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PILOT EDITORIAL

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JCC plan is a good one

Jackson County Central's plan to implement a "blended" model of learning to start the fall semester of school is a good one.

It gets the students who really need to be in school back in school.

It allows the students who can effectively learn from home the opportunity to do that a bit.

It reduces the likelihood of viral transmission among students, faculty and staff.

And it positions the district for a gradual and nearly seamless transition should it have to adjust its approach for whatever reason.

This coming school year will be fraught with uncertainty and the threat of having to adjust the bestlaid plans on the fly. The plan for "blended" learning hatched by JCC administrators and teachers puts the district in the best possible position to overcome any

challenge it may face.



LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: Do you approve or disapprove of Gov. Tim Walz's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic?

prove (37%)	
sapprove (54%)	

Not sure (8%)

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FACEBOOK

A PILOT EDITORIAL: Governor has gone too far. Inconsistent in nature, baseless in science and an egregious example of an abuse of power, Gov. Tim Walz's statewide facemask mandate needs to go.

KATHY KOLANDER 100% Agree!!!!!!!



DANIELLE ROSSOW | agree 100%



JILL LEEN I've worked in elderly health care for 30+ years. If one of the staff had a cold, or a different virus we were often told to wear a mask. Why you ask? To prevent the virus from getting my residents sick. Flu season if you come into the clinic to be

checked often you are asked to wear a mask. Why you ask? To prevent you from spreading the flu to others in the clinic.



JILL SOENEN WINTER Does everyone know how the rest of the world is looking at Americans right now!!! I have ties to a few people in different countries and the 3 people in all 3 countries are saying the same

things!!! They are seeing and talking about Americans as SELFISH, ENTITLED, WHINING BUNCHES OF PEOPLE THAT JUST WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE. And I can see where they are coming from. Just sit back and listen to everyone no matter which side your on! THIS MAKES ME SO SAD!!!! I'm not saying I am for all of this or not. JUST BE DONE WITH IT !!! BE NICE AND JUST STOP ALL OF THIS!!! PLEASE!!!!



JESIKA MITCHELL Oh Lessman. Your anti science cognitive dissonance is always so amusing. This is beyond opinion. It's spreading misinformation on purpose and that is harmful. Lessman has published so many gross editorials it's just what he

does. Not to mention the things he's gotten away with in regard to alleged property trespassing in order to get a story for his front page. Stunning examples of the Christianity he supposedly stands for!



KIMBERLY QUICK HENNING When the Publisher of a newspaper writes an Editorial it is meant to be reflective of the views of said publication. I believe that if Mr. Lessman had written an Opinion Editorial, then technically his opinion is supposed to be

viewed as his own.. Not necessarily the views of said publication. Regardless of whether or not the Publisher has posted an Editorial or an Op Ed, it seems like an unprofessional way to approach his journalistic integrity. Knowing that Mr. Lessman, Publisher of the Jackson County Pilot, has very biased, one sided opinions in regards to the issues he brought up in this Editorial and others that he has written in the past, it leads one to ruminate in the likelihood that this publication is biased in regards to the "news" coverage that it provides.



JOE HALLORAN Wow. Sophomoric nonsense, at best. What an undeserved and unhinged attack on a hard working, well meaning governor, a teacher, a soldier, and a product of southern minnesota who is simply trying to do his best to get us and our

LYNN METLI JASPER I realize everyone has a right to

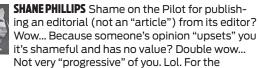
you go and publish this and then post it on Face-

book? Shame on you Jackson County Pilot.

their opinion. As if we're not divided enough already,

vulnerable loved ones through a terrible health crisis. Oh, and with absolutely no playbook. Spare us and this honorable man your outrageous attacks . Try instead to foster meaningful and respectful discussion. Its your job, after all.





record... I don't agree with Justin. I'm just a rational person that realizes people have a right to their opinion. Also, worldly enough to realize what editorials are.



DIANE PETERSEN THOMPSON I agree that everyone is entitled to their opinions. But as I read this editorial his arguments and accusations were fueling the fires of many people. As you see in the

comments there is more division and disagreements going on then should be. Our country is broken with people vandalizing America, Republicans vs Democrats, and so much more. Personally it hurts me to see our country divided and fighting when we should be standing together trying to get rid of this horrible virus that is killing so many in the USA! That is why I commented. It is just my opinion!



TOM KOOISTRA "It's ironic the most vocal supporters of this facemask mandate - including the governor himself - are the most vocal supporters of legalized abortion." Is there a source for this statement?

Any facts to back this up? It seems to me the author has made an assumption of relation of 2 things I don't find relatable. And Btw Alanis Morrissette, it wouldn't be ironic. It would be a coincidence.

> CASSANDRA JANZEN Governor Walz is unfit to lead. Open MN, and get rid of the ridiculously unsafe mask mandate.



SHANDA COPELAND How Is the mask mandate unsafe?



CASSANDRA JANZEN They are not meant to be worn for long periods of time. The reason is you're breathing in your own dirty air (carbon dioxide) and it can cause severe lung infections.



SHANDA COPELAND And you don't wear them for long if you are just going to the store or something. And yet the drs and nurses can wear them for 12 hours a day to save the ignorant masses

who refuse to wear a mask cuz it's "infringing on our rights" or its uncomfortable??? Save your stupid arguments for the grave.

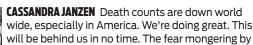


CASSANDRA JANZEN American citizens are in charge of their own health. The government doesn't have the right to make masks mandatory. They don't work, and it's bad to breathe in your own dirty air. I refuse, and that's my right to

do so. I will also not muzzle my children.



SHANDA COPELAND Oh yeah, and we see how being in charge of your own health is working so well in Florida, California, and some others. Places where people have been more careful and not AFRAID to wear masks have done a better job keeping the virus under better control. Good luck...



Source: Jackson County Pilot Website

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

Q: Coke or Pepsi?

Vote online at jacksoncountypilot.com.

Let your voice be heard on Aug. 11

To the editor:

As our nation continues to struggle with maintaining strong values and unity, we need to continue our strength behind those in southern Minnesota.

In order to both maintain that strength and grow it past our borders, or "influence up" - especially north of us - we must display our support openly and at the polls on Aug. 11 for Jason Lewis for the U.S. Senate and Bjorn Olson for the District 23A seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

While other quality candidates have maintained their positions leading up to the primary, our strength behind the Republican Party's endorsed candidates can push a level of influence without conflict of relationships within the party.

While serving in the U.S. Congress for Minnesota's second district, Lewis positioned himself with a level of political influence and achievements in leading an effort in career and technical education legislation supporting students getting a head start on careers. As a member of the budget committee, Lewis made tax and spending reduction and fiscal responsibility a priority. He helped pass tax cuts and regulatory reform to improve our economy and add jobs. Lewis will be able to step in and stand up for our values, while the current member of the U.S. Senate, Tina Smith, sits on her hands during the turmoil of the virus and social conflicts

Olson, the mayor of Elmore, can relate and be a voice for solutions at the state level for members of small rural communities with experience as a farmer, middle school teacher, captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and, most importantly, a husband and father to two daughters.

So, on Aug. 11, stand and let our voices be heard at the polls about what Minnesota is and not what has been on display for our nation the last few months. **Barrett Eller**

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DIANE PETERSEN THOMPSON This editorial really upsets me. I agree with you that this country is so divided and we do not need an editor doing the same thing by using the paper in which he writes for. Shame on you Jackson County Pilot!

READERS WRITE

Mask mandate may carry health risks and possible legal repercussions

To the editor:

According to medical doctor Andrew Kaufman, "There has been no 'Koch's postulate' to prove that viruses cause diseases." As in the case of measles, for example, the courts agreed there was "no evidence" to substantiate the validity that a virus causes measles. A German virologist who explored the HIV virus conducted a study revealing a virus had a supportive function and did not harm cells. From 1918 to this day, virologists have been unable to prove influenza spreads through normal people. The U.S. Public Health Service once conducted three experiments with subjects who had the Spanish flu and 100 healthy subjects. None of the 100 healthy subjects got sick.

Cells talk to each other in a language that looks like viruses called exosomes. Some virologists believe the coronavirus is merely exosomes.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Immunization Conference and the World Health Organization have released flawed tests for the coronavirus. Some people showed symptoms, while others showed no symptoms but tested positive. Pharmaceutical companies Lillv and Pfizer are paying the highest fines for false claims and health care fraud.

With evidence to support the fact viruses do not cause diseases, it is important to note a mask mandate may have legal repercussions. After three minutes, wearing masks may drop oxygen levels significantly, causing hypoxemia, which can adversely affect the brain and other organs. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard is 19.5 parts per million of oxygen and requires businesses that mandate masks to have a licensed medical examiner on site. Only then can a mask be worn for 10 minutes after every hour.

I urge all to do their own research and discern for themselves the validity of virus causing diseases, the health risks of wearing a mask and the legal repercussions that may follow by demanding mandatory masks.

Lewis the right person for the job

To the editor:

A primary election will take place Aug. 11. Jason Lewis is a Republican running for the U.S. Senate who needs your support and vote. He needs to win in order to get on the ballot in November.

Lewis has been endorsed by the Republican Party and President Donald Trump. He has been a U.S. congressman. He has a long history of being involved in politics and hosted a radio show on which he shared his thoughts, and his conservative credentials are obvious.

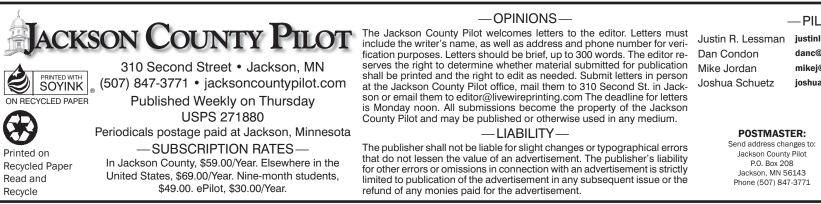
Lewis would have as an opponent Tina Smith, one of those who would reduce police forces. It is interesting recent headlines out of Minneapolis indicate crimes have increased in that city. This could be because 100 police officers have left the force and calls for help just cannot be met. Reducing the force with no viable alternative is an example of Smith's thought process. It should be noted Gov. Tim Walz and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar have endorsed Smith. Smith has also indicated Trump and Vice President Mike Pence are radicals because of their stance in support of law enforcement. Lewis supports public safety and law enforcement.

Lewis is in support of continuing to build the wall at our southern border. Smith is not in favor of the wall. It is interesting results have shown the wall is working as intended.

We need someone who will continue to look at the issues and be a voice of reason on the issues that need to be addressed. Lewis will lead and back up what he says with his votes. Check out his record.

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the media is despicable. All they pander is doom and gloom, and inaccurate results/information.

MIKE HENDEL Death counts are on an upward trend again worldwide. This isn't over by any stretch of the imagination. At best this is the bottom of the second or top of the third. I'm hoping for no extra innings.

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CASSANDRA JANZEN There are new cases of people who completely recover, death count is very low. Children and adults are more likely to get the regular flu than COVID.

MIKE HENDEL Very low? Not so much.



BRI STENE Clearly states on said masks that it does not protect against COVID-19. The droplets are so tiny that all of these pretty masks .. do nothing... and like it was proven earlier if they did work why

isn't everything opened up back to normal like they should be why should we still have to wear masks and everything's still be cancelled or reduced. It's hurting all the small town businesses and stores. it's actually to the point where if you believe you should wear a mask wear one and those who don't believe in it don't wear one if your mask works you shouldn't be mad at those who don't wear masks. Everyone's entitled to their opinion and shouldn't be scrutinized for believing different than other people.



CHARITY BREINER Please, please listen to this one thing if you ignore everything else. Masks DO NOT prevent you from catching COVID-19. They prevent you from SPREADING it. Viruses do not travel on their own. These viruses travel in your saliva

droplets. They spray out of your mouth when you breathe, talk, cough, etc. Any mask will reduce those droplets from spraying out and onto surfaces for others to touch (and then transfer to their mouth/nose/eyes).

If we could avoid touching our own faces, and properly washed our hands, it would be far more useful. But people are kind of pigs. So, masks it is.



JANELE UNTIEDT Great article Justin!



DEBRA JANZEN You are so sadly mistaken, Doing a surgery so different than wearing a mask in public!



CHARITY BREINER How so? How is a mask effective during surgery, but ineffective when not doing surgery? Please explain the science, I'm very curious. Face shields and "goggles" are used to

protect the doctor and others in surgery from fluids. A mask is not waterproof, and would not help with that. Masks help stop droplets from coming out of the mouth at high speed. They are protecting the patient in surgery, not the doctor. The surgical field is meant to be sterile, however if the doctor were not wearing a mask and coughed, the surgical field would no longer be sterile. Therefore a doctor would not need to wear a mask outside of surgery when seeing patients, unless he was the one that was sick. And doctors have enough sense not to work with patients when they're sick, therefore we shouldn't be seeing them wearing masks for that reason. However, With an illness that can present asymptomatically, during this time we may be more likely to see practitioners wearing masks when they aren't exhibiting symptoms.



DANIELLE ROSSOW Charity Breiner because it's a sterile environment and is use to protect the doctor and nurses from any potential body fluids from hitting them directly in the face during the surgery, Doctor puts on sterile mask uses sterile

FACEBOOK (CONT.)

JASON BRETZMAN Too bad his editorial couldn't have been totally unbiased like the ones in the Washington Post,NY Times,Star Tribune,& all the other liberal newspapers across the country always are.

CHARITY BREINER Baseless in science....? Gosh, why are doctors wearing masks during surgery, if the masks are doing nothing? Think of how relieved all the surgeons will be to know about your in-depth research. Also, can we compare ANYTHING we

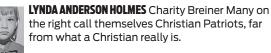
don't like to abortion? I don't like Brussels sprouts. If someone serves them to me, I'm going to shout "I bet you love abortions, too!"



LYNDA ANDERSON HOLMES Charity Breiner I agree totally! What does abortion have to do with wearing a fricking mask. How utterly ignorant. Where is the data that masks don't work?

CHARITY BREINER Lynda Anderson Holmes Masks and handwashing made an incredible reduction on postoperative mortality rates. Nearly 175 years after this discovery, people have become scientifically illiterate, and it's scary. Another

appalling thought: I'm assuming he's Christian, based on his tossing the abortion bit in there (bizarrely). But Christians are supposed to love one another and care for one another. The focus on the "individual rights violation" of mask wearing, instead of "this may help those around me" is the antithesis of Christian behavior.



MONETTE BERKEVICH His point was if the argument for masks is to protect others why do we not protect the unborn. This is a valid question. If we are so worried about elderly, which I am is it not

reasonable to ask why we don't care about all life. Just sayin!



CHARITY BREINER Monette Berkevich Fair point however he states that those in favor of abortion are those that shout "my body, my choice!" But ironically, many, many people against wearing masks are chanting the same thing - Something

masks are chanting the same thing - Something I've seen hundreds of times over hundreds of Facebook posts, tweets, and news article. This essentially contradicts his point. However, the argument that wearing a mask is an easy, selfless act that can save others is valid, primarily based on one word: easy. Changing the law all the way to overturning a Supreme Court ruling to ban abortion is not easy, nor is it something most people are capable of doing (or it would have already been done, no?). So, it's a bit like comparing apples to oranges. But it still misses the point I earlier stated: would Jesus have said "Hey, if you guys don't care about this group of people over here (IE the unborn), I won't care about anybody else on the planet. Unless all lives matter, no lives matter."? I somehow doubt it.

EL JAY EFF It's more en vogue for Dems (especially) and Repubs to talk about kids other than U.S. kids. Why is that? Shouldn't all kids be talked about? Nope, nothing to see here except the

price tags American kids have on their heads. Wake up, people. Border kids are the only kids that are the dejour topic and it's getting quite sickening. My blood boils when I read comments about border kids...for two reasons: 1) this shouldn't be happening to these kids and 2) no concern for US kids whatsoever. Because Dems and Repubs



 JIM KERSTING it's not just death that's a concern.
Parshley rounds up the most notable potential long-term health effects that doctors are observing in Covid-19 patients.

• Blood clotting, stroke, and embolisms: Physicians report that patients hospitalized for Covid-19 are experiencing high rates of blood clots that can cause strokes, heart attacks, lung blockages, and other complications, Parshley reports. For instance, physicians are seeing an uptick in strokes among young patients with Covid-19. The blood clots also can travel to other organs, leading to ongoing health problems. For instance, pulmonary embolisms, which occur when the clots block circulation to the lungs, can cause ongoing "functional limitations," like fatigue, shortness of breath, heart palpitations, and discomfort when performing physical activity, Parshley reports. Similarly, blood clots in the kidneys can cause renal failure, which can cause life-long complications.

• Heart damage: Physicians have also reported an increase in inflammation of and damage to the heart muscle in Covid-19 patients. One study published in March found that out of 416 hospitalized Covid-19 patients, 19% showed signs of heart damage.



LAWRENCE FISCHER Crystal Dehn you know the survival rate of covid is like 95% or higher



LYNDA ANDERSON HOLMES Lawrence Fischer do you want to be one of the 5%??



CRYSTAL DEHN Myself and two of my sons have respiratory diagnoses and it would be just my luck to have one of us badly affected by this or further damage our lungs etc.



TIFFANIE YOUNGWIRTH WALDEE You know what else has less than a 1% child hood cancer. An i can guarantee that you probably know at least 5 children in the community whom have either sur-

vived ,are still seeking treatment or whom have passed. Did you know that only about 100 people die a year from chickenpox.. yet before children can attend schools or daycares. There required to have the varicella vaccine. Even though there is a high survival rate. With a long term lurking illness that comes about later in life . You know the one your probably old enough to experience; Shingles about 96 people die a year ,mostly elderly from shingles. But there is a vaccine for that... even though it seems to have a high survival rate.

Worldwide 140,000 people died from measales in 2018. Yet before any child can attend school there required to vaccinate against measales. Even though there is a high survival rate. Right now covid has surpassed both chicken pox, shingles and measales. Something we have vaccines for. What we don't have a vaccine for is covid. Which the number of deaths, ICU treatment still seem to go up in each state. Also condoms an birth control are also a 99.1% against pregnancy and STDs. Yet the US has an over population problem.



NICHOLE NELSEN Tiffanie Youngwirth Waldee and how many people are actually using condoms or birth control? Cant blame over population on something you do not know is even being used....

Every vaccine you listed you can sign a waiver and not receive and still attend school, so your point? They are all a choice.

utensils. In a nonsurgical environment this isn't the case. Think about it this way, prior to Covid, a regular doctors appointment, doctor wears no mask, in a hospital environment, same doctor wears a mask.



SARA EGGESTEIN Charity Breiner because surgeons are in a sterile environment that is temperature controlled to keep it cool. The masks they wear are made for sterile environments, not walking around in public.



LYNDA ANDERSON HOLMES Danielle Rossow the mask the surgeon puts on is not "sterile" it is to do what Charity Breiner stated above.



BRANDON FREDERICK Get him out he needs to go



LAWRENCE FISCHER Brandon Frederick agree he will or has bankruptcy are state it stupid. go to sd or ia they are open & have no restrictions or very few sd governor was @ rodeo in deadwood & sf



SALLY JANE CLARKSEAN This article is absolutely asinine and quite frankly embarrassing. I've bit my tongue for so long reading these judgmental unkind articles because everyone is entitled to their

opinions. Justin, I'd love to know if you have been affected directly by ANY of the issues you feel so strongly about. Have you had someone close to you die from Covid? Have you been raped and forced to decide if you will have your rapists baby? Have you seen close friends or family members be discriminated against because of the color of their skin? I'm truly sorry that your small minded mentality and limited experiences with people outside of your community has made you unable to see that there is a world outside of your little box. I hope some day you can experience some of these issues first hand because it will give you a much kinder accepting heart.



JESIKA MITCHELL Sadly I do not think any of this would change a thing



BRYAN HOWARD Yes 100% agree with you



MICHELE JOHNSON Amen



HEIDI BAUMANN TAUER So articles marked as editorials (opinions) upset people but slanted, sensationalized news stories don't?!?! Or is it the opinions that just don't match yours? Can people please have respect and agree to disagree?



JEN KOOISTRA Not when he is the publisher.



BARB JONES COOK His Constitutional right to free speech doesn't end at his Publisher Desk. Every citizen is free to write a dissenting view in a Letter to the Editor. In a free speech society, that is.

are following the narrative the government puts out there. If people are going to mention border kids, at least have the decency to mention US kids as well.



RYAN HEINRICHS So if it's easy we should just follow, but if it's difficult we should just give up. Sometimes what some see as easy is not so easy for others. Giving up my freedoms is not easy. Wearing a mask is not easy. Sitting back while

innocent unborn babies are being slaughtered is not easy. For me anyway.



CHARITY BREINER Quite the contrary. Many people are willing to work hard for things they want, things they believe in. However some folks are bothered by making an effort. Hence the notion that putting on a mask, which takes seconds to

do, is easy. It is not, however, giving up your freedom. Neither life, liberty, or pursuit of happiness, nor constitutional rights are taken away in wearing a mask. FYI: loss of liberty means oppressive (unjustly inflicting hardship and constraint, especially on a minority or other subordinate group) restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views. Your way of life, your behavior, or your political views are not changed by wearing a mask occasionally. I've worn a mask. Absolutely nothing in my life changed. Believing you are being somehow controlled does not make it so.



GARY NUGENT Anyone who thinks this is more the governor's fault then it is Trumps fault must be blind. Mexico and other third world countries had a better response to this virus then America. Let that sink in as you wonder how other countries have 10

sink in as you wonder how other countries have 10 new cases a day instead of 1000 deaths.



RYAN HEINRICHS Gary Nugent Mexico is actually pretty even with the US per capita. And they probably aren't counting people who die from other causes as Covid deaths just because they tested positive at the time they died.

GARY NUGENT There is a study in Italy at their peak. Showing that those deaths from pre-existing conditions were happening 10 years earlier from other people with the same conditions. Making them covid deaths. Should the USA be tied with

Mexico?



MARK WINZENBURG Please post a link to the major university or scientific body, national or international, that says wearing a mask is a bad idea.



CRYSTAL DEHN Really...the numbers must be lying than and every country that imposed masks when their people started dying off and who have literally almost stopped the spread must be wrong...

If it was NOT the masks that helped these countries not skyrocket out of control than please educate me...is it the lack of Universal Care here in the Great U.S. and the fact that we concentrate on filling pharmaceutical pockets...maybe its all the underlying health conditions that go unchecked because the majority of US employers don't have sick pay or a proper amount of PTO to take care of oneself or family...maybe its because the US requires more than one income to make it in our country... Is it inconvenient...yes. Is it uncomfortable...yes Is it savings lives...yes and if you disagree than please tell me how the other countries stabilized their numbers... So Justin please tell me how the other countries that mandated worthless masks stabilized their numbers when they were out of control....



TIFFANLE YOUNGWIRTH WALDEE The point is a condom is 99.1 % effective if used. What do you think the percentage of transmission of a virus would be if people wore a mask, to help eliminate the bodily fluids from being

spread? Lack of use or use of properly and then there is the 1% of failure...

But hey in 2018 an estimated 2000 people died due to residential building fires; Yet even with that low number. People still have preventive measures in place; Smoke alarms. Fire extinguishers and fire depts. Even though 2000 people dying would be less then 1% .. of the population.



 NICHOLE NELSEN 30,000 people die from domestic violence each year and we do nothing to prevent that... there are laws to prevent the abuser, but next to nothing for the victim. Abusers get a slap on the hand and are free to go abuse again... we

can throw examples all day. Doesnt change that this specific virus is not as serious as the media makes it. Yes it is new, but it has an over 99% survival rate. That is worth bankrupting how many businesses over? That is worth causing educational issues and mental health issues in our kids? That is worth leaving our loved ones locked in nursing homes alone at the end of their lives. We cannot live in fear forever that had less than a 1% mortality rate. You are more likely to die in a car



TIFFANIE YOUNGWIRTH WALDEE Yet cars have seat belts and airbags that deploy as preventive measures. Along with all the laws, and training before one gets a driver's license



GARY NUGENT Don't forget about the Kawasaki like inflammation disease in children.

CARI BROITZMAN Well said and I agree!



LYNDA ANDERSON HOLMES I believe the science

EDITORIAL POLICY

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