

Parking lots

Twenty-five years ago, one could go uptown and find every place of business along Main and St. Joe were in operation. There were no gaps between the building or there were no vacant places.

Also, there were no parking lots every half block. There were no panhandling corners either.

The side streets were even busy, and there were some business places under the sidewalk.

Jogging hadn't taken hold yet. People were walking either to work or were parking at a distance and walking the rest of the way.

Now jogging has taken over as well as the parking lots. But people just won't get off their duff and walk more than a car's length either to go to work or shop.

The city fathers want to put in more parking lots and cause some more business places to either close or be forced to move.

I think the way to make any money uptown in the near future, is to have a cart and become a street vendor traveling the short distance from one parking lot to another selling wares.

The future says Rapid City will be the town of parking lots and no business.

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