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At Orlando, Disney World and Universal Studios were closing today and SeaWorld already was shut down. Airlines canceled virtually all flights into and out of southern Florida, and the military sent aircraft inland and ships out of port to ride out the storm at sea. Crews of big civilian ships were told to get ready to leave port at Charleston, S.C.

The Marine Corps was moving 7,000 recruits out of its Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C.

Only a skeleton crew was left behind at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, and they could leave if wind becomes as fierce as predicted. Three space shuttles were in the shuttle hangar, which is designed to withstand wind of only up to 105 mph, and the fourth was in the Vehicle Assembly Building, built to withstand 125 mph wind. Four multimillion-dollar rockets stood exposed on launch pads.

Floyd was much larger than Hurricane Andrew - another Category 4 storm - which smashed into South Florida in 1992, causing \$25 billion in damage, killing 26 people and leaving 160,000 homeless.

A hurricane warning was in effect today from Florida City, south of Miami, to Brunswick, Ga., a distance of about 400 miles. A hurricane warning means hurricane conditions could be felt within 24 hours.

A hurricane watch stretched northward all the way to the North Carolina line, and a tropical storm warning was in effect for most of the Florida Keys. High surf advisories were in effect as far north as New York's Long Island.

Upwards of 1.8 million people were told to seek shelter along the coasts of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, including all of Savannah, Ga. Nursing homes in coastal South Carolina had started moving resi-

dents inland on Monday.

"There's no reason for anyone to stay," said Charleston, S.C., Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. "We're going to have flooding and you need to get out," said North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey.

Farther north, residents of North Carolina's Ocracoke Island, still drying out from Hurricane Dennis a week earlier, also were urged to evacuate. Waves had already started washing across the island's only highway.

Many of Ocracoke's 700 residents had stayed to ride out Dennis. However, said Hyde County Manager Jeff Credle, "I think most people are going to leave this time."

National Guard forces were being activated in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

"We are making fervent and feverish preparations here," said Bill Bartlett, a Red Cross official in South Carolina.

South Carolina residents with memories of Hurricane Hugo - which battered the coast with 135 mph wind 10 years ago - packed up as best they could.

"How do you prepare for a storm that's going to wipe you out?" asked Buster Browne, a McClellanville, S.C., resident who rode out Hugo, a Category 4 storm.

"Category 1 or 2, you run out and buy plywood and do what you can," he said. "If a Category 5's going to hit you, what the hell are you going to do? Get the stuff you want to save and leave town."

Only two Category 5 hurricanes have hit the United States since records have been kept: the 1935 Labor Day storm that slammed the Florida Keys, killing 423 people, and Hurricane Camille, which roared ashore in Mississippi in 1969, killing 256.

Court Document Shows Officials Tried to Help Boy

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) - Teachers, police and mental health workers tried in vain to get help for Patrick Lee Harned before he allegedly strangled a 7-year-old Astoria girl, a new court document shows.

Filed by Harned's defense attorneys, the document paints a startling picture of a boy long troubled by psychological and developmental problems who was becoming increasingly violent.

Harned, who turned 17 in May, is accused of murdering Ashley Ann Carlson on Feb. 11.

Harned was in and out of mental institutions and treatment centers since he was 9 years old. Authorities tried repeatedly, right up to a few days before the slaying, to get the boy into residential treatment, but they said they couldn't get his parents to cooperate.

Harned's troubled childhood and chaotic family life will be the focus of a three-day hearing beginning Oct. 19 to determine his mental competency to stand trial. Harned is charged with two counts of aggravated murder in Carlson's death. He is to be tried in adult court.

Attorneys Griff Healy and Laura Graser, who filed the document, plan to use mental defect or disease as a defense.

Harned is one of two boys police say was molested by William Carl Welsh, a registered sex offender with whom Harned was living with just before the murder. Welsh, 45, is in Clatsop County Jail waiting trial on sex-crime charges.

Harned's lawyers say Harned is mentally incapable of assisting in his defense and want his trial postponed until he can participate. They say he cannot separate fantasy from reality or comprehend the nature of the legal proceedings.

His lawyer also notified the court

that they plan to use an insanity defense during his trial, which could spare him from imprisonment. The argument could reduce the crime to manslaughter, meaning Harned would face a minimum prison sentence of 10 instead of 30 years. Dr. Orin Bolstad, a psychiatrist who will testify, is quoted in the documents as saying Harned suffers from a psychotic disorder, post-traumatic stress and major depressive disorders. Asperger's disorder, which is similar to autism, is hyperactive and has an IQ of 81.

Bolstad also thinks the boy may suffer from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Bolstad is also a defense witness for Kip Kinkel, the teen-ager accused of killings his parents, then going on a shooting spree at Springfield's Thurston High School, killing two others and wounding 22.

In 1994, Harned allegedly threatened to shoot police with their own guns after his father took him to the police station for a "dressing down." Two years later, a 12-year-old Harned was sent to a Portland hospital for emergency psychiatric treatment for "serious suicidal and homicidal behavior." That May, he assaulted one of his sisters and hurt her neck.

Harned was admitted to a Portland hospital again in 1998 after he allegedly threatened to kill the vice principal at Astoria High School, where he was a student.

In February, just days before Ashley's death, Harned's mother claimed he tried to run her over at an Astoria gas station. She demanded police take her son and said she didn't want any more contact with him. Police took him to the family home and left him outside.

On Feb. 5, Astoria police found Harned and another teen-age boy at Welsh's home. Concerned because of Welsh's criminal past, police called the boy's parents.

Don Harned picked up his son "but did not seem concerned," police reported Harned was not welcome at home, and was reportedly staying with a friend, who turned out to be Welsh. A few days later, Patrick Harned admitted to police to being sexually abused by Welsh.

Police searched Welsh's home on Feb. 11, the same evening Ashley Carlson disappeared. Harned participated in the extensive search for the girl and was

interviewed by police twice.

After being taken to a Portland foster home, he allegedly confessed to authorities to killing the girl, telling the investigators that he had become angry when she touched his "private parts" and strangled her with a belt to put her "to sleep." He denied sexually abusing the girl before or after her death. He told police they could find her body buried in the basement of his family's home.

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Bone Marrow Transplants For Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis Is Approved For Oregon Girl

Bone Marrow Transplant will be the first in the Pacific Northwest to be approved for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis

(PORTLAND, Ore.) - Bone Marrow transplants have proven to be effective in the treatment of many cancers. Now Oregon health Sciences university's Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Kaiser Permanente have given approval for an autologous bone marrow transplant to be performed on a nine-year-old girl in hopes of curing an autoimmune disease that has made her life unbearable.

Mollie Hauck of Canby, Oregon doesn't know what it's like to play with other kids, because sometimes playing can make her joints ache so badly she can't move or stop crying in pain. When Mollie was three she was diagnosed by her Kaiser Permanente pediatrician with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disease where her own white blood cells attack the healthy cells in her joints causing excruciating pain, swelling and eventually possible immobilization or death.

"We just want her to be able to enjoy life like any other child without the constant emotional and physical pain," says Mollie's parents Kathy and Sam Hauck. "We hope Mollie's experience with this treatment will open the doors for

other children who suffer from JRA and other autoimmune disease.

Mollie suffers from an extreme case of systemic onset juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Most children with this condition respond to some form of treatment within a year of diagnosis. Nothing has worked well for Mollie. She has weekly injections and each day must take 12 to 15 different pills. In addition, she has had repeated multiple joint injections, up to 29 injections at a time, and already has had to have the lining of one of her hip joints removed due to the arthritis.

"Mollie's condition has required increasingly aggressive therapy. In spite of these treatments Mollie continues to suffer," says David Tilford, M.D., a Kaiser Permanente pediatrician who was among a group of the HMO's physicians who reviewed Mollie's case and approved her for an autologous bone marrow transplant. "Having exhausted the conventional treatments, we had to consider therapies which are still under investigation but look promising, like autologous bone marrow transplant," says Dr. Tilford. "It's a serious procedure but one we hope improves Mollie's condition."

"Mollie is a true pioneer for other children with autoimmune diseases. If this proves to be successful in treating her disease, it will open up the door for many

more children to also obtain relief," said Theodore Moore, M.D., assistant professor of pediatric hematology/oncology and director of Pediatric Stem Cell Transplant Program at Doernbecher.

The treatment protocol that will be used on Mollie was developed in Holland and has shown great promise.

"Of the thousand of children I have seen with arthritis, Mollie's arthritis is definitely in the worst 1 percent. If anything is going to keep her from having totally destroyed joints, it will be the transplant," said David Sherry, M.D., Mollie's rheumatologist at Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center in Seattle.

The treatment is expected to begin around the end of September. Mollie will first have some stem cells then she will undergo extensive chemotherapy to kill her defective immune system. Approximately 10 days later her stem cells will be re-infused into her system with the hope that they will produce a new healthy, strong immune system.

If the bone marrow transplant is successful, Mollie will be able to play free of pain with her brother and two sisters and finally go back to school. At 3-foot-2-inches, Mollie's dream following the transplant is to grow to the height of other kids her age and be tall enough to go on roller coasters and other rides.

Health Officials Worry E.coli May Show Secondary Spread

(Portland-AP) - Two more children have become ill with E.coli, and officials are worried that they may see more cases linked to Battle Ground Lake.

A seven-year-old boy from Battle Ground has been hospitalized in fair condition, and will go on kidney dialysis.

A three-year-old boy from

Vancouver has been hospitalized in fair condition with anemia. But the seven-year-old did not swim in Battle Ground Lake. That is causing fears among health-care professionals that they may be seeing a secondary infection spreading from people who don't know they've been infected to

healthy people.

The infection may have come from a third child who swam at the lake but has not developed an E.coli infection.

A health officer from the Southwest Washington Health District said that the greatest risk is getting the illness from an infected person.

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