 per week, and go up to over \$200 a week, depending on experience.

Seeley Lake Weather

Total precipitation recorded for the month of May at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station was 1.52 inches. Snow flurries were observed on the 19th and 20th of the month. May's precip compares with a low of .57 inches in 1975 and a high of 6.37 inches in 1980. Average precipitation for May between 1967 and 1981 was 1.68 inches. Temperature reached 85 degrees Fahrenheit on May 5, 8, 9 and 10. Low temp for the month was 28 degrees on May 22.

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Fishing Report

Seeley Lake
A few nice rainbows are being caught at Seeley Lake this week. One fisherman who stopped by Dan's Discount sported a 7-1/2 pounder. It was caught from shore with nightcrawlers for bait. Other folks are having pretty good luck using red and white lures.

Bass are hitting pretty good at Seeley Lake, mostly in the 1-1/2 to 2 pound range. There's been a few up to 5 pounds, though. Anglers are using black worms and a variety of bright-colored plugs.

Blackfoot River
One fisherman who stopped by the Roundup Bar brought in a 4-1/2 pound brown trout caught in the Blackfoot River. Other people were having good luck catching 14-16 inch rainbow trout in the river.

The salmon fly hatch is spotty above the Roundup Bridge. Bunyon bugs still work pretty good.

Swan Lake
Fisherman are catching lots of northern this week. One angler brought an 11-1/2 pound pike into Wentz's Swan Service. Earlier, the largest was a 9-1/2 pounder. Some rumors are flying that one angler caught a 20-pound pike last week. Of course, lots of fishermen report losing some large, feisty fish. Remember to use steel leaders in the shallow, weedy waters at the south end of Swan Lake.

Brown's Lake
Folks have been catching a few trout in Brown's Lake south of Ovando during the past week. This really is good news since fishing there has been poor for the past couple of years. Biologists are still trying to determine the exact cause of fish mortality in the lake every spring.

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Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

I enjoy a popular method of filling the frying pan in the mountains. It's called "catch and release foraging." High lake fishing is an unequaled experience—even though success is sometimes not so good.

"Catch and release foraging" is a combination of lunch, good manners, respect, and sportsmanship. The trick is to land the fish as quickly as can be safely accomplished, not forgetting those slippery logs. Only if the fish is badly hooked is it killed. Often fish are successfully landed, but only barely hooked. These fish can be released to fight again. The severely hooked ones get rolled in tin foil with a slice of bacon—lunch!

Fly fishing high lakes is stressful and expensive. Charlie Brown's kite-casting tree is no comparison to the tackle eaters called spruce, pine, fir, brush and worse. However, when an eight or nine pound native rolls up out of black water and you manage to control "ole buck fever," holding your mouth tight while praying to every god you can think of—then, if he bites, that is a feeling second to only one other feeling—and it ain't fishing! You watch the big one run with your pound and a half tippet and the excitement starts anew.

Now, for some special hints. Sometimes big fish will hit small flies down to No. 16 or 18. Mosquito flies work, as do midges and sometimes ants.

When I was a youngster and headed for the high country, some old pro told me, "Keep them worms warm!" Well, I did. At lunch time, inhaling deeply, I realized I wouldn't be packing so much food next time, nor would I "keep the worms warm" either!

When the lake trout quit taking your favorite spoon, put a swivel spinner blade in front of it, or go take a nap on a warm rock. Take time to enjoy the whole scene—fishing is only one leg of the jaunt. And don't forget the can of worms!

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Bids must be in writing and must include a telephone number. Mail bids to Arrowhead Owners Association, P.O. Box 563, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. Deadline for bids is July 1, 1987.

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INVITATION AND BID

For a permit to supply campground firewood at Big Larch, Seeley Lake, and River Point Campgrounds, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Seeley Lake, Montana.

INVITATION

Sealed proposals subject to the special conditions set forth herein and in the prospectus and sample permit will be received by the District Ranger at the Seeley Lake Ranger District, Seeley Lake, Montana until 10 a.m., June 22, 1987, for a permit to sell firewood to the camping public and will then be publicly opened and posted.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals to extend the date for submission of proposals and to waive any technical defects. Incomplete proposals will not be returned to the sender for completion; however, the right to request clarification of a proposal is reserved by the Forest Supervisor.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the general contract will be received by Seeley Lake Elementary School for Phase II, the relocation of modular classrooms and corridor unit from Colstrip, Montana to Seeley Lake, Montana. Bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 1987 at the office of Seeley Lake Elementary School.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 10 days after the date set for the opening thereof, and all bids shall be subject to acceptance by Seeley Lake Elementary School during this period. The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsible Bidder, subject to the Owner's right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bids or in the bidding.

All bids submitted must be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check in the amount of 10% of the total bid submitted. Bonds or checks of the unsuccessful bidder shall be returned upon execution of a contract with successful bidder. Envelopes containing the bid proposal shall bear on the outside the name and address of the bidder.

Drawings may be obtained from the Superintendent of Seeley Lake Elementary School. A \$25.00 plan deposit is required. Full plan deposit will be returned if set is returned to Seeley Lake Elementary School in good condition within 20 days after bid date. The Work shall be as described in the Drawings and Specifications prepared by Henry J. Swoboda & Associates.

The Thirteenth Edition of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction as published by the American Institute of Architects (AIA Document A201) shall be part of the Contract Documents to the same extent as if bound herein.

The form of Agreement which the successful Bidder, as Contractor, will be required to execute is AIA Document A101, "Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor," latest edition, in which the basis of payment is stipulated sum. The Agreement shall include a stipulation that the Work be completed in a period of 45 calendar days allowing receipt of notice to proceed. The Agreement will also include a stipulation that liquidation damages will be established in the amount of \$250.00 per calendar day for each calendar day after the completion date the Work is not fully completed.

A copy of AIA Document A101 and A201 may be examined at the offices of the Seeley Lake Elementary School or Henry J. Swoboda & Associates, 619 S.W. Higgins Avenue, Missoula, Montana.

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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The neighbors saw a nice shiny black bear near the Summit last week. Wonder if it's any relation to the yearling we saw on Owl Creek in May?

Birders will be glad to hear that there were two sandhill cranes visiting the Kraft Creek area last week. Though we missed them, several residents saw the large birds in a roadside meadow.

An American bittern is also staying in that area. The Audubon field guide describes this marsh-bird's distinct call as a repeated *pump-er-lunk*, like that "of an old-fashioned pump along with a stake being driven into the ground." The call is coric, echoing from the cattails. Even our youngsters were quiet as we

listened for the bittern one evening last week. If you've never heard it, the call at dusk is really worth listening for.

Wildflowers this week include fading amica, larkspur, and lupine. More white flowers are blooming now: daisies, sego lilies, strawberries and yarrow. The yellow pond lilies are in full bloom. A showy purple flower is also blooming in the meadows. I think it's Rydberg's penstemmon.

Shaggy manes are normally abundant here in the fall, but a few people have spotted some this week. Dick and Michele Potter discovered some growing near their home south of Seeley Lake. Several mushroom field guides indicate that shaggy manes are found from late spring through fall depending on moisture and temperature conditions. Looks like mushroom lovers get to enjoy an early-season treat! Shaggy manes are good sauteed in butter with a squeeze of lemon. Be sure you can positively identify any mushroom before you pick it.

Environmental Ed workshop in August

The Forest Service will present an Environmental Education Workshop, August 23 through 26, at the University of Montana Biological Station on Flathead Lake. Interested persons may register by June 25 with Bob Krepps, Helena National Forest, 301 S. Park, Drawer 10014, Federal Building, Helena, MT 59626 (phone 406/449-5201).

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Country dancers visit Seeley Lake

The Missoula Folklife Society held its annual festival at the Seeley Lake Community Hall last weekend. Although the jam sessions got off to a slow start, the evening dance provided entertainment for dozens of loyal followers.

According to Mike Sweet, dance caller from Missoula, folk dancing has increased in popularity in recent years. But dancers are middle-aged now—not the youthful musicians of the early 1970's.

"There aren't a lot of young people involved," Sweet commented. Middle-aged folks are finding that they enjoy country dancing as a less structured alternative to traditional Western square dancing.

Dances included at the recent festival were New England contras, named for the opposing lines that are formed by dancers; Appalachian-Big Circle clogging and old-time square dancing. Music is typically provided by guitarists, banjo players and fiddlers.

Some of the dancers and musicians stayed at the home of August and Sue Carlson north of Seeley Lake. For more information about folk dancing, contact Sue Carlson.



John Joyner, Missoula, practices a few fiddle tunes before the Folklife Dance Festival held in Seeley Lake last weekend.

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Wednesday times are: Potomac, 10:30-12:00; Sunset School, 12:30-1:30; Clearwater Junction, 2:00-3:00; Seeley Lake, 3:30-5:30.

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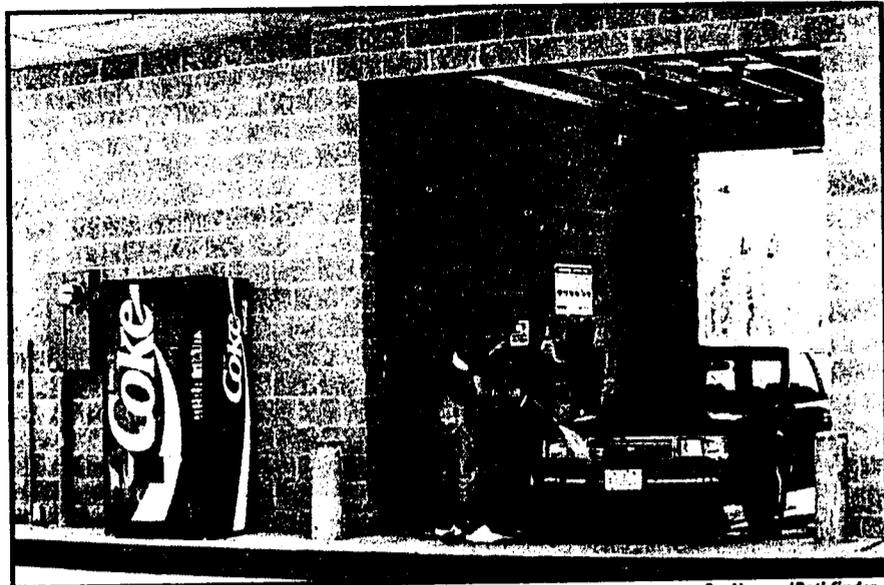


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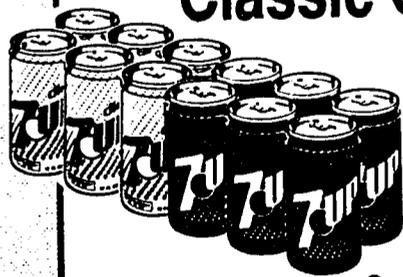


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