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**Child vaccination rises in Georgia**

*Low-income, welfare families receive more immunizations as incentive*

CHICAGO (AP) — Threatening to withhold welfare payments to low-income families unless their children got regular vaccines significantly increased immunization rates in Georgia, a study found.

Several states implemented similar measures in the 1990s, when the federal government encouraged testing of innovative welfare programs, including those that improved the health of public aid recipients.

At the time, critics slammed the practice as unfair, and an editorial accompanying the study in last Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association* questions the ethics of the practice.

"The ethical stumbling block... rests in the fact that financial penalties for delayed immunization were threatened only to individuals already at high risk

for economic deprivation," wrote Drs. Matthew Davis and John Lantos. Lantos is a medical ethicist at the University of Chicago. Davis, formerly of UC, is now at the University of Michigan.

But the study authors said poor children face a higher-risk of "vaccine-preventable" diseases.

"It is both a public health obligation to encourage low-income parents to have their children immunized for these diseases and a benefit to these families and to the public as a whole," the authors said.

Several states implemented similar programs and were required to as-

sess their impact, though only Georgia and Maryland have completed their evaluations, said co-author David Connell of Abt Associates, Inc. of Cambridge, Mass.

At Georgia's request, the social science research firm evaluated the program from its start in 1993 through 1996, when it, like many others, was revamped under President Clinton's welfare reform legislation.

An evaluation of Maryland's program done by another firm found no evidence that the threatened sanctions increased immunization rates, Connell and colleagues said.

In Georgia, few of the families studied actually lost benefits. Connell attributed the program's success to the threat as well as reminders from case workers and frequent public service announcements.

"Families weren't unduly burdened by this requirement," he said.

Under the program, Georgia families applying for Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits had to prove their preschool-aged children had up-to-date immunizations. Families were told they would lose their benefits for any children who were not immunized. Benefits varied widely but averaged roughly \$25 monthly per child.

Vaccination rates evaluated were: DPT (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis); poliovirus; MMR (measles, mumps, rubella); Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b); and hepatitis B.

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**Puerto Ricans continue rally against U.S. Navy bombing**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Likening their cause to the United States' battle for independence, hundreds of Puerto Ricans rallied on the Fourth of July holiday outside a federal prison holding activists opposed to Navy bombing on the island of Vieques.

"It is paradoxical to celebrate the independence of the United States and honor the patriots of that nation while they imprison the patriots of this land!" local Rep. Victor Garcia told a cheering crowd.

Hundreds more protesters marched in the southern city of Ponce, led by Mayor Rafael Cordero Santiago.

Another 16 activists Tuesday entered the Navy's training ground on Vieques and were quickly arrested by military police, Navy spokesperson Gil Mendez said.

Protest organizers said about 90 of 122 people who had refused to post \$1,000 bail on trespassing

charges had been arrested since Friday by U.S. marshals and imprisoned in the federal prison in suburban San Juan. The U.S. Marshals Service has not responded to requests to confirm the number.

The detainees were among 183 people arrested last week as they tried to enter the Navy bombing range on Vieques to prevent military exercises. A federal judge freed them temporarily, then ordered them detained after they refused to post bail.

The Fourth of July is a holiday in Puerto Rico because the Caribbean island of 4 million is a U.S. territory. The government's official July Fourth celebration took place a few miles away in San Juan's colonial district.

The Navy has owned two-thirds of Vieques since the 1940s and uses it for training its Atlantic Fleet. The island's 9,400 residents live between the eastern training ground and a weapons depot in the west.

**News in Brief**

**Heat, fires plague Europe**

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Hundreds of wildfires burned across southern Europe on Tuesday as the region remained in the grip of a heat wave that has driven temperatures as high as 120 degrees.

In the Balkans, the sizzling temperatures accompanied the worst drought to strike the region in 50 years, which has already caused record crop losses since it began in late May.

Ambulances patrolled the streets in southern Romania cities to pick up people who fainted in 106-degree heat. Radio and television stations urged old people and children to stay inside.

Romanian officials expect no let up in the heat for at least a few weeks, and they urged local governments and firefighters to stay alert and prepare water reserves.

About 100 fires still burned Tuesday in Romania, despite successful efforts by firefighters to put out 98 other fires, said Ionel Crapan of the Firefighters General Headquarters.

Nobody was injured in the Romanian fires, he said, but damage was "considerable," in part because a lack of water impeded firefighters' efforts.

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| TAMU OUTDOORS                   | EVENT DATE | REGISTRATION    |
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| Intro to Climbing Clinic        | July 8     | June 19-July 6  |
| Kayak Roll Instructional Clinic | July 11    | June 26-July 10 |
| Fly Fishing by Canoe Day Trip   | July 15    | June 26-July 11 |
| Kayak Workshop                  | July 15-16 | June 26-July 17 |
| Kayak Open Practice Session     | July 18    | June 26-July 17 |
| Bat Watching Canoe Trip         | July 20    | June 26-July 18 |
| Rafting Day Trip                | July 22    | June 26-July 18 |
| Intro To Climbing Clinic        | July 23    | June 26-July 20 |
| Rock Climbing Day Trip          | July 29    | June 21-July 25 |

For TAMU Outdoor information call 845-4511 or drop by; located behind the Student Rec Center - facing Olsen Field.

| GREEN CHARGES                | WEEKDAYS | WEEKENDS |
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| Student Green Charges        | \$11     | \$14     |
| Faculty/Staff/Alumni/Retiree | \$14     | \$17     |
| Guests                       | \$17     | \$20     |



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- **July 19**—Weight Management Myths and Facts
- **July 26**—Building Up Your Running Mileage in the Heat

All lectures are in Room 281 above the Natatorium at 5:30 p.m. and last one hour. No admittance after 5:35 p.m.

- **NEW AEROBIC CLASSES—**
- **CORE F.I.T**—30 minutes of flexibility and strengthening the core muscles of the abs and back. Includes yoga-type stretches.
- **Cross Training Challenge**—1 hour fast paced class to boost your fitness level. Strength conditioning, abs and flexibility included.
- **Water Works**—Cool off and gain some great cardiovascular benefits without the stress of regular aerobics.
- **Massage Therapy**—\$35 for Rec Members and \$45 for non Rec Members. Appointments can be made at Member Services.

| INTRAMURALS           | REGISTRATION     |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 3-on-3 Basketball     | July 5 - July 10 |
| Slow Pitch Softball   | July 5 - July 10 |
| Sand Volleyball       | July 5 - July 10 |
| Indoor Soccer-1/2 ct. | July 5 - July 10 |
| Racquetball           | July 5 - July 11 |
| Golf                  | July 5 - July 11 |
| Tennis                | July 5 - July 11 |

• Intramural sports registration closes at 6:00pm. on closing date.

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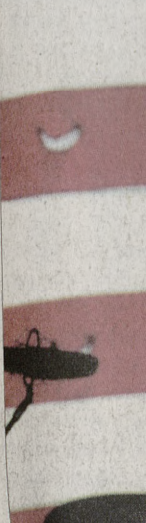
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