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Banning drug paraphernalia

Lawmen and merchants square off in battle over a choice between free trade and drug laws

A hueless sign hangs over the narrow store front. Except for the stained, dusty air planes hanging in the window, the exterior of the Joint Effort, 114 East Main St, is quite ordinary.

But once inside, among the air toys and kits hanging from the ceiling and the posters, decals, rugs and calendar books on the walls, you are overwhelmed.

A case full of colored bongs for cooling smoke, pipes, reach clips and other equipment that could be used for smoking or ingesting drugs sits in the middle of the room. Come Oct. 1, when Montana's new drug paraphernalia law takes effect, these items may be illegal.

Tony Hoyt, manager of the Joint Effort, said that 40 to 50 percent of his business comes from the sale of those items. Hoyt, who is the chairman of the Montana Free Trade Association, said the store will not close down in October.

"We're going to fight it all the way," Tony Hoyt said.

Plates, vacuum cleaners, and vacuum tools known as an aspirator. Aspirator.

FROM SEAWEED, and a laminaria, a compressed, sterilized substance derived from seaweed, and a vacuum tool known as an aspirator.

Maynard said one reason for the law's passage is to aid police officers in stopping drug traffic. Prior to this, when officers arrested someone for the sale or possession of drugs, they couldn't confiscate the pipes and scales and other paraphernalia. This law makes that possible, Maynard said.

But Hoyt said that taking paraphernalia off the market will only "theoretically (slow) down the drug problem." Minors and adults will always find a way to find drugs and paraphernalia, he said.

According to Sen. Mike Halligan, D-Missoula, one of three lawmakers to vote against it, a whole new black market will develop after the law goes into effect.

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"When you're infringing on our constitutional rights, you're infringing on everyone's constitutional rights," Hoyt said.

Halligan said he is worried about possible inequality of en-
forcement of the law. For in-
stance, places like the Joint Effort may be busted by police while places like Sears, which sell blenders, bowls and spoons, will not.

And, according to Hoyt, "you don't need a bit of this parapher-
nalia to get stoned."

—Renata Birkenbuel

We're sorry

The Montana Kaimin incorrectly reported last week that the Blue Moun-
tain Women's Clinic used seaweed and vacuum cleaners to perform abor-
tions.

The clinic, in fact, uses laminaria, a compressed, sterilized substance derived from seaweed, and a vacuum tool known as an aspirator.

The Kaimin regrets the error.
Opinions

Ditch the law

Earlier this year, Montana Legislators sent a chilling message to small business owners: don't sell anything that we might find offensive, or we'll legislate you out of business.

To its fanatical band of supporters, the bill was seen as a blow against the evil army of drug peddlers they see attacking Montana's children.

To everyone else, the bill was seen as another attempt to legislate morality and rob us of our civil rights.

A lot has already happened. As the author of the bill, we've heard how it violates the freedom of the press by making it illegal to advertise drug paraphernalia products.

We've heard how, with its almost limitless power, it will introduce it.

The bill is so bad we're surprised the ship, John Matoke had the gall to introduce it.

Refugee status. It means I never know who'll be in the shower when I wake up, or who I'll trip over passing through the living room to the kitchen for a late-night glass of water.

A house on refugee status keeps life moving; it has the Missoula summertime spirit. There's tranquility among the transients. I know, because I'm merely a refugee living in the refugee camp known as the Hazel Street Lounge.

Here, for example, is a week in the life of the Lounge:

SUNDAY, 19 July. Uva, from West Germany, moves in. My roommates found him in Anaconda. We can't pronounce his name, but he always answers. Uva was hitchhiking from New York to British Columbia via Montana and needed a place to stay; he also said he needed a job. I told him good luck in finding a job in Missoula (How many people do you know who have summer jobs?)

MONDAY, 20 July Neil — who lives in his 1967 Pontiac and on our front lawn — Uva, and Richard — another refugee — head for Flathead Lake. They say they're off to make their fortune picking cherries in the migrant picker's lifestyle.

There's quiet, again, at the Lounge. I bet they'll be back in a week.

TUESDAY, 21 July. Six in the evening and they return. It's back to refugee status. Uva made $5.56, Richard made $10.40 and Neil made $7.78. They brought with them large quantities of cherries, and the usual bad welfare problems of cheerful season.

"We're going to cash our checks and celebrate," Neil had told the cherry baren. "At least you won't have a headache tomorrow," he replied, during their post-check.

WEDNESDAY, 22 July. It's the weekend. Richard's brother moves in; weekends always begin on Wednesdays when the Cherry baron.

TUESDAY, 26 July. Most of the refugees move out, leaving just my roommates and Neil. The phone rings. Two refugees — one from Pennsylvania, the other from Libby — are landing at the Hazel Street Lounge. I hope they don't bring any cherries. At least we got the house cleaned before the new crew arrives.

Living like a refugee

Jim Bruggers

The Kaimin is biased, yellow journalism

Send us the hate

The Blue Mountain Women's Clinic is a humane, professional medical center that provides women with complete gynecological services, information and counseling. They also perform abortions. And for that, we're glad.

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This makes us wonder what kind of reactionary cretins live in this valley.

The people at Blue Mountain are courageous and caring professionals who perform a valuable and legal service. They are neither killers nor immoral. They deserve praise, not harassment from narrow-minded people who would probably prefer aocracy to a republic.

Whoever you are, don't harass health professionals as they do their jobs. Harass us. We support a woman's right to have an abortion. If you want someone to read your emotional diaries, mail them to us.

If there's room, we'll put it on this page where it can be recognized as the sort of fanatical hangings that support the Ayatollah.

—Doug O'Harra

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Abortion is dangerous and wrong

As an individual who feels strongly in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception on, I feel that I must respond to the articles written in last Friday’s “Montana Kaimin.” In several instances, the complete facts were not reported, or were misrepresented, at best.

Dr. Webber described the abortion procedure as simple and safe. Simple, yes, but safe depends on how one feels about the following statistics taken from a compilation of 71 international studies by authors not morally opposed to abortion. The greatest risks occur in young women, first pregnancies and women who wish to bear children later.

Ten percent of all suction and D & C abortions will result in immediate complications and 25 to 30 percent in long-term side effects. Some of these include: hemorrhages — 2 to 5 percent, perforation of the uterus — one half to 1 percent, and infection — 25 percent. Some of the long-term effects found were: Hepatitis (from transfusions), blood clots and emboli, anesthetic deaths, premature births in subsequent pregnancy, first trimester miscarriages will triple, second trimester miscarriages will increase ten-fold, possible sterility, abnormal difficulties in subsequent labor, and 11 to 25 percent of aborted women will have psychological harm such as “serious self reproach and guilt.” Although Dr. Webber said that he would not perform an abortion after the 24th week of pregnancy and that it is not legal to do so, this is not the case for most of the U.S. due to the rulings of the Supreme Court which allows third trimester abortions when the well being of the mother might be at stake. These included mental stress, age, family problems, economic considerations, etc. Often in these late abortions the babies are born alive and are usually “set aside” to die of neglect.

Why the Court came up with the time period of 21 weeks for the viability of the unborn is an area of much confusion. With medical advancements, babies are being kept alive at much earlier ages.

A recent baby, Marcus Richmond was born at 20 weeks and survived in good health. In looking at the development of life in the womb one can get a better picture of the truth. By 6 weeks the baby’s heart has been beating for 3 weeks, brain waves can be read, the nervous system has been completed for about 2 months and he or she is about to begin moving. By 8 weeks the baby is almost complete in bodily form, including internal organs. He can urinate, make a strong fist, and feel pain and the mother has probably only missed one menstrual period! In looking right back to the moment of conception, science tells us that when the sperm and ovum unite they become a complete genetic package programmed for development into a mature adult. Nothing will be added except time and nutrition. Each one of us should realize that at one time we were nothing more than a fertilized cell in our mother’s womb.

Pro-abortionists say that a woman has the right to control her own body. Dr. A. W. Liley, professor of female Physiology says, “the biological stage of no stage can we subscribe to the view that the fetus is a mere appendage of the mother. Genetically, mother and baby are separate individuals from conception . . ." The fact is that the life inside the womb is a separate individual, with his or her own personality and body. What has occurred in bringing about an “unwanted pregnancy” is certainly a mistake, but should it be covered up with a worse mistake, the destruction of an innocent life?

What one sees, then, is a society adjusting its laws to cope with immorality and irresponsibility. Since 1973 when the Supreme Court legalized abortion there have been over 8 million in the U.S. or over 6 times the number of soldiers killed in World War I. World War II, and Vietnam combined. Only when the Court decision is reversed by a Constitution amendment up holding the right to the life of the unborn child will there be an end to this atrocity.

Buy Leon, Missoula, MT.

Our knowledge is limited.
Our curiosity is infinite.
Wanna cheap thrill? Try a summer film

S.O.B.  Forget what you've heard. S.O.B. is not a boldly satiric romp through the shallow lives of the movie industry. It is a comically poignant exercise for director Blake Edwards to blast his adolescent rage at an endless supply of helpless targets.

Raiders of the Lost Ark  Probably the best summer picture of 1981. Harrison Ford plays the rough Indy Jones, an archeologist who, in 1936, braves the ruthless Army, the ruthlessness of your maiden aunt, go ahead and see “For Your Eyes Only.”

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Superman II  Superman II is a film which — unlike its hero — has a lot of trouble getting off the ground. Superman saves Paris from a hydrogen bomb; Superman saves the world from three Kryptonian “super villains” (who, coincidently, have the same powers as our hero). Superman saves a child from a watery death at Niagara Falls, etc., etc.

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Briefs

Bucklew visits with staff, faculty

Neil Bucklew, incoming University of Montana president, met with many faculty members and acting UM President Donald Hable July 22 in an all-day conference at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest.

"It was a gold-rushing rather than a problem-solving kind of conference," James Cox, president of Faculty Senate and executive committee of the faculty, said.

Bucklew visited Missoula July 22 through 26. He met July 24 with those who will be on his staff next fall, and with KCOI (the executive committee of the senate) as well as other faculty members at the forest July 26.

Bucklew said he found the visit helpful, and that the visit with faculty was "well-structured."

According to Cox, topics discussed at the conference included UM's external relations, faculty retirement benefits, long-range planning and the possible reorganization of student affairs. Bucklew said that he and his family plan to arrive in Missoula during the third week in August.

Scholarship fund grows

The Clancy Gordon Scholarship Fund has slowly begun to grow. According to Allan Vaninini, outgoing director of the University of Montana Foundation, about $300 has been donated to the fund.

The fund was established by the UM Foundation as a "living memorial" to Gordon, UM botanist and environmental activist, who died July 12.

Vaninini said the drive for donations hasn't really begun yet. He said an appeal to all the faculty, along with radio and newspaper ads, is planned.

The scholarship will aid UM graduate students who have a demonstrated ability in working on environmental problems. Students from the natural and social sciences as well as environmental studies will be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

The recipients will be selected from a campus committee composed of Sherman Preece, chairman of the botany department; Thomas Powers, chairman of the economics department; Philip Tourangeau, of the botany environmental studies laboratory; Ron Erickson, chairman of the environmental studies program; and Les Pengelly, chairman of the wildlife biology department.

IN THE PARKING LOT BELOW THE WILMA THEATER, Kris Kramer, proprietor of Sally Skates, works from the back of her van, renting out roller skates Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to dark. Kramer rents her leather lace-ups with kryponic wheels for $3 for the first hour, and $2 per hour from then on. Over five hours, there is a flat charge of $5. She also recommends using knee pads, elbow pads and gloves, which she provides free. Kramer, 28, has been in business about four weeks and says business is "pretty good." She plans to stay until fall. (Photo by Nicolyn Rosen.)

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The Back Page

Clark Fork deemed safe

With the onset of salty summer weather, more and more Missoulians are heading for the Clark Fork River for a quick swim. And according to the head of the state's Water Control Bureau, there probably isn't anything floating in the river to make you sick.

"Overall, the Clark Fork is in pretty good shape," said Steven Pilcher, head of the Water Quality Bureau of the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Studies.

But the river, Pilcher admitted, has not always been so clean. In past years, waste from mining and smeltering operations in Butte and Anaconda were discharged into the Clark Fork.

But some treated waste water is still being dumped in the river, Pilcher said. For example, the town of Deer Lodge runs its sewage through two treatment plants, and then discharges the treated water into the Clark Fork.

Classifieds

lost or found

FOUND: a pair of size 5.5 sperry Top-Siders, 543-3481.

115-4

don't miss kenny ramon & jamis jain. aug. 11.

disc jockey. downtown. 10 p.m.

116-3

DERELICT BLUES — NUGGET JOHNSON — Aug. 11.

116-4

needed rosenberry for an aug. vacation. 340-2600.

116-5

transportation

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For more help wanted ads, see the classified section on page 4.

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