

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 fervour and zeal. As a chiropractor who deals mainly with children, and as a father of nine wonderful, unsubluxated, 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 fervour 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 hazzards. 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 mater 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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Kayak

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the water or poured water over my head,” he said. “Occasionally, I would pull over and jump in the water to cool off. I also carried a lot of water.”

Kalch found himself amazed at the tremendous amount of wildlife in what he considered an industrialized nation. He encountered beaver, raccoon, deer, moose, antelope, wolverines, coyotes, wolves and even his first sighting of buffalo.

His trip through the wild has included an encounter at a park that Kalch would rather forget.

“In Montana, a ranger dropped me off, and a guy reported that he had seen a pack of wolves. I thought, I don’t want to see a bloody pack of wolves,” he said. “But later, I shone my light and there were four or five sets of red eyes. They turned out to be wolves. I went into my tent and had nothing but my bear spray. The wolves went away, but I knew not to keep food near my tent.”

He also discovered fresh bear prints and droppings, signs of other unwelcome visitors.

Kalch found himself in Great Falls, Mont., on July 2, ready to continue his trip. Instead, he decided to delay his departure to enjoy a truly American holiday.

“This is my first visit to the U.S., and part of the journey is experiencing the people. I learned one day before I was to leave that there was a 4th of July celebration,” he said. “I stayed because I wanted to see the parade, fireworks and concert. In Australia, we have celebrations, but not that fervently patriotic. You had floats, but you also had

tow trucks and even a race car that were all covered with flags.”

Kalch paddles 12 to 13 hours a day. He paddled hard for 2 1/2 days from Pierre to Chamberlain, which he considered 100 river miles. At Chamberlain, he crossed paths with Englishman Dave Cornthwaite, who is swimming the Missouri River for 1,000 miles from Chamberlain to St. Louis.

Kalch left Chamberlain last Saturday and arrived in Yankton on Thursday afternoon. Along the way, he faced the challenges of maneuvering through the sediment and other obstacles.

“There were really marshy, grassy areas around Running Water and Niobrara (Neb.),” he said. “You had to find some sort of path or channel to paddle through.”

Upon arriving in Yankton, Kalch pulled his kayak out of the water and ran into Yankton native Brian Foss.

“I figured this was someone that I wanted to meet,” Foss said. “I was amazed with him. Initially, when we met, it didn’t sink in. Then I went home and looked at his website and said, ‘This guy’s for real.’”

Foss took his newfound Australian friend to Fleg’s Riverside Road House, where the local residents bought him a ribeye steak and gave him a souvenir shirt.

Why Fleg’s? Foss figured Kalch would enjoy the neighboring James River, one of the flattest rivers in the world.

“It was a true Midwest bar,” Kalch said. “For me, part of it was the experience that I wouldn’t get in another country. This was pure America.”

“Someone even asked me about Crocodile Dundee,” Kalch added with a chuckle, referring to the Australian outback explorer made famous by Paul Hogan in the movies.

Kalch said Friday afternoon that he was looking forward to the opening night of activities at Riverboat Days.

“I have a good impression of Yankton. It has nice shops, and it’s very entrepreneurial with a good mix of agriculture and industry,” he said. “It’s also a nice place where you can ‘chill.’ I’m staying for Riverboat Days for the same reason I stayed for the 4th of July at Great Falls. I think it’s worth far more to stay an extra day in Yankton and then make up for it later.”

Kalch figures he will reach the Gulf of Mexico by late September, although he anticipates difficulties as he reaches low water levels and heavy barge traffic. He also knows that last year’s historic Missouri River flooding has tremendously changed the channel and the character of the river itself.

“The flood wasn’t uniform down the whole river. I guess that I will look for the best flow,” he said. “When you reach a sharp curve, you run into a fast flow to the outside.”

As he continues his travels, Kalch plans to update his website and Twitter only once every two weeks.

“Things are so different that I want to cut the cord. I want to separate myself from my normal life,” he said. “If I Tweet or update, then I’m not disconnected from the real world. I could share some photos of really great sites, but I want to keep it to myself.”

Globe trotting is nothing new for the 35-year-old Kalch, who has explored his native Australia along with Asia, Africa, South America and North America. He has sponsors for trips and also makes appearances talking about his experiences.

Over the years, he has guided sea kayaking and white water rafting in both Australia and

Africa. He has also led climbs up Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, including a trip with former tennis star Martina Navratilova that was cut short when her lungs filled with fluid. He also walked the entire length of Iran.

Upon completing his current journey down the Missouri-Mississippi river system, Kalch and his girlfriend — a British diplomat — will move with their children to Argentina for four years.

During that time, he looks to use Argentina as a jumping-off point for picking up his third river and continent — the Onyx River in Antarctica.

“To get to Antarctica, I will likely need to join a research crew,” he said. “The Onyx River itself is only 25 miles long, but the real challenge is reaching it.”

Despite such hardships, Kalch said he wouldn’t trade his life for anything else.

“I tell myself, I could be doing something different,” he said. “But there’s nothing else that I would rather be doing.”

For more information on Kalch’s journey, visit online at 7rivers7continents.com.

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Railroad Board Again Seeking Platte-Napa Proposals

BY DIRK LAMMERS
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS — The South Dakota Railroad Board is again accepting proposals from companies wanting to restore service on an abandoned railroad line from Platte to Napa Junction near Yankton.

The board agreed in 2006 to sell the state-owned line to Wagner Native Ethanol for \$1.5 million, but voted earlier this year to accept new proposals to renovate the line after the company missed a deadline to shore up financing. Board members in April rejected the submissions from the Napa-Platte Regional Railroad Authority, Wagner Native Ethanol, Central States Rail Associates and Dakota Southern Railway Company.

The new deadline is Oct. 1, and board members will discuss the proposals at their mid-October meeting, said board chairman Chet Groseclose of Sioux Falls.

“We would like to get something going down there,” Groseclose said Thursday. “It does seem like there’s an opportunity for economic development down in that area.”

South Dakota bought the 82-mile stretch after the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, known as the Milwaukee Road, declared bankruptcy in the late 1970s. Estimates to restore the portion were reaching \$30 million and the state doesn’t have the money to fix it, officials have said.

At the April meeting, board members directed the Napa-Platte Regional Railroad Authority, Wagner Native Ethanol and Dakota Southern Railway Company to talk to the state Department of Transportation to address questions and submit amended proposals. Central States, which supported the Napa-Platte Regional proposal but requested that it be made operator of the line, was not asked to resubmit.

The board directed Bruce Lindholm, the DOT’s program officer

for the office of air, rail and transit, to work with the groups and seek some common ground. The groups indicated they wanted to pursue proposals on their own, he said.

“They don’t want to work together,” Lindholm said.

Wagner Native Ethanol in its initial proposal said it was planning to build a 50 million gallon per year ethanol plant, saying that the railroad deal would restore rail service to elevators in Wagner, Tyndall, Avon, Tabor and Dante.

The Dakota Southern proposal offered to purchase the line for \$2.1 million.

The Napa-Platte Regional proposal was for a 15-year lease on the rail line from the Napa Junction west to Wagner, with a request to allow the line west of Wagner from Ravinia to Platte to be salvaged. The proposal would have used the estimated \$180,000 from the rail and ties as payment on the lease and to help rebuild the line starting from the east.

Questions arose on the legality of whether the state could accept payment on a lease agreement with funds raised through the sale of state-owned property.

Ken Cotton, an attorney for the authority, said it is seeking its own proposals with plans to recommend one to the board at the October meeting.

“We hope that there’s enough interest out there so we can put something together that’ll be mutually beneficial to everybody,” Cotton said.

Groseclose said the board has settled one key issue on the line, agreeing to retain ownership of a two-mile stretch of rail where the line connects to the BNSF line northwest of Yankton. That decision will help assure rail access for a proposed Dakota Plains Ag Center grain loading facility at Napa Junction, he said.

“We’re going to continue that ownership so we can have some control over the access to the line,” Groseclose said.

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