

et Resources, Forest Debris,  
Pack River Lumber Co.  
Previously, Barrow, owned  
the Western Creek proposed  
wilderness. With him in north-  
western Montana will be an  
ade, Steve Browning.  
Barrow intends to be in  
Columbia Falls Monday even-  
ing.  
Also scheduled for April 18 in

Wins Bid For  
Poles, Fenceposts

Editha Faith, Columbia  
Falls, was successful Tuesday  
during bid opening for the  
the Blackfoot project. The  
pole and post sale on the Glacier  
Vista Ranger District, Flathead  
National Forest.  
Bid was \$14.10 per pole and  
\$17.75 for slash disposal. Sale  
includes 41,025 post poles and  
other fence posts.  
Only one other bid was  
received. "Most likely," said  
Columbia Falls, bid \$14.50 for  
poles, \$17.75 for slash dis-  
posal.  
Cutting and hauling was begun  
immediately.

**LENTEN SPECIALS**  
Last Lenten Special  
Ocean Perch or Shrimp \$4.25  
ALSO FAMOUS BOTTLED SALAD BAR  
Dining room open until 10 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday  
CLOSED MONDAYS  
Open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday  
Live Music with Nina Russell & Billy Bost starting at 8:30  
Closed Easter Sunday  
Have a Happy Easter  
**Bud's Club Rocco**  
Hungry Here

**SPECIAL MENU**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
regular menu after 5:30  
Will reserve for seven or more  
**The Terrace**  
Highway 209 on Swan Lake

**A & W Root Beer**  
and a Super Papa  
Burger taste super  
together

**A & W**  
It's a good thing to do  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Phone 892-5793  
Open at 2 p.m. Easter Sunday  
**Family Restaurant**  
Columbia Heights 892-5793

Holena is a town meeting with  
Barrow and Rep. Tom Foley,  
D-Idaho, chairman of the  
House Agriculture Committee.  
Converses will be agriculture  
and forestry.  
Efforts to get Senator John

Meicher to hold a public meet-  
ing on the proposed McGregor  
Thompson Wilderness in Kalis-  
pell have been partially set-  
tled.  
Meicher will hold a hearing  
on McGregor Thompson and  
Western Creek areas Thurs-

day, April 14 at 12 noon at the  
University Center on the UM  
campus.  
Apparently he has also  
agreed to come to Kalispell  
April 15 and meet with inter-  
ested citizens though it won't be  
a hearing.

Open 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Easter SUNDAY**

Serving Sunday Dinner

- \* Baked Ham
  - \* Baron of Beef
  - \* Salad Bar
- CHILDRENS RATES  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
Regular Menu Available

**The Happy Hunky**  
Whitefish

**Park Theatre**

Columbia Falls  
Friday Sat. - 7 & 9, Sun. Mon. - 8:00

**IT'S THE MOST HILARIOUS  
SUSPENSE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE!**



**SILVER STREAK**  
GENE WILDER, JILL CLAYBURGH, RICHARD PRYOR  
PATRICK MCGOUGHAN

CLOSED TUES., WED.  
Starts Thurs. April 14 - 8:00

**WALT DISNEY**  
**NEVER A DULL MOMENT**  
The Three Caballeros

FRIDAY SAT. SUN.  
OPEN 11:15  
SHOW 7:45

**MIDWAY DRIVE-IN**  
between Columbia Falls &  
Whitefish on Highway 40

18 FEET OF  
GUT-CRUNCHING  
TERROR  
**GRIZZLY**  
Plus PG

CREATURE FROM  
BLACK LAKE

KALISPELL THEATRES  
LIBERTY STRAND  
A Star is Born B  
GATEWAY 1 GATEWAY 2  
Rocky PG Raggedy Ann G

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All photos by Mel Rader unless otherwise indicated.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1977

# Kills Grizzly As He Breaks In



**BLACK GRIZZLY** with silver tinged hump  
was photographed Oct. 17, 1975 after he'd been  
trapped at Salmon Forks in the Swan and

by Mel Rader

Investigation into shooting of a large  
grizzly near London late Friday, April  
8, substantiated a story of self defense  
from the bear in process of breaking in.

No charges are being filed, said Warden Captain  
Lynn Kin of the Montana Department of Fish and  
Game, Warden Jack Bright, Kalispell, and Jay  
Haveman, Seely Lake, investigated.

But Moore, Missoula, retired fire chief at about  
two miles northwest of London. He'd had bear  
problems last summer and believed it to be a black.  
Snowmobiles this spring reported the nearby  
farm cabin had been broken into and there was  
bear damage.

Moore arranged for Freeman Mann to stay at the  
cabin. Mann notified Moore in Missoula Friday that  
a bear was about, and he put up in cans as alarm.  
Just before midnight Mann was awakened.

A big bear was in process of showing in the door.  
Mann shot the 20.06 through the door. It turned  
out the bullet hit the jugular vein, and the grizzly  
went about a fourth mile and died in a swamp.

Mann got in touch with Moore who came up,  
informed the Montana Department of Fish and  
Game, and skinned out the prize pelt — in  
excellent condition.

Warden Bright commented  
"Older were perhaps 50-60 that  
the grizzly went with a bullet in  
the jugular vein would have  
come through that door, and it  
could have been quite a situa-  
tion. There's even some of a  
chance if Mann had just injured  
a fact that there would have  
been trouble."

Bright examined stomach  
contents and found evidence of  
a, mangled legs milk cans  
with the label still readable,  
some cornmeal, and also some  
possibly from a rabbit and  
grass. The body has been  
found and will be sent to the  
Montana Department of Fish  
and Game laboratory at Bozeman.

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released **Spotted Bear River drainage.**  
Friday back in his home area of Swan Valley he  
was shot.

## Jobs at Anaconda Plant Top 1,000

Employment at the Anaconda plant  
this week reached 1,000 compared to a  
normal full employment figure of about  
950.

The job increase results from more than 100  
being involved in plant modification in connection  
with improved air pollution control and more  
efficient use of electricity. This is part of a \$40  
million expenditure by Anaconda in contracts with  
Summit of Japan and the Aluminum Corporation  
of America.

The more than 1,000 employed consists in a rise  
when plant production is at 90 per cent of capacity  
as a result of the Pacific Northwest's system electric  
shortage.

In March, 1976 when production was at 60 per  
cent of capacity because of the economic downturn  
and less demand for aluminum, there were 720  
working. With the upturn last spring, production  
improved and by late April 843 were employed.

Outlook now is that the present figure of 1,000  
will go somewhat higher as a result of variation  
relief during the summer.

Taking place at the plant is an improved security  
clearance for employees who will be having private  
passes. It is part this has to do with plant  
modifications taking place.

The bear was accused of  
having damaged a half dozen  
cabin and trailer in Swan  
drainage in the fall of 1975, and  
there was a damaged trailer in  
the Whitcomb Creek area after  
his release. Evidence is circum-  
stantial.

However, Warden Captain  
Kin is certain the bear killed  
near London in the same animal  
that was trapped as a nuisance  
bear nearby at Salmon Forks  
last Oct. 17, 1975 and released  
beyond Spotted Bear Station.

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mated to be about seven or  
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Weather  
Please see page 5.



**TUNNEL ALONG GARDEN WALL** pro-  
vides a mountain frame for Heavens Peak still

very much a part of winter. In foreground is  
Supt. Ranger Robert Reyes, West Glacier.

## Open Sun Road to Logan Creek

**WEST GLACIER** — Going to the  
Sun Road in Glacier National Park  
effective Friday will be open for visitor  
travel as far as Logan Creek at the foot  
of the Garden Wall.

This is 22 miles from West Glacier. On the park's  
side, Sun Road is open for six miles from St.  
Mary to Rising Sun.

Anticipating the road opening for the additional  
five miles from Avalanche Campground to Logan

Creek was kept J. March, administrative officer,  
who is acting superintendent.

Also open for traffic is the ten mile Camas Road  
from Agate to the Flathead's North Fork.

Meanwhile the west side snow clearing crew  
is tearing the old road camp on Garden Wall, six  
miles from Logan Peak.

Monday day weekend Ten  
more is aware that weather  
during the balance of April and  
they may make the differ-  
ence.

Long "C" of the St. Mary  
Campground is open to winter  
campers only. There is no water  
available yet and campers must  
dig out creek water or haul  
their own and pit latrines are  
available.

Target date for having Logan  
Peak open for through traffic is

## Elk in Good Shape; Little Calf Increase

Elk up the Flathead's South and  
Middle Forks appear in excellent shape,  
reports Dick Weckwerth, regional game  
manager for the Montana Department  
of Fish and Game. However there  
weren't as many of last year's calves as  
expected.

Weckwerth along with Biologist James Cross  
were piloted by Ted Parnell of Mountain West  
Helicopters on aerial inspections of elk winter  
habitat last weekend.

There was less snow, and one major outlook as a  
result of the elk being in better shape is a good calf  
crop this year, commented Weckwerth.

The April 8 inspection of  
the upper South Fork and  
Middle Fork, there were 201  
new six counted along with 56  
calves, 26 branch antler bulls,  
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With freezing nights,  
there's still not much green.  
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number of days in the field as  
soon as the snow melts.

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**SOUTH FORK ELK** this past winter and  
now in the spring are experiencing a situation  
of much less snow than usual. Hence the  
animals have been able to browse wider areas.  
It's helped the animals and also the winter  
range.

Please see other photo page 4.