

More on Mayor's Race

To the editor:
As a 22 year resident I have always been interested and concerned but only lately has local governmental policies made me want to get involved as an office holder. This city government is in need of new blood and a strong hand in regulating city services and policies. ...that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Abraham Lincoln (Nov. 19, 1863), The Gettysburg Address.

SID is living within the bounds of allowable taxation?
Citizens of limited income, multiple property ownership, or those facing unemployment will be unduly burdened with increased city, personal property and school taxes. Let's live within our bounds for the time being and merely upgrade the streets to a good quality gravel with periodic maintenance.

(2) "Updating city equipment." New city maintenance equipment is a definite must. The city owns equipment which is not of present use and could be traded with other used equipment plus revenue shared monies to replace much needed heavy equipment. This need has been overlooked by past governmental administrations and consideration is due the city's utility workmen and their equipment.

(3) "See when something needs done, do rapidly, and at low cost." After attending several council meetings, I see council decisions as being relatively slow. With needs being skipped over and/or rescheduled on the agenda to later meetings.

Decision should be spontaneous.

with necessary action for alleviation of the problem or need dispensed with as quickly as possible. There is one thing that's needed attention for several years and I see it as a definite problem for city expansion or a street project.

That being the sewage treatment plant. Approval of the contracted work by the city council has most certainly been a major mistake. Tens of thousands of dollars are needed for repair and remediation to make it operate at its optimum efficiency at all times of year and under peak usage times. This only being one area of need which has not been eradicated immediately for minimal cost.

"A budget print out, receipts, and expenditures all appear BEFORE the council once a month," states my opponent. A condensed form in laymen's terms should also appear monthly in the local newspaper. Taxpayers have the right to be informed at all times of expenditures so questions can be brought before the council as to the uses.

I took a trip through the rooms of paper involving city budget expenditures, it's a pile to comprehend in one jump. Government should be taken to the people as it is happening.

"Knowledge is power." Francis Bacon (1560-1620) Dr. Harens PLC.

Mrs. Allison, my referral to

an SID for Parks and Recreation was merely a euphemism with respect to the proposed street SID. Why do programs for youth always have to cost less or be volunteer?

The city has an obligation to the youth of the community to run and pay for a year round recreation program utilizing all physical facilities of the community. Try working side by side with young people without enough volunteer or financial help! It's a damn rough road.

Understanding of legal limits and responsibilities is an issue which is a responsibility of the city attorney. It is his duty to draft contracts as required for the use of the council and ordinances as required for city government, and give to the mayor and council written opinions on questions pertaining to the duties, rights, liabilities, and powers of the city.

Therefore, I don't feel a thorough understanding of the legal limits is a requirement of a candidate for the office of mayor. After all we pay him \$415 plus a month for his services.

A basic need I see at this point is a definite categorization and indexing of all city legal documents. These must be more easily attainable to give satisfaction to citizens who have questions. The whole system is in a complete state of disorder.

Frank McMaster Columbia Falls

Asks Letters On Welfare Reform

To the editor:
As many of your readers may know, the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) is developing recommendations for President Carter on the issue of welfare reform. These recommendations should lead to the preparation of proposed legislation which will be submitted to the Congress.

HEW Secretary Joseph Califano has solicited ideas and comment on welfare reform from more than 400 organizations and individuals and now is asking that HEW Regional Directors around the country seek additional views on welfare reform. The issues are many and will involve difficult choices such as eligibility, benefit levels and integration of supportive services, i.e., job training, medical assistance, counseling, etc. The basic problem, of course, is how to revamp the welfare system so those truly in need receive the help they need with the best use of the tax dollar.

I want to urge readers who are concerned with these issues to give me their ideas and recommendations on welfare reform so that I may transmit



THINKING SPRING. Looking at March were Pam Johnsrud, Ben display board in Mrs. Orla Kim-Johnson and Charlotte Conner. zey's first grade room that features

tom to Secretary Califano by March 28, 1977. Please write directly to me at this address:
Ed LaPelle
Acting Regional Director
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
1901 Stout Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Disagrees With Jonkel Views

To the editor:
Dr. Jonkel's latest blast at the North Forkers (Hungry Horse News, 24 February) is a continuation of the threats from him and his bears under the North Fork live all summer.

We know of no one who is charged by Dr. Jonkel goes looking for grizzlies to kill if the bear is not causing problems. We have had no problems with bears except for those rogue bears imported to the North Fork because they were causing problems elsewhere.

We have come to a sad state of affairs in that Jonkel is defending himself until the bear's transgressions progress to the point of making it physically impossible to react. Dr. Jonkel would have us be completely passive while he imports trouble making bears from outside for his study purposes.

By education and experience many North Forkers are as highly educated in their fields as Dr. Jonkel is in his. Furthermore as a group they are very vocal. They do not accept Dr. Jonkel's theory that living in bear country they thereby must accommodate depredations of his imported rogue study bears.

Could it be that Dr. Jonkel resents this failure on the part of the North Forkers to embrace his bear study program? Bears and many North Forkers were there before Dr. Jonkel. It was only after his invasion this past summer that cause rebores grizzly problems arose.

Very truly yours,
Harold R. Sweet Polabrige

Dead Lion Sicken

To the editor:
My family and friends were sickened and dismayed at the sight of the triumphant Mr. Lefebvre posed over his dead lion.

This gem south of you, called the Swan Valley, is dying. It is being killed by chain saws, bulldozers, poschers, game hogs, dozens of trappers. To those of us who love the wildlife, the visible decline of the beleaguered animals is tragic to witness.

Our one hope (clim at best) is that some of our beautiful predators might survive man's predation and greed until man either destroys his own species or learns to respect lives other than his own.

Watching man's avarice from the vantage point of the Swan, it seems rather hopeless.

Sincerely,
David Berner Condon

Objects To Eating Contest

To the editor:
Keeping in mind that starvation and inadequate nutrition are prevalent conditions for so many peoples of the world, I seriously question the appropriateness of a contest in which a trophy is awarded to a basketball team and their coach for consuming the most food.

Surely there must have been a more suitable way for Whitefish, Eureka and Columbia Falls to kick off the Western Class A divisional tournament. In the future, I hope the Wildcatters concentrate on winning trophies that are not awards for overconsumption.

Jane Murphy Midgett Missoula

Wasting Lights At School

To the editor:
We all we're hearing about an energy crisis, plants being closed, men being laid off, etc., some of us taxpayers are concerned about electricity being wasted on the outside of the high school.

There were eight large lights on outside the high school and two large lights on the administration building - burning day as well as night (all 24 hours).

I decided to call early Thursday afternoon (2-24-77) and find out the reason. I asked for the maintenance department. Some smart aleck answered. He was very fin and unconcerned. I got absolutely no satisfaction. It appears there is room for some house cleaning in the maintenance department of our school district. Too many chiefs sitting around being overpaid.

Blanche Murphy Columbia Falls

Toothbrush Machines

To the editor:
It is so hard to comprehend that with people out of work and loss of lives due to lack of fuel, that people continue to waste gas and oil jorjalling in snowmobiles.

It is no wonder we live in an overweight, unhealthy nation where people must have machines to do everything for them. Man spends thousands of dollars each year trying to reduce by going to health spas, buying reducing machines and various, but yet refuses to walk instead of drive, chop wood instead of letting machines heat his home or use his God given legs to furnish recreation instead of relying on a snowmobile or mini-bike.

Man can't do anything for himself anymore. It is machines that make him fat and lazy and machines, again, that must do his exercise for him. I don't understand. It is sad to think people can't open a can or even brush their teeth without relying on a machine.

There is much to be learned from the way our forefathers did things and much of value that has been left in the past. Let's get away from relying on machines and restore the self respect, dignity and good health that results from doing things with our own hands and by using the means of transportation God intended us to use.

Judy Shanks Hungry Horse

Sediv Named To Plans Board

Cliff Sediv, Jr., has been appointed as a member of the Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board to succeed Ervin Kiser, who resigned.

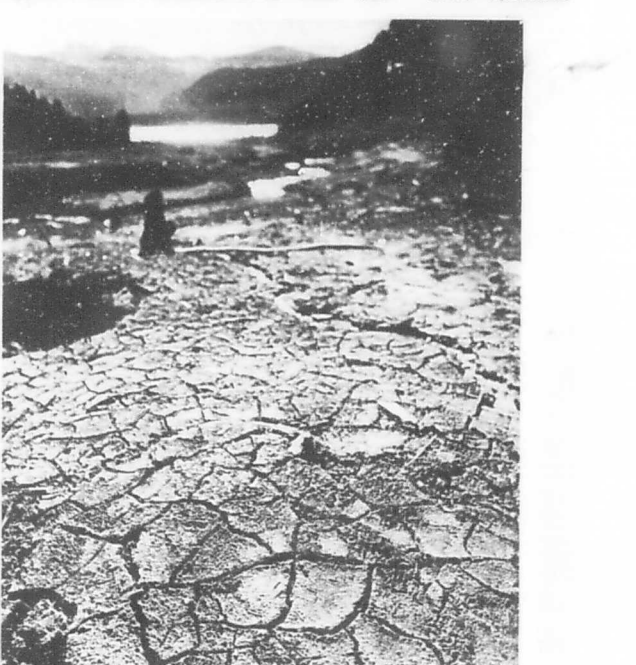
Appointment was announced by County Commissioner Mel Wollan.

Seaman Dakin

Iceland Bound
Seaman Apprentice Mary Lou Dakin will be leaving this week for Keflavik, Ireland where she is assigned to work as a teleprinter.

She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dakin, Precinct, Ariz., formerly of Columbia Falls, and a 1976 CFHS graduate.

Presenting... YOUR ELECTRIC SUPPLY FOR NEXT SUMMER AND FALL



Now you can see why we're worried.

With the continued drought and mountain snowpacks at historic low levels, it'll take a miracle to fill reservoirs sufficiently for power production next fall.

Electricity saved now means more water in reservoirs later...when we'll need it most.

Pacific and other electric utilities are asking their customers to curtail usage by 10 percent...beginning now.

This is one step beyond continued conservation...this is a request for curtailed use by all customers.

What can you do?

Ar Home

Most residential customers are already saving electricity due to higher costs. But, if at all possible, curtail entirely

on certain kinds of uses. Reduced consumption of hot water is a good place to start

On the Job
Besides hon...s. all offices, factories and commercial establishments should try to observe minimum levels of lighting and heating.

Let Us Help

This extraordinary situation will require patience and sacrifice to remedy. The facts are, if this dry weather continues and voluntary efforts to curtail fall... the chances of mandatory power cutbacks later this year are high.

Our local Pacific Power office is a good source of information and advice on ways to curtail use. Please let us help.

Objects to Lion Killing Picture

To the editor:
Lest you go your way without realizing its impact on some people, I wish to inform you that I find a recent picture and subtitle in the February 17th issue of your paper most objectionable. I refer to the killing of a mountain lion near Paper Creek by one Tom Lefebvre of Alaska.

As a resident of the Swan, I am keenly aware of the unsettling action on all wild creatures by trappers and hunters who dare call their murderous activity "sport." And to kill a lion of which we have never heard what right did this man kill something I love?

Your paper reports this act as some kind of noble achievement. Younger readers will not know that many consider it a crime. Would your paper report on Buchenwald and Treblinka as excellent ways of genetic improvement? Even a newspaper must make some kind of moral judgment. Those younger readers - and even a few of the older ones - should know that such a killing is viewed by many in this society as an act against our mother - earth.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely yours,
Herman Schneider, Jr., M.D. Condon

The People at Pacific Power