



SUNSHINE AND SNOW—proved The winning combination this weekend as skiers risked their limbs on US 93 to make it to Lost Trail. Once there, they stood in line to risk their limbs again on about 12 inches of new snow, but had a lot more fun doing it. Dave Bill Grasser said patronage of the ski area has been up considerably this year with the addition of a spacious new lodge at the foot of the hill.

Record turnout noted

Victor voters say "yes" to building program in Saturday bond election

Fourth time was a charm for the Victor School on Saturday, when taxpayers voted in a \$300,000 bond issue for a building program at the school on a margin of nearly two to one. In the past two years, three bond issues have failed in the Bitter Root community, and trustees feared that the school would lose its high school accreditation if facilities were not expanded. The only alternative trustees said at a meeting last week was to consolidate with another district. Board Chairman Bill Clark said he and other school officials were "overjoyed" at the support given to the building program by Saturday voters. With a record turnout of 422 people, or 30 percent of the registered voters, 233 voted "yes" for the high school bonds and 149 voted "no."

In the elementary district, 266 votes were affirmative and 135 were negative. The board will hold a special meeting Monday to finally contract with a contractor which it must select to build a financial firm. They have an architect and a contractor. Clark said trustees will pursue the possibility of hiring one prime contractor to do the job from design to finish, rather than seeking out a separate architect and contractor. Any attempt to pinpoint a completion date would be "premature" at this time, he stated. Asked why he felt the Saturday election had been successful when three previous bond issues had failed, Clark said, "The people in the community are pretty proud of their school and the people in it. I don't think they want to consolidate and give up their school."

Bitter Root summaries

Romney rite set

A public memorial service for the late Sen. Mike Romney will be conducted this Friday at 2 p.m. at the LDS temple in Hamilton. Rev. Monroe Wilson will officiate and W. A. Bill Carlisle, director of the Montana Dept. of Forestry, will be the principal speaker. Carlisle served in the state senate for many years before being succeeded by Romney in 1972. Private funeral rites were conducted last Monday.

Home damaged

Fire caused an estimated \$200,000 damage to the home of a home occupant by 30 and Mrs. Tom Malone and family at 101 Columbia Road last Friday afternoon. Hamilton firemen, who were called to the scene, said the blaze erupted in the kitchen area of the residence and that there has been a total loss of several cars containing.

Chamber 'Week'

Last week's Chamber of Commerce Week in the Bitter Root area is a celebration of the chamber's 25th anniversary. The chamber is a voluntary organization devoted to community development and to the promotion of the area's economic growth. The chamber's membership is open to all individuals and organizations who wish to support its activities. The chamber's week-long celebration will include a variety of events, including a luncheon, a dinner, and a dance.

Missoula lawyer shot to death

MISSOULA (AP)—Gale V. Watson, a Missoula attorney, was found shot to death late Sunday at the residence of his former Missoula County sheriff's candidate Robert Gault. Police and sheriff's deputies said an investigation was continuing to determine whether the fatal shooting was well planned. There said a letter written to Gault near the body. Authorities said Watson, who had been staying at the Gault residence recently, was found about 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Gault had a telephone to his home in Missoula, but Watson, who is the director of the state's parole board, was in the house at the time of the shooting.

Driscoll comments

State Rep. John Driscoll announced in Hamilton Sunday he does not want to be considered for the senate seat vacated upon the death of Mike Romney. He asked his board of several qualified candidates for the post will come to a decision. The county commissioners are expected to select from a number of possible applicants. Driscoll has not said if he is prepared to run for the senate seat, but he is prepared to run for the senate seat.

Update on highway construction received here; to begin in fall of 76

The Hamilton road project, involving \$2.2 million in reconstruction through Hamilton, is scheduled for contract in July of 1976. Anderson said it will be necessary to receive a portion of the state's 1976-77 highway funds. Anderson said a Federal Highway Project administered by the Federal Highway Administration will be used to reconstruct the road. Anderson said a Federal Highway Project administered by the Federal Highway Administration will be used to reconstruct the road. Anderson said a Federal Highway Project administered by the Federal Highway Administration will be used to reconstruct the road.

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Alignment with Ford needed to extend program

Governors in dilemma over revenue-sharing extension

WASHINGTON (AP)—The issue of revenue sharing is creating a growing division between congressional Democrats and members of their own party who hold seats in state and local offices across the country. The backing is a situation that many of the governor's extending a revenue sharing program in a legislative session for government in the wake of Reagan's reelection and inflation. Revenue sharing, a system of federal grants to state and local governments to use as they see fit, expires at the end of this year, unless Congress extends it. Although many Democrats in Congress are in favor of extending the program, many state and local government officials are enthusiastic for the program and seek to extend it before their legislative sessions. And there is growing fear among governors, mayors and county officials that the program may not be extended or will get at least a vote against it before the critical vote after this year's elections.

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Drugs, arrest and two fire calls occupy law officers during weekend

Two 1-year-old Hamilton boys were arrested Friday night at a Hamilton residence for illegal possession of marijuana from their mother. The boys, 10 and 11, were arrested by police officer Jim Taylor, about 11:30 p.m. and taken to the Hamilton police station. The boys were taken to the Missoula County Jail and then released to their parents. Martin Roman, Victor, was arrested by a sheriff deputy early Saturday morning on a charge of driving while intoxicated and Sunday evening. He was released and will appear in city court this Thursday. Jack Hattenbach, 36, of Conner, was arrested by a sheriff deputy early Saturday morning on a charge of driving while intoxicated and Sunday evening. He was released and will appear in city court this Thursday.

John Baker Darby was found innocent of a charge of simple assault Wednesday. He had been charged with assaulting a Missoula woman during an altercation at the Baker residence in October 1975. Sheldon Vernon, 21, Stevensville, was found innocent of manslaughter Thursday. He had been charged with taking a number of items from a shopping operation near Stevensville last fall. Victor May Woodruff, 18, Hamilton, pleaded guilty to attempted theft in justice court Tuesday. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and is being held in the Missoula County Jail. He was charged Feb. 15 with trying to steal gas from a vehicle in Darby. Henry Lambert, an address given, appeared in justice court Saturday on a misdemeanor but had charges reduced from a felony charge. He pleaded guilty, was given 30 days in jail and suspended for three months. Restriction was ordered and was made.

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