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The Chronicle of Higher Education (July 14)

The University as Economic Savior

In January the university that Mr. Eastman, a high-school dropout, helped endow surpassed the company he founded as Rochester's largest employer. . . . [I]n Rochester and elsewhere, college leaders are seeking closer partnerships with civic and business leaders to harness the universities' strengths. **Joel Seligman**, who became **president of the University of Rochester** last year and was given the charge to use the institution more as an economic-development engine and improve its relationship with the Rochester community . . . says he sees no conflict between his institution's national ambitions and parochial obligations. "In the long run," he says, "we will be of the greatest consequence to the city if we succeed as a university."

About Research and Faculty

NPR (July 19)

All Things Considered: Shopping for the Consumer Price Index (audio)

Robert Siegel discusses the index with economists Mark Zandy of Moody's Economy.com, the Cleveland Federal Reserve's Michael Bryan, and the **University of Rochester's professor of economics Mark Bills**.

The New York Times (July 19)

Stem Cell Bill Seen as a Qualified Boon for Research

The National Institutes of Health, while spending only \$38 million this fiscal year for human embryonic stem cell research, is spending \$571 million on other forms of stem cell research. "It's not that this has just been five years of downtime," said **Steven Goldman, a professor of neurology at the University of Rochester**. "Things have moved very quickly on parallel fronts." (Also reported by *International Herald Tribune*. Related story reported by *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*.)

About Alumni

ABC News (July 14)

Person of the Week: Awista Ayub

Awista Ayub '01 has brought the universal sport of soccer to Afghan girls—a landmark idea, considering that just five years ago girls in Afghanistan were not even allowed to attend school. "Athletics was a very positive experience throughout my entire life that really helped me to become the adult that I am today," Ayub said. "I knew that children in Afghanistan needed the same vehicle to overcome their own obstacles after 30 years of war." (Related story in *New York Daily News*.)

National Coverage

About the University

***Inside Higher Education* (July 28)**

Rallying Behind Open Access

The Federal Public Research Access Act would require federal agencies to publish their findings, online and free, within six months of their publication elsewhere. . . . Others joining the effort [that backs the bill] include the provosts of such institutions as Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Texas A&M University, the University of California, the **University of Rochester**, Vanderbilt University, and Washington University in St. Louis.

***The Post-Star* (Glens Falls, N.Y.) (July 27)**

Empire State Games Open in Rochester

This is Rochester's third time hosting the Games. . . . RIT and the **University of Rochester** are the most prominent sites. SUNY Brockport, Nazareth College and Robert Wesleyan College are among the other venues. (Related stories reported by *Elmira Star-Gazette*, *Ithaca Journal*, *Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin*, *Democrat and Chronicle*, and *WHEC-TV [NBC]*.)

About Research and Faculty

***Los Angeles Times* (July 31)**

A Drink a Day

[F]or most people, alcohol can be good for the heart. But . . . for others, it can be a health and social disaster. "This is a true public health conundrum," says **Thomas Pearson, chairman of the department of community and preventive medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine**. "If you really want to shift the alcohol balance toward the benefit, you'll concentrate on responsible drinking among young people. It's in the 45-plus-year-old where alcohol may be beneficial."

***Bloomberg* (July 27)**

Cantor, Ramius Executives Donate to Senator Clinton

"Wall Street knows that Hillary will need to move to the center in order to win the White House, and becoming a friend of Wall Street is one way to demonstrate a 'pro-business' bent," said **David Primo, a professor of political science at the University of Rochester** in New York. "Key players on the Street think that she's got a real chance at the presidency

and that developing a relationship with her now will help them if she's victorious."

***The Hindu* (India) (July 27)**

New Mothers Should Be Screened Regularly for Postpartum Depression

Physicians should screen mothers for postpartum depression regularly for at least a year following childbirth . . . **University of Rochester Medical Center** researchers say. "If you only screen early or if you only screen once, you will miss some," said **Linda Chaudron, an assistant professor of psychiatry, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical Center** who is leading a series of studies focusing on postpartum depression. (Also reported by *NBC5.com [Chicago]*, *News-Medical.Net*, *Medical News Today*, and *EMaxHealth.com*.)

***Elmira Star-Gazette* (July 27)**

Clinton, Spitzer Could Affect House Race

Democrats believe Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Attorney General Eliot Spitzer may help them defeat Republican Rep. John R. Kuhl Jr. . . . **Gerald Gamm, chairman of the political science department at the University of Rochester**, said, "I think it's true that Democrats are going to be energized because Clinton and Spitzer are on the top of the ticket." (Also reported by *Ithaca Journal*.)

***ABC News* (July 26)**

Bird Flu Vaccine: Will It Work?

[GlaxoSmithKline's bird flu vaccine] contains a new type of adjuvant, or compound, that boosts the body's immune response. . . . The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has hesitated to approve adjuvants, said **David Topham, a microbiology professor at the University of Rochester**, as they can cause side effects such as swelling and tenderness. "You don't want to put anything [in] a healthy person that can cause a problem," Topham said. (Also reported by *WebMD.com*.)

***Reuters* (July 26)**

Test Spots Athletes' Ankle Risk

A simple test—basically standing on one leg with eyes closed—can help identify whether or not an athlete is at risk of spraining an ankle, a new study shows. . . . In a brief commentary accompanying the study, **Eugene Swenson, associate professor of orthopaedics at the University of Rochester** in New York, said

that the single leg balance test, along with a history of past injuries and a detailed physical exam, “could help identify those individuals who would benefit from bracing/taping, muscle strengthening, and proprioceptive training.” (Also reported by *Herald Sun [Australia]*, *News.com.au [Australia]*, *Daily News and Analysis [India]*, and *News24.com [South Africa]*.)

CBS News (July 20)

Doctors Weigh Pain in Circumcisions

“This is a large leap ahead in how physicians are trained to perform circumcisions, which at 1 million annually, is the most common surgical procedure,” says researcher **Daniel Yawman, a pediatrician at Golisano Children’s Hospital at Strong and Rochester General Hospital**, in a news release. “There is no reason a newborn should have to endure the pain of circumcision without a local or topical anesthetic.” (Also reported by *Reuters*, *UPI*, *Scotsman [U.K.]*, *Medical News Today*, *MedIndia.com*, *WebMD.com*, *Spero News*, *EMaxHealth.com*, and *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

NPR (July 19)

Morning Edition: Stem-Cell Research Moves Forward Without U.S. Funds (audio)

“Human embryonic-derived stem cells are much further away from potential clinical use.” **Steven Goldman is a neurologist and stem-cell researcher at the University of Rochester**. He says scientists have had decades more experience handling adult stem cells. . . . “[Embryonic stem cells]’ strength is actually their curse. They can generate all the major cell types we care about, but at the same time we don’t have sufficient understanding, at this point, of the biology of these processes to understand how to make them become what we’d like them to become.”

ABC News (July 18)

Over-the-Counter Erectile Drugs Come with Health Risks

Also, at about \$10 a pill, Viagra can be too expensive for some men, whereas supplements can go for a variety of prices, usually for less than prescription drugs. That isn’t always a bad thing, one doctor noted. “The other side of the coin is we have made these drugs unavailable to the poor. Medicaid does not cover Viagra. If something is off market and is cheap, it may meet a need,” said **Robert Davis, professor of urology at the University of Rochester**.

St. Petersburg Times (Florida) (July 16) **In Three Releases, Influence Comes from World Discord**

Recent compact discs of music by **Howard Hanson**, William Grant Still, and Ruth Crawford Seeger offer sharply contrasting artistic visions. . . . The best known of the three is Hanson, **former director of the Eastman School of Music**.

British Medical Journal (July 15)

CDC Recommends Expensive Vaccine for All Girls Aged 11–12

Thomas McInerney, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Immunizations and Child Health Financing and **associate chairman for clinical affairs in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, said that the vaccine will be “a big expense for the federal government and for insurers,” as it will include both the current cohort of about two million 11- and 12-year-old girls as well as catch-up vaccinations for others.

Time (July 10)

The New Science of Siblings

If siblings can indeed be as powerful an influence on one another as all the research suggests, are all siblings created at least potentially equal? . . . No hard rules have emerged, but the more genes you share, the more deeply invested you tend to grow. “Biological siblings just get into it more,” says **Thomas O’Connor, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center**. “They are warmer and also more conflicted.”

Forbes (July 10)

Apathy Without Depression a Sign of Parkinson’s Neurologist Irene Richard, of the University of Rochester

in New York, noted that the current criteria for diagnosing depression may not be appropriate for Parkinson’s patients. “A person with Parkinson’s disease might be diagnosed with minor depression based solely on the presence of apathy. The recognition that apathy can present without depression is important so that we do not inappropriately diagnose and treat a depressive disorder that is not present,” Richard wrote. (Also reported by *Reuters*, *Medscape.com*, *DG News*, *SeniorJournal.com*, *Newswise*, *Med-Page Today*, *Psychiatric Times*, *CBC News Canada*, and *News-Medical.net [Australia]*.)

U.S. News & World Report (July 9)

Good Help, Close to Home

Studies show that people who have just had open-heart surgery have less pain and are quicker to get out of bed when they feel supported by others. “They just emotionally feel better if they have someone they could rely on,” says **Kathleen King, a professor of nursing at the University of Rochester’s School of Nursing** and author of one such investigation. “It’s the day-to-day stuff that really helps people recover.”

Columbus Ledger Enquirer (Ohio) (July 9)

Same-Sex Partners Seek Alabama Court’s OK on Baby’s Adoption

The American Academy of Pediatrics supports legislation and legal efforts to provide second-parent adoptions by same-sex parents. . . . **Jonathan Klein, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Rochester** in New York . . . is the chair of the AAP Committee on Adolescence. . . . He said that parents with established legal custody have a variety of benefits that isn’t always available to same-sex couples even if they’re playing that role in a child’s life. “I think if parents are not able to be involved in all aspects of their communities because of a community’s attitudes, that potentially damages families,” Klein said. (Also reported by *Times Daily [Alabama]*, *Southern Voice [Georgia]*, *Washington Blade [Washington, D.C.]*, and others.)

Forbes (July 7)

Epilepsy Drug May Help Control Hot Flashes

Gabapentin, a drug approved in the United States to control epileptic seizures, seems to control menopause-related hot flashes just as well as estrogen. . . . Researchers at the **University of Rochester** in N.Y. reported the findings in the July issue of the journal *Obstetrics and Gynecology*. “Gabapentin does appear to be as effective as estrogen,” said lead author **Sireesha Reddy, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology** at New York’s **University of Rochester Medical Center**. “Until now its efficacy relative to estrogen was unknown.” (Also reported by *UPI*, *Science Daily*, *CBC News [Canada]*, *WebMD.com*, and others.)

NBC 6 (Miami) (July 6)

Study Shows Dyeing Hair Increases Chance of Lymphoma

A new European study said that people who color their hair face a 19 percent increased risk of lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system. . . . “These studies are very important because we don’t know the actual cause of lymphoma,” said **Susan Fisher, an epidemiologist from the University of Rochester**. Fisher has reviewed many studies on the subject and some of them have had conflicting results. (Also reported by *KWWL 7 [NBC] [Iowa]* and *WIS-TV 10 [NBC] [South Carolina]*.)

New England Journal of Medicine (July 6)

The Underrecognized Burden of Influenza in Young Children

The disease burden of influenza infection among children is not well established. We conducted a population-based surveillance of medical visits associated with laboratory-confirmed influenza. . . . Among young children, outpatient visits associated with influenza were 10 to 250 times as common as hospitalizations. Few influenza infections were recognized clinically. (Authored by 15 participants, including **Geoffrey Weinberg, associate professor of pediatrics; Peter Szilagyi, professor of pediatrics; and Caroline Hall, professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**.)

Reuters UK (July 6)

Antipsychotic Drug Linked to Metabolic Disorder

Treatment with clozapine, considered one of the most effective antipsychotic drugs, appears to increase the risk of developing metabolic syndrome, according to a report in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. . . . “Clozapine is the last hope for many people,” lead author **J. Steven Lamberti, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York, said in a statement. “But there are long-term health implications. This study suggests that patients who need the most effective medication are between a rock and a hard place.” (Also reported by *BBC News*, *Science Daily*, *Medical News Today*, *Medscape Today*, *News-Medical.net*, *Yahoo! News India*, *Red Orbit*, and others.)

Medical News Today (July 1)

Marquis Receives Major Research Award

At the opening ceremonies of the 84th general session of the International Association for Dental Research, professor **Robert Marquis** received the 2006 Distinguished Scientist Award for research in dental caries. Marquis is **professor of microbiology and immunology, and also professor in the Center for Oral Biology, at the University of Rochester, N.Y.**

About Alumni

All About Jazz (July 29)

Review: Cory Combs, Valencia

How and why did [**Cory Combs**] a high school music teacher hook up with such extraordinary and empathetic band mates [**John Hollenbeck and Dan Willis**] to make such a stellar out-of-left field statement? The answer is heartening. This recording is the fruit of the continuing relationship between three close friends, forged in rehearsal rooms and recital halls at the **Eastman School**.

The New York Times (July 25)

A President Felled by an Assassin and 1880's Medical Care

The exhibit [at the National Museum of Health and Medicine], commemorating the 125th anniversary of Garfield's assassination] also includes an image of the metal detector designed by Alexander Graham Bell to search for the bullet. . . . **Jeffrey Reznick '92**, senior curator at the museum, said, "Electricity and magnetism were just being appreciated as ways to explore the body's interior."

All About Jazz (July 3)

Review: As of Yet

Trumpeter **André Canniere**'s debut is aural evidence that good things can descend from the Ivory Tower. Every one of the players on *As of Yet* is an **Eastman School of Music** grad (Canniere in 2003), but they transcend the typical stereotypes often associated with university-trained musicians, the most common being that they "think" the music, rather than "feel" it.

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Democrat and Chronicle (July 16)

Season of Premieres: Opera

Hartke's opera [*The Greater Good*], which was commissioned by the **Eastman School of Music's Hanson Institute for American Music**, is based on Guy de Maupassant's novella *Boule de Suif*. Set in Normandy following France's defeat in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, the story is a commentary about the hypocrisy and corruption of society's elite classes.

Rochester Business Journal (July 13)

B&L, UR Renew Research Partnership

Bausch & Lomb Inc. and the **University of Rochester** have inked an \$11 million renewal of their partnership. Under the two new five-year agreements, Bausch & Lomb will provide approximately \$11 million in new research funding to enable university researchers to undertake projects relevant to eye health. . . . "The thriving partnership between the University and Bausch & Lomb is a perfect example of the terrific results that can be achieved when outstanding organizations work together," **UR president Joel Seligman** said. (Similar story reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

Rochester Business Journal (July 10)

UR Medical Center Doctor Appointed New CEO

The University of Rochester has named an internal candidate to head the **UR Medical Center and Strong Health**. **Bradford Berk** takes over Aug. 1 for URMC and Strong CEO **C. McCollister Evarts**, who announced this year that he would step down to teach and pursue other projects at UR. Announcing Berk's appointment this morning, **UR president Joel Seligman** praised Berk as "someone with whom I can work seamlessly." Seligman named completing a 10-year strategic plan to "elevate the university's medical center to the highest level" as Berk's first job. (Also reported by *R News*, *WHEC-TV [NBC]*, *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*, *WROC-TV [CBS]*, *WXXI*, and *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

About Research and Faculty

Democrat and Chronicle (July 30)

A Health Care Rx: Business Smarts

Neil Herendeen, associate professor of pediatrics and director of Strong Pediatric Practice, was part of the inaugural class in a new program designed for health care professionals at the **University of Rochester's William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration**. The school's master's of science in business administration, with a concentration in medical management, aims to teach doctors, nurses, administrators and others to speak the language of business in analyzing and solving the problems of a unique industry.

Democrat and Chronicle (July 30)

Chamber Festival Sounds Like an Adventure

[C]ellist and **Eastman School associate professor of chamber music David Ying** and his wife, the pianist Elinor Freer, pledged to make certain changes at the Skaneateles Chamber Music Festival when they took over the event last year. As vowed, the venerable festival . . . will feature more internationally renowned ensembles than ever before. Moreover, those groups—including the Daedalus Quartet, Quartetto Gelato, Zéphyros Winds, and **Ying Quartet**—will fulfill Ying and Freer's steadfast commitment to adventurous programming. . . . Organ music will figure prominently at Skaneateles, thanks to First Presbyterian Church's recently installed Casavant Frères pipe organ. Organist **David Higgs, an Eastman School of Music professor**, will give the new organ a test drive.

R News (July 26)

In Sports, Area MDs on Cutting Edge

Orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine expert Michael Maloney, of the University of Rochester Medical Center, visited Europe's top sports medicine and Olympic training centers. In his tour of 12 cities in 25 days, Maloney found that Rochester stands out for its advanced arthroscopic techniques in the treatment of baseball injuries.

Democrat and Chronicle (July 26)

UR Professor Wins Award

The **University of Rochester's Duncan T. Moore, the Rudolf and Hilda Kingslake Professor of Optical Engineering**, has received the gold medal of the International Society for Optical Engineering, the society's highest honor.

R News (July 19)

Grad Students Stir Up Durand Waters

Over the years, graduate students in the **Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development's** Get Real! science teacher education program have tested water quality at Ontario Beach Park. With the city of Rochester looking to open Durand Eastman Beach to legal swimming, the water there was the focus of this year's study. (Similar story reported in *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

Democrat and Chronicle (July 19)

Veto of Stem Cell Research Act Would Hurt Families, Science (Essay by Joel Seligman)

The therapeutic potential of embryonic stem cells is reshaping biomedical research. Embryonic stem cells have a unique ability to differentiate into any cell in the body and hold great promise for treating conditions affecting millions of Americans, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, spinal cord injury, juvenile diabetes, cancer, heart disease and many more. . . . *Seligman is president, University of Rochester.*

Democrat and Chronicle (July 15)

UR Grant Winner Will Study Diabetes at a Molecular Level

In May, **Zheng-Gen Jin, assistant professor of medicine at the Medical Center**, won the American Diabetes Association's Thomas R. Lee Career Development award, a prize given to just one scientist every year. In turn, Jin will receive \$892,400 in ADA funds to study diabetes and its links to cardiovascular disease through 2010. Much of his work will take place at **UR's new Cardiovascular Research Institute** building on Bailey Road in Henrietta, which is expected to open in February.

Democrat and Chronicle (July 10)

Our Nation Must Determine Goals of the Space Program (Essay by Adam Frank)

As the shuttle returns to orbit to once again rendezvous with the space station, it is a fitting time to ask what the space program is for and what its direction should be. There can be no doubt that our citizens' willingness to entrust tax dollars to space exploration and research is a measure of our greatness and vision as a nation. . . . *Adam Frank is a professor of astrophysics at the University of Rochester and a popular science writer at work on a book about science and myth.*

Democrat and Chronicle (July 8)

UR Med Center on Magazine's Elite List Again

The **University of Rochester Medical Center** has once again made it on *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Hospitals" list. The magazine ranks the best 50 hospitals in 16 different specialties. The medical center, which runs Strong Memorial and Highland hospitals, ranked 43rd in gynecological care and 45th in ear, nose, and throat care. The medical center was the only hospital system in New York state outside of New York City to make the list.

Democrat and Chronicle (July 6)

City Hospital to Spearhead Secondhand Smoke Study

Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong will lead a national effort to help eradicate children's exposure to secondhand smoke. **Jonathan Klein, a pediatrician at Golisano Children's Hospital and an associate professor at the University of Rochester Medical Center,** will organize the development of research and programs among UR, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and six other sites, including Harvard Medical School and Dartmouth and New York universities.

Democrat and Chronicle (July 5)

Five City Students to Sample Science at Duke

Dina Markowitz, an associate professor of environmental medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center who is working with the City School District on a science-related teaching program, reached out to the district a second time after receiving a \$50,000 grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a nonprofit organization and the nation's largest private supporter of science education.

Democrat and Chronicle (July 5)

Frustrating Lapses Can Plague People Undergoing Chemotherapy

More than 80 percent of people who receive chemotherapy for cancer reported memory or concentration problems in a new study by the **University of Rochester Medical Center.**

About Alumni

Democrat and Chronicle (July 5)

Remember Those Who Strove for Freedom for All People (Essay by David Anderson, chair of Rochester/Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission)

On July 5, 2006, New Yorkers are encouraged to reflect upon, to step onto the freedom trail that courses through our state. Enter the trail by linking to someone, who, when among the living, made footprints in the long stride toward freedom. I'm sure outstanding **University of Rochester graduates Patricia Curtis Thompson and Laplois Ashford** will answer my request. I served as Ashford's deputy at Urban League of Rochester, where we made childhood lead poisoning an issue. . . . Pat Curtis, gracious as always, will come. As a police sergeant, she ran "Teens on Patrol," considered a major success in narrowing the gap between police and city youths.

About Students

City Newspaper (July 26)

Selling the Saints

Ss. Peter and Paul will be the third southwest city Catholic church to close its doors this year due to high operating costs and dwindling population. . . . Neighborhood United hasn't organized to try to save the church, but a **University of Rochester** student has started a grassroots effort, hoping to encourage the UR and the city to buy it. "I've heard Mayor Duffy and [UR] **President Seligman** both say that they are looking for ways to work together for the benefit of the city," says **Andrew Slominski, a senior economics and political science student.** "This is the perfect joint project."

About University-Related Businesses

Democrat and Chronicle (July 10)

Cutting Gene Testing Time Drives Diffinity to Market

Scientists were usually just scientists when **Lewis Rothberg** first began his career in research. Today, the **University of Rochester chemistry professor** and his colleagues are entrepreneurs on the brink of bringing their scientific discovery to market through a new startup, Diffinity Genomics Inc.