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US News & World Report (November 15)

Muscular Dystrophy Treatment Shows Promise

But the research, though promising, is still in its infancy, the investigators and other experts stressed. "It's an important step forward that should be encouraging for people with the condition and their families and it shows that doctors and scientists are really now beginning to fix their attention on fixing this disease, rather than trying to understand what goes wrong," said study senior author **Dr. Charles Thornton**, a professor of neurology at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**. (Also reported by *WebMD*, *BBC News UK*, *Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *Independent Online South Africa*, *Brisbane Times Australia*, *The Times of India*, *The China Post Taiwan*, *Science Daily*, *Tehran Times Iran*, *NewKerala.com India*, *News-Medical.net Australia*, *Ivanhoe.com Florida*, and others)

New York Times (November 12)

The Value of a Friend in the Next Cubicle

Researchers from the **University of Rochester Medical Center** studied data collected from more than 24,000 Canadian workers in 2002. They found that 5 percent of the workers suffered from serious bouts of depression. Notably, men who endured high job strain were two times more likely to succumb to depression than men with minimal job stress. Women who had little decision-making authority had twice the depression risk compared to women with more power. "It's more than just friendship," said **Emma Robertson Blackmore**, assistant professor of psychiatry at the **University of Rochester** and the lead author on the study. "Your family and friends give you support, but because they're not in your work environment they don't have the level of understanding that your work colleagues do." Work friends, she noted, "get where you're coming from." (Also reported by *Forbes*, *Globe and Mail Canada*)

Rochester Business Journal (November 20)

UR laser lab likely to get millions

The **University of Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics** is likely to get more than \$350 million in federal funds over the next five years to keep the facility running. The U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration Tuesday said it would renew its agreement to support the lab. "The Laboratory is a jewel of the **University of Rochester**," said **UR President Joel Seligman** in a statement. "It is a vital component of our nation's scientific capital and leadership, a key to strategic work on an independent energy future and a crucial part of the high-tech economy of Upstate New York." (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Washington Post (November 24)

Materialism Is Weakening Families

In a capitalist/materialist world, everyone has become selfish and self-centered. We pass this message to children when we exhort them to be successful in life by any means possible. Thus, when relationships are contingent on “What am I going to get out of it?” the potential for conflict and unhappiness is rife. Family ties are very weak now, and when people do get together, it is more out of tradition than love and respect. **Gandhi** said, “Materialism and morality have an inverse relationship. When one increases, the other decreases.” I believe we are witnessing this phenomenon now.

Arun Gandhi, *the fifth grandson of India’s legendary leader, Mahatma Gandhi; president and co-founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, now at the University of Rochester in New York.*

Rochester Business Journal (November 9)

Scientists: URMC a good place to work

The **University of Rochester Medical Center** has been named by *The Scientist* as one of the top 40 U.S. academic research institutions for scientists to work. **UR** is the only university in New York to make the magazine’s 2007 Best Places to Work in Academia list.

New York Times (November 24)

A Revisionist Historian Looks at Religious Toleration

The crucial word is “practice.” Compare it with “idea” in “How the Idea of Religious Toleration Came to the West” (Princeton, 2003), a recent overview of the same history by **Perez Zagorin**. In his account, Mr. Zagorin, an emeritus professor of history at the **University of Rochester**, moves swiftly from St. Augustine’s case for the persecution of heretics to the Protestant Reformers, who challenged the Roman Catholic monopoly on doctrinal authority but not the belief in using coercion to defend true teaching. Finally, Mr. Zagorin marches through his pages a regiment of champions of religious toleration.

Miami Herald (November 11)

Colleges come in all sizes, and one size does not fit all

‘Every kind of group is smaller at smaller colleges, so you find groups mixing more. Your social horizons and new connections expand because you’re more likely to spend time with people who are less like you,’ says **Jonathan Burdick**, dean of admissions and financial aid at the **University of Rochester**, a

highly selective university that enrolls about 4,500 undergraduate students.

Democrat and Chronicle (November 15)

UR center’s impact on state economy continues to grow

New York’s university brains increasingly are generating greenbacks for the state’s business coffers. **University of Rochester’s Center for Electronic Imaging Systems** — a state- and industry-funded organization that links New York businesses with academic know-how — had a \$120 million economic impact on the Empire State last fiscal year.

Wall Street Journal (November 17)

Sopranos on the Fast Track to Fame

Benton Hess, a voice professor at the **Eastman School of Music** who has coached Ms. Cabell and Renée Fleming, believes young sopranos meet directors’ growing interest in dramatic credibility. “We’re a society that’s enchanted by youth,” he said. And because many prominent Verdi or Puccini roles are supposed to be young women, “it’s such a wonderful idea that you can actually have a young woman playing these characters.”

The Wall Street Journal (November 6)

How Students From Abroad Learn to Talk the Talk

While North Carolina’s courses are among the most comprehensive, other schools are also expanding programs to help foreign students prepare for careers in the U.S. The **University of Rochester’s Simon Graduate School of Business**, where nearly half of the M.B.A. class is international, offers an English-language and U.S.-culture program that includes language instruction and trips to museums, theaters and sports events.

Houston Chronicle (November 27)

Fed Official: US Economic Growth to Slow

The comments of **Charles Plosser**, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, appear to join with those of other Fed officials that suggest little desire on the part of policy makers to cut interest rates when the Fed next meets to deliberate on monetary policy in mid-December. Financial market participants and many economists, however, expect the Fed to follow its half-point cut in September and quarter-point cut in October with another quarter-point easing. He spoke from prepared comments

before an audience at the **University of Rochester**, in Rochester, N.Y. (Also reported by *UPI*, *Bloomberg*, *Forbes.com*, *CNNMoney.com*, *NASDAQ*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *China Post*, *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Democrat and Chronicle (November 22)

A bountiful day (editorial)

The Rochester Philharmonic and Eastman School of Music : We have one of this country's best smaller-city orchestras, led in recent years to new heights by Music Director Christopher Seaman and Rochester Pops conductor Jeff Tyzik. Their CDs are selling and the RPO, for the first time in a while, is on sound financial footing. The orchestra has always been good. But it is in an especially good place now, and the music world is acknowledging it. The **Eastman school** is a cultural treasure not just for this region but nationally, and even globally. The respect that the Eastman school garners is not an everyday headline. But it could be.

The colleges : Ours is a high-quality college town to a degree that rivals Boston or other more renowned centers of higher learning. There are upwards of 80,000 college students in this region during the school year, and local colleges have a new generation of leaders, such as the **University of Rochester's Joel Seligman**. His university and medical center are now the region's largest employer.

Democrat and Chronicle (November 14)

UR's Simon School gets \$5.4 million in gifts

The **University of Rochester's Simon School of Business** has received \$5.4 million in gifts to enhance faculty promote entrepreneurship, and offer more scholarships.

The gifts include: \$2 million from the **William E. Simon Foundation** for scholarships based on academic and professional performance and impact on the world; \$1.5 million from 1983 graduate **Michael Rosen** for an endowed professorship in finance; \$1 million from 1967 graduate **Mark Ain** to increase the number of students studying entrepreneurship; \$400,000 from 1975 graduate **Francis Price** as part of a \$1 million gift to the university for need-based aid to enhance diversity; a \$500,000 gift from an anonymous donor for faculty support. (Also reported by *Rochester Business Journal*, *R News*)

Democrat and Chronicle (November 23)

URMC geriatric program gets \$3.2M

The **University of Rochester Medical Center** has received more than \$3.2 million in federal grants for geriatric programs, hospital officials said. The money, from the Department of Health and Human Services, will expand the Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center of Upstate New York professional training program; provide fellowships for physicians, dentists and mental health doctors who work with older adults; and fund research for three UR faculty members.

Democrat and Chronicle (November 9)

Level the field (editorial)

A \$2 million federal grant was recently awarded to start an Upward Bound program at the **University of Rochester** for Thomas Jefferson High School students and to increase interest in math and science by students in other district schools. Creating a more level playing field for students and families unable to prepare for college is essential. Upward Bound will expose students to career advisement, field trips and even give them the opportunity to live on the **UR** campus over the summer.

New York Times (November 27)

After Stem-Cell Breakthrough, the Work Begins

The transplanted cells must be very pure, because any remnants of the original stem cells might turn into tumors, said **Dr. Steven A. Goldman**, a neurologist at the **University of Rochester**. He and colleagues implanted dopamine-producing neurons derived from human embryonic stem cells into mice with Parkinson's disease. While their symptoms improved, they all got brain tumors. (Also reported by *Sarasota Herald Tribune Florida*)

Forbes.com (November 9)

Family Dollar Names Donald G. Smith Vice-President Marketing

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. (NYSE:FDO) today announced that it has named **Donald G. Smith** to the position of Vice President - Marketing. Mr. Smith earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Rochester Institute of Technology and a Masters in Business Administration from **the University of Rochester**.

Washington Post (November 4)

New Heart Pump Helps Women Awaiting Transplants

Several study participants regained enough pumping power in the heart to have the device removed and no longer needed a transplant. And they've resumed normal physical activities, said the study authors, who are affiliated with such research centers as the Texas Heart Institute in Houston; the **University of Rochester** in New York; Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore; Duke University, in Durham, N.C.; and Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston.

Earthtimes.org (November 29)

Irene Hegeman Richard, MD Appointed, Senior Medical Advisor to the Michael J. Fox Foundation

In keeping with The Michael J. Fox Foundation's mission to accelerate scientific breakthroughs that can transform the lives of people with Parkinson's disease, the Foundation today announced the appointment of **Irene Hegeman Richard, MD**, to the newly created role of Senior Medical Advisor. This appointment formalizes the role of Dr. Richard, who is associate professor of neurology and psychiatry at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**, in helping to inform and develop MJFF's clinical agenda.

ABC News (November 21)

Give Thanks: Cranberries, Best of Super Foods

The cranberry has several antioxidants (flavonoids) that fight off the bacterium that causes tooth decay (**University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**).

Newsweek.com (November 28)

Beating the Bunion

We were inspired to write about bunions after listening to **Dr. Judith Baumhauer**, chief of the Strong Foot and Ankle Institute at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**, speak at a presentation sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS). Her passionate plea: "Don't be bamboozled into surgery or expensive treatment. It won't prevent problems and it may create new ones." In her clinic, Baumhauer sees what happens when bunion surgery goes wrong; she estimates that the vast majority of her patients come in for what she describes as "revision" procedures that attempt to correct earlier surgeries. "I am a little biased in that I do get a lot of complications,"

Baumhauer says. "But I think the operation is sold too hard."

Wall Street Journal (November 28)

More Resources Help Caregivers Help Themselves

Hospital administrators say caregivers can help educate medical staff about the challenges family caregivers face. **Catherine Lyons**, associate director of clinical services at the **University of Rochester Medical Center's** cancer center, says she invited Mr. Balch to speak to 150 nurses about the ordeal he went through with his wife, "and you could have heard a pin drop," she says. "The nurses may be used to dealing with the complications from chemotherapy or infections, but it really helped them understand the burden that is on the family."

Democrat and Chronicle (November 29)

Andrew Young to deliver King Day address at UR

Andrew Young, business leader and former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, will speak at the **University of Rochester** on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Young was a top aide to King during the inception of the civil rights movement. His talk, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Strong Auditorium on the River Campus, will be the UR's Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Address. The event is free and open to the public.

Democrat and Chronicle (November 27)

New UR mascot needs a name

The **University of Rochester** needs a new name to go with its new mascot, a sneering, fist-clenching wasp. A costume for the tough-looking insect is being created and hopefully will be unveiled on Feb. 1, along with the new name. The old name, URBee, is considered inappropriate because the mascot is supposed to be a yellow jacket, which is a wasp, not a bee. (Also reported by *WHAM TV ABC*)

Rochester Business Journal (November 16)

UR organizing sustainability efforts

University of Rochester president Joel Seligman has created a council on environmental sustainability. Seligman announced Friday he wants the council to develop a universitywide vision for sustainability and to recommend priorities for initiatives proposed by a campus task force that formed in the spring.

Los Angeles Daily Times (November 8)

Chapter and verse on Scully

An unauthorized biography called “Pull Up A Chair: The Vin Scully Story,” by sports broadcasting historian **Curt Smith**, is due to hit bookstores in April, 2008. No surprise, Scully is less than thrilled about it. Smith, a former speechwriter for President George H.W. Bush, has done several anthologies on sportscasting, with his 1987 book, “Voices of the Game” holding up as one of the most informative biographical works on the subject. It includes a mug shot of Scully on the cover, who is one of the featured subjects. “I respect his privacy and admire his modesty,” said Smith from his home in Rochester, N.Y., where he’s also a professor of English at the **University of Rochester**. “But what I’ve done is a book that I feel is honest and affectionate and extraordinarily admiring. (Also reported by *Baseball Toaster California*)

Democrat and Chronicle (November 8)

Schools catching up on early music trends

Early-music specialist and virtuoso lutanist **Paul O’Dette**, professor at the **Eastman School of Music**, hopes this news will send a message to all schools about the importance of early-music instruction. With O’Dette’s constant nudging since he came to Eastman in 1976, **Eastman** is one of the few schools to offer a master’s and doctorate degree in early music, along with period instrument instruction and historical music ensembles open to all students.

Inside Higher Education (November 7)

Epidemiology 101 As an Undergraduate Mainstay

Nancy M. Bennett, a professor of medicine at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**, said the institution is in the process of adding several public health-related undergraduate courses. When the idea was first on the table, she said some faculty there were concerned that the courses would be too trade oriented, teaching students skills needed to work in public health fields.

Wall Street Journal (November 8)

Booster-Shot Frequency Is Questioned in Study

John Treanor, a physician specializing in infectious diseases at the **University of Rochester** in New York state, said that before the health-care system eliminates boosters, more study is needed on outbreaks of certain diseases and declining vaccine efficacy. “I think this is helpful and great to have,” he said, referring to the study. “I don’t know if this is so definitive.”

Chronicle of Higher Education (November 2)

How Educated Must an Artist Be?

Other doctorate programs can be found at the **University of Rochester**, Ohio University, and Texas Tech University (though a large percentage of their students have performing, literary, or studio-art backgrounds). More may be on the way: The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the California Institute of the Arts, and the Rhode Island School of Design are expected to be offering studio doctorates within the next several years.

University of Buffalo Reporter (November 29)

Finalists selected in nursing dean search

Four finalists have been identified so far for the position of dean of the School of Nursing, including the UB faculty member currently serving as interim dean of the school. Those finalists are Jean K. Brown, interim dean of the UB nursing school; **Carol A. Glod**, professor of nursing and research director, Bouve College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University.... She has authored or co-authored nearly 50 scholarly publications, one book and five book chapters. She earned a bachelor’s degree, cum laude, from the **University of Rochester** and master’s and doctoral degrees from Boston College.

R News (November 16)

MS Dinner to Honor its Leaders

She’s known as “The Hope Queen.” The Multiple Sclerosis Society honors her, and all of its former board chairs, at a dinner this weekend. **Martha Lightfoot** is an adult nurse practitioner at the **University of Rochester**, Department of Neurology. The MS Society wants to honor her, and past leaders of the MS Society for their dedication to the people facing this challenging disease. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Democrat and Chronicle (November 20)

Loaded UR should dominate women’s hoops

When **Jim Scheible** took over as **University of Rochester** women’s basketball coach in 1999, his goal was to bring the struggling program to national prominence. Mission accomplished: In the past five seasons, UR has reached the NCAA Division III Final Four twice and the Sweet 16 two other times. They’ve also won the local JPMorgan Chase Scholarship Tournament four times. (Also related report in *Democrat and Chronicle*)