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...and come to the U of O Convocation, the annual fall gathering of the entire campus community. The Associated Students and the University of Oregon invite you to attend the opening address at 1:30 in the Library Quadrangle--sunny weather--or in the EMU Ballroom--raining weather. Other convocation activities will continue all afternoon, and since students will be excused from classes to attend, you have a great chance to check them out. Here is a list of special events to get involved in.

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

The Influence of Science on Contemporary Culture, Dr. Donald Kennedy, President, Stanford University, past commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. 1:30 p.m., Library Quad or EMU Ballroom.

FILM

The Day After Trinity, Guest speakers: UO President Paul Olum, Professor of Biology Aaron Novick. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., 150 Geology.

SEMINARS

Loss of Certainty in Science, What Does it Mean?, John Cornell, Assistant Professor Honors College; Catherine Wilson, Assistant Professor Philosophy. 2:30 - 3:20 p.m., 303 Chapman.

Cell Biology, The New Technology, Peter von Hippel, Professor Chemistry; Franklin Stahl, Professor Biology. 2:30 - 3:20 p.m., 238 Gilbert.

Hormones and the Brain, Control of Human Feelings, Jim Douglas, Research Associate Cell Biology; Barbara Gordon-Lickey, Professor Psychology. 2:30 - 3:20 p.m., 231 Gilbert.

Folklore and Scientific Discovery, Barre Toelken, Professor English. 2:30 - 3:20 p.m., 331 Gilbert.

Life and Death, Science, and the Law, Linda Greene, Associate Professor Law. 2:30 - 3:20 p.m., 341 Gilbert.

Evolution and Religious Truth, Douglas Straton, Professor Emeritus Religious Studies; David Wagner, Associate Professor Biology. 2:30 - 3:20 and 3:30 - 4:20 p.m., 342 Gilbert.

Hormonal Clocks and Human Activity, Michael Menaker, Director, Institute of Neuroscience. 3:30 - 4:20 p.m., 341 Gilbert.

Computers and Culture, The Information Society, Arthur Farley, Associate Professor, Computer & Information Science; Jean Rogers, Instructor, Computer & Information Science. 3:30 - 4:20 p.m., 231 Gilbert.

Culture, Science and Public Policy, Carol Silverman, Visiting Professor, Anthropology; Geraldine Moreno-Black, Assistant Professor, Anthropology. 3:30 - 4:20 p.m., 238 Gilbert.

Science and Art, Michael Moravcsik, Professor, Physics. 3:30 - 4:20 p.m., 331 Gilbert.

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Tylenol cyanide deaths mount while detectives look for 'killer'

CHICAGO (AP) — The killer who put cyanide in Extra-Strength Tylenol bottles used a form of the poison available in school chemistry labs and metal plants, an official said Sunday as chemists and detectives searched for clues to the poisonings of seven people.

Police said they had several leads in the investigation, including a shoplifter arrested in late August for stealing Tylenol and reports of suspicious customers at stores where the poison was found on shelves. Police artists were sent out to interview employees.

Two police officers who picked up what are believed to have been Tylenol capsules in a parking lot became ill the next day, and authorities were running tests on the pills to see if they were contaminated by cyanide.

Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner, who is leading a task force of 75 investigators, said Sunday that authorities believe the poisoned capsules were placed on shelves "probably the day before" the first three deaths were reported Wednesday.

"It is an act of a random murderer who filled the capsules with cyanide and then placed them in the stores," said Fahner, who is heading a task force of some 75 investigators from 15 state, federal and local agencies including the FBI. Forty-three state chemists were working around-the-clock in the investigation.

Fahner said evidence indicates a single person "went around the Chicago area salting the store shelves with one bottle of contaminated Tylenol (at a time)." The stores were as much as 40 miles apart in the northern

part of Chicago.

Police also said Sunday that a fourth lot-number of capsules was involved in the deaths. A woman who died in Winfield, a far west suburb of Chicago, had capsules from lot MB1833. There was initial confusion over the batch number in that case because she apparently mixed Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules with regular Tylenol.

The first two batches implicated, lots MC2880 and 1910MD, were recalled nationwide by the manufacturer, McNeil Consumer Products Co., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

The last known victim, 35-year-old flight attendant Paula Prince, was found dead Friday night in her Chicago apartment, a few steps from a 24-capsule bottle of Extra-Strength Tylenol she had bought at a nearby drug store. Authorities believe she died Wednesday.

All the other contaminated bottles contained 50 capsules.

The pills in Prince's apartment were from a third batch, lot 1801MA. That and the fourth batch have not been recalled.

So far, five bottles of contaminated Tylenol have been found, each traced to a different store.

Fahner cited that fact and the fact that four different batches were involved in saying investigators believe the tampering was not done in factories or distribution centers handling the best-selling over-the-counter pain remedy. Authorities have determined that the bottles containing the poison came from several manufacturing locations and didn't cross paths during distribution.

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