

## News briefs

### Viagra test on women fails

NEW YORK — Hopes that Viagra would do for women what it does for men were doused in the first big study of the impotence drug in women, according to a study paid for by the drug's manufacturer.

The study findings, being presented Tuesday at the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology meeting in San Francisco, confirmed smaller preliminary tests that also showed that the pill did not help women with sexual dysfunctions, such as difficulty getting aroused.

Viagra, the first pill to treat impotence was an instant splash in 1998 when it was approved in the United States to help men. The pill had more than \$1 billion in sales last year, and its manufacturer, Pfizer Inc., hoped to increase its profits by getting doctors to prescribe it to women.

### Astronauts float into space station for repairs

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts floated into the international space station Monday night to replace dying batteries, filling the complex with voices for the first time in a year.

American astronaut Susan Helms and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev led the way into the brightly lit Unity module. James Voss was close behind.

"Glad you left the lights on for

us," Voss told Mission Control.

The three will move into the space station for good next year. They consider this visit a brief but valuable sneak preview.

### Fuel problems questioned as factor in plane crash

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Investigators on Monday were looking into whether fuel problems caused both engines to fail aboard a charter plane that crashed, killing all 19 people aboard. But the probe was hampered because the cockpit voice recorder was not working at the time.

The National Transportation Safety Board investigators searched for clues in the wreckage after Sunday's crash of the Executive Airlines twin-engine turboprop, which was carrying 17 passengers home from a gambling trip to Atlantic City, N.J.

The two pilots, who also were killed, had reported to air traffic controllers that they lost both engines as they made their second approach to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport in the rain.

Aviation analysts said dual-engine failures are rare and can indicate a problem with the fuel supply.

NTSB member George Black said later that no evidence of contamination was found in a preliminary test of the fuel from a truck in Farmingdale, N.Y., that had refueled the plane. The tests were continuing and would include a ground sample from the crash site.

The Associated Press

## Dog paws

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"It was a very clean, clean extraction of the two paws," he said, adding that the bone appeared to have been sawed. "It shows that somebody took a lot of time doing this."

Wellington said the LCARA was concerned by the meticulousness with which the paws were severed.

"It follows suit with many of the major serial killers," he said.

On the other hand, Wellington said the paws were possibly the remains of a dog kept by the pet's owner as mementos.

Though some people keep locks of hair from deceased pets and occasionally have beloved animals stuffed, a person keeping dismembered body parts for sentimental reasons is far-fetched, said Russ Bankel, a Greenhill Human Society official.

"This is obviously something we want to keep track of in case it pops up again," Bankel said of the dismemberment.

Bankel said the ritualistic mutilations of dogs typically target "dogs of power and strength" and usually don't target shaggy domestic dogs such as Golden Retrievers.

"It's obvious somebody wanted to send some sort of message, but it's unclear what that message is," he said.

The LCARA is asking anyone with information regarding the paws to call 682-3645.

## HIV tests

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"It would be most satisfying if we went to capacity," Dochnahl said. "If people who take it are at risk, then the test is most beneficial."

When the health center offered free HIV testing last year, approximately 120 students took the examination, which requires a simple blood draw, Dochnahl said.

The health center's HIV test can be taken anonymously, with no record of the student's name, University HIV counselor Ginger Sands said. The test takes about 20 minutes, with a short counseling session before and after the test, and results are available after two weeks.

"If for no other purpose, it can establish a peace of mind," Dochnahl said.

The most important aspect of the free testing program is that it

promotes awareness about the risk factors of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, Sands said.

"It's really important to get help," Sands said. "We want to make students more aware of what the risks are."

Because there is no cure for HIV, prevention is the key, Dochnahl said.

Similar to the health center's program, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Association of People With AIDS are hosting the annual National HIV Testing Day on June 27. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage those who are at risk for the virus to learn whether they are infected, NAPWA deputy executive director Tony Farmer said.

"We have to do a much better job of informing the public of the benefits of testing early," Farmer said. "People wait until they are extremely sick. Sometimes it gets

to a point where medication is not very effective."

The National HIV Testing Day, which is supported by about 10,000 organizations across the country, is aimed at everyone who is at a high risk of contracting the virus, especially minority groups — African-Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and Asian-Americans — and people under the age of 25, who represent the largest portion of those most recently infected, Farmer said.

"Even though we have one day set aside for HIV testing, it's important to remember that testing is something that goes year-round," Farmer said.

To make an appointment for the health center's free HIV tests, call 346-2770. After this term, the test will cost \$12.

The CDC also has a national AIDS hotline — 1-800-342-2437 — for inquiries about the National HIV Testing Day.

## Fund raiser

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ers of Koala Construction. The Robertses got to know University President Dave Frohnmayer, his wife Lynn and their efforts to fight Fanconi Anemia — a genetic disease that typically afflicts young children and causes leukemia, bone marrow failure and other cancers — when they remodeled the Frohnmayers' southeast Eugene home two years ago. The Frohnmayers have lost two daughters, Kirsten and Katie, to complications from Fanconi Anemia, and the life of their 13-year-old daughter Amy is threatened by the disease.

The Robertses wanted to do something to help support the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, a non-profit agency founded by the Frohnmayers in 1989 with the goal of funding research toward a cure or treatment for the disease. So they did what they do best: They built a house.

"It was an extremely heart-warming project to be a part of,"

Linda Roberts said.

Their original goal was to raise \$50,000 for the fund, but the Robertses, with the help of 84 subcontractors who gave time and materials, will donate \$225,000 when the house is sold.

"It leaves you with a great sense of pride and accomplishment," Linda Roberts said. The subcontractors who worked on the home all received T-shirts with "I helped save the life of a child" printed on them.

She said she thought that soliciting donations from subcontractors would be the most difficult part of the project, but she was pleased to find that people were more than willing to give.

"The community pulled together and wanted to be a part of it," Linda Roberts said. "Because [Fanconi Anemia] affects children, people are more apt to do something. It hits your heart pretty hard."

The house, which is listed at \$725,000, includes such luxury amenities as granite countertops and marble in the master bath-

room, a media room with Dolby Surround Sound, a DVD player and outdoor speakers shaped like rocks in the front and back yards.

"It's an absolutely wonderful outpouring of community support for the cause," Dave Frohnmayer said. "It will result in a substantial boost for our research fund."

He said the donation could represent one-third or as much as one-half of the fund's annual grant budget. Researchers in more than 30 countries have received grants, averaging \$50,000 to \$80,000, from the fund. The donation from the sale of the house could result in seven or eight more research grants, Frohnmayer said.

At 3265 Riverplace Dr., the house is one of only about a dozen in the Eugene area that actually has a view of the Willamette River flowing, he said.

Frohnmayer called the setting spectacular and very peaceful.

The house is open Thursdays and Fridays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. through June 18.

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