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Cancer to be world’s top killer by 2010

Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Cancer will overtake heart disease as the world’s top killer by 2010, part of a trend that should more than double global cancer cases and deaths by 2030, international health experts said in a report released Tuesday.

Rising tobacco use in developing countries is believed to be a huge reason for the shift, particularly in China and India, where 40 percent of the world’s smokers now live.

So is better diagnosis of cancer, along with the downward trend in infectious diseases that used to be the world’s leading killers.

Cancer diagnoses around the world have steadily been rising and are expected to hit 12 million this year. Global cancer deaths are expected to reach 7 million, according to the new report by the World Health Organization.

An annual rise of 1 percent in cases and deaths is expected — with even larger increases in China, Russia and India. That means new cancer cases will likely mushroom to 27 million annually by 2030, with deaths rising 17 million.

Underpinning all this is an expected expansion of the world’s population — there will be more people around to get cancer.

By 2030, there could be 75 million people living with cancer around the world, a number that many health care systems are not equipped to handle.

“This is going to present an amazing problem at every level in every society worldwide,” said Peter Boyle, director of the WHO’s International Agency for Research on Cancer.

Boyle spoke at a news conference with officials from the American Cancer Society, the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Cancer Institute of Mexico.

The “unprecedented” gathering of organizations is an attempt to draw attention to the global threat of cancer, which isn’t recognized as a major, growing health problem in some developing countries.


The organizations are calling on governments to act, asking the US to help fund cervical cancer vaccinations and to ratify an international tobacco control treaty.

Concerned about smoking’s impact on cancer rates in developing countries in the decades to come, the American Cancer Society also announced it will provide a smoking cessation counseling service in India.

“If we take action, we can keep the numbers from going where they would otherwise go,” said John Seffrin, the cancer society’s chief executive officer.
"What changes do you want to see in the world in 2009?"

"I really want people to be more accepting of people who are different, like gay rights and stuff like that."

-Lindsey Finger, architecture engineering junior

"I think I want to see people think or care more about each other."

-Brittany Quon, history senior

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Where in the world do they go?

College deans and other administrators may seem like they’re always traveling, but often it’s all work and no play

Samantha MacConnell

If you have even called a dean’s office, chances are you were told he or she was in a meeting, out of the office or even out of the area. College deans have a number at the National Center, a group which supports the program and hosts Cal Poly students.

Samantha MacConnell

The Associated Press

Despite the rise of DNA fingerprinting and other "CSI"-style crime-fighting wizardry, more and more people in this country are getting away with murder.

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knew each other, Walton said. He said that figure has dropped since then, though he would not hazard a guess as to how much.

Also, gang-related killings are increasingly going unsolved because witnesses are too scared to help police, said Dallas Drake of the Center for Homicide Research, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization. Gangs have played on people's fears by warning them — via underground DVDs, in some cases — against "snitching.

In the Chicago suburb of Aurora, local and county authorities are working with the FBI on a cold-case program to battle the perception that gang members are untouchable. So far, there have been more than 30 arrests and at least five convictions.

Among the unsolved killings in Chicago is the 2003 drive-by shooting of 10-year-old Filmon Tesfai, an aspiring doctor who was gunned down two days before he left for the University of Illinois. Police say that the slaying was probably a case of mistaken identity and that Tesfai did not know his killer.

"This is not an easy thing to carry in your head," said his father, Zerai Tesfai. "It's the worst thing that's happened in my life."

DNA has clearly revolutionized crime-fighting, enabling police to solve decades-old crimes. Walton pronounced it "arguably the greatest identification tool to come down the pike." Police are also using other sophisticated forensic techniques, including digital fingerprint matching and high-tech bullet-fragment analysis.

Nevertheless, DNA and other physical evidence solve only about 30 percent of cold cases, said James Adcock, assistant professor at the University of New Haven in Connecticut. Finding witnesses and getting them to talk still plays a major role.

In fact, detectives warn that technology can be both a blessing and a curse, saying jurors who have watched shows like "CSI" come into court with unrealistic expectations of what science can do.

"They think we can pull a rabbit out of our hats," said Houston.
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police Sgt. Mike Peters.

"Technology is great, but it's the ability to get people to talk that's important. That solves cases."

Technology can also be expensive. In 2005, the National Institute of Justice awarded $14.2 million to law enforcement agencies through the Solving Cold Cases With DNA program. In 2007, only $8.5 million was awarded. No grants were given in 2006.

Lt. John Slenk of the Michigan State Police said it took a couple of million dollars to solve the 1979 murder of Hope College student Janet Chandler in 2006. Those costs included the salaries of four full-time officers over three years and the interviewing of 500 people in 18 states.

Six people are serving time in Chandler's murder. Since there was no DNA that could be used, solving Chandler's murder came down to wearing down witnesses and suspects. Detectives interviewed their prime suspect 18 times before he was arrested, Slenk said.

For their part, the Tesfais have not given up hope that police will find their son's killer. They are frustrated those responsible are walking free.

"They are breathing fresh air. My son is underground," Zerai Tesfai said. "Someone, somehow, has to make a closure for this."
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do have time to travel outside of work, it is cherished. 

"When I travel, I travel to visit my children or my dear friends who live in other parts of the country," said Halisky. "I don't have a lot of free time. Deans are a bit tied up."

Similar to the complaints of many travelers, deans can sometimes find travel a burden due to flight cancellations, schedule changes, increases in cost and dead time in airports. 

"I think that if both myself and my fellow deans could avoid travel, we would not travel at all," said Dave Christy, dean of the College of Business. "These days, any travel that involves the airlines is very difficult."

Since Christy’s program has national accreditation, he has meetings and travel associated with accreditation activities. He also serves on the accreditation review team for other schools and must travel to meet with the team. 

Not all deans travel alike. For example, liberal arts and science deans do not have national accrediting bodies, so they have fewer meetings with the larger world of academia. However, every dean is involved in fundraising activities and outreach. 

Travel associated with fundraising and outreach is generally paid for through the use of discretionary funds, which are gifts from alumni in support of those activities. Funds come out of the college’s regular budget if the dean is traveling to represent the university. 

"We try as a college to spend money from gifts to raise more money," Christy said. 

Aside from his work-related travel, Christy found time last December to take a driving vacation to northeastern California, where he made his way up the Feather River Canyon, through Citrusville and Alturas. This summer, he found himself in Cape Town, South Africa for 10 days of volunteering and vacationing at the same time. 

"Nothing is totally for vacation," said Christy. "I enjoy the experience of going to other places, the cultural experience and the broadening."

Over 50 students and community members attended a candlelight vigil for Fabian Mora on Monday, Dec. 8, 2008. The electrical engineering sophomore died on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008 in his Poly Canyon Village apartment. Friends lit candles, wrote messages to his family, and spoke to the crowd to remember the Poly student who loved Tupac, The Dark Knight and Seinfeld.
Nez Perce seek medal after a wild 202-year journey

From the rolling Clearwater Valley to New York City's concrete canyons, a silver medal that may have been given to a Nez Perce Indian chief by Lewis and Clark in 1806 as a symbol of America's emerging power has made an improbable journey.

Its provenance isn't traced, but some historians believe the Jefferson Peace Medal minted in Philadelphia, went up the Missouri River in a pirogue, was buried and unearthed from an Indian grave by Northern Pacific Railroad workers, and eventually landed with Edward Dean Adams, the New York financier and J.P. Morgan contemporary.

Long considered stolen, it surfaced as a liability next year as the city may have to start paying to unload its scrap.

“Obviously times are tough,” Granger said. “I wouldn’t worry more about this more than any other aspect of the economic downturn we’re seeing.”

Last year, Americans generated about 254 million tons of trash, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. They recycled about 150 million tons of material — roughly 80 million of that in iron and steel — supporting an industry that employs about 85,000 with $7 billion in sales, said Bob Garos, director of commodities at the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Inc., Washington, D.C.-based trade association that represents more than 1,600 companies worldwide.

Most recyclables are shipped to Asian countries that use the material to make products that are shipped back to the United States to be sold.

But the market shift is now jeopardizing hundreds of millions of dollars worth of long-term contracts for scrap metal as some companies that signed when prices were high are trying to cancel or postpone deliveries to take advantage of the cheaper spot market, Garos said.

Davis, of Midland Davis Corp. in Illinois, said he hopes to wait out the market and may rent warehouse space to store his more perishable recyclables, like paper, until he can find buyers. He has some room to stockpile cans and plastics because in July, when prices were high, he unloaded more material than during any month in the past 10 years.

“It’s going to be bleak for a while,” he said. “We can just make out our piles taller, and hopefully by spring, things will be a little better.”

Whether that will come as early as spring is debatable.

“I don’t know if we are at the bottom yet, bouncing along the bottom or we have new lows to achieve,” Garos said.

The market’s not likely to bounce back until the economy improves, Kowalsky estimates it could be several years.

“It’s just time to pull in your horns and maintain what you have and try to survive until 2010,” he said.

Artist uses Skid Row homeless in acting troupe

Christina Hoag

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Scientists support brain drugs for healthy people

Malcolm Ritter
ASSOCIATE PRESS

Healthy people should have the right to boost their brains with pills, like those prescribed for hyperactive kids or memory-impaired older folks, several scientists contend in a provocative commentary.

College students are already illegally taking prescription stimulants like Ritalin to help them study, and demand for such drugs is likely to grow elsewhere, they say.

"We should welcome new methods of improving our brain function," and doing it with pills is no more morally objectionable than eating right or getting a good night's sleep, these experts wrote in an opinion piece published online in December by the journal Nature.

The commentary calls for more research and a variety of steps for managing the risks.

As more effective brain-boosting pills are developed, demand for them is likely to grow among middle-aged people who want youthful memory powers and multitasking workers who need to keep track of multiple demands, said one commentary author, brain scientist Martha Farah of the University of Pennsylvania.

"Almost everybody is going to want to use it," Farah said.

"I would be the first in line if safe and effective drugs were developed that trumped caffeine," another author, Michael Gazzaniga of the University of California, Santa Barbara, declared in an e-mail.

The seven authors, from the U.S. and Britain, include ethics experts and the editor-in-chief of Nature as well as scientists. They developed their case at a seminar funded by Nature and Rockefeller University in New York. Two authors said they consult for pharmaceutical companies.

Some health experts agreed that the issue deserves attention. But the commentary didn't impress Leigh Turner of the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics.

"It's a nice puff piece for selling medications for people who don't have an illness of any kind," Turner said.

The commentary cited a 2001 survey of about 11,000 American college students that found 4 percent had used prescription stimulants illegally in the prior year. But at some colleges, the figure was as high as 25 percent.

"It's a felony, but it's being done," Farah said.

The stimulants Adderall and Ritalin are prescribed mainly for people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, but they can help other people focus their attention and handle information in their heads, the commentary says.

Another drug called Provigil is approved for sleep disorders but is also prescribed for healthy people who need to stay alert when sleep-deprived, the commentary says. Lab studies show it can also perk up the brains of well-rested people. And some drugs developed for Alzheimer's disease also provide a modest memory boost, it says.

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Allan Pinkham stands along the banks of the Clearwater River, east of Lewiston, Idaho, near the site where a Jefferson Peace Medal was uncovered by Northern Pacific Railroad while exhumeing an Indian grave.

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"It is an injustice. It was grave robbery," Pinkham told The Associated Press. "When we quit stealing from one another, then we become one people. This is also part of that order to Manifest Destiny in action: "

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"These objects were very much delivering the message that there's a new and dominant government overseeing these areas," said Robert Miller, a Lewis and Clark College professor in Portland, Ore., and author of "Native America, Discovered and Conquered."

After wintering on the Pacific Ocean, the explorers had just entered present-day Idaho when they encountered a Nez Percé village on the Clearwater. Though first impressed by its leader they gave him "a medal of the small size with the likeness of the President," according to a year 5, 1806, entry describing the scars on Cut Nose's face, which had come from a lance wound in battle.

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"These objects were very much delivering the message that there's a new and dominant government overseeing these areas," said Robert Miller, a Lewis and Clark College professor in Portland, Ore., and author of "Native America, Discovered and Conquered."

After wintering on the Pacific Ocean, the explorers had just entered present-day Idaho when they encountered a Nez Percé village on the Clearwater. Though first impressed by its leader they gave him "a medal of the small size with the likeness of the President," according to a year 5, 1806, entry describing the scars on Cut Nose's face, which had come from a lance wound in battle.
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Rettin is made by Switzerland-based Novartis AG, but the drug is also available generically. Adderall is made by U.K.-based Shire PLC and Montvale, N.J.-based Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc., and some formulations are also available generically. Provigil is made by Cephalon Inc. of France.

While supporting the concept that healthy adults should be able to use brain-boosting drugs, the authors called for:

- More research into the use, benefits and risks of such drugs. Much is unknown about the current medications, such as the risk of dependency when used for the purpose, the commentary said. Also, according to the Food and Drug Administration, Adderall, for example, is an amphetamine that carries warnings about possible sudden death, heart attack and stroke, especially for people with heart problems.
- Policies to guard against people being coerced into taking them.
- Steps to keep the benefits from making socioeconomic inequalities worse.
- Action by doctors, educators and others to develop policies on the use of such drugs by healthy people.

- Legislation action to allow drug companies to market the drugs to healthy people if they meet regulatory standards for safety and effectiveness.

Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said that "we ought to be opening this up for people with heart problems."

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The nonprescribed use of brain-boosting drugs is increasingly inspiring groups like LAPD which see the arts as a way to highlight public awareness of a social problem that many have grown inured to and as a pick-me-up for those living hand to mouth.

"Homeless people often don't think they can do anything. Those programs change one's own perception of what's possible," said Laura Zucker, executive director of the Los Angeles County Commission on the Arts. "We know they help improve people's self-esteem."

Kevin Michael Key is living proof of that effect.

After spending 40 years addicted to heroin and crack cocaine, he found LAPD on Skid Row and has since toured the country and performed in Paris with Malpede. Earlier this year, he launched a nipping role in the movie "The Soloist," which recounts Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez's friendship with a homeless musician. The movie was partially filmed on Skid Row using locals in a nonunion cast.

"It has helped bring to me a new perspective and perception," the 54-year-old Key said. "I learned my experience as a basis for expertise. John has encouraged and nurtured that."

Almost 30 arm amphetamines in and around Los Angeles now incorporate homeless people in projects ranging from plays to painting to cinema, but LAPD was a forerunner at the Hastings Center, a bioethics think tank in Garrison, N.Y.

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Mac Attack: more students are turning to Apple for their computing needs

The day of salvation is finally here for Cal Poly civil engineering student Chris Decool. He comes bursting through the door of his one-story home on the outskirts of San Luis Obispo, his roommate turns their heads from the TV to see Decool wiggling loose from his backpack as he scurries toward his room.

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It’s hard to overlook the resurgence of Apple laptops used by college students today. Apple dominated the market in the '80s and '90s, only to give up their position to Dell. Dell has held the title for over a decade now, but Apple has reclaimed the crown through competitive marketing strategies.

Apple’s latest “I’m a Mac” advertising campaign targets young consumers. It plays on a young person’s desire to be “cool” and different. A campaign that Decool thinks is successful.

“Truth is, Apple has reemerged as a premier computer company by creating a line of long-lasting, versatile computers with a user-friendly interface, whereas the new “I’m a PC” campaign features all types of people from different walks of life proclaiming themselves as PCs. It’s yet to be seen how effective it is. However, Apple’s marketing strategy seems to be winning over the hearts of the college students.”

In a study conducted by Student Monitor in 2006 among full-time undergraduates and students who are shopping for a computer, 43 percent plan to buy a Mac, while 22 percent plan to buy a PC. The new “I’m a Mac” commercials are creative, funny and simple.

A computer that requires no more time and attention than what students need it for does not go unappreciated.

In 2005, political science student Mallory Camp bought her first Mac. Like Decool, frustration with her PC led her to purchase the Mac.

“I knew other people that had Macs and they just seemed easier to use,” Camp says.

According to Decool, this type of attention is what gives Mac the edge.

“With Mac, you don’t have to format it or delete any viruses. Plus, I like the little magnet charger,” Decool says, speaking about his MacBook.

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Videos featuring Sarah Palin and Tina Fey led the Web's top videos for 2008.

Jake Coyle

Nearly four years after the launch of YouTube, it's startling just how much viral videos have come to resemble a highlight reel (or a gag reel) of recent history. In early 2008, this tendency was constantly reflected on videos-sharing sites — and sometimes even influenced by such clips. But the year in viral video was not all politics: there was still plenty of room for a litter of puppies, brawling late-night hosts and a lion with an excellent memory.

Here are the year's top 10 Web videos:
1. Tina Fey As Sarah Palin: Not only was Fey's impression of the Alaskan governor arguably the seminal pop culture event of the year, it also represented a turning point in the paradigm between TV and the Web. More people watched Fey's sketches on NBC.com and Hulu.com than on television.
2. The Real Palin: Though Fey's many parodies of Sen. John McCain's running mate set the Internet on fire, the real McCoy gave her a run for her money. Online, many were obsessed with Palin's every move, and millions logged on to watch clips of her interview with CBS Katie Couric, her unfortunately positioned Thanksgiving turkey pardon, and yes, her appearance on "SNL."
3. Christian the Lion: Easy fabrication has made us all suspicious of the story wasn't new to this year, but it took off when paired with Whitney Houston's version of "I Will Always Love You.”
4. "Yes We Can": In all the songs and performances devoted to this year's election, none connected quite like will.i.am's music video. By pairing Barack Obama's words with music, will.i.am created the most indelible campaign message of the year.
5. "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog". The entry of Jos Whedon (creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Angel" and "Firefly") to the Internet resulted in perhaps the greatest and most substantial Web series yet. In three parts, the 43-minute film starring Neil Patrick Harris as a wannabe villain was distributed free on Hulu and then for pay on iTunes (and then free again on Hulu).
6. Paris Hilton Responds to McCain Ad: When McCain ran a campaign comparing Obama's celebrity to that of Britney Spears and Paris Hilton, the hotel heiress jumped into the fray. In a video created by FunnyOrDie.com co-founder Adam McKay (the director of "Anchorman" and "Step Brothers"), Hilton — sitting poolside in a bikini — announced her mock-candidacy for the presidency. More than 8 million watched.
7. Sarah Silverman and Matt Damon: ABC's Jimmy Kimmel got an interesting surprise from his then-girlfriend Sarah Silverman during a show in early 2008. In the video — the name of which isn't fit to print — Silverman and Damon attempt to make some kind of pop music version of "The Great Gatsby" — a "Great American Album" that would somehow sum up America today. Unsurprisingly, it failed, sounding amid clunky lyrics and a rather shaky Bon Jovi fixation from lead singer Brandon Flowers. While Boni in his prime could actually come up with a few clever lines, however, the best was got from Flowers was some half-baked, Kerouaca-esque pop about horizons, highways and dners. Still, "Sam's Town" has a handful of strong melodies, among them the energetic, blaring "When You Were Young" and the silly synth bliss of "Bones."
On their third album, "Day & Age," the Killers take their goal with "Sam's Town" to the next level: They're not just going to sum up contemporary America in one album, they're going to sum up the entire bloody world. They close the listener in with the album and song titles: "Day & Age" is hardly the most low-key title for an album, and lurking behind it are other pompously titled tracks like "The World We Live In," the to-the-point "Human," and my personal favorite, the humbly named "This Is Your Life."
The lyrics are just as painfully pretentious. If you thought the absurd, grammar-be-damned chorus of first single, "Human," was bad enough — and yes, "Are we human, or are we dancer?" is what he's saying — then you ain't seen nothin' yet. After listen­ ing closely to "Goodnight, Travel Well," in which Flowers informs us matter-of-factly that his "spirit means, you'll join me in campaigning for a return to the gender-bending, tongue-in-cheek fun of "Somebody Told Me," the elucidation of "you had a boyfriend / who looked like a girlfriend" has never felt so far away; now all the Killers do is harp on and on about "soul," "Rest," "Universes" and "Holy suns," like they're trying to make a pop adaptation of Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason."

Luckily, though the lyrics are so bad they make me want to take some duct tape to Brandon Flowers' mouth, the music on "Day & Age" is often rather interesting. A far cry from the staid, middle-of-the-road rock sound of "Sam's Town," "Day & Age" is an interesting melding of pot genres, a queasy but oddly hypnotic melange of pop, funk, jazz and prog rock. Quivering synths and choppy guitars make the usual appearance, but there are also saxophone solos and bossa nova rhythms, which, surprisingly enough, work quite well.

"Losing Touch" spins and eddies with sonic invention, veering from dreamy, bass-popping verse to blaring, horn-driven choruses. If you can ignore the preposterous lyrics, there's a lot to en­ joy. The same goes for "The World We Live In," a
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wildly overblown, everything-but-the-kitchen-sink synth number that almost matches the sweeping grandeur of its title. A couple of tracks are so totally out there, so different from the Killers' usual fare — though what exactly that is has become increasingly difficult to determine — that they deserve special mention. "Joy Ride" is a funky slice of white-boy disco, awkward and silly in all the best ways. It sounds like the band has been listening to David Bowie's plastic soul era — think "Fame" or "Young Americans" — and the influence pays off beautifully. "I Can't Stay," mean­while, shuffles along on a jazzy back-beat of pattering congas and marimbas, like Stan Cetz covering "Tainted Love." It's more of a genre exercise than a real song, but there's something infectiously innocent and wide-eyed about its experimentation.

Of course, not everything works. "Human" is a painfully an­

tiseptic slice of '80s-inflected Europop, so utterly boring musically that you can't help but focus on the lyrics, and boy are they disastrous. If only the chorus did say "are we human or are we denser," because in this case the answer to that question would be very simple. "A Dustland Fairytale" is also a pseudo-symbolic mess, a desperately "epic" and "sweeping" rocker that sounds like a tuneless cover version of U2's "Where The Streets Have No Names." All in all, though, "Day & Age" is no dis­aster, and, oddly enough, something about the Killers' wildly overblown am­
bition is quite refreshing. Sure, a lot of the time their experi­

ments fall flat, but there is something nice about how unafraid the Killers are of looking ridiculous. Just check out the video to "Flu­man," in which the band looks lost on the way to some absurd, zoo-them­ed costume party. While "Day & Age" may not transform the life of every listener, which is clearly its aim, it does provide some enjoyment; not least being the chance to hear a band that's unafraid to try new things.

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Always in color
Brad becomes ‘Benjamin’

Justin Marble

David Fincher and Brad Pitt’s collaboration produced two of the most well-regarded movies of the 1990s, the excellent thriller “Se7en” and the machismo-laden thriller “Fight Club.” Now, eight years into the next decade, both Fincher and Pitt have grown tremendously as artists, and it shows in “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.” Pitt has gone from sex symbol to highly respected actor, with a series of critical successes including “The Assassination of Jesse James,” Fincher, coming off last year’s mind-blowing “Zodiac,” no longer relies on the surprise twist and the flashy camera tricks of his earlier career, and has become a much more mature filmmaker.

Fincher is helped tremendously by an excellent script from Eric Roth, adapted from F. Scott Fitzgerald short story, “Benjamin Button” tells the story of a man (Pitt) whose body ages backwards — that is, he’s born with the body of an old man and the mind of a child. The story is told in flashback, from the perspective of a daughter reading her diary aloud to her ailing mother in the present day. With the viewer along for the ride, Button grows up (or down?) from the end of World War I until present day, falling in and out of love (with Tilda Swinton and Cate Blanchett), watching his loved ones pass away, and learning about life in the process. Essentially, Fincher is telling all of our stories, and though Button is aging backwards, his experience is oddly real and human.

It’s difficult to describe how great Pitt’s performance is, but at one point, we see the 40-something Pitt playing somebody with the mind of an 80-year-old, in 80-year-old prosthetics. Those convincing prosthetics certainly help him out, but seeing Pitt portray a character at every point in their life is mesmerizing to watch. His mostly female supporting cast do terrific jobs as well, including the up-and-coming Tragic Henson as Pitt’s surrogate mother.

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Millions watch the six San Francisco Shiba Inu puppies grow up.

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Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (above) arrive at the premiere of his new film, “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” in Los Angeles on Monday, Dec. 8, 2008. Cast member Tilda Swinton (top) also attended.

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The trailer makes this look like some kind of Gothic fantasy, and I have to applaud Fincher for not actually making it that way. Instead, he springsboards off the one unrealistic part of the movie into unexplored territory. The result is a film that somebody at every stage of their life can relate to, not an easy thing to do. But in doing so, Pitt and Fincher have created a character, movie and world that will all stand the test of time.
Elephants live longer in wild than zoos

Randolph E. Schmid

WASHINGTON — Zoo elephants don’t live as long as those in the wild, according to a study sure to stir debate about keeping the giant animals on display.

Researchers compared the life spans of elephants in European zoos with those living in Amboseli National Park in Kenya and others working on a timber enterprise in Myanmar. Animals in the wild or in natural working conditions had life spans twice that of zoo-born animals.

Animal care activists have campaigned in recent years to discourage keeping elephants in zoos, largely because of the lack of space and small numbers of animals that can be kept in a group. There have also been especially vocal protests in Dallas and Los Angeles.

The researchers found that the median life span for African elephants in European zoos was 16.9 years, compared with 56 years for elephants who died of natural causes in Kenya’s Amboseli park. Adding in those elephants killed by people in Africa lowered the median life span there to 37 years.

Medians mean half died younger than that age and half lived longer.

For the more endangered Asian elephants, the median life span in European zoos was 18.9 years, compared with 41.7 years for those working in the Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Myanmar is the country formerly known as Burma.

There is some good news, though. The life spans of zoo elephants have improved in recent years, suggesting an improvement in their care and raising, said one of the report’s authors, George J. Mason of the animal sciences department at the University of Georgia, Canada.

But she added, “protecting elephants in Africa and Asia is far more successful than protecting them in Western zoos.”

There are about 1,260 elephants in zoos, half in Europe, Mason said in an interview via e-mail. She said researchers concentrated on female elephants, which make up 80 percent of the zoo population.

“One of our more amazing results was that Asian elephants born in zoos have shorter life spans than do Asian elephants brought to the zoos from the wild,” she added in a broadcast interview provided by the journal Science, which published the results in its Friday edition.

She noted that zoo elephants usually lack large grazing areas that elephants are used to in the wild, and that zoo animals often do one or with one or two unrelated animals, which would tend to drive them to inbreed.

“We’re not sure why,” she said.

The study confirms many of the findings of a similar 2002 analysis published by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. One of the authors of the new study, Ros Cubb, works for the society.

Steven Feldman, a spokesman for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, contended the report did not reflect conditions in North America. In addition, he said, it is hard to compare conditions in zoos and in the wild. “Every event in a zoo is observed,” he said, while scientists can study only a small number of events in nature.

The project, or individual researchers, received financial support from Canada’s National Science and Engineering Research Council, Prospect Bur­ma Foundation, Charles Wallace Burmese Trust, Three Oakes Foundation, Whitaker Foundation, Founda­tion for the Prevention of Cruelty to Ani­mals, among others.

Among the researchers, Mason has served as a paid consultant to Disney’s Animal Kingdom USA and one of au­thors, Khyne U. Mar, has been a paid consultant to Woburn Safari Park, about an hour north of London.

Becky U. Mar has been a paid consultant to Woburn Safari Park, about an hour north of London.
It’s too cold to go out, so stay in and turn up the heat. Here are some movie scenes to help you frame the mood. Can you guess what films they’re from? (Answers are below.)

1. Her blue dress and hair is soaked from the rain. She is lifted off her feet and pushed onto a wall by her long lost love. They christen the house he practically built for her. Then they do it again on the floor.

2. The dance is over. Her white dress is a symbol of her desire, clawing at his skin and letting out a moan of relief. Each couple kisses their partners before they swap. The couple on the top floor dances before christening the glass window.


4. Action-packed intercourse. He rolls about, shooting bad guys while still inside of her. She appears to be mostly shown, fluttering about in a cage as the scene comes to a close. The two women exchange verbal aggression then slap each other across the face before launching into the water. Resentment turns to contentment but they’re unknowingly caught on tape.

5. Action-packed intercourse. He rolls about, shooting bad guys while still inside of her. She appears to be mostly shown, fluttering about in a cage as the scene comes to a close.

6. It’s a late night at the office. He’s never cheated love for her, a love he has never known before. While in his room, he takes her for the first time. The two are mostly h o w n kissing but the point of moment is not missed. The woman, who has shouted from the rooftops — and to magazine readers — about her purity, lets go and succumbs to love.

7. Both men are married but decide to let it slide. It’s a chilly night out in the tent and they find a way to keep each other warm.

8. Both women have wanted each other since their eye seduction in the elevator. Now, they both lie on the bed. One finger is trapped in her lover’s teeth, the other finger is...

9. The two women exchange verbal aggression then slap each other across the face before launching into the water. Resentment turns to contentment but they’re unknowingly caught on tape.

10. The two boys are best friends. On their road trip with an older woman, they debunk the “three is a crowd” theory and engage in a passionate kiss, as she shows both of them southern hospitality.

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Answers:
McNamee says Clemens ‘not deserving’ to enter Hall

"He did what he thought was right, I did what I had to do," McNamee said recently. "End of story."

Not quite.

The last time the two appeared together was February, when each gave a dramatically different account of their working relationship in testimony before Congress. They could be compelled to repeat those versions in front of a judge some time this year, if Clemens’ defamation lawsuit against McNamee goes to trial.

The chances of them speaking before then are slim and none.

"It wouldn’t be my dime," McNamee said in a videotaped interview with Sportingsnips.com, released almost a year ago, made available to The Associated Press.

"I don’t want to go to the Hall of Fame," McNamee said.

"There’s no chance. Too much damage. Too much trust was broken. Betrayed the people that gave him his career, the people that wrote about his career, and the people that supported his career."

Clemens from a clubhouse job in Toronto and provided him with steady work, a good living and the opportunity to play

McNamee said the next could serve as a momentum moment to break that trust and you’re done. And that’s what happened," McNamee continued. "It not only happened, but it happened at monumental lengths. So he’s not deserving of the Hall of Fame."

Clemens faces more dire than that, since federal investigators are still examining evidence to determine whether he perjured himself last February by telling Congress under oath that he never used steroids or HGH. An ESPN.com report said FBI agents are reviewing Clemens’ medical records from the Yankees, Houston Astros and Toronto Blue Jays.

"We’ve voluntarily complied in response to congressional requests," said a lawyer for Clemens.

Roger Clemens throws a pitch during a workout with minor leaguers on Feb. 28, 2008 in Kissimmee, Fla. His 354 career victories put him ninth on the all-time list.
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We would have provided them to the government," Clemens' attorney, Rusty Hardin, said Tuesday evening. "We are delighted for any legitimate investigators to pursue Roger's medical records."

Hardin added that Clemens had decided to keep a low profile since the congressional hearings and that his firm would have no comment on McNamee's latest remarks. But that could change as the defamation lawsuit moves through the legal system.

U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison, who is presiding over the case, gave McNamee's attorneys an extension to present evidence their client was "coerced" into telling former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell about Clemens' drug use under threat of prosecution.

Attorneys Richard Emery and Earl Ward contend that because McNamee was compelled to testify his statements are fully "immune from any defamation."

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Brian McNamee, the former trainer of Roger Clemens, testifies at a House Oversight hearing on drug use in baseball on Feb. 13, 2008.

Hardin said his side would decide how to proceed after that matter is resolved. In the meantime, McNamee says he is trying to rebuild both his business and his personal life.

"I started to go out and the support was so great. Then I got back into training and that's been going well. The celebrity thing? I don't want it, I really don't...."

"It was good for me in a business sense to train him and to help my outside interests," he added. "But as far as a friendship, if I mean, obviously, if there was one I really don't think there's going to be one again."

Joe Lipka is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.
Fall athletics a tough task to follow

Scott Silvey
ON THE FALL SPORTS SEASON

With the dawn of a new year comes the beginning of new sports seasons. Gone are the fall games of volleyball, soccer and football.

The spotlight shines brightly on the fall athletic season at Cal Poly, as the school gained unprecedented national recognition.

Cal Poly men's soccer player a nationally televised game in front of a sellout Alex G. Spanos stadium.

The Mustangs were even mentioned on ESPN's Sportscenter and College Football Overseas as they came up just shy in their historic attempt to dethrone a bowl-bound College Football Overdrive. is they

Nationally televised game in front of national recognition.

Waller, a 2007 all-Big West Conference First Teamer, finished her collegiate career seventh in school history with 3,305 hitting attempts and ninth with 1,130 kills.

Behind the strong running of Daniel Gona, the Mustangs won their sixth-consecutive Big West championship and finished 23rd at the NCAA Championships in Indiana. Gona won the Big West Men's Athlete of the Year award while head coach Mark Cowher was named Coach of the Year and Brianna Morris was named Freshman of the Year. Gona was third consecutive Cal Poly runner to win the Big West individual title, while Jon Anderson finished second. In all, the Mustangs would claim five of the top seven spots at the Big West meet.

Cal Poly finished the season with a 10-6-4 record and a third place finish in the Big West conference, falling to UC Santa Barbara on penalty kicks in the semifinal round of the conference tournament.

The Mustangs lost six seniors at the conclusion of the season, including forward Ashley Valis, who leaves Cal Poly as the ninth-leading scorer in school history. She finished her senior year with a team-high five goals and 13 points and was named to the All-Big West Conference Second Team. Junior defender Carrie Andrews was named an All-Conference first team performer for the third time in her career as she also came away with 2007 Big West Defensive Player of the Year.

Joining Andrews and Valis in earning conference honors were Leah Mottet, who received Second Team recognition along with Meggie O'Hagan, Kristina Condon, Sherwood, Carissa Voegtle and Coral Hoover, who received honorable mention. Head coach Alex Crozer became just the fifth coach in school history to win over 200 games for the program.

The Mustangs finished with an

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11-6-6 record and a second-place
finish in the very competitive Big West
Conference.
Cal Poly hosted UC Santa Bar-
bara on Oct. 17 in a nationally tele-
vised matchup of Central Coast
rivals that included the third largest
crowd in NCAA history.
While the Mustangs would fall on
that night to the Gauchos in double
overtime, and in the confer-
ence semifinals, the tournament se-
lection committee granted Cal Poly
only its second NCAA tournament
 berth in school history.
After being left out in 2007, the
Mustangs were determined to prove
that they belonged in the field, beat-
ing UCd A 1-0 for the school’s first
NCAA tournament victory at the
Division I level.
Among the departed seniors for
Cal Poly is goalkeeper Eric Brana-
gan-Franco. He leaves the team
holding virtually every major record
including saves in a season (105),
save percentage (.820), and he tied
his own record of nine shutouts.

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The defense was also represented with defensive lineman Sean Lawyer joining linebackers Carlton Gillespie and Fred Hives and defensive backs David Pullerton and Asa Jackson all making the First Team.

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