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MOUNTAIN WATER

Judge: PSC can't interfere in case

By KEILA SZPALLER of the Missoulian

The Montana Public Service Commission doesn't get to interfere in the city of Missoula's eminent domain

Missoula's eminera-case.

"While not explicitly stated, the PSC appears to oppose this eminent domain action either because if granted, its regulatory control over Missoula's Water System would cease, or because it should be

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To read the judge's order on the Public Service Commission's motion to intervene, go o this story.

FRENCHTOWN

Man faces felony charges

41-year-old allegedly attempted to have sex with 13-year-old girl

By DAVID ERICKSON

A Frenchtown man has been charged with felony attempted child prostitution after he allegedly tried to set up a sexual encounter with a 13-year-old girl through a detective posing as her mother.

Curtis Edward Foster, 41, made his initial ampagnage.

made his initial appearance before Missoula County Justice

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MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



University of Montana student Sarah Smith hugs her son William, 11, as she and Barry Good, dean of Missoula C groundbreaking ceremony for the new school on East Broadway on Friday Smith, an ASUM member and former stu-College, has been an advocate for a new location for the college.

Breaking Gro

A NEW CAMP

While trying to make sure the sweet-pepper bacon bites and gazpacho shooters didn't topple in the Hellgate wind, Missoula College

found time to admire the view

Nearly 200 dignitaries from the niversity of Montana and Missoula mmunities were milling around for

Missoula College's future home or Friday. While they listened to speeches, Phillips and seven instructors and students from the

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University of Montana President Royce Engstrom, r some of the new heads of UM's schools and colleges durin State of the University address on Friday.

STATE OF UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

Engstrom: School will build on past challenges

By ROB CHANEY

The University of Montana will build on some of the challenges it faced last year with new enhancements this year, President Royce Engstrom said in his State of the University address Friday.

After enduring national scrutiny over campus safety and sexual assault, UM has taken a national lead in educating its community on curbing the problem, Engstrom said.

"We were among the first to interact with the Department of Justice through a resolution document," he said. "Now some 75 institutions around the country

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Ceremony

two-year school's culinary

two-year school's culinary arts program imagined what it will be like to have a modern facility. "We're bulging at the seams," Phillips said. "We're capped at 50 in our teaching kitchen. Our offices are in trailers. Out here, we'll have three kitchens. We're going to be able to have patio dining by the river, with an outdoor grill and a pizza oven. There will be a glass wall so diners can see the students cooking."

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cooking."
Gov. Steve Bullock,
Missoula Mayor John
Engen, state
Commissioner of Higher
Education Clayton
Christian and Associated
Students of UM
representatives Asa representatives Asa Hohman and Sarah Smith all hit on similar themes

in their remarks.
Bullock noted that in
the incremental world of
politics, it's hard to find
tangible markers of



TOM BUKER Missoulian Faculty and students of the Missoula College culinary arts program listen to speakers during Friday's ceremony. The new building will house the culinary arts program along with

progress. The Missoula College building is expected to be completed in 18 months, thanks to a \$29 million allocation from the Montana Legislature and \$3 million in private funds. The private money

includes a pledge from Blackfoot Telecommunications Group to contribute \$500,000 in equipment, services, construction ar cash to the Missoula College building. (The exact breakdown of that nd

contribution was not available Friday, a Blackfoot spokesman said.)

said.)

"Everything about this building and its location is a win for the students and this community," Christian said. "It meets their

educational needs, and for the first time in a long time, it adequately meets our enrollment demand." When finished, Missoula College will house 30 programs in fields like business technology, computing licids like business technology, computing, heavy equipment operation, nursing and other applied arts and sciences. Some students will use their associate degrees to move directly into career fields, while others might move from the college's two-year and advanced degree offerings.

and advanced degree offerings.
The college's location between MonTEC and SilverTip Apartments came after years of intense community debate over several proposed sites. Previous UM administrations had administrations had planned to use part of the South Campus area occupied by the UM Golf Course, which angered some community members. The Hellgate Canyon site also had its opponents.

"Sometimes I wonder if we could have had a naked bike ride on the golf course," Engen joked, referring to another Missoula community controversy. But he went on to praise the purpose of the new school, which helps those whose family responsibilities might have notenored. Sometimes I wonder if have postponed traditional educational

traditional educational paths or whose life changes forced a search for new skills or career paths.

Salish Indian elder Louis Adams noted that his grandmother was born just across the Clark Fork River from the school site. The frequent camping site is now covered by Washington-Grizzly Stadium, But Adams said the river still supports the fish that Salish people associated with the location: "The Place of Bull Trout."

"It's not us and them

"It's not us and them anymore," Adams said during a blessing of the project. "It's all of us together. We have to look after this great land."

Address

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are under investigation. We at UM took this matter extremely seriously, recognizing we have a key responsibility to our

The administration contended with falling enrollment, which has spurred re-evaluation of

the school's recruiting and marketing, Engstrom said. Bringing students up to college-level readiness in math also has been an

On the positive side, the On the positive side, the Army Corps of Engineers chose UM for a \$45 million research initiative, using Missoula experts to study archaeological and anthropological matters on Corps-managed lands

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Construction projects
include a new phase of
completion on the
Interdisciplinary Sciences
Building, the opening this
fall of the Elouise Cobell
Land and Culture Institute
in the Payne Family Native
American Center, and a American Center, and a new computing facility and expanded Wi-Fi service across campus. The UM Foundation

raised \$53.7 million in private donations, which Engstrom called both a record dollar amount and a record number of donors. On the administrative and financial side,

Engstrom said he would inventory all noninventory all non-academic programs to "identify those programs that are challenged with respect to effectiveness" and capitalize on others

that represent best-practice higher education. "We have in place a number of outdated practices and financial arrangements that need review," Engstrom said. The university should not be "constrained by agreements made years be "constrained by agreements made years ago under entirely different circumstances," he said. The review would also look at designated

funds to make sure they dovetailed with the larger mission of the university. UM deans introduced 15 new faculty members on campus this fall, and reported the promotion to full-professor status of another 23. Nineteen faculty were awarded

anouner 23. Nineteen faculty were awarded tenure this year. UM students begin the 2014-15 school year Monday.

Charges

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of the Peace Karen Orzech on Friday. Foster was arrested Wednesday as part of a four-day investigation conducted jointly by the Montana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Missoula Police Department and the Elathead County Sherriff's Department and the Flathead County Sherriff's Office. Six other men from the Kalispell area were arrested, one of whom was a part-time youth pastor, and more arrests are pending. According to court records, detectives with

According to court records, detectives with the Missoula Police Department on Wednesday assisted the task force with an investigation. Foster allegedly contacted an undercover detective about paying money for sex with an adolescent female. In a series of calls and text messages, Foster arrange adolescent female. In a series of calls and text messages, Foster arranged to meet either a 10-year-old girl or a 15-year-old girl or a 15-year-old girl in exchange for a "donation." Foster stated he didn't know which one he wanted because he wanted to see them first. When Foster found out the girls were in another county, he allegedly inquired about whether another adolescent female was available in Missoula. He was told by the detective that a 13-year-old girl was available. Foster allegedly agreed to meet the 13-year-old for "regular sex." Detectives rented two rooms at a Missoula motel and gave

Foster the room numbers after he texted them.

A detective posing as the girl's mother answere

the gri's mother answered the door when Foster arrived and asked him if he was OK with the girl being 13. Foster allegedly stated, "It him ko." The detective said the grid was smaller than she was and asked if that was all right. Foster allegedly replied, "It think so "I've never been with a young girl, so. ..."

The detective told Foster he had to make the donation first, and asked what he wanted to do with the girl. Foster allegedly replied, "nothing freaky" but "probably more than the missionary" and that he also wanted to perform oral sex on the girl. They agreed on a rate of \$100 for one hour.

The detective gave Foster the key to another room, but when he opened the door nearby officers identified themselves and tried to apprehend him. Foster allegedly pulled away from them and rain to a parking lot. Foster struggled and a detective had to threaten to use her Taser on him. Foster allegedly yelled that he had been "entrapped" before he was taken into custody.

At the police station, Foster allegedly said that

he had answered an ad on the Backpage website and had arranged to meet the 13-year-old. He told police he thought maybe the girl would turn out to be 18 and he would be able to ask for her identification. He agreed that nowhere in his communication with the undercover detective was there any discussion about the girl being older than 13, andhe admitted he paid \$100 to have sex with the girl.

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Orzech set Foster's bail at \$100,000, and he was barred from using the Internet, email and social media. He also is not allowed to have contact with anyone younger than age 18 and must wear a monitoring device.

Foster's next court appearance is Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.

The six suspects from the Kalispell area are all being charged with felony counts of sexual abuse of children, according to Flathead County Sheriff Chuck Curry.

The investigation started Monday and ended Thursday. Curry confirmed the six men who were arrested are hystin Zeisz Sentiamin.

who were arrested are Justin Zeiss, Benjamin Emrich, Christopher Adams, Karl Wortley, Joshua Naethe and Daniel

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In each case, a task force agent posing as a woman offered sex with an underage girl, then arrested the men after they showed up to engage in

exual conduct with the

girl.
This was the fifth such Ins was the first such investigation conducted by the task force since July 2013, and 32 Montana residents have been arrested.





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