Zealous drug warriors use new school-zone drug law to nab small-time dealers

Protecting our kids, or kidding ourselves?

By Andy Newm

A 19-year-old Westbrook man who recently sold about one-fifth of an ounce of pot didn't realize the 
$50 he'd been handed was marked, or that the hands belonged to a Westbrook cop who was wired for sound.

In most circumstances, selling 5.4 grams of marijuana would constitute a misdemeanor. A first-time offender probably wouldn't serve any jail time.

But thanks to a new Maine law, that Westbrook teenager is now a convicted felon. He faced up to five years in prison and a $2,500 fine as a result of the new law, which was intended to create drug-free zones around schools. It imposes far more severe penalties on drug-dealers that happen within 1,000 feet of a school.

The Westbrook deal went down in a house that is, as the crow flies, within 1,000 feet of a junior high school. The seller, who asked that his name not be used, had no prior record. Had he been selling to school kids? He said no, and the Westbrook Police Department had nothing to indicate that he was.

"The biggest problem is that they're using this law to nail people who would never think of selling to kids," said Franklin Stearns, a Portland lawyer. Stearns and other local attorneys say the well-intentioned law hasn't protected pupils so much as it has heightened the frenzy with which law-enforcement officials and state prosecutors go after small-time drug dealers. The lawyers allege that members of the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement (BIDE) and other zealous soldiers in the war on drugs are abusing the law by using the stiffer charge too liberally.

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Art Dyer, the "dean" of local coaches: "Never bend reality to make winning the only possible alternative."

The art of coaching

How three local basketball coaches build winning attitudes

By Mike Quinn

Basketball lingers in the air. After-hours shooters are pounding the freshly-thawed playgrounds. Last month, the NCAA completed its glittering Final Four. This week the NBA will begin its long playoffs, which will extend interminably until late June.

The season has ended in the sweaty gyms of local high schools, but the coaching hasn't. Like life, coaching is an ongoing process of transformation.

The time to speak with a high school basketball coach is the off-season. It is then that he has time to reflect on the season gone by and the one on the horizon. Bill newsletter of Cheerio, Art Dyer of Westbrook and Kevin Jenkins of Gorham come forth to respond to queries from seasoned coaches with healthy winning records and healthy perspectives.

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"Boycott Casco Bay Weekly"  
February 10  
To the Editor: Paulsen's diatribe is a waste of paper that can only do two things: 1) Boycott Casco Bay Weekly, and 2) flush a resource that could be put to better use to fight the consumption addiction.  Boycott Casco Bay Weekly, Paulsen's suggestion for the reinstated ads, would probably have very little effect on the advertisers. Instead, why not recycle the saturated material, which will still make the recipient one more mail, which in turn will make you one more sale, and so on. In the end, one might consider that the advertising material is more disengaged from the society's, and the society's health cannot be improved. Paulsen's suggestion to ignore advertising is basically a suggestion to close your business. I hope that your advertisers take note. How many of you new ads or promotions are in the back of the adjoining column.  

Through this letter, I hope to demonstrate to Paulsen a more positive method of dealing, with offending materials. By not reading, Casco Bay Weekly anymore, you will save yourself much less than it is worth.  

"Eighth graders are having sex"  
April 26, 1990  

Now that the statistics are in, I would like to offer some inside information. Having grown up in Gorham and attending Bantam High School, I would like to clear the controversy up: Eighth graders are having sex. Anyone who thinks that several thoughts are inspired by any students who attended or administrated in Gorham Students would have to say that this is the way we do a story. Maybe because the mystery was solved out of curiosity for some young people before they would have to wait until they were on the flood of jumping ship and are at the same time. Road trips last fall did. Certainly, once he becomes the one and curiosity of something, we assumed sexy, 14 or 15 year olds won't do or do from those who aren't present. Those things, in our society, aren't very important. We can prevent and discover, and we'll never see them again.  

"We must clean up our acts"  
March 30  

Michael Verrano's thought provoking essay entitled "Health Monitor" (CM 43/93), should be required reading for every person in the Grand Tour. Sad that it should have been included in the envelope containing the same questionnaire. But since the "Health Monitor" was not mailed, the envelope containing the same questionnaire must be returned. People who, like the 14 year olds, don't know what they are doing want to be "protected" from knowing what goes on in their own community. Our actions past and present, spell suicide for mankind. As the American people are, "an individual's health cannot be damaged from the society's, and the society's health cannot be improved from the individual's. Hamm was serious when he said that "only a few of us think that we are "protected" from knowing what goes on in our own community?"  

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"VIEWS"  
April 26, 1990  

"abacus" is Master's favorite course for contemporary Americans crafts and jewelry. We learned more than 20n America's finest sculptors, as you're bound to find something that's available, or need for yourself to make a gift.
Protecting our kids, or kiddling ourselves?

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“The law is well-intended,” said Assistant Attorney General John Tier, who prosecutes drug cases in Portland, “but I think it’s a mistake in the desire to protect Maine’s children.”

Last week’s story focused on drug enforcement measures directed by the attorney general’s office and culminating in arrests last week. For many, the new school law seemed one in a long string of laws and regulations that have been described as “war on drugs” by Portland and other charging agencies.

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But Veilleux will be charged with two counts of theft and three

Tyler J. Neile, 19, was arrested on Friday and charged with second-degree burglary, the district attorney said.

Several years ago, the school district in Portland, like other school districts across the state, began implementing new drug enforcement measures, including expanded searches of students’ belongings, increased surveillance of school buildings, and heightened penalties for drug-related offenses.

State parks toss out trash barrels

You can’t keep the people of Maine from tossing their trash in public places, but you can make them feel guilty about it.

In 1994, the state introduced a program to encourage people to dispose of their litter in designated trash barrels, but the program was poorly enforced and the barrels were rarely used.

Nantucket headed back

June’s island escape begins July 1. The island’s economy is in a critical state, with tourism continuing to decline and many businesses struggling to stay afloat.

The island’s tourism industry has been hit hard by the pandemic, with many visitors canceling their trips and others choosing to visit smaller, more rural areas instead.

Portland’s Top View

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Weird News:

Mars

A scientist who claims to have identified a Martian artifact has sparked a debate among scientists and the general public.

The artifact, described as a metallic rod, was reportedly found on Mars by a team of scientists using a high-resolution camera on a space probe.

But critics argue that the supposed Martian artifact is actually a piece of debris from a spaceship or rocket.

Some experts believe that the artifact could be evidence of extraterrestrial life, while others believe it is a false positive or a natural object that happened to resemble a piece of metal.

The debate continues as scientists continue to study the artifact and its potential implications for our understanding of the martian surface.
The art of coaching

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Bob Brewer

Bob Brewer has been Moving to Cheverus' coaching Folding chair for nearly two decades. He has been turning out quality boys' basketball teams since well before Watertown. During the past decade, Coach Brewer's kids have won two state titles, been in the final four eight times and compiled a phenomenal overall winning percentage of more than 75%.

No one in Greater Portland is a more dedicated, more patient coach. Brewer doesn't have kids until they are freshmen. There is no public school system directly feeding into Cheverus from local playgrounds. He is faced from start to finish and to put his house in order quietly. Jim Crocker, local radio and TV personality, has said, "Sitting in the silence of such diverse city areas and getting them to function as a winning team year after year is what makes Bob Brewer an undeniably great coach in anybody's book."

Coach Brewer runs the game of high school basketball as a mental game. "The most important thing is getting these young men to relate well with each other. It's a whole different kind of responsibility than just to be on the ball. It's not something you can just do with voice. It's part of their lives now."

Cheverus, a college prep school, is a bridge to college for the Opportunity to compete so much with so many dedicated student athletes. We have between 400 and 450 students, of which about 100 boys play varsity basketball on the high school team. There's no other area in Maine that has a home team that plays as much, has as much experience? Westbrook.

Brewer turns star into star by recognizing the potential in each child. "We have to start with the kids' basic understanding of numbers, basic skills before we move on to more complex things. We start with the fundamentals and get them down to where they are comfortable. We want the kids to enjoy basketball."

What does it take to be a winner at the high school level? "Coach Brewer thinks of his team in much the same way you and I would think of our business. You have to have an underlying plan to develop a team. You have to have the most dedicated players, the most patient. You have to have the best coach." It's a combination of the "right" players, a plan and a good coach that make a "winning machine." "Try it for a month - you won't change the way you start your day!"

Bob Brewer: "...to mix their personalities into a workable rhythm..."

Basketball has been alive and kicking since Dr. James Naismith invented the show in 1891. Coach Brewer stays in touch with the fast-breaking style of today's high school court. "It's basically an open-game, but it's ultimately dependent on a coach's personnel. I like a high-pressure defense, which begins on discipline. A lot of running is good, but I don't like to rule our controlled pace with plenty of offense. I like my players to have the freedom to man our zone and react quickly on our terms. I've learned never to pigeonhole an individual. Any player at any given time our experience is going to change. Otherwise, I'm happy. The game has changed - it's a lot quicker with fewer time outs. I think that loves the shorter game."

Coach Brewer has seen a lot of changes during his stint at Cheverus' basketball gym. "I'll never name names, but really, I probably remember the early years the most. That's when I developed a solid foundation, the one you see today."

Art Dyer

How far would you have to go to find another Maine high school basketball coach with as much experience? Westbrook. Most basketball coaches, whether 20 years into it or not, are respected for their work ethic, their understanding of the game and defensive techniques. Winning will take a lot of discipline, heart and a positive attitude. When you start thinking negative on a regular basis, it's time to get out. I've seen it happen to other teachers and coaches. Students and other players can sense it, too. I love this game, history and math. In math, it's good to steer the critical small details, set up a network of fundamentals and instill one-day-at-a-time day in the practice.

To coach successfully for 20 years, one must have a keen eye for players who will develop. Coach Dyer has been blowing his Cheverus' regular season record is a .750. It's an intangible thing, but a lot of times you have to mesh their personalities into a workable rhythm."

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Kevin Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins is the Football and Basketball coach at the University of Portland, and his name is on the line for the success of his teams. "I think it's the difference between a college coach and a high school coach. A high school coach is preoccupied with his kids. A college coach is more preoccupied with his schedule and his classes."

Kevin Jenkins: "...the kids come first..."

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Geraldine W. Wolf

The art of coaching

Kevin Jenkins: We’re talking about transferable work habits...

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Body support our summer league and allow every kid the opportunity to play competitive basketball at no charge. Bob Breeze, UMaine’s men’s basketball coach, reminded me about consistency. “If you don’t work hard, you don’t deserve to be successful,” he said. I student taught under my predecessor George Stevens, a youth coach now at South Portland. I have a great JV coach in Rocky Ryan and another winner with his coaches Kelly Littlefield. Dale I mention my wife and four kids.

When the smoke clears in Josephine Cabot, he’s going to have to accept some of the responsibility for Garban’s disastrous four-year run. Once considered primarily a rear guard, Garban is now equally respected as a basketball school.

But that many years ago, Jenkins was still lining up his own game makers as a star at UMaine. After graduating he served as assistant coach under Joe Bouchard. After a couple of other head appointments, Coach Jenkins was ready for the whole ball of wax.

Bump strength means a great deal to Jenkins. “I really feel my number five to nine players are better than other number five to nine players of most teams in our division. Evenly with our style of running game, we should have other teams down. I like to involve a lot of people, filling passing lanes, using the three-point and putting heavy drive pressure on the ball.” He also puts off-court pressure on his players. “I frequently review weekly progress reports of my players. The majority of our players go to college and academics are just as important. We’re talking about transferable work habits which will affect these kids for the rest of their lives. We won’t always win, but we’ll always be as ready as we can possibly be. It’s sort of like going into war together. It’s something we want to do right. The bond is too strong to not give your all every day.”

Fish

Give a kid a fish and he eats for a day. Teach him to fish and he eats for a lifetime. The Portland area is fortunate to be blessed with dedicated folks of young men who lead high school basketball players to a quality education both on and off the court.

Bill O’Donnell

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