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Flu Season May Become Worst Ever

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2013. The flu usually peaks in January and February, meaning that this year's batch could be worse than all previous years Gallup has tracked. One reason of concern is that this year's influenza vaccine isn't as effective as previous years. The flu could also be peaking early this year, like it did in 2009-2010 when swine flu (H1N1) was prevalent in October.

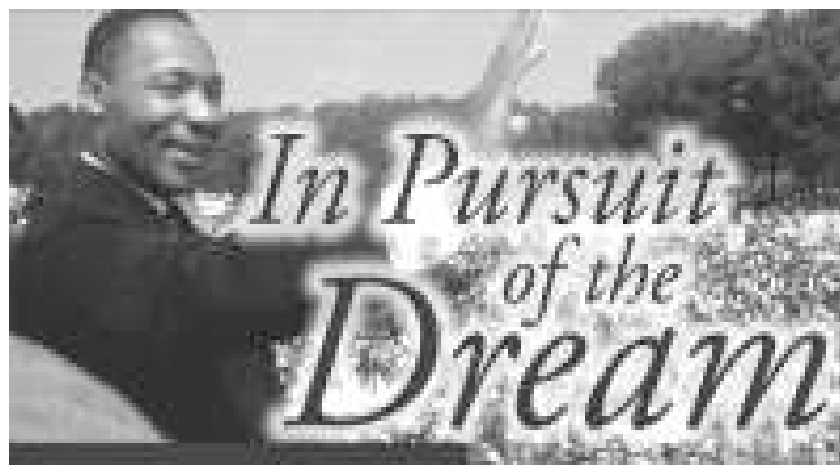
The Center of Disease Control says it's not too late to get a flu vaccine for this year's unusually serious flu season. Hispanics and lower-income Americans were more likely to report having the flu than blacks, whites and people with higher incomes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that 43 states are currently experiencing a widespread flu outbreak, including Oregon and Washington.

Cutting Edge Cancer Research

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The research he is doing has resulted in his start-up company, called Nzumbe, which focuses on research designed to accelerate the discovery of breakthrough therapies in challenging diseases such as cancer.

may spread throughout the body. The niche we look to fill is to identify drugs and other chemicals that can restore stable life to these zombie genes." In addition to heading up Nzumbe, Pham works for Nike as a patent liaison, where he helps identify and capture new innovation for the company based in Beaverton. He also spends his free time helping the Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute. Pham was valedictorian at Benson. He attended University of Portland from 2004 through 2011.


"To accomplish this," says Pham, "we focus on a root cause linked to many forms of cancer known as epigenetic gene silencing. When critical genes are silenced (e.g., tumor suppressor genes), a cancer cell can arise and grow to form a tumor that



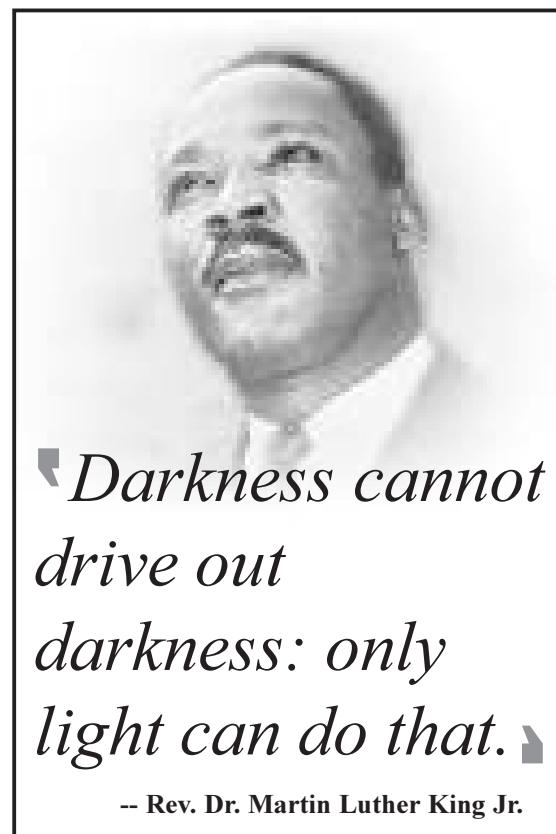
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