Meningitis case reported in Orofino

Lisa Lannigan

A student from Orofino Elementary School was hospitalized Monday with symptoms believed to be an illness linked to meningococcal bacteria.

A full diagnosis will not be available until lab results return; however, officials with the North Central District Health Department in Lewiston feel it is important to inform the public about signs of possible infection.

The bacteria can enter the bloodstream or the fluid around the spinal cord and brain, causing a disease called meningococcemia. Symptoms of this may include fever, chills, headache, confusion, or muscle pain.

Symptoms also develop a rash or purplish spots.

Meningococcal meningitis can also be caused by the bacteria when it enters the spinal fluid. Symptoms of this disease include fever, chills, headache, confusion, mental dullness, nausea, and a stiff neck.

The risk of serious illness developing after exposure to the bacteria is low; however, anyone experiencing these symptoms should see a doctor right away.

Last February, University of Idaho student Erin Nielson was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. Another area youth recently died from the same disease.

Meningococcal bacteria is spread through contact with fluids from the nose, mouth and throat of an infected person. The bacteria is commonly found in people without causing symptoms and without harm.

According to a release by the Health Department, those who have been in close contact with the suspected case have been given antibiotics to prevent the illness. Those who have only had casual contact, including classmates, need not take antibiotics.

LifeTime Reminder Service keeps you out of trouble

Valaree Johnson

K arla Dolph and a co-worker were joking one day how horrible it was about remembering his wife’s birthday and their anniversary. A week later Dolph received a call about The LifeTime Reminder Service.

“My first thought was that there was some kind of catch,” Dolph said. But she decided to give it a try and now is helping many husbands stay out of trouble when the anniversary date comes around.

The service is simple. For $39 a year you can buy a family membership of unlimited reminders. “It can be something as stupid as when you need to rotate your tires next,” Dolph said. “Our lives change so much it’s hard to keep up with everything that goes on.”

The Pullman native knows all about change too. As a mother of two children, Dolph keeps busy with a regular job and always trying out new things. She and her husband currently bought Daylight Donuts in Pullman. With all this going on, it’s a wonder how she remembers her own special occasions.

Dolph has sold over 50 memberships since she recently ventured into the LifeTime Reminder Service. Most of her clients are business people who have a hard time keeping track of all the dates they are supposed to remember from employer birthdays to annual meetings. “I would love to have just a birthday card from my boss,” Dolph said.

The LifeTime Reminder Service sends a postcard one week prior to every date you want to be reminded of for the rest of your life. Members can call anytime to drop or add reminders to their list. A yearly update is sent out to everyone.

“Most people don’t believe that there isn’t a catch,” said Dolph. The National LifeTime Reminder Service was started in 1978 by Don Lopez whose sole purpose was to remind members of special dates. The first step was how the company made their money,” Dolph said. She explains that the National LifeTime Service sends brochures for reasonably priced gift packs to their members to buy their product.

“Everything else is totally optional,” Dolph said. “I am not a salesman and am totally turned off by most salespeople but I am not going to cram this down people’s throats.” Dolph does very little advertising and is just relying on word-of-mouth to sell the service.

“I am interested in seeing how people react to it. It’s one of those things where you wonder ‘Why didn’t I think of that?’”

Dolph is planning on approaching schools to sell memberships as a fundraiser. She probably won’t even have to mark the date on her calendar to see when schools start.

Defender of conservative causes meets with Freemen

Standoff between anti-government group and FBI has lasted 80 days

Associated Press

JORDAN, Mont.—The Montana Freemen met twice Monday with three outside negotiators, the latest in a long series of efforts to find a nonviolent way to resolve the standoff with the FBI.

The lead negotiator was identified by CBS News as attorney Kirk Lyons, director of a North Carolina clinic that has represented a former Texas Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan and has worked with the FBI.

The other two negotiators were not identified. The FBI escorted the trio to the entrance of the Freemen’s remote farm complex 30 miles northwest of here, and Freemen took them to the main house. They remained 2 1/2 hours, emerged to talk with FBI agents at a nearby county church for more than an hour, then returned to the Freemen compound for about an hour.

The negotiations drove back to the FBI staging area at the hanger just outside Jordan. They did not talk to reporters and avoided being photographed.

The CAUSE Foundation—which consists of Lyons and two assistants—stands for Canada, Australia, United States, South Africa and Europe. Members of CAUSE describe their group as an international civil rights legal foundation that defends the rights of the unpopular, the powerless and the politically incorrect.

“It will always support the rights of radicals,” Lyons once said. “The more radical they are, the more they need to be supported for their rights. If you take away their rights, we’re all losers.”

The Southern Poverty Law Center included the CAUSE Foundation on its 1995 listing of hate groups.

Lyons’ brother-in-law is ambassador at large for an Aryan Nations compound in Idaho. His brother-in-law is David Tate, a member of the white supremacist group The Order, who is serving two life terms for shooting a Missouri state trooper.

The last talks between the Freemen and outside negotiators ended May 21 when Colorado state Sen. Charles Duke gave up, saying some of the Freemen were not dealing in good faith. The FBI said at that time that the agency had enlisted the services of 42 third-party negotiators to persuade the Freemen to surrender.

The 950-acre farm complex has been isolated by FBI SWAT teams since March 25, when agents captured two of the Freemen’s leaders in a sting operation.

A family of four, including two girls ages 8 and 10, came out last Thursday, leaving 17 people in the group. Most of the adults are people without jobs and state criminal charges ranging from writing millions of dollars in worthless checks to threatening to kill a federal judge.

Weather

Continued sunny and highs around 80 into the weekend.
Community Free University offers creative courses

Tired of routine academics? Why not try something new? Community Free University is now offering a wide variety of inexpensive, informal classes.

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CPU operates as an unfunded, all-volunteer organization. The organization is always looking for more teachers who would like to teach their hobbies, interests or skills to others.

CPU teachers do not need to have a degree or training or any previous teaching experience. Everything is on a volunteer basis. Teachers are solely responsible for the content, quality and safety of their class.

CPU classes

To register, call the person's number listed with each class. Some classes have limits, so call fast.

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St. John and Irene Dixon-Wuren 324-3771.
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Materials fee: $5, CPU fee: $5; total: $10.

Dream Catchers
Lucy Jones 885-1417, or leave message at 885-6556.
Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, 502 Taylor Street.
Materials fee: $4, CPU fee $5; total: $9.

Handmade Paper
Martha Dunn 334-2799.
Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 210 S.E. Derby Street, Pullman.
Materials fee: $2, CPU fee: $5; total: $7.

Scab`s Living the Internet
Paul Bruns 332-6465.
Saturday, July 13, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 410 S.E. Dekker Street, Pullman.
CPU fee: $5.

Wine Tasting: Chardonnay
Larry Mattson 334-7779.
Friday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., 820 Veneta Drive, Pullman.
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UI hosts annual FFA conference

Dennis Sasse
Staff

Last week 17 high schools from all around the state sent students to the University of Idaho for their annual Future Farmers of America meeting and competition. The logging skills competition was held on Moscow Mountain just off of Randal Flat road.

Ron Thiemert, chaparrone and high school teacher, said, "The first time I competed was four or five years ago, there was only nine teams, now there are 28." Twenty-eight teams from across the state compete and play in a week long event.

There are six events in the Forestry judging competition: timber cruising, log scaling, compass reading, map reading, tree/plant identification and tool identification.

On June 5, 51 students were at the Forestry judging competition. Teams of three students worked together to put together the best score.

Timber cruising is a competition where kids estimated the number of board feet in a tree by using a measure of the diameter at chest height and then moving 100 paces away and estimating the height.

Log scaling is a contest where kids identified the tree species of a log, measured the length and diameter and estimated the total board feet.

Compass reading events marked three points in a triangle. From a compass reading and pacing the kids needed to figure out the azimuth (distance in degrees from north) and distance between each marker.

Tree/plant and tool identification were events where students received points for correctly identifying various plants or tools.

All the kids were winners on June 5, they got to spend a day in the sun and practice skill they will be able to use later on in their forestry careers.

Cove Mallard Coalition march not without incident

Lisa Lammigan
Staff

Members of the Cove Mallard Coalition will end their 150-mile "Walk for the Wild Rockies" at the U.S. Forest Supervisor's office in Grangeville today at noon.

Today's rally will be an attempt by the coalition to engage the Forest Service in a dialogue concerning road building and logging projects in the Cove/Mallard area.

"The purpose of the rally is to get citizens together of a like mind who are concerned with what the Forest Service is doing to our national forests," said Gary MacFarlane with the coalition. "People will be there just to talk with the Forest Service, maybe vent some frustrations." MacFarlane said about 20 people participated on the walk.

The walk began here in Moscow on June 3rd and, the Cove Mallard Coalition said in a prepared statement, was interrupted by only one serious incident. One man threatened to harm an individual who had been providing the walkers with food and support. The incident was reported to the sheriff's department for further investigation.

Event organizer Jill Gudrey responded by saying the coalition has been committed to non-violence and "nonsense on us is just plain crazy." Members of the coalition are known for their arrests after trying to prevent logging and road building in the Cove/Mallard area.

4-H high schoolers meet in Moscow

Dennis Sasse
Staff

The university is hosting the 1996 Idaho 4-H Teen Conference this week.

Hal Godwin, vice president of student affairs and university relations, said the 4-H has been coming to the University of Idaho for summer conferences for longer than anyone can remember, he guessed that UI has been host to 4-H for 90 years. About 300 members and leaders will come to Moscow for educational workshops. Money management, music, interpersonal skills and interviewing techniques are slated as some of the events.

As part of the normal housekeeping duties of the organization, new officers for the 1996-97 year will be elected. Thursday evening will be the 4-H banquet with UI professor Larry Reiss.

Carole Hansen a retired extension educator, spoke as the keynote speaker Tuesday morning. Hansen talked about humor and how people use humor in their professional and personal lives.

Barbecues, dances and more are scheduled for interactive live and learn events.

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Kellogg cuts prices on 16 cereal brands

Associated Press

NEW YORK—The cereal wars spread Monday as Kellogg Co., returning fire to rival Post Cereal, announced price cuts averaging 19 percent on popular brands like Frosted Flakes, Raisin Bran and Frosted Loops.

Ralcorp Holdings Inc., meantime, announced it is eliminating 100 jobs as part of its efforts to cut costs and survive the rivalry.

Kellogg is the nation's leading cereal company, but has lost market share since No. 3 Post, a unit of the Kraft Foods division of Philip Morris Cos., cut prices in April on its Post and Nabisco brands.

Ralcorp is No. 6.

At an upbeat press conference in New York featuring Tony the Tiger and colorful blow-ups of cereal boxes, Kellogg's chairman, Arnold Langho, announced prices would be reduced on 16 brands that account for two-thirds of the company's U.S. cereal business.

The lower prices should show up on store shelves in a couple of weeks and include 28 percent on Senses; 27 percent on Frosted Loops and Cocoa Krispies, 22 percent on Frosted Mini-Wheats and 18 percent on Frosted Flakes.

Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s grain-based General Mills issued a statement saying it was the first major cereal company to cut its prices, and that it did so two years ago. "Doing so proved good for consumers and good for business," said Philip Morris and Kellogg's recent decision to follow our lead should make the entire cereal category as even more attractive value for consumers, and General Mills will continue to look for ways to improve this value," the statement said.

New Street had trouble digesting the news, while some shops and consumer advocates cheered.

Kellogg's shares were down 1 11/16 at 71 5/8 in trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange as the company said its decision would reduce earnings in the second quarter. Na General Mills was down 5/8 at 53.87 1/2.

Donnelldson, Lurikin & Jeletire Securiries Corp. downgraded both securities, while Goldman Sachs & Co. downgraded Kellogg. Ralcorp fell 62 1/2 cents to 23.87.

But shares of No. 4 Quaker Oats were up 75 cents at $37.50 and Philip Morris rose 50 cents to $101.62 1/2.

At a Meijer store in Grand Rapids, Mich., Marge Bartman, 42, was in the cereal aisle when told of the price cuts. Her cart already held a $3.15 box of Frosted Loops. She says she pays attention to price more than brand, and usually buys "what's on sale. I'd have to watch Kellogg's prices now."

"This is a price war, even though wheat and corn prices have skyrocketed, because of two years of corporate cost-cutting, including the elimination of 1,200 jobs last year at the Battle Creek, Mich.-based cereal maker held most against Brown sugar, Langho said Kellogg had been planning price cuts for years but moved up the schedule to stem the decline in market share.

Kellogg's also said it would change its coupon strategy, targeting them to fewer customers and reducing their face value.

But Kellogg will not do away with coupons altogether, nor does it plan to adopt Post's new strategy, being introduced on a regular basis next Sunday, of allowing customers to use any coupon for any Post or Nabisco brand. "Consumers have told us that they want lower prices on the shelf every day," Langho said. "They still want coupons."

The program will cut Kellogg's second-quarter revenues by about $150 million and its second-quarter earnings, due out July 20, to about 45 cents a share from 77 cents a year ago. The company expects earnings for the full year to be about even with last year's at $3.48 per share.

According to Information Resources Inc., cereal sales dropped 3.7 percent to 36.2 in the year through March 31. Kellogg's market share dropped 4.1 percent, to 36.2 percent.

Male mountain lion shot after killing five llamas

SANDPOINT, Idaho—A huge mountain lion killed five llamas last week before it was tracked and shot by Idaho Fish and Game officials.

"He was big," said Chad Card, who put a cat like that down," said Larry Miller, the Fish and Game biologist when told he was animal. "Why he decided to do those llamas I haven't a clue, but he found something he liked about them and was no doubt a problem."

The llamas are owned by ranchers and residents south of Sandpoint for several weeks. One of the llamas it killed weighed 450 pounds and belonged to Glen Clark, who has an exotic animal farm.

It takes a pretty good-sized cat to take down a llama that big," Clark said. "I've had them take one cow, but never a whole one."

He lost three llamas worth an estimated $20,000 in all. His neighbor lost two of her three llamas to the sandrocks.

"It was getting scary by the time it was killing," Clark said. "People were telling me people were starting to get scared and stopped horseback riding."

The wooded area near Jewell Lake is home to several mountain lions. Neighbors often see the big cats out of the same pool with llamas and said they have never been a problem before.

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Noah Sutherland
Summer brings a collage of nature to the Northwest

all photos by Corinne Flowers
Water on the Palouse
Water quality issues are mostly aesthetic

Dennis Sasse

Beige tinted water, rotten egg smells, drinking water that comes out of the tap with a chlorine smell—professional issues regarding Palouse water.

The water coming out of the ground is of high quality.
—Steve Gill, executive secretary/hydrologist, Pullman-Moscow Water Resources Committee

Water threatened by solvents

COEUR D'ALENE—Coeur d'Alene leaders are concerned about a city well which is showing increasing amounts of a cancer-causing solvent, at a time when the approaching summer calls for more water.

There is no immediate health risk from the Hansey Street well, they say. But federal regulations likely would require it to be shut down if the trend continues.

In a really hot summer, that could lead to water rationing.

"I think the human health considerations would mandate the need for lawn watering," said Tony Davis of the state Division of Environmental Quality. "With good management, though, the city should be able to hold those (solvents) levels in line."

Two new tanks and 35 wells of five supplying the town, showed 6.8 parts and 7.9 parts per billion of the chemical trichloroethylene, a degreaser.

The well would violate federal standards if levels average more than 5 parts per billion over four successive quarterly tests.

Dr. Davis suggested that the levels might be better when a sixth well comes on-line.

The current four-quarter average is 3.99 parts per billion.

Experts suspect the solvents increases the cancer risk in humans over a long term, Jim Markley, city water superintendent.

Trace amounts have been found in the well before, but never at those levels.

The source is not clear. Officials investigated the area in 1990 after the second pound was found in a nearby well. By 1992, those traces were five legal levels and the well was shut down.

Federal investigators later determined Deming Industries, which utilized aluminum, disposed of thousands of gallons of solvents in the well. The city has now relocated the well.

"I don't think anyone in the process of cleaning up the ground."

If the latest well is shut down, it could draw water from more than two low flow fire hydrants and some businesses. So the city has to lay a $50,000 pump to increase pressure.

The problem might be solved next year when a sixth well comes on-line.

WSU student studies cleaning ability of charcoal

Cooking charcoal is cheaper, more available than activated type

Stacy Hall

Maybe this guy could solve our many water problems in Moscow. Mark Seeman, a Washington State University at Tri-Cities graduate student, is attempting to prove researchers right about charcoal cleaning drinking water.

While on a trip to Uganda, the 35-year-old Westinghouse Hanford Co. systems engineer had trouble finding clean drinking water. The trip was resorted to using a water purifier infused with activated charcoal. According to a prepared report, Seeman focused on two of the two, 4-D and malathion, and the petroleum by-product, benzene in his research for a master's thesis in environmental engineering.

"I wanted to discover if people who use charcoal for cooking could also use it for water purification," Seeman said in the report.

Seeman conducted his studies at the WSU-Tri-Cities Food and Environmental Quality Laboratory. Allen Feist, associate professor of crop and soil science, is Seeman's adviser.

"This technique that Steve has tested in terms of feasibility might be most useful to think this technology is very much applicable at the village level," Feist said.

Cooking charcoal is widely available on the streets of most developing countries, while activated charcoal is expensive and difficult to find, Seeman said.

"My thesis was a natural one for me. I knew I wanted to work with water and help developing countries."

"We really want to apply this in the field on an international level. I think that's terribly commendable of him," Feist said.

Like most WSU-Tri-Cities graduate students, Seeman holds down a job and has a family. Seeman has been an engineer with Westinghouse Hanford for nearly 19 years. He attends classes at night and studies at night and on weekends.

"I have another master's in nuclear engineering. So earning my master's at WSU Tri-Cities isn't a matter of making more money or getting a better job, it is a matter of learning," Seeman said.

To learn more about charcoal, Seeman used the Internet and friends to help him collect pieces from Indonesia, Mozambique, Pakistan, Thailand and China.

"I was very disappointed on pesticide removal because of tremendous health risks it poses to people and for developing countries. Some two million people are sickened by pesticides. They don't have good regulations," Seeman said.

Seeman knows he can't solve the pesticide problem for developing countries, but he thinks his work at WSU-Tri-Cities could have major implication in removing pesticide run-off from drinking water.

While all the charcoal Seeman tested removed the pesticides and benzene from water, the glossy, nearly iridescent charcoal from Thailand worked better than others.

Seeman's quest for knowledge is urging him to find out why the charcoal worked the best. Is it the type of wood, or is it the method used to make the charcoal? "I'll probably be going to Laos this summer. I know where this charcoal was made right on the border between Thailand and Laos. I want to go and visit and see how they make the charcoal."

He admits more research needs to done before his idea can be filed-tested. "If I put a piece of charcoal in a glass of water, it's not a scientific procedure. I worry that I'll put in some organic material that's part of the wood. While I don't think that's going to be a problem, more testing needs to be done."

Seeman is graduating from WSU-Tri-Cities this summer, he intends to keep working on his project. He's hoping to find grants to get his project up and running.

"I think learning is a life-long process. If you keep learning, then you've given up life," Seeman said.

Two aquifers serve as major water supply

There are two primary sources of water for the urban area the deep and shallow aquifers. According to the 1995 Annual Palouse Water Use Report published by the Pullman-Moscow Water Resources Committee, levels in Pullman wells appears to be dropping at one to two feet a year.

Steve Gill, executive secretary/hydrologist for PMWRC says the drops in aquifer levels "may not be a problem—we could be reaching equilibrium." The equilibrium levels are not known. An equilibrium would exist when the amount of water in an aquifer is equal to the amount of natural recharge.

Rainfall and snow pack are the two main sources of ground water recharge. Research by a L.A. Professor indicated that recent research by a graduate student suggests rapid recharge in the upper aquifers. Richland lawyers readily accept water and gazping of select Palouse streams indicated that this hypothesis was correct.
PFLAG provides support for parents

Valarree Johnson
Staff

Val and Gayle Schumacher taught their three sons from the time they were small children the importance of love and acceptance. And like most children of wise and loving parents they grew to be wonderful adults.

"I love them and wouldn't change a thing," said Gayle. What may be hard for some to love and accept is the fact that their three sons turned out to be gay. "When my first son came out to us, I didn't know what to think," said Gayle.

Gayle went to a therapist and sought counseling. It wasn't until they found Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays that they could truly cope with their situation. PFLAG was started on the East coast. It wasn't until around three years ago that it came to this area.

Six months ago the Schumachers lost one of their sons to AIDS. It was his courage and inspiration that led them to continue coordinating PFLAG and the original coordinators left the area. "Our real intent is to give support and encouragement to parents," Gayle said. "Every meeting ends up better and better. I always leave full of love." The group averages around 35 at their monthly meetings on the final Friday of every month at the Lewiston YMCA. While many attending are themselves gay or friends of gays, the Schumachers are trying to get more parents to come since they believe that one of the hardest struggles for gays to overcome is acceptance from their parents.

"The people we want to please are our parents," said Gayle. "Situation like this leave many parents confused." PFLAG wants parents to know that there is support and understanding for them to cope. "Our tool is love," Gayle said. "There are many agonizing moments for parents. But through meetings we learn that everyone has a different story, a different hurt, a different pain, yet we all understand."

"Hate is such a waste of time. It's easy to love," said Gayle. "It's so sad that such wonderful people have to hide their identity."

The Schumacher's sons all have had successful careers in the arts from dancing throughout Europe, photo styling in New York City, and working in music stores. "There's no reason to lower our heads," said the proud mother. "They are the most creative, loving, and talented people I know."

No one is required to talk at the meeting but Gayle believes talking is a healer. "We hope that there will be a day when people can just be people." But Gayle says until that day arrives, education and love will help those who are confused.

For more information about PFLAG or attending meetings call (208) 743-1553.

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SUMMER BOOK BUYBACK

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BY professor, feminist fired for religious views

SALT LAKE CITY—A Brigham Young University English professor and feminist has been denied tenure because of ‘provocative acts and actions that were deemed “harmful to teetoters held by the (Mormon) church and the university,”’ according to the termination letter signed by James Gordon, the associate academic vice president.

“Professor Butler has these activities failed to strengthen the moral vigor of the university, they have eroded its very fiber,” Gordon wrote.

Among several instances cited in the letter was a 1993 speech, where Houston publicly rejected the “right of (Mormon) Religion” to prophesy and priesthood leaders to teach about the role of women.

“Humility is the way to a Heavenly Mother as well as to a Heavenly Father,” she said.

The committee also determined Houston was not a good spiritual role model for students, citing an essay in an off-campus newspaper the Student Review—where she wrote that questioning one’s faith is normal during life’s painful experiences.

While not decided by the decision committee, two major issues during the hearing were whether Butler was “convincingly serious and well informed” and whether she had “lost her former political and open-minded.”

Unlike professors who were under fire for their views on church doctrine and policy, Houston’s professional work was not dismissed by her peers.

But the University Faculty Committee on Rank & Status reversed a recommendation for tenure by her department.

The panel, whose decision was ratified by the president and provost, found Houston’s “actions and words on and off campus” were “harmful to teetoters held by the (Mormon) church and the university,” according to the termination letter signed by James Gordon, the associate academic vice president.

She has accepted a tenured-track position with the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, where she says the faculty is “young, vibrant and open-minded.”

U.S. Forest Service worker killed in accident

BAYVIEW, Idaho—A 49-year-old U.S. Forest Service worker was killed after his pickup careened down a steep embankment in southeast Bonner County, the Idaho State Police said.

The work injuries were being reviewed by the Idaho Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Some of the workers who were killed in the Wednesday morning accident were on the Missoula-based crew.

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PONTIAC, Mich.—A Oakland County judge has agreed to consid- er terminating the parental rights of a couple whose half-black foot was chewed off by the family dog.

Probate Judge Barry Grant said Wednesday that there was no way the state could protect the 11-month-old girl to Robert Schindler and Sharyl Irvin until he been convincing they have alcohol and drugs.

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The Associated Press
Forgetting kids is not an excuse

To err is human, I'm told. And to be human is to forget things, little things such as locking your keys in your car and forgetting your mom's birthday. But there are just some things we can not forget.

Last week a Nevada woman dropped off two of her children at a friend's before she went to work. It wasn't until after lunch that she reached back behind her seat to find her three-month-old daughter still strapped in her car seat. After half a day locked in a car where temperatures outside ranged in the 100 degree area, the child was taken to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Whoops! I just forgot! Gee, I have another child, don't I? Goosh dam it!

How can you forget your child? How can you just go off to work and not realize that one of your own is still in the back seat?

Leaving children in hot cars happens a lot, it's sad to say. An old timer, the number of children who died while locked up in hot cars climbed with the temperatures. Still, while these children were neglected I'm sure their parents realized they were in the car.

Then again, maybe not. If you will, remember a similar summer where a woman left her young children locked in her hot car while she went off and got drunk. These forgotten children also suffered from extreme heat and lack of oxygen, and when they were discovered they too had died.

In the heat of last summer, I remember running across a car with a young child locked inside. I was afraid maybe Mom or Dad had left the child there and told him not to open the door for strangers.

While the temperatures outside reached 90 degrees, I'm sure the little kid was quite hot in there. Stupidly, I thought maybe I could convince the child to at least roll down the window to circulate some air. Apparently the child was more afraid of me than suffocating in the heat.

I hope nothing came of this. I hope the child is fine and his mom or dad returned right away. I hope they didn't forget.

Maybe I should have called someone. Maybe I should have tried a different tactic to air-out that hot kid. Maybe I should have done something, anything. The idea still haunts me to this day every time I read about some parent "just forgetting."

Parents, we here at the Argonaut urge you not to forget and leave stuff in your hot car. Whether your child, your doggy or your most valuable cassette tapes. All will be dead by the time you return.

But you knew that...or did you FORGET?

—Lisa Lannigan

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Theme parks want sanitary cinemas

**Late night thoughts**

Dennis Sasse

Type towns in Florida—well sort of. It seems the mayor of this particular Florida town is a retired smuggler with a checkered past. The atmosphere of the town is rustic at best, margaritas are the local drink of choice—outselling soft drinks and bottled water, and as one interviewee described the place, an "insane asylum."

Street performers entertain tourists with carnival feats. Sword swallow, fire breathing, magic and even card hustling locals who would be marginalized in most cities have found a place where their talents are appreciated. And just they are accepted, not harassed by local law enforcement.

This sounds like a great place for a vacation. People, sun, drinks, beaches, the works—a perfect place to get away from the structure and regulation of a week's work and play.

Apparently, I am wrong.

One of the theme parks in Florida is creating a Key West mock up that has been sterilized, sanitized, characterized, and made "safe" for all to enjoy. Improvement on the original? Whatever.

There are many potential dangers. One of the most frightening is that children who are taken to this sanitized city will not realize that in their later years there are no security guards in the real world. Tell a child like this to visit the real thing when they are older. And the locals will have their way with them. I have played against card hustlers with their folding card tables and worn decks. I also know I'll lose when I do. But, the $5, $10 or $20 I spend is worth it. The entertainment value of watching and trying to figure out how the dealer is hustling me is enormous.

If I hadn't been exposed to these gringos, card hustlers, I might have been taken for a ride when I was young. I would not expect to lose, ignore the fact they feed on. My way of playing is different. I am a shrimper works for everyone. The bus-

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For the love of God, don't burn churches

Shelby Dopp

I thought racial tensions had cooled in this country, but I guess I was wrong. About 30 Southern churches have been targeted of suspected arson in the last 18 months and 23 of these churches have been burned this year alone. (Statistics are courtesy of U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.)

Federal officials are finally paying attention to this obscene folly. I wonder how many more fires would have happened if the pastors had not gone to Washington, D.C.

Many black preachers believe it is a systematic campaign by white supremacist to target black houses of worship. I tend to agree with them. Why else would an ancient want to burn down black churches? I cannot think of any other reason.

Then again, for all I know, there could be some mean-spirited person out there who is trying to make white supremacists look really bad. Yeah, whoever.

While supremacists burned down black churches back in the 50s and 60s and others on the American history when there was serious social unrest, Racist tried to do anything they could to keep blacks from voting or sharing any other right most whites had. How would they possibly want to burn down churches now? Not that I am saying it was OK to burn churches over 30 years ago. It was pretty stupid back then, but it's even more stupid now. Minorities have the same rights as whites today. I just want to know what motivates white supremacists would have today. It could be that they just hate, which is really sad.

*I'm also not saying that racial tension does not exist today. Now that would be really stupid of me to think something like that. Remember the Rodney King beating by Los Angeles police officials? Or how about the more recent attacks on the illegal immigrants by Los Angeles police officials? Those are racial tensions in and of themselves. But are things really that tense to cause some ignorant morons to go out and burn black churches? Maybe the anons think blacks will go back to the "bow wow" house. How can they go back home? Their homes were right here in the United States. Black Americans have the right to be here as much as the next person.

America, is a melting pot, right? Land of the free, home of the brave? Or maybe the anons think blacks will want to forfeit all of the rights they fought so hard for in the last 50 or 60 yrs. Now that would be pretty stupid for anyone to think. Who is going to give up their rights after they suffered such hardships? Some of our greatest leaders died for those rights. We must never forget.
Letters to the Editor

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Clearwater River adventure exceeds expectations

Valariee Johnson
Staff

The stay was brief but the adventure never ended while camping in the North Fork of the Clearwater River last weekend. As many of you once-a-year fishermen know, last Saturday was Free Fishing Day so I decided to make an exploration of the frontier with my borrowed pole and a prayer.

Aaah, summertime and the livin' was easy. The fish weren't jumping all that much but I managed to catch my limit. Apart from the fishing though there were some discoveries worth mentioning.

First, and foremost, camping is much more pleasant when arriving before sunset. Setting up the tent and chopping wood is much easier when you get to the spot before dark. Remember to bring toilet paper, a flashlight and matches. Everything else is optional unless you travel with the lot that considers boozes even more important than the campfire.

Okay, so maybe even 99 percent of New York City knows more about camping than I do so let's get to the meat of the discovery worth the drive. After checking nearly every eddy on the North Fork we decided to check out the slide that happened earlier during the floods.

No picture in Life magazine compares to the aftermath of the natural disaster I witnessed. I traversed endless piles of huge rock that had once composed a solid mountain. Most of the rock was chalky white that glistened with flakes of mica. Trees that had once heartily grown along the mountain's side were buried to their tips.

This place was a geologist's dream. And even though a wave of horror ran through my bones to think of the damage that hydraulics could do, there was some kind of beauty about it. To be able to see the stratification of a mountain was a real learning experience. It may not have been Epcot Center, but if you ever have a free weekend, the dusty drive to the North Fork is very rewarding.

Valariee Johnson

All the comforts of home can be found outdoors, as evidenced by this finding at a campsite on the North Fork (above). Valariee tries to separate the fish she caught when they have a slight disagreement over which would be eaten first (right). Floods this spring have caused large slides and detours in the mountains around the North Fork (below).
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