







The Lehmi Pass, where Clark faced “the geography of reality,” is about 135 miles south of here, as the crow flies.



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 The Lolo Pass is at 5235 feet; Lolo Hot Springs is down to 4160, more than a thousand foot drop in six miles. Lolo, about 30 miles away, is down another thousand, at 3200 feet, about the same elevation as Missoula.
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 Get used to these high elevations. The average elevation of the entire state of Montana is 3400 feet. In twenty-eight of the fifty states, there is not ANY point *higher than* Missoula, at 3400 feet!

	<p>Turn the car radio to one of Missoula’s stations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AM 1290 (KGVO) or 1450 (KGRZ) ▪ FM 89.1 has nice music
	<p>The paper is the <i>Missoulian</i>. Just to give you a flavor, in the issue at hand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The front page worries that gas prices are limited peoples’ leisure driving habits. ▪ Inside, reports that Montana’s older population doubles in next 25 years, making it 5th in nation for over-65 folks. ▪ At a more local level, Missoula high-schoolers can drink a soda walking down the school’s hallways but not while class is in session. (See, school is where life’s little lessons are learned.) ▪ Editorially, the state legislature is accused of denying access to public waters for fishing and hunting. ▪ A hardware store offers to fix up your power mower for just \$29.99. ▪ Houses, 3 BR 2 Bath from \$135,000 and up. Missoula has become a very popular place in recent years.

