

FOCUS



Next, They'll Ban Hamburgers

By Fred Hayland
Sometimes it takes a ridiculous action to point out a trend that we all should be worried about. The sale of chewing gum has been banned at the ...

As a distributor of candy and tobacco products, I am beginning to wonder what other products will come under attack. I am concerned that bans and restrictions of legal products are being passed on the basis of inadequate information, and sometimes on mere whim.

Chewing gum is legal and millions of Americans enjoy it every day. So are cigarettes, but that hasn't stopped governments at all levels from restricting or outright banning their sale or use in a growing number of settings and locations.

It matters not that there is no conclusive scientific evidence that trace amounts of environmental tobacco smoke, as it is called, constitute a serious health hazard for non-smokers. Yet, the Surgeon General and other anti-smoking crusaders have been successfully using scare tactics to sell that notion to a lot of people. Even though the scientific jury is still out, the political decision has been made to go after the smoker.

The major corporation announced it would let employers for smoking or off of the job. Involuntary respiratory tests would provide evidence against any rebellious worker who sneaked a puff at work. I suppose that if airline passengers struggle enough to get to the airplane, security agents will be hired to arrest cheaters.

Have we changed that much in our century? Historically, Americans have been easy-going by nature, willing to live and let live. Few people ever got so worried about the habits and habits of their neighbors that they sought to legally make them second-class citizens or criminals.

People who conduct themselves in this fashion are zealous. Only one time in our history did they do this. It didn't happen overnight. Carry a Nation spent years shopping up laws with her hatchet before politicians bowed to pressure and in constitutional amendment establishing prohibition.

Why should the zealous and regular ...

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The Bill of Rights

When members of the Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia 200 years ago, one of the major problems was how to provide for a more powerful central government while safeguarding basic rights for all citizens.

Although it is hard to believe now, some major American leaders of the day were adamantly opposed to the very idea of a Constitution for fear the new government would be too powerful.

When the Virginia Constitutional Convention met to consider ratification, Patrick Henry spoke in opposition. "The rights of conscience, trial by jury, liberty of the press ... all concessions to human rights and privileges, are rendered insecure, if not lost, by this change."

The battle lines were drawn over how to shape this new experiment in democracy. Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay collaborated on the famous Federalist Papers explaining the new Constitution. These documents were widely circulated and debated in the states.

Supporters of the Constitution won, but not by much. The vote in Virginia was 89-79, and it passed by the slim margin of three votes.

Even though they lost the battle against ratification, the opponents continued to attack our modern system of government. It was their criticism that forced supporters to promise an immediate series of amendments to guarantee individual rights.

In amendments were adopted in 1791 to safeguard individual rights and freedoms from government encroachment. It is those 10 amendments—the Bill of Rights—that we find the protection given the rights to peacefully assemble, freedom of the press and the right to a speedy and public trial by jury, and the right to the free exercise of religion.

These provisions are considered such an integral part of the Constitution that many don't realize they were not included in the original proposal. It is the combination of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights that is considered one of the greatest documents in human history.

This is one of a series of columns celebrating the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

AT ISSUE

Has The Press Gone Too Far?

Former Senator Gene McCarty serves more than 20 years in Congress and ran for president in 1968 and 1976.

Has the media gone too far reporting on the private lives of public officials?
WAIT I believe that a person in public life must be willing to handle all questions about his private as well as public life. If he responds in a deflection about his character, skills and abilities that should be judged by the press and the reader. Nothing should feel free to ask anything and everything.

What do you think of the Gary Hart story?
MCCARTY: The Hart case was a bit unusual in that it seemed to almost want to demonstrate an independence from conventional standards. In the case of other persons, it was a matter of their being tagged as either private or not having made such a public display. Almost challenging the press to make the case against them. I think the Hart case was a marginal one. It's probably on the side of the press having the right to do what they've done. The Governor Richard Celeste (Ohio) case was, I think, over the line, and the publication was very ethical.

What do you see as the basic issue in this debate?
WAIT: The real issue is accountability. The candidate must be accountable for his past deeds, actions and words so that he can be accountable for his future activities. In the same way the press must be accountable for the way they ask the questions and handle the answers to those questions. The problem we have in America today is that the press is an elite segment of our society. The U.S. Supreme Court said the press was not public for disclosing a public figure's medical condition was used. As a practical matter, malice can seldom be established. I believe if the press likes a person, even a public official, beyond reasonable, prudent man standards, they ought to pay the financial consequences.

Didn't you once joke that since public figures could no longer successfully sue for libel, they should be allowed to sue the press?
MCCARTY: It was the traditional acceptance at the time the Constitution was adopted that the press could write anything that was true. But if you published things that were not true, it was actionable. There was no need to prove malice. The problem we have in America today is that the press is an elite segment of our society. The U.S. Supreme Court said the press was not public for disclosing a public figure's medical condition was used. As a practical matter, malice can seldom be established. I believe if the press likes a person, even a public official, beyond reasonable, prudent man standards, they ought to pay the financial consequences.

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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

It's Your Paper; And we need help!

In almost any newspaper market there are some things which a newspaper can't really control.

One of our biggest problems is the presentation and finally, we hope, the actual publishing of articles submitted by the general readership of the paper.

We do our best to have the information in all the right places and the names spelled correctly, however, you can help us prevent many of the mistakes we make.

We certainly don't think them on purpose, but sometimes there is a problem with reading the submitted material.

Reading submitted material, sometimes is very difficult, impossible actually.

Don't ever be confused. We appreciate the fact you, our readers and friends, take the time to send in articles to The Mercury.

In fact, a great deal of the most read information is that which is submitted. But, you have to understand that sometimes we make mistakes and even have to leave out some information because we cannot read what has been left.

Also, another of our biggest shortcomings is that we are not able to read minds, or insert facts, which have not been presented.

Just the other day a young man and young lady stopped in the office to point out that the paper had left some information out of an article which had been given to the paper. And, too, that we had not spelled a name correctly.

How could that have happened? Unfortunately the answer to that is very simple.

The information we received in the first place was incomplete. The very information, which had been left out, had never been included.

Secondly, a name was incorrectly spelled, because it had not been included in the article and had to be phoned in. That's where the breakdown occurred.

We hate making mistakes as badly as anyone, and to set the record straight, we want to have a chance to correct errors when we do make them.

So, if you'll please help us by bringing the information to the office as early as possible and checking over the spelling, especially names, we'll do our best to make sure the articles are correct.

The other problem we have is sometimes we have a lack of space.

We do our best to get as much of everything in the newspaper every week as possible, but sometimes we have to hold out stories for a week or two.

We do try to get any dated articles in on a timely basis. We also understand that the article you have brought to The Mercury is the most important one for you, and we try to treat each article that way.

Sometimes we do have to edit them a little, but we do that as little as possible. We want you and those reading the articles to enjoy them as you have written them whenever we can, but remember the articles should follow some normal pattern of writing.

We'll do our best.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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BUSINESS PROFILES

Facing it head on:

McCarty faces big challenge

By Marsha Mattox
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"Communication with customers is very important. When they tell you what they want, you've got to give it to them, or they'll just go somewhere else who will."

That's Trish McCarty's philosophy for running her business, Trish's Haircutting For Men and Women, located on 114 South Broadway.

"The competition is great. The way we have to get to stay on top," she added.

Unfortunately, due to family obligations, Trish was forced to decrease her working hours in September, 1986, an action she said cost her several customers.

Trish's mother, Jewell McCarty, was driving home one night last September with a glass of milk and watching for a BLT sandwich.

The glass of milk spilled over when Mrs. McCarty met a sharp curve on Morefield Road, spilling her to reach over to recover the glass.

Consequently, this action caused her to lose control of her truck, hitting a utility pole.

Trish's insurance carrier, W.D., had purchased a 1986, three weeks prior to her accident.

"What we had in mind to do," Trish explained, "I would open the restaurant each morning and work until 11:00 p.m. on Saturdays."

"I would close the beauty shop during lunch, and help Mom with the lunch hour crowd."

"After I closed my shop at 5 p.m., I would work until closing at 11:00 p.m. on Saturdays, in order to prepare the restaurant for opening at 5 a.m."

When asked about time off during the hectic schedule, Trish said, "We closed a day on Sundays, so I always had Sunday afternoons off."

Despite the long working hours required of her, Trish said the arrangement "would have worked," had not been for the hospitalization of her mother.

Mrs. McCarty suffered a shoulder aneurysm, but felt she was too old to work.

Trish McCarty

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in four places, and a delinquent note. "I can't tell you the dates I worked at home where her shop is located. "Trish said.

"It seems like I've been doing half my job," Trish said. "Starting in the 8th grade and going through high school, I would fix my friends' hair before school pictures were taken," she added.

"When I was located down the street, I would get a lot of children as customers."

"I think people would send their kids to me first, to see how I cut their hair, then they would come to me," Trish said.

After three years at 114 South Broadway, Trish moved her business with Family Movement Hair Salon, where she stayed for six months.

When Jimmy Hall moved his barber shop from 118 South Broadway to Main Street, Trish figured it "the perfect opportunity" to move again.

Not only does Trish cut hair, do perms, fringes and coloring, she presses and has a tanning bed.

"All my products for coloring and coloring and hair care products are a little more expensive than other people's," Trish said, "but they're worth it."

"I wouldn't put anything in my customer's hair I wouldn't put on my own, and that's important."

Trish carries a complete line of Shopsy Gums, with slacks, jeans and skirts to match.

In addition to the run of the mill services a beauty salon offers, Trish has recently designed her own line of jewelry, at-home wear, called Larkins Wear.

Larkins Wear's knee-length knit dresses ideal for use as daytime leisure wear or as nightgowns.

"Since I had to be a mother first, and since the dresses are ideal for looking around the house in, I named it Larkins Wear," Trish explained.

"Making the dresses, an idea which came from Trish's mother, takes approximately an hour and a

half. With a sewing machine located in her shop, Trish works on these dresses in between customers.

"It gives me something to do to keep my mind in between customers," she said.

"This 'something to do' has already proved to be a success, as Trish sold three of her Larkins dresses the first morning she put them on display.

Starting out as a hobby 11 years ago, Trish also carries a display of ceramic figurines in her shop.

"I started buying ceramic and painting it when Michael (Trish's youngest son) was a baby," Trish said.

She then began to give away these crafts at Christmas parties.

While painting ceramic in her shop, customers suggested she sell her products, which she now does also.

"I had two sons, 13-year old Michael, and 19-year old Kevin."

Trish explained Michael will be a freshman at Nicholas County High School this fall, and is speed.

"I go with the flow."

ing his summer playing baseball as a Nicholas County Blue Sox All-Star.

"He wants to play ball professionally some day," Trish said of her youngest son.

Kevin, a 1986 graduate of Nicholas County High School, works in Georgetown for Clark Equipment. Trish and her sons live on Orlose Street.

Trish's Haircutting For Men and Women is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. except for Wednesday, and 9 a.m. on Saturday.

"It's this type of business, I feel cutting hair has to come naturally for the hairstylist."

"In a small town like Carlisle, most people have the same hair style."

"Most women say, 'Oh, whatever you think is best,' so I don't ever get to be creative."

Trish said with so many beauty shops in Carlisle, competition is tremendous, giving her to her philosophy of giving the customer what he or she asks for.

"I go with the flow."

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