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Your Weekend



- **Nick Jaina live at the Great Pacific, Friday**
- **"Fusion" Saturday at the Vert Auditorium**
- **Sno Road Winery Murder Mystery**

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Catch a movie



The SAG award winning **"Birdman,"** starring Michael Keaton, comes to Hermiston. For showtime, **Page 5A**

Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
45/30	43/33	43/39

Book thieves target the occult

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When books fly off the shelf at a library, it's usually seen as a positive trend.

But books about black magic, Satanism, the occult and other related subjects have a tendency to disappear without coming back.

The Pendleton Public Library is just one of many libraries in Eastern Oregon dealing with the issue.

A cursory search for books about tarot cards reveals there's only one that can be checked out at the Pendleton library, while the other can only be viewed inside the facility.

Of the 36 tarot card books in the Sage Library System, which covers 77 libraries in fifteen counties in Eastern and Central Oregon, 28 percent are considered lost or missing.

While the Sage system does have a small collection of nonfiction books about Sa-

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PENDLETON

Chief says Aryan gang's days are up

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Pendleton police Chief Stuart Roberts said his department is in the final stages of corralling members of a white supremacist gang.

Roberts and Umatilla County District Attorney Dan Primus have said the United Aryan Empire is a criminal organization responsible for violent acts and plots to assault and even kill people starting in October 2014.

"Right now, the number of identified members/affiliates is at 20," Roberts said in an email.

Pendleton police began the crackdown on the gang this month. Roberts said his department focused on putting the most dangerous members behind bars. Locking up those key figures, he said, gave some victims the breathing room to come forward and report crimes.

Roberts also identified nine people as Aryan gang members or as facing charges as a result of gang incidents:

- Jeremiah Mauer, 30, Warren Browning, 35, and Gregory Tinnell, 43, are in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, and have pleaded not guilty to multiple charges, including riot, racketeering and conspiracy to

commit murder.

- Steven Grangood, 22, is not in jail, but also faces charges of racketeering, riot, conspiracy to commit murder and more.

- Sarah Frankford, 30, is out of jail and pleaded not guilty to third-degree assault and conspiracy to commit third-degree assault.

- Scotty Ray Pollard, 40, is in the jail and faces a charge of riot. Pendleton police picked him up Wednesday on a warrant. Roberts said Pollard was involved in a stabbing incident in October.

- Kirk Hatley, 24, also is in the jail for riot. Roberts reported Hatley

is affiliated with the Cyclones set of Sureno 13, a primarily Latino American gang.

Roberts said police have warrants for two others: Matthew Reed for first-degree attempted assault and conspiracy to commit murder; and Bryan Corona for riot.

The chief also reported he anticipated at least one more indictment, and as detectives investigate more assault cases, more indictments could come.

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Erosion, instability leave Birch Creek in need of restoration



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"It was a mess. Once the water left, it was basically a mudflat."

— **Colin Hemphill,**
fifth-generation farmer and cattle rancher



A fence line separates a cattle pasture from the banks of Birch Creek on the property of Colin Hemphill north of Pilot Rock. The fence was installed in 1989 as part of a ODFW stream bank stabilization program.

Saving a sanctuary

A third of all Umatilla Basin steelhead call creek home

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

As a kid, Colin Hemphill remembers riding out on his family's ranch between Pendleton and Pilot Rock to pick up driftwood littered around the pasture after a Birch Creek flood.

"You'd have about six inches of mud on top of your grass," said Hemphill, 34, a fifth-generation farmer and cattle rancher. "It was a mess. Once the water left, it was

basically a mudflat."

It is not uncommon to see flooding on Birch Creek, where agricultural practices in some areas led to bank erosion and instability. That's had a negative impact on both property owners and native steelhead runs.

Restoration work has been a staple on Birch Creek for decades as agencies seek a balance between healthy farms and fish. About 87 percent of the creek runs through private land south of Pendleton, rising at the base of the Blue Mountains and emptying into the Umatilla River near Rieth. It

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Rancher Colin Hemphill holds a photo of himself, top right, in 1989 working on the ODFW stream bank stabilization of Birch Creek on his property north of Pilot Rock.

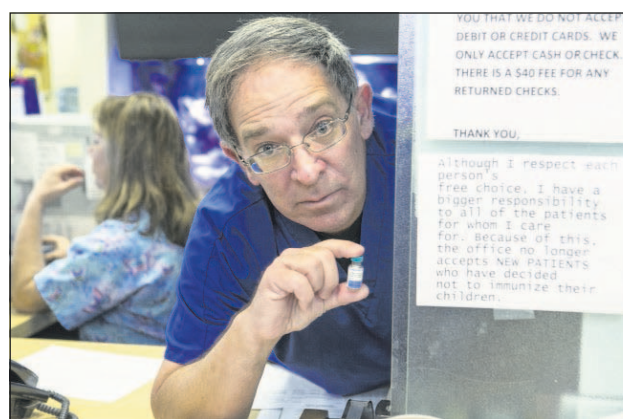
Some doctors decline anti-vaccine patients

By **ALICIA CHANG**
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — With California gripped by a measles outbreak, Dr. Charles Goodman posted a clear notice in his waiting room and on Facebook: His practice will no longer see children whose parents won't get them vaccinated.

"Parents who choose not to give measles shots, they're not just putting their kids at risk, but they're also putting other kids at risk — especially kids in my waiting room," the Los Angeles pediatrician said.

It's a sentiment echoed by a small number of doctors who in recent years have "fired" patients who continue to believe debunked research linking vaccines to autism. They hope the strategy will lead



Pediatrician Charles Goodman poses for photo with the MMR vaccine, an immunization vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella at his practice in Northridge, Calif.

parents to change their minds; if that fails, they hope it will at least reduce the risk to other children in the office.

The tough-love approach — which comes amid the nation's second-biggest

measles outbreak in at least 15 years, with at least 98 cases reported since last month — raises questions about doctors' ethical responsibilities. Most of the measles cases have been traced directly or indirectly

to Disneyland in Southern California.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says doctors should bring up the importance of vaccinations during visits but should respect a parent's wishes unless there's a significant risk to the child.

"In general, pediatricians should avoid discharging patients from their practices solely because a parent refuses to immunize his or her child," according to guidelines issued by the group.

However, if the relationship between patient and doctor becomes unworkable, the pediatricians academy says, the doctor may want to encourage the vaccine refuser to go to another physician.

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Gap widens between views of the public and scientists

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The American public and U.S. scientists are light-years apart on science issues. And 98 percent of surveyed scientists say it's a problem that we don't know what they're talking about.

Scientists are far less worried about genetically modified food, pesticide use, and nuclear power than is the general public, according to matching polls of both the general public and the country's largest general science organization. Scientists were more certain that

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