

CITY DIARY

Tonight in Helena

5 — City-County Health Department V.D. Clinic, 405 Saddle.  
5:30 — Parents Without Partners will have a Spring Meadow Dip family picnic. Call 227-5766 for more information.  
7 — Helena Bowling Association's annual fall meeting is at Sleeping Giant Lanes. A free Dutch lunch will follow.  
7 — Helena Micro-Computer User's Group meeting will be at Lewis and Clark Library, Large Meeting Room. Topics will include LISP programming and the used computer equipment sale to be held in September.  
7:30 — Overeaters Anonymous meeting at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 505 Logan.  
8 — "The Nerd," a comedy by Larry Shue, will be performed at Grandstreet Theater, 325 N. Park Ave. Call 443-3311 for ticket information.

Organizations

Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous meetings scheduled for tonight are:  
7:30 — Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) — St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 505 Logan, upstairs.  
7:30 — AA — Step meeting at First Christian Church, 311 Power.  
8 — AA — Women's closed meeting at 359 N. Warren.  
8 — Al-Anon — 12x12 study group, 1900 Ninth Ave.  
8 — AA — St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 505 Logan.  
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8 — NA — Survivors Group meets at 122 No. Rodney.

Al-Anon meets at 11:45 on Friday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 505 Logan.  
AA Hotline, if you need help call 443-0438.

Alcoholics Triumphant meet tonight at the Foursquare Church, 708 Groschell, East Helena, at 8 p.m.

Fellowship of Christian Adult Singles (FOCAS) will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall, 2210 Dodge Ave. "Talk it Over" will be presented by Bob and Mardi Millons.

Last Chance Peacemakers Coalition's concert entitled, "We're All Members of the Family" originally scheduled for tonight at Pioneer Park, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Aug. 25. It will include music and songs, sing-alongs and games especially for young Helenans — an event for the whole family. Call 449-8680 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Mt. Helena Christian Academy will have a fruit and vegetable stand fundraiser Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Town Pump, 1140 Euclid.

Vitals

BIRTHS

Susan and Russell Worl of 3130 Howard Rd., a boy on Aug. 10.  
Dawn and David Thompson of 401 N. Oak, Townsend, a boy on Aug. 10.  
Rosemary and Gary Lynch of 7103 Antelope Way, a boy on Aug. 10.

Karolin and Micheal Stanger of 913 N. Cooke, No. 407 a girl on Aug. 10.

MARRIAGES

Burke O'Neill McCullough and Tanja Lee Hanson.  
Michael Bruce Foster and Julie Ann Foster.  
Daniel Lee JWoodland and Deborah Sue Barndt.  
William Brenton Costain and Betsy Edna Brandborg.  
Gary Dale Sunford and Cindy Sue Aiken.  
Allan Reed Nielsen and Deanne Leslie Degnan.

DIVORCES:

Richard Voorhis and Dawn Voorhis.  
Mary Kathryn Huth Doane and Dale Lynn Doane.  
Ronald H. Kittel and Patricia M. Kittel.

POLICE

JAMIE TOVEY, 17, of 5935 Del Ray, and Lisa Jean Magnant, 27, of 1712 Boulder, were treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital Tuesday with injuries suffered in an accident at 5th and Beatty. At approximately 6:30 p.m., Tovey had been traveling south on Beatty when her vehicle collided in the intersection with a vehicle driven by Magnant, who was traveling west on 5th.

Magnant was cited for failure to yield the right of way and no proof of insurance.

SHERIFF

A CANYON FERRY ROAD RESIDENT reported Wednesday a small injured eagle in her backyard. Sheriff's deputies advised the woman to report the incident to the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

A PARTY IN AN UNOCCUPIED HOUSE on John G. Mine Road, exact address unknown, was reported to the Sheriff's Department Tuesday at 12:22 a.m. by Bill Novak, a neighbor. Deputies arrested Justin Crippen, 19, of Townsend, on charges of criminal trespass; Chris Newman, 19, of Toston, on charges of criminal trespass and possession of alcohol; Brock Campbell, 18, of Townsend, on charges of criminal trespass and possession of alcohol; Jennifer McDermott, 20, of Martinez, Ga., on charges of criminal trespass; and two 15-year-old females of Helena, one on charges of criminal trespass and the other on charges of criminal trespass and possession of alcohol.

All of these individuals either posted bond or were released to parents.

MARGARET TWOTEETHI, of 2141 York Rd., reported Monday at 9:22 p.m., that someone had broken into her home. Taken was a 24-inch Sharp television, a 19-inch Sylvania television, two tuxedo suits, six handmade star quilts, three registered half Chow and half German Shepherd pups, three flannel blankets, two pillow case sets with Indian designs. The total value of the items is \$3,000.

BRIEFS

Special days at senior center

The Helena Daily Dinner Club serves hot, nutritious meals Monday-Friday at noon to adults age 60 or older.

Special days in August include:

- Friday's celebration of seniors' birthdays. Entertainment will be provided. Please call Karen for reservations at 442-1552.
- Aug. 24, annual bake sale and summer indoor picnic. Bake sale starts at 10:30 a.m. Entertainment by Senior Center Dancers, lunch, bingo and an ice cream social. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods may bring them to the Neighborhood Center before the sale, or contact Karen at the number above.

Pool season extended

The City of Helena Municipal Pool has extended its season and will be open through Aug. 27.

A final session of swimming lessons will run from Aug. 1-26. Classes will be offered for pre-beginners through advanced swimmers. Hydroaerobics will be offered at noon only this session. Half-hour lessons are \$8 and hour lessons are \$11.

Registration will be at the pool Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, please call 449-3483.

Helena loses librarian

By JILL SUNDBY  
IR Staff Writer

Jim Heckel, acting director of the Lewis and Clark Library, was chosen Wednesday to be the new director of the Great Falls Public Library.

He will assume the position in mid- to late-September.

"I figure Helena's loss is Great Falls' gain," Great Falls Library Board Chairman James Parker Shield said today. He said Heckel was chosen because of his managerial, communication and grant writing skills and his knowledge of computers.

The Great Falls library, which still uses a card catalog system, wants to fully automate its library, a project Heckel said is "right up my alley."

Heckel was chosen over finalists Howard Downey, director of the Pocatello, Idaho,



JIM HECKEL

Public Library, and Hicky Johnson, a librarian at the Virginia State Library in Richmond.

Heckel's selection continues a pattern of other libraries choosing Lewis and Clark librarians to join their staffs.

The state recently asked Lewis and Clark Library Director Debbie Schlesinger to serve

as acting director of the state library while the state searches for a permanent director. Also, last spring Children's Librarian Becky Sheller took a position as children's librarian with the Boise Public Library.

Sheller's position was not filled in order to save money, and Heckel — collection management librarian — was serving as director until Schlesinger's return in December.

The vacancies mean the library temporarily is down from four professional librarians to one, Public Services Librarian Bruce Newell.

Heckel said leaving Helena was one of his "hardest decisions. I like the community here, the people, the location." Heckel, an avid outdoorsman, also said he will miss the nearby mountain bike trails.

Heckel is known to Helenans as the Independent Record's "Your Time" movie reviewer. He noted he wrote his 200th movie review for the newspaper this week.



Wilbur Fisk Sanders II, with his daughters Robin Sanders Callow, left, Lydia Sanders Worth and Claudia Sanders Brown outside The Sanders in Helena this morning. (Staff photo by Gene Fischer)

A Sanders revisits old haunt

By JILL SUNDBY  
IR Staff Writer

The 83-year-old grandson of the famed Wilbur Fisk Sanders was back in the Helena home of his namesake Wednesday, sleeping in his grandfather's ornate carved maple bed and eating breakfast in the same home he played in as a child.

It was the first time in 75 years that Wilbur Fisk Sanders II visited the 113-year-old mansion his grandparents built, now The Sanders Bed & Breakfast at 328 N. Ewing.

"It looks a good deal the same," said Sanders this morning, during a breakfast of French toast with sauteed hot fruit.

Although Sanders never lived in the home himself, he stayed in the home while visiting his cousins as a child.

Sanders, a long-time Butte private detective, was named after his grandfather, Wilbur Fisk Sanders who was Montana's first senator.

Sanders, however, never knew his grandfather because the elder Wilbur died the same year the younger was born.

The older Sanders and his wife Harriet moved to Montana in 1863 from Ohio. Sanders, an attorney and Union officer during the Civil War, was legal counsel for the Vigilantes Committee, a group which tried to keep outlaws under control by questionable means.

In Sanders' honor, a Montana county was named for him and a statue of him stands behind the Capitol.

The younger Sanders remembers unveiling that statue when he was about six years old.

"They made me wear a white suit," he said. Memories about his visits to the Helena mansion are dim in Sanders' mind, but he said the mansion "looks very familiar."

The younger Sanders said when he visited his uncle James' family, he and his six female cousins didn't do too much roughhousing inside the home. "I think they (their parents) were a little stern about that."

City pays settlement in hail suit

By TAD BROOKS  
IR Staff Writer

A S. Dakota Street couple whose basement was flooded in a June 1982 hail storm settled a lawsuit against the City of Helena Monday, but lawyers for both sides are keeping mum about the deal.

It is certain, however, that Robert and Beverly Scow will get a check from United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., the city's insurance carrier. The 7-to-14-day trial was to start next week.

The Scows had contended the city negligently built and maintained storm sewers in their neighborhood, causing the sewers to clog, overflow and flood the Scow basement during a severe hail storm June 28, 1982.

The city, however, claimed the storm was an act of God, so severe that another like it won't happen for 1,000 to 10,000 years, and that even the most state-of-the-art sewer couldn't have handled the runoff.

In addition to office and personal goods, Robert Scow, a retired surveyor, lost valuable survey records in the flood. The Scows sought \$150,000 for damages and \$345,000 for emotional distress.

The city doesn't dispute the Scows sustained "profound" water damage, according to Joseph Seifert, the lawyer defending USF&G. Testimony would have shown water streamed at a rate of 50 cubic feet per second.

But Seifert said he would have argued that no storm sewer would have worked even though the city has diligently planned, upgraded and maintained sewers.

Lawyer Harold Harrison, of the firm that represented the Scows, said the terms of the settlement are confidential. Seifert said he would abide by Harrison's request.

It is unclear whether the settlement will mean higher insurance rates for the city.

Tent town springs up at Clancy fire camp

By TOM LACEY  
Associated Press Writer

CLANCY — People, equipment and supplies streamed into the Warm Springs Creek fire camp above Clancy Wednesday, but the only ones who appeared to be in a hurry were the young men bringing the brown and green portable toilets.

"It takes quite a few for 800 people," said Jack Kendley, fire information officer. "You don't want to stand in line forever."

Yellow school buses from all around the state trundled into the mountaintop staging area through the day, slowly building the force of firefighters.

Mixed with the buses were the big silver trucks from OK's Catering Service of Seattle, carrying the food, water, supplies — even the showers — that will make life bearable the next few days.

"We can put up a complete city — lights, generators, tents, showers, toilets — everything," said OK's Chuck Hilton.

George Johnson, a 12-year veteran smoke-jumper from Missoula who had just arrived, was trying to find the group he has been assigned to work with.

This summer, until now, Johnson has been on light duty at the Forest Service office in Dillon because he hurt his back last year — shoveling snow. He has never been hurt jumping into wildfires. There are other ironies.

At the Strawberry Butte Lookout Tower, Lynn Saltzman grinned wryly and shook his head about finally getting a day off on Tuesday after working a long string of 11-hour days. He doesn't know who first spotted the fire. It erupted with Saltzman elsewhere.

Hank and Donna Mathiason, who own the place where the fire began, don't know who spotted the fire. Neither do Henry and Betty Van Diest, who raise registered Morgan horses at the ranch adjacent to the Mathiasons' place.

"If it hadn't been for fast action by the Clancy and Montana City volunteer fire departments," said Mrs. Van Diest, "it probably would have swept up the hill and got our place."

Fires take toll on tourism, clean air

By RICHARD MYERS  
IR Staff Writer

Concern over the effects of the Canyon Creek fire in the Scapegoat Wilderness on air quality seems to depend on which way the wind is blowing.

But for some residents in towns near the fire, the smoke is the visible part of a questionable policy of letting fires in wilderness areas burn.

The state Air Quality bureau has installed monitors in Choteau, Lincoln and Gardiner to determine the health threat from smoke caused by fires in Yellowstone and the Bob Marshall Complex.

Jeff Chaffee, chief of the air quality bureau in Helena, today said results of monitoring should be complete in about a week.

Chaffee said if there is a health risk because of the smoke and the fire continues to burn, there may not be much his bureau can do besides issuing general guidelines about risks of being outdoors.

Complaints about smoke from the Scapegoat have been "off again, on again," he said. "It depends on the wind direction."

The U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service have been cooperating with state Air Quality on the placing of monitors, Chaffee said.

Besides air quality, another concern of residents with the let-burn policy in the Scapegoat is how the fire affects the drainage system of an irrigation project near Fairfield.

And outfitters in the Lincoln area say letting the fires go has already had an economic impact, both because of the irritating smoke and fires and because a large part of the Scapegoat has been closed.

Cinde Barthelme, who runs an outfitting business near Lincoln with her husband, said outfitters are bitter because the policy allows fire to consume hunting and fishing areas, but the Forest Service has taken measures to protect its cabins in the Scapegoat. "If it's going to burn, let it burn," she said.