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Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (August 5)
UR’s plan: Foster ideas, invest
The University of Rochester wants to help create “the next Xerox, the next Kodak, the next Bausch + Lomb,” UR President Joel Seligman said Wednesday.

CBS News (August 2)
Men Wearing Red Found to Trigger Female Desire
Females were found to view men wearing red-colored clothing as being higher in status and more likely to earn a better living. And it was that very high-status judgment which triggered the attraction, according to University of Rochester Psychologist Andrew Elliot, the lead author of the study, which included co-authors from Europe and China. (Also Reported in: Chicago Sun Times, Discovery News, Globe and Mail, Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Telegraph.co.uk, Mail Online, AOL Health, U.S. News & World Report, Examiner.com, 10WHEC-TV, BusinessWeek, MSNBC, Yahoo! News, MSN, Essence, Huffington Post, UPI, and others)

New York Times (July 31)
Voice on Phone Is Lifeline for Suicidal Veterans
Under growing pressure from veterans groups and Congress, the Veterans Affairs Department in recent years has hired more than 5,000 therapists and counselors and established a system of suicide prevention coordinators at more than 150 medical centers. It also opened a research center in Canandaigua associated with the University of Rochester, which already had one of the nation’s largest programs for the study of suicide.

National Science Foundation (August 16)
Engineering and Music: A Powerful Duet for Art and Science
These engineers and musicians are hitting just the right notes. An engineer with a love of music, and a musician who likes technology, Mark Bocko and Dave Headlam are both professors at the University of Rochester.

Boston Globe (August 19)
FDA panel mixed on approving Cymbalta for pain
“I think there’s more to be done to identify the patient populations who might most benefit from this drug, but I think it’s a valuable treatment for patients,” said Dr. John Markman of the University of Rochester Medical Center. (Also Reported in: BusinessWeek, Washington Post, ABC News, CBS News, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, MSNBC, Miami Herald, and others)
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (August 2)
Eastman Young Artists International Piano Competition begins today
Some of the best young pianists from around the world convene in Kilbourn Hall beginning today to compete in the Eastman Young Artists International Piano Competition. The competition, which runs through Saturday, features pianists ages 15 to 18 vying for cash prizes and Eastman School of Music scholarships. (Also Reported in: WXXI)

New York Times (August 2)
Mitch Miller, Maestro of the Singalong, Dies at 99
By the age of 15 Mr. Miller was playing with the Syracuse Symphony. After high school he went to the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, graduating cum laude in 1932. (Also Reported in: ABC News, CBS News, NPR, BusinessWeek, Wall Street Journal, MSNBC, Boston Globe, Fox News, Washington Post, WHAM AM 1180, YNN, and others)

ScienceWatch (August 3)
Richard Ryan on the Many Applications of Self-Determination
Its authors, Dr. Richard Ryan and Dr. Ed Deci, both rank among the top 1% of researchers in this field, and Deci also ranks among the top 1% of researchers in Social Sciences. Both hail from the University of Rochester, where Ryan is Professor of Psychology, Psychiatry, & Education, and Deci is Professor of Psychology and the Gowan Professor in the Social Sciences.

Chicago Tribune (August 10)
Dangerous staph infections declining, study shows
“We’re very happy about this,” said Dr. Ghinwa Dumyati, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center who directed one of the surveillance sites included in the study. “Hospitals have done a lot over the past decade to make care safer.” (Also Reported in: Seattle Times, Los Angeles Times, Columbus Dispatch, Pittsburg Post-Gazette, Spokesman-Review)

WXXI (August 9)
1370 Connection Features Tom DiPiero
U of R senior humanities professor Tom DiPiero [on] the golden anniversary of Harper Lee’s ground-breaking novel To Kill A Mockingbird, and how the book – and the film based on it – impacted America in the 60s and today.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (August 11)
Wilmot, Roswell Park consider research collaboration
The University of Rochester Medical Center’s James P. Wilmot Cancer Center and Roswell Park Cancer Institute today announced that they are exploring the idea of shared research work, which could enhance funding, faculty recruitment and lead to larger research studies. (Also Reported in: 10WHEC TV, Rochester Business Journal)

YNN (August 26)
Breakthrough Offers New Hope for Muscular Dystrophy
It is a condition that affects one in 20,000 people, and a genetic disorder that slowly attacks muscles leaving those who have it permanently disabled. But after a recent breakthrough discovery by researchers at the University of Rochester, those living with a common form of muscular dystrophy have new hope.

Rochester Business Journal (August 13)
URMC receives $15 million bioterrorism grant
The University of Rochester Medical Center has received $15 million in federal bioterrorism funding that allows investigators to build on several discoveries made during the past five years to improve the ability to treat radiation injuries, especially from an act of terrorism.

USA Today (August 25)
Leading Division III soccer coach to step down
Terry Gurnett, the winningest coach in Division III women’s soccer, is stepping down from his University of Rochester post after the upcoming fall season, his 34th year in charge. (Also Reported in: Wall Street Journal, Connecticut Post, Buffalo News)

Huffington Post (August 18)
“Clean Elections” Stifles Speech (reaction)
The U.S. Supreme Court is currently considering whether to hear Arizona Freedom Club PAC v. Bennett, a First Amendment challenge to Arizona’s unconstitutional “Clean Elections” system of public funding for political campaigns. This system provides taxpayer dollars to candidates simply because their opponent – or even an independent group – chooses to spend or raise more than a limit set by the government. As my research shows, the effect of these “matching funds” is to punish the speech of candidates who refuse government handouts.
David M. Primo is associate professor of political science at the University of Rochester and served as an expert witness in Arizona Freedom Club PAC when it was before the federal district court.

Huffington Post (August 26)
The Work Behind Women’s Equality Day
And if you’d like a way to mark the occasion, visit the brand new website set up by the Anthony Center at the University of Rochester (Susan B. Anthony’s hometown) at www.rochester.edu/sba/. (Also Reported in: MPNow.com)

USA Today (August 6)
Midlife suicides: a societal blind spot
The reasons why, according to Eric Caine, co-director at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester Medical Center, is that midlife suicides have not been extensively studied.

CNN.com (August 16)
Love red meat? Cutting back just a bit helps heart
The study “doesn’t mean that red meat is a horrible thing,” says John Bisognano, the director of outpatient cardiology at the University of Rochester Medical Center, in New York. “People like to eat, and all you can hope to do is shift them a little bit away from foods that may have less of a benefit to them to those that have more of a benefit to them.”

Science Daily (August 1)
Unique Light-Activated Membrane Acts Like a Traffic Signal for Gas
A new membrane developed at the University of Rochester’s Laboratory for Laser Energetics blocks gas from flowing through it when one color of light is shined on its surface, and permits gas to flow through when another color of light is used. (Also Reported in: io9, Medical Daily, NanoWerk, Softpedia, Science Blog, DNA India, The Engineer, Photonics Online, and others)

New York Times (August 30)
Border Sweeps in North Reach Miles Into U.S.
“It’s turned into a police state on the northern border,” said Cary M. Jensen, director of international services for the University of Rochester, whose foreign students, scholars and parents have been questioned and jailed, often because the patrol did not recognize their legal status.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (August 9)
UR should be catalyst for change in Rochester (op-ed)
The University of Rochester, as Monroe County’s largest employer, should step forward and boldly lead the way. While the university used to keep the community at arm’s length, thankfully, President Joel Seligman has done much to change that in his five-year tenure.

Washington Post (August 10)
Most senior citizens learn to adapt to the loss of a partner
“Many feel that once they reach the nursing home, their lives are worthless because they’re not able to contribute to society,” says Yeates Conwell, co-director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester.

Rochester Business Journal (August 12)
UR psychologists awarded $3.1M for behavioral study
Two psychologists at the University of Rochester have been awarded a $3.1 million grant to study how families develop coping behaviors in the face of marital conflict. Melissa Sturge-Apple and Patrick Davies will use the grant to study 250 families over three years, identifying precisely how coping behaviors develop. (Also Reported in: Baltimore Sun)

CNN.com (August 24)
Trying to lose weight? Drink more water
Drinking more water is a low-risk way to lose excess weight, especially if it takes the place of other liquid calories, says Stephen Cook, M.D., an obesity expert at the University of Rochester Medical Center, in N.Y. “This is an easy way to replace those calories, and if everything is equal, it will slow down your weight gain or reverse it,” says Cook, who was not involved in the new research.

NPR (August 10)
Beyond The Empty World Economy: Embracing Time and Consequence
Adam Frank is a professor in the Department of Physics And Astronomy at the University of Rochester. He is a regular contributor to NPR’s 13.7: Cosmos And Culture blog.
**Guardian** (August 17)
Rwanda harnesses volcanic gases from depths of Lake Kivu
Cindy Ebinger, a professor of earth sciences at the University of Rochester in the US, who co-authored a study earlier this year that described Kivu as possibly “one of the most dangerous lakes in the world”, said: “You don’t even want to think about the scale of the devastation that could occur.”

**ABCNews.com** (August 18)
Improving Quality Of Life Can Also Lengthen It (video)
University of Rochester’s Dr. Timothy Quill: palliative care should be standard.

**Rochester Business Journal** (August 13)
Martha Mock, director, Institute for Innovative Transition
This week, the Golisano Foundation announced a three-year grant of $960,000 to the Institute for Innovative Transition at the University of Rochester’s Warner School of Education and Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities. (Also Reported in: Rochester Democrat and Chronicle)

**Chronicle of Higher Education** (August 29)
Putting Ideas to Work (opinion)
Whatever is the defining idea of the next decade, it ought to be free. Come to think of it, the idea that ideas ought to be free could well be the defining idea of the next decade.
Steven Landsburg is a professor of economics at the University of Rochester.