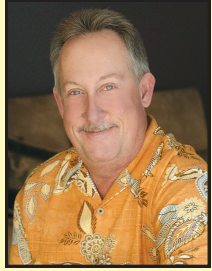


KIDS FIRST



Vaccination: For Health or Profit?

Part 1

Well, school is about to start along with the push to have all students vaccinated. Shortly after this will be the push to have all children receive a flu shot. At two World Pediatric Conferences, in Atlanta and Toronto, the issue of Vaccination was thoroughly discussed. Over the next few weeks, I will be writing a series of articles on the vaccine controversy in my **Kids-First** column. My articles are well researched, factual, and you are welcome to call our Centre for additional information.

Vaccination is a very contentious issue. Nothing

in science is seen with more religious fervor and zeal. As a chiropractor who deals mainly with children, and as a father of nine wonderful, unvaccinated, healthy kids, I have great trepidation concerning this subject. Why am I doing this? Two reasons. First, I am a third generation chiropractor and our knowledge of lifestyle, health, and how the body functions has been practiced for over 80 years. Second, and most important, my ethics. The information released to parents by health departments is very one sided—there is yet another side that most parents do not hear but should, **before** they decide to vaccinate their children.

Vaccination has been likened to a medical "sacrament" by the late Dr. Robert Mendelson, an outspoken North American pediatrician who has labelled himself as a "medical heretic." **Vaccination:** the word itself conjures happy, smiling children lining up to receive their "shot" to keep them "safe and healthy." Millions of parents blindly subject

their children to this ritual for it apparently bestows "protection" from bugs "out there." More and more parents, however, along with the scientific and medical community, are beginning to question not only the validity of this protection, but also its efficacy and its risks.

If you are one who subscribes to the scientific **prove-it-to-me-first, random, double-blind, scientific model**, you are in for quite a shock! The **theory** of vaccination, and it is only a theory, has never been thoroughly tested and proven. Yet it is a theory that many hold very dear to their hearts. Most of this fervor is the direct result of massive marketing campaigns by the pharmaceutical and medical industry. As a matter of fact, any research being done on vaccines is funded by the drug industry and there is virtually no research done on vaccine hazards. Any studies that have been done, do not extend for more than a two-week period. Why? There are billions of dollars at stake. What a shock! As a matter of fact, there is no

system in Canada for reporting vaccine damage and for compensating children who have been damaged by vaccination.

In the U.S., any vaccine damage and adverse events are reported to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) which then handles such problems. Any damage in Canada is often conveniently dismissed as coincidental, and parents of vaccine damaged children are made to feel guilty, as though it is their fault their child "reacted badly" to a vaccine and is now brain damaged.

Too bad! I think most parents in our community would find something is very wrong with this.

I agree. See you in two weeks for Part II.

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Thune

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that people had here to get ready and get these sandbags in place, it put an incredible burden on people."

He will be part of an attempt to get Corps officials before Congress in the fall.

"I understand they have a tough job to do," Thune said. "They've got a lot they have to balance. But their first priority has always got to be flood control and protecting public health and safety. This year was an extraordinary year for them. But when you're in a wet cycle, it could happen again next year. We have to be prepared for

that. We have to make sure we're doing the necessary oversight to see the Corps is taking the appropriate steps to be prepared."

Part of the conversation will be reevaluating the master manual the Corps uses to direct flows on the Missouri River, Thune said.

"I think the master manual is something we're going to continue to discuss with them," he stated. "I think we have to do that in order to do the due diligence for the people of South Dakota."

For his part, Larson said he is looking forward to the waters receding so the cleanup process can begin at the camp. "We've got a big mess here for a while," he said. "It's been a long summer and depressing as heck."

Obama

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The president will hold five public events over three days in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois.

The tour begins Monday with a town hall-style event in Cannon Falls, Minn., followed by a second question-and-answer session in Decorah, Iowa.

On Tuesday, Obama will hold a rural economic forum in Peosta, Iowa.

Before returning to the White House on Wednesday, Obama will preside at town hall-style events in the Illinois towns of Atkinson and Alpha.

On Thursday, he plans to join his wife, Michelle, and daughters Malia and Sasha, on their annual vacation in Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Deal

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quired to pay restitution to his neighbors, Gertsema said.

Kyte allegedly beat his neighbors' German shorthair pointer — whose name was Shy — to death in its kennel

in June.

According to The Associated Press, Shayne and Kim Ludwig said their dog was gentle and barked only if someone was trespassing on their property.

Kyte is scheduled to appear in court at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23.

— *The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

Hot Summer Made Worse By Air Conditioner Thieves

BY JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Intense heat Texas and other parts of the country have experienced this summer has made thefts of air conditioning units by criminals looking to sell their metal for scrap into a literally unbearable crime.

The thefts themselves aren't related to the weather, but to the high prices thieves can get for the copper and other metal parts inside the units, said Houston police Sgt. Michael McGinty, who runs a metal theft squad in operation since 2007.

And the theft of one air conditioner may even have contributed to the death of an elderly Dallas woman last month.

The crime isn't new, but McGinty said he and his team of five investigators have seen an increase in the number of thefts involving air conditioners this summer in Houston. The squad is handling 230 metal theft cases each month, with 90 to 95 related to air conditioning units. Other parts of the country, including Georgia, Chicago and Philadelphia have also dealt with similar crimes this summer.

"Right now it's making the most detrimental effect because of the intense heat we are having," McGinty said Friday. "Now it's getting more attention as far as all these people are living without it because they just don't have the money to replace it."

In Dallas, 79-year-old Dolores Grissom was found dead in her home two days after she reported her unit stolen. Authorities say her death was heat-related.

"If the heat ain't killing you, somebody else is," neighbor Caroline Ware said Friday as she sat on her front porch and tried to enjoy a bit of cool morning shade. "It's getting so we can't even live."

Ware, 68, said her daughter, who also lives in the area, had two window air conditioning units stolen last week.

Dallas Police spokesman Cpl. Jerry Monreal declined to comment on Grissom's case.

In the small town of Willis, about 50 miles north of Houston, thieves a few months ago had tried to take the four air conditioning units at Trinity Baptist Church.

To protect the units, metal cages and locks were placed around them, said Steve Bassett, one of the church's deacons. But late last month, thieves pried open the metal cages and stole two of the units.

"I thought I had enough locks on them but I guess I didn't," Bassett said.

Thanks to a local businessman, the church was able to replace the units for about \$2,300 within a few days and without affecting services. Along with the cost of buying new locks, as well as motion lights, the church ended up paying \$3,000. Bassett said his church, with a congregation of about 50, could barely afford the cost.

"I just don't understand people stealing from churches," he said.

The church plans to install more security equipment, including a surveillance camera that takes photographs when motion sensors are triggered.

In northwest Houston, an apartment complex has had

nearly 60 air conditioners stolen in the last few months, including about 20 in one night earlier this month, said A.J. Sultan, the building's owner.

The thefts aren't limited to

Texas. In Chicago, thieves in June made off with two air conditioning units at an animal shelter, costing the facility \$25,000. In North Carolina, authorities in Wayne County said thieves took at least seven air conditioning units in June, mostly from vacant homes or businesses. In Philadelphia, thieves in July stole or damaged air conditioning units at a small Presbyterian church, forcing members of the congregation to rely on fans to get through Sunday services.

And in DeKalb County, Ga., just east of Atlanta, police in June broke up a ring that had been stealing dozens of air conditioning units worth about \$200,000.

"They would go to various locations and load air conditioners on a U-Haul truck and take it to

an abandoned home and break the units down," said Mekka Parish, a spokeswoman for DeKalb County police.

The impact from air conditioning thefts probably hasn't been as bad for Atlanta-area residents this year because that part of Georgia has not experienced the same oppressive summer heat that has taken place in Texas and other parts of the country, she said.

The thefts in Houston have continued even though people selling metal to scrap yards must present identification. A new Texas law set to go into effect Sept. 1 will require all scrap yards in the state to do the same.

"The key will be law enforcement," McGinty said. "When I was in Austin, I told lawmakers, 'You can pass any law you want but if you don't have boots on the ground, it won't matter.'"

Associated Press writer Linda Stewart Ball in Dallas contributed to this report.

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