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May 1, 2017

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This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 24, 2017, regarding "a digital/electronic copy of the earliest three years of issues of the CDC Connects Newsletter."

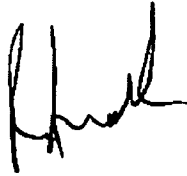
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Andoh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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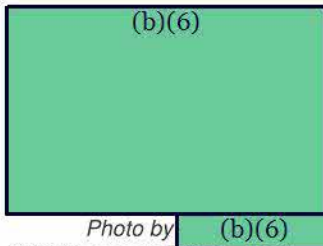


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Health Secretary: CDC A "Disneyland For Science" *Associated Press*



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Ladies in red: Participants in the photo are: (back row) Pei-li Chui, Dana Newby, Susan Jack, Gracie White, Kay Fields, Demarius Miller, Sandra Russell, Yvonne Barkdoll, Kate Prager, Patrice Upchurch and (front row) Maria Bustillo, Jean Howie, Donna Miller, and Patricia Ragwar. As part of HHS' Heart Truth Campaign, on Friday, February 4, staff from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) joined many Federal agencies participating in this campaign. For more, click on the photo.

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Daphne Moffett, Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) in the PHS Commissioned Corps, current Science Professional Advisory Committee (SciPAC) Chair, was awarded the VADM C. Everett Koop Junior Officer of the Year Award by the Reserve Officers Association (ROA). She is shown here with Robert C. Williams, P.E., DEE, Chief of Staff to the Surgeon General, USPHS Chief Engineer and Rear Admiral (RADM). For more, click on the photo.

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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NCID Disease Detectives on the Trail of April fularemia

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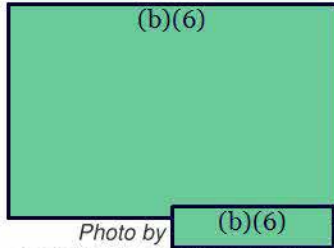


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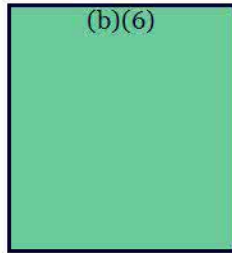
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**Tributes from the Past On (b)(6) Birthday**

From time to time, **CDC Connects** will feature former employees, deemed to be "Legends of CDC." Today we celebrate one of our former and foremost veterinarians. One of CDC's legends celebrated his 92 birthday (b)(6). Read more about (b)(6) DVM, MPH, Retired (b)(6).

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CDC Says Felicidades to (b)(6) Memories of an Epidemiologist

(b)(6) MD, MPH, retires this week—and it's no April Fools joke. The medical epidemiologist says he's looking forward to April 1st with "great anticipation." He leaves behind a legacy of professional experience, meticulous investigation and love of learning at the Dengue Branch in Puerto Rico.

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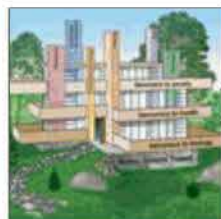
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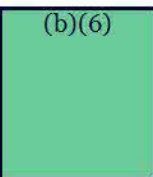
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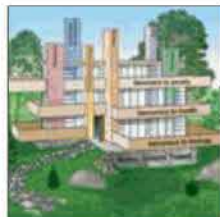
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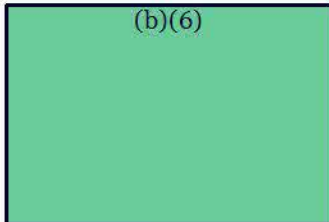
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(b)(6) a toxicologist with the NCEH/ATSDR Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, won seven awards at the 2005 Southeast (b)(6) held in Atlanta recently. For more and to see the photo larger, just click on it.

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Imagine you had to explain to a committee of imposing people how you would spend your paycheck and why. CDC does just that year after year. The Director appeared before the House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee April 6 to testify on CDC's portion of the President's proposed fiscal year budget.

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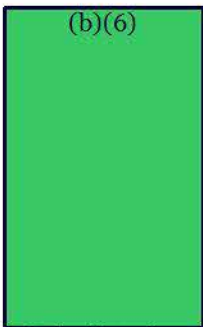


Photo by Marie Legg, CDC Injury Center

One of the Injury Center's youth violence experts, Neil Rainford, MPH, and former (b)(6) attended the "Youth Violence Awareness Game Night" with the Washington Wizards at the MCI Center on (b)(6). (b)(6) is one of the (b)(6). (b)(6) He also appeared in (b)(6). For more, and to see a (b)(6) click on this one.

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**Opinions Conflict on Whether Flu Strain Purposely Included in Test Kits**

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Deseret Morning News (Salt Lake City, Utah)

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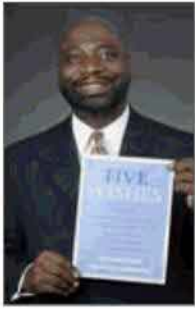
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Terry Giles, M.Div., CEAP, CDC's new EAP Director, holds up the *Five Wishes* brochure. This advance directive (or "living will") is being made available to employees who request it, free of charge. For more information on this living will, click on the photo.

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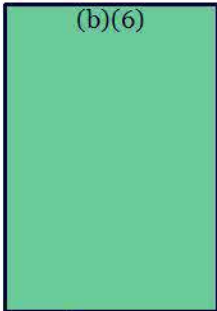
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CDC's (b)(6) makes a personal appearance at Fenway Park with members of the Boston Red Sox, a team as popular in 1963 as it is today. Pictured are Bill Monbouquette, pitcher; Dick "The Monster" Radatz, relief pitcher (who died last month) (b)(6) and Eddie Bressoud, shortstop. For more, click on the photo.

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CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, announced CDC's new organizational structure and named directors of three Coordinating Centers yesterday. Shown left to right are Lonnie King, DVM, Director, Office of Strategy and Innovation; John Agwunobi, MD, MBA, MPH, chair of the Advisory Committee to the Director CDC and state health officer for Florida; George Hardy, MD, MPH, ASTHO; and Pat Libby, NACCHO. For more information, click on the photo.

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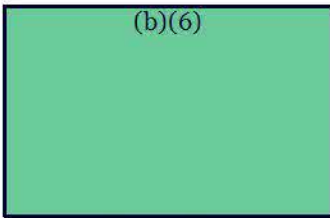


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"People don't read the morning newspaper". Marshall McLuhan once said. (b)(6)

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Associate Director of Policy, OD, OCS, proves that giving blood need not interfere with the pleasure of the morning paper and that multi-tasking while contributing to a worthwhile cause only serves to enhance the experience. To donate blood, contact your local American Red Cross or your CDC Human Resources Department for the next blood drive at your site. For information on how you can help and the schedule for upcoming CDC blood drives in Atlanta, click on the photo.

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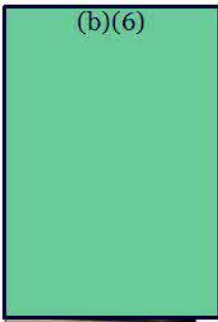


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(b)(6) PhD, retired this spring after 32 years of working at CDC. He's been at the Dengue Lab in Puerto Rico since 1987, working in the lab as a microbiologist. He retired as Supervisory Research Microbiologist, also, Chief, Diagnostic and Reference Section. He started as a research microbiologist in Fort Collins. "I got into this business because I loved working in labs," he says with a smile. "If you do it right, you're never bored, you are only limited by your imagination. You often don't know what you'll be doing tomorrow until you finish today. The research lab is fascinating." For more, click on the photo.

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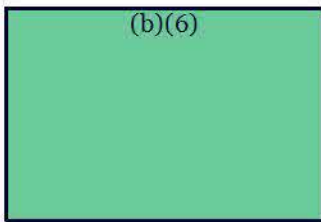
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This photo, of the regional staff for the VD control program, was submitted by (b)(6) Public Health Advisor, EPO. It was taken in 1966. (b)(6) is the third from the left, top row," she explains and adds a suggestion. "There are several of us at CDC (myself included) who are second and third generation public health servants. It might be fun to have a call out for those folks and do articles on them. In my case, even though my (b)(6) and (b)(6) in public health, I denied that I was called to the profession until I was in (b)(6). I've met several 'legacies' at CDC, so I know there are more out there. This could also be used as a recruiting tool, I think, in some sort of way!" If you are a CDC public health legacy, let us hear from you. Email us at [CDC Connects Story Ideas](#).

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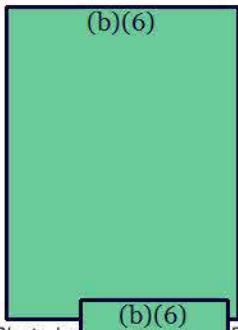


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This photo was taken by (b)(6) RN, Ed.D, Public Health Educator, Education, Information, and Partnership Branch, ISD, NIP. She received honorable mention in our **CDC Connects** Photo Essay Contest. "These pictures were taken during my STOP assignment to Ethiopia. The pictures are in West Wellaga, Ethiopia, during a Measles Campaign in March-April of 2004. The little boy was carrying his little sister to a clinic to get their measles vaccine. You can see our UN car in the background."

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World Asthma Day is being celebrated today (May 3). This event calls attention to the need for better asthma treatment and control. As part of CDC's ongoing asthma prevention and control efforts, CDC's National Asthma Control Program held a state grantee conference earlier this year in Denver. CDC attendees included (from left to right) Allison Stock, Anna Johnson, and Liane Hostler. For more, click on the photo.

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**CDC Plays Key Role in Health and Human Rights Conference**

He survived the Killing Fields of Cambodia. But the torture and terror of the brutal civil war and its bloody aftermath inspired CDC staffer Aun Lor to work for a better world. This month, along with former President Jimmy Carter, Lor was at the forefront of a three-day conference promoting human rights and health.

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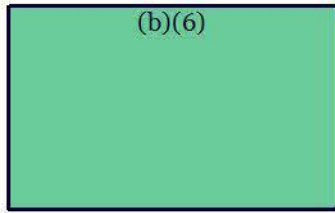
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It's "Be Kind to Animals Week."

(b)(6) MS, CIP,

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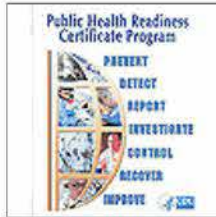
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Photo by Kathy Nellis

Mother's Day is Sunday. This statue, called "Happy Mother," is in the lobby of the Humphrey Building in Washington, DC. The sculpture is by Chaim Gross and was a gift of the artist's wife in honor of Hubert H. Humphrey. For more on the sculptor, click on the photo.

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Photo by Greg Knobloch

The Office of Workforce and Career Development brought together about 150 division directors and other CDC leaders for a Leadership Forum on April 26 to talk about transformational leadership. Leonard Marcus, PhD, from the Harvard School of Public Health, delivered the keynote speech on meta-leadership. In the afternoon session, participants discussed succession planning, Individual Learning Accounts and Individual Development Plans. Watch for an upcoming Inside Story for more about this retreat and results of these discussions.

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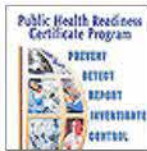
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Photo by (b)(6)

This captivating photo was taken by (b)(6) Public Health Analyst, Office of Program and Policy Information, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control. She captured a bee inside an azalea just outside of the Davidson building at Koger. For more, click on the photo.

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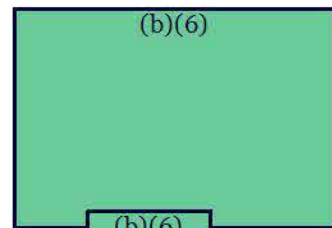
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CDC's (b)(6) and her instructor (b)(6) recently took first place in the (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6) held in February 2005 in (b)(6) CDC has a number of ballroom dancers, and some dance competitively. (b)(6) is a Health Education Specialist in the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention in the Injury Center. For more, and to find out how ballroom dancing can help prevent dementia, click on the photo.

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What are the next steps in the CDC transformation? Even though the overall structure of CDC is approved and official, newly established coordinating centers, coordinating offices, centers and staff offices must submit reorganization packages to establish internal structures and identify the organization's mission and functions. There are still questions to be answered as we transform CDC.

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CDC's Choose Respect Game won a Gold award at the 2005 Washington Advertising Club Addy Awards Show on Saturday, April 2nd. Winners move up to the regional contest to compete against work from the Northeast, including metro New York agencies and clients. For more on the Injury Center's pilot communications campaign, click on the photo.

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Photo by Julie Irby

Julie Irby, Associate, International Communication, American Red Cross, received honorable mention in the **CDC Connects** Photo Contest, for photos of the Measles Initiative. In this photo, insecticide-treated bed nets are demonstrated to help keep families safe from malaria. For more, click on the photo.

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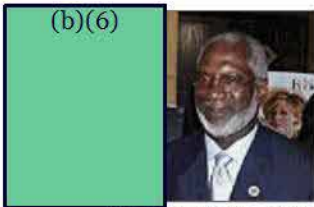


Photo by Kathy Nellis

David Satcher, MD, PhD, Former CDC Director, US Surgeon General, and Assistant Secretary of Health, joined his wife [\(b\)\(6\)](#) and celebrities such as actresses Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda on the red carpet in Atlanta, Georgia this month. For more, click on the photo.

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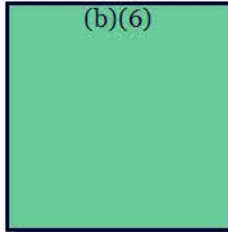
Patricia Taliaferro answers one of the many phone calls she fields each day as a Public Affairs Assistant in the Division of Media Relations, Office of Enterprise Communications. For information on CDC's revised telephone courtesy guidance policy, click on the photo.

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Two birds take a stroll on the green space near building 2400 at Century Center. It's a pretty place for you to take a walk as well. May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, a great time to get out and get active. For more, click on the photo.

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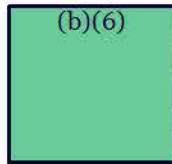
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Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a variety of events at CDC. Two of those programs will take place today, May 23. For more information, click on the artwork.

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May is Motor cycle Safety Month and this photo is of (b)(6) FMO. She writes, "Just like the group who went to Sturgis, there are numerous women at CDC who ride motorcycles. I, for one, ride a Yamaha Virago 1100. I ride for the calming effect after a busy day; weekend rides to the Mountains, charity rides plus Myrtle Beach Bike Week. My husband (b)(6) and I love to just take off on the weekend and find out where the road leads us." For more click on the photo.

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May is Hepatitis Awareness Month. Shown here is the Division of Viral Hepatitis, Prevention Branch, Education and Communication Team: (top row) Linda Moyer, Jon Powell, Allison Greenspan; (second row) Valerie Curry, Goldie Tillman, Holly Wilson; (third row) Oksana Bilukha, Yazmin Acevedo, Brigitte Ulin, Dolly Sinha. To learn about their special efforts this month, click on the photo.

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Construction on the new Environmental Health Lab, building 110 on the Chamblee campus, is scheduled to be completed at the end of June. **CDC Connects** will feature a new building each month in an **Inside Story**, leading up to the grand opening and ribbon cutting in September. In the meantime, take a virtual, computer-generated fly through tour of Building 110. Choose "Building Tour Animation" for the fly through. You may also choose "Laboratory Tour Animation" for a user-controlled inspection of a typical lab, using your mouse (and left button) to control the perspective of up, down, left, or right. Control zooms in, and Shift zooms out. **Tour**

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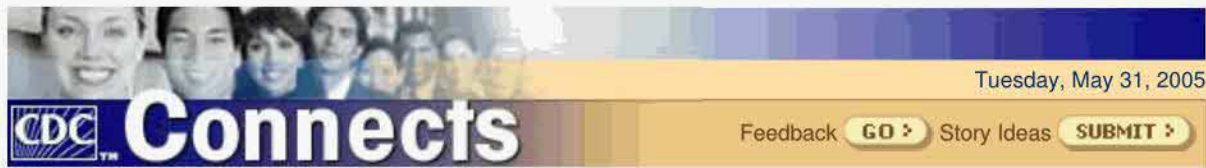
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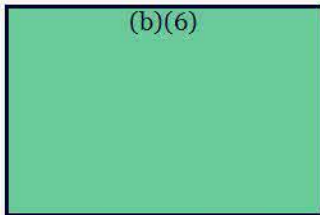


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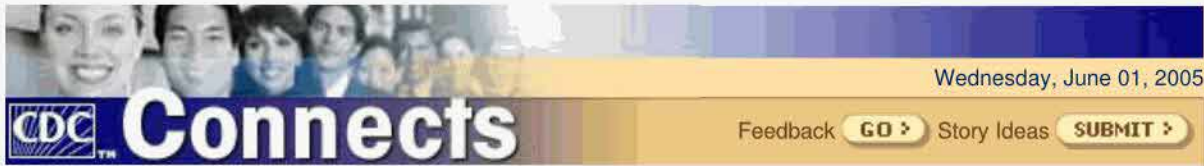
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When HHS Careers was suspended in March, AHRC moved quickly to fill the gap. Shown here: front l-r, Gwen Caison, Director, Client Services Division; Gail Beardsley, Senior Generalist; Sandra Cue, HR Specialist; and Jada Banks, HR Assistant; back, Greg McNeal, Deputy Director, Client Services Division. For more, click on the photo.

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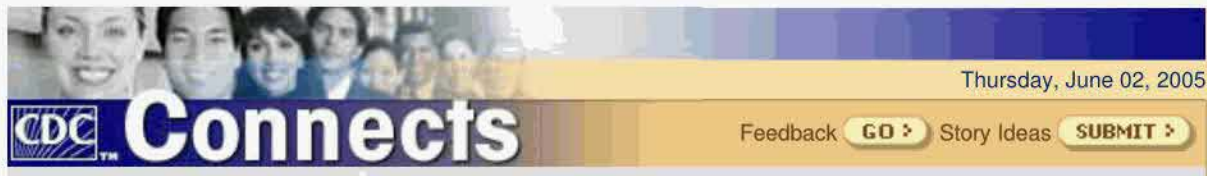
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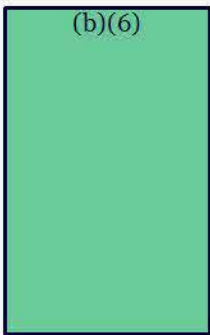


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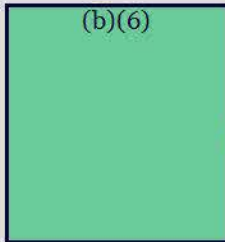
(b)(6) retires today: Drop-in Farewell 1:00 - 3:00, Executive Park, Bldg. 57, second floor. [Click here](#) for the announcement. As a (b)(6) survivor, she was honored to work for CDC, especially six years under the guidance of Walt Dowdle, one of her personal heroes of public health. She submitted her musings to *CDC Connects*. [Click on the photo](#) to read them.

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Rocky Mountain News (Denver, CO)

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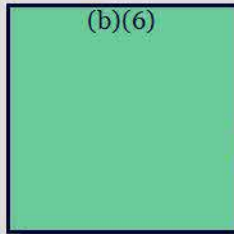
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For the Fellows participating in CDC's Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program (PHIFP), the first voice they hear and face they see associated with the program belongs to Barbara McDonnell, whose service to the program has resulted in her being May's Employee of the Month. McDonnell will retire in September after a distinguished career at CDC.

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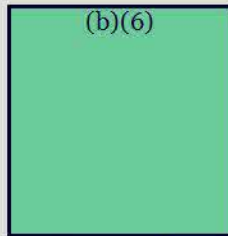
CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, held a press conference last week on "Overweight and Obesity: Clearing the Confusion." Joining her for the event were Elizabeth Bouchellion, MD, Director of the Dekalb County Board of Health (left) and Donna Stroup, MD, Director, Coordinating Center for Health Promotion. For the transcript click [here](#) and for related stories see Today's News archives for Friday, June 03, 2005.

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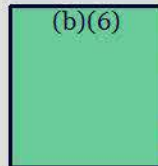
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Governor Mike Huckabee of Arkansas has named Paul Halverson, MD, of Little Rock as the interim director of the state Department of Health. Halverson was a former director of the Division of Public Health Systems Development and Research for CDC and a member of the Futures Initiative staff. Halverson replaces Fay Boozman, MD, who was killed in an accident on his Benton County farm on March 19. For more, click on the photo.

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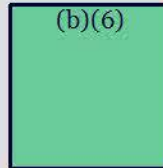
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CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, is visiting various divisions to learn about employees' concerns as well as learn more about what employees are working on. These visits may be in the form of a drop in at a scheduled meeting or a drop in at their office. It may be an informal all-hands meeting or it may be in a small group setting to hear about particular issues. Here she makes a visit to MASO, and the Management Analysis and Policy Branch. Shown left to right are: Evren Thompson, Management Analyst; Bill Atkinson, Management Analyst Team Lead; Gerberding, and Kathy Skipper, Chief, Management Analysis and Policy Branch. For more, click on the photo.

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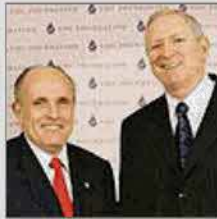
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The 2005 Department of Health and Human Services Annual Energy and Water Management Award was to a CDC Engineer in FPMO, Steve White. He was recognized in a ceremony May 5, 2005, in the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, D.C. He was honored for outstanding contributions to the HHS energy conservation goals. For more, click on the photo.

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World TB Day, held on March 24 each year, is an occasion for people around the world to raise awareness about the continued health threat presented by tuberculosis (TB). In addition to a wide variety of external activities organized by the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, NCHSTP, employees organized an internal recognition of this special day with a pot luck luncheon, TB trivia contest, door prizes, and presentations. For the trivia contest and winners, and more information, click on the photo.

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CDC is holding a blood drive today at the Roybal campus, Auditorium B, from 8 am to 1 pm.

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CDC Foundation Recognizes Heroes

More than 300 guests gathered on May 4 at the Atlanta History Center for the CDC Foundation's 10th Anniversary dinner, *A Tribute to Heroes*. Guest speaker Rudy Giuliani was awarded the inaugural CDC Foundation Hero Award along with six others, including two CDC employees, Pavani Kalluri, MD, and Robert Keegan.

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HIV Striking More Women In South

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Barbara Harris, Chief Financial Officer, and FMO Financial Services Branch Chief Belinda Corley review payment activity reports from CDC's new financial system, UFMS, which has been up and running since April 22. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo by Nguyen Ngoc Thuy
Photo Contest: Malaria. This photo was submitted by (b)(6) PhD, epidemiologist in the Malaria Branch, to the **CDC Connects** Photo Essay Contest. It was taken during a malaria prevention program and shows an IEC team member discussing health issues with villagers from one of the targeted villages in Khan Hoa, Vietnam. For more, click on the photo.

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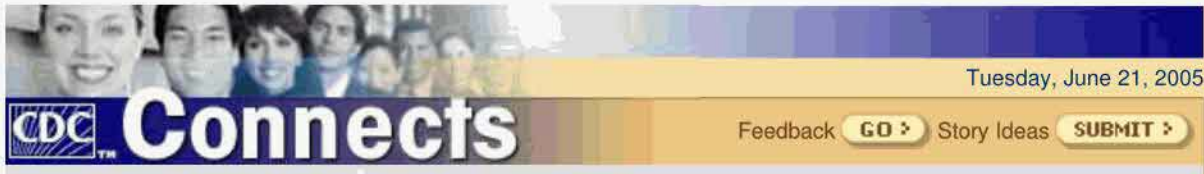
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Rotary Honors CDC Director and CDC Work

CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, will speak at the polio press conference held by Rotary International at their centenary convention in Chicago today. She is shown here at a recent event where she was honored along with Andrew Natsios, Administrator of the US Agency for International Development, for leading US government agencies vitally engaged in ending polio worldwide - Rotary's top philanthropic goal. For more, click on the photo.

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Kids In Legal Gray Area When Gay Couples Split *USA Today*



Now, HIV Testing In Minutes *Newsday*

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Photo by Kathy Nellis

Use The Travel Card? Know the Policy

Do you travel frequently for CDC? If so, you may have a government travel credit card. For anyone who remembers traveling before the credit cards were available, you know how convenient the card makes getting a travel advance or charging for a hotel. For important information you need to know, click on the photo.

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CDC Diagnoses First '05 West Nile Case

CNN.com



Children Need an Hour of Exercise Per Day

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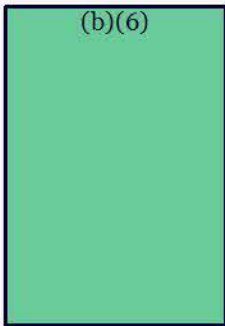
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a Management and Program Analyst with MASO, recently broke her ankle on a trip to China. But even half way around the world, she received help from her friends and colleagues at CDC. Click on the photo to read her story.

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Photo by Jim Gathany

Eddie Reed, MD, is the new Director for the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, NCCDPHP. He comes to CDC from the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at West Virginia University and the National Cancer Institute. For more, click on the photo.

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Mary Peddicord, NCCDPHP, IT Training Consultant, demonstrates the HHS Learning Portal during the OWCD preview last month. More than 2000 free courses available now to all HHS employees! These courses are available 24 hours each day, 7 days each week on the HHS Learning Portal. For more information, click on the photo.

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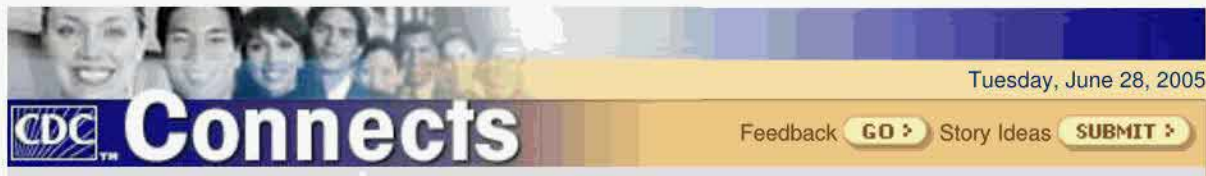
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What's Going On In The Cafeteria Today?

Ah, summer. The days are long, the weather is warm, and the kids are out of school. There is no better time than summer to develop – or continue – healthy habits. Make this your summer of healthy living!

Who: CDC Director, Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH; CDC ELB & Employees

What: As part of CDC's efforts to encourage all Americans to be physically active and eat healthy foods, Dr. Gerberding and the ELB will highlight opportunities for CDC employees to make healthy choices at work and encourage employees to take advantage of the services offered.

When: Today, Tue, Jun 28
11:00am to 2:00pm Exhibit Open
12:30pm (after the ELB Meeting), Gerberding and ELB

Where: Roybal Cafeteria (Clifton)

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"Ton of Feathers"

In late April, Dr. Gerberding began a series of formal and informal conversations with CDC staff to understand how we can improve the execution of the changes we have initiated at CDC (see [In A Snapshot](#) on June 6 and [Director's Email](#)). During these conversations, staff expressed concern about the small day-to-day challenges that keep people from working and communicating productively. Each of the issues is a minor irritant, but they can add up to a "ton of feathers," that seriously undermines getting things done. For more, click on the photo.

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CDC labor union leaders recently met in Atlanta with CDC senior leadership to identify and discuss important needs and issues. CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, says "I met with the leaders of all CDC's labor unions and we committed to work together on specific issues to support our workforce - to affirm the importance of the unions at CDC, to improve access to training, and to improve our management of the labor force at CDC." For more, click on the photo.

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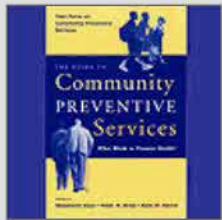
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The results are in. Employee morale and their confidence in CDC's future have slipped since 2003, according to the 2005 Employee Pulse Check survey. At the same time, most employees believe they have a significant impact on CDC's mission, are motivated to contribute their best, and value teamwork and cooperation.

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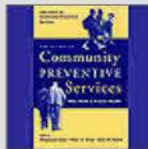
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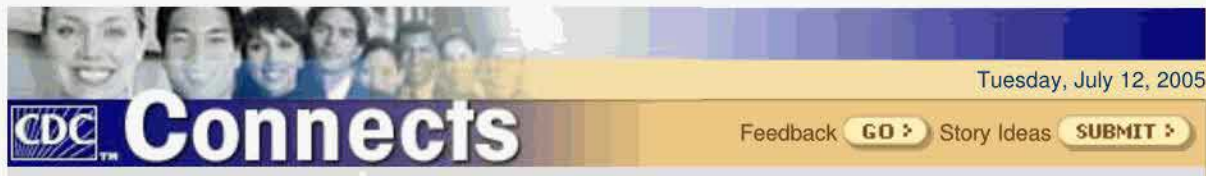
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When CDC's (b)(6) saw a small crowd gathered around a collapsed man along the jogging trail, he sensed the man was in serious trouble. For more, click on the photo.

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CDC, DHS Years Away From Bioterror, Public Health IT Integration

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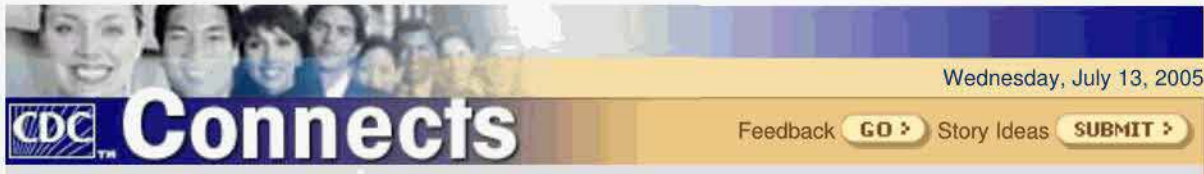
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Janet Collins, PhD, was named last week as the new NCCDPHP Director. She is shown here with Ken Castro, Director of the Division of TB Elimination. Collins credits him and others at CDC with helping to save her (b)(6) during a recent (b)(6). For her story, click on the photo.

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Photo by Jim Gathany

Governor Mike Huckabee (center) of Arkansas recently visited with CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, to discuss public health issues. Also shown is Paul Halverson, MD, formerly of CDC and now the interim director of the Arkansas state Department of Health. Click on the photo for Huckabee's health message – weight loss and healthy living.

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In July, NIOSH Morgantown began the Partners in Corporate Health's "Chug-A-Jug" program to help staff get their minimum 64 oz. of water each day. Pictured from left to right are Beth Ramage, Stephanie Kraynak, Mike Luster, and Jeff Jeran. For more on the program and other NIOSH fitness activities, click on the photo.

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Brian Mahy, Others at CDC, Contribute to New Book
Brian Mahy and Zelah Pengilley (Senior editor for Hodder-Arnold) display the first two volumes (Virology 1 & 2) of the 10th edition of Topley & Wilson's Microbiology and Microbial Infections, published this summer. For more, click on the photo.

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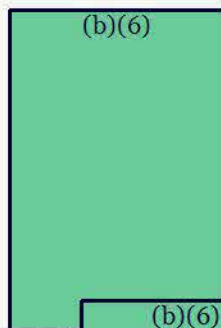


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National Immunization Program

This photo shows a mother with a child in a doorway in Kaduna State, Nigeria, Africa, October 2004. It was taken by (b)(6) an ORISE fellow with NIP. The marking on the door indicates the polio vaccine has been offered to her child and it was accepted. To see the photo larger, click on it.

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Steve Bice Honored for Contribution to the Nation
At a breakfast with government leaders on Capitol Hill recently, 30 federal employees from across the country were honored as finalists for the 2005 Service to America Medals, including Steve Bice, Director of Emergency Operations. He developed two of the country's most effective emergency preparedness organizations in the public health field. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo by Kathy Nellis

It's Constitution Day in Puerto Rico. This is a photo of CDC's Dengue Branch in San Juan. For more, head to: CDC Dengue Fever Home Page; CDC Says Felicidades to Jose Rigau: Memories of an Epidemiologist; Vance Vorndam PhD; and Itch to Help Drives Dengue Branch.

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Photo by Kathy Nellis

On your mark, get set, go! Walk or run during a "Summer of Healthy Living." Last month, CDC kicked off a new campaign to encourage Americans to eat well and be active. For more, click on the photo.

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Record High Child Vaccinations Meet Goal

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Pesticides May Be Sickening School Kids

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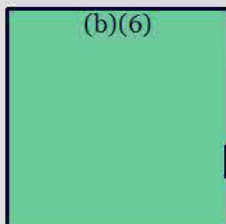
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CDC Brings Science to Life at Children's Museum

Shrieks and laughter fill the room as a group of children enjoy CDC's mosquito exhibit at the Children's Museum in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

(b)(6) feeds mosquito larvae to a fish. "Let me do it, let me do it," exclaim the youngsters.



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One CDC employee in particular will be bursting with pride at CDC's Sept. 12th ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of several new CDC buildings: Luann Dean, a contract specialist in PGO. Considered "PGO's shining star" by her peers, Dean has helped get three of the buildings designed, constructed and outfitted on schedule and within budget.

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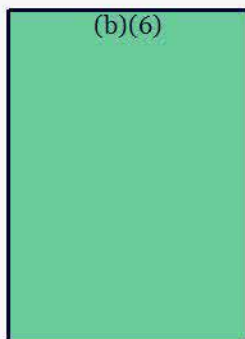
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This photo of a Dinka family was taken during a WHO-sponsored famine assessment conducted by a CDC team (Barbara Herwaldt, MD, MPH, Carlos Alonso, and Dave Bassett) visiting war-torn Southern Sudan in 1993. It was submitted by Carlos Alonso, Health Communications Specialist, Epidemic Information Exchange (Epi-X). For more, click on the photo.

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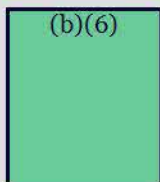
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Charles "Chuck" Croner, PhD, Geographer and Survey Statistician, NCHS, and Editor, CDC's "Public Health GIS News and Information," was honored at this year's 22nd Annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities Summer Faculty GIS Workshop at a reception at the National Capital Planning Commission, in Washington, DC. For more, click on the photo.

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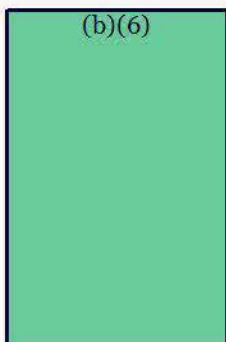
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World famous cyclist Lance Armstrong won his 7th Tour De France on July 22. Two days later CDC's (b)(6) rode for the Cure. Macias, the new NCHS Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO), in Hyattsville, Maryland, is new to CDC but a longtime cyclist. "I have been actively involved in cycling since I raced in local clubs beginning at age 15, but became a member of the (b)(6) since my (b)(6) became a (b)(6) last year." For more, click on the photo.

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Put on Your Walking Shoes. Join in the Summer of Healthy Living by wearing your sneakers to work this month so you can easily walk before, during, or after work. On August 18 be sure to wear your sneakers and join your colleagues on CDC Walks Day. For more, click on the photo.

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Public Servant Recognized.

Sonya Denise Robinson, NCCDPHP/DACH/HCASB, received a special award during the 32nd Annual Employee of the Year Awards Luncheon, which was held May 5, 2005 at the Georgia International Convention Center during the Public Service Recognition Week. For more, click on the photo.

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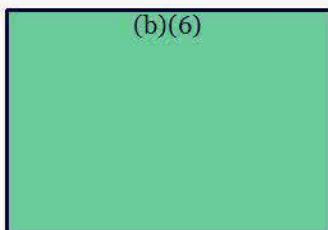
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Bananas? The Federal Center Toastmasters' 30th Anniversary was celebrated on June 30, with a special program featuring guest speaker NCHS's Associate Director for Communication, (b)(6). Her speech, "Bananas and Other Good Reasons to Improve Your Communications Skills," harkened back to her earlier days as a member of this club when she had to speak persuasively about adopting the banana as a national fruit. For more, click on the photo.

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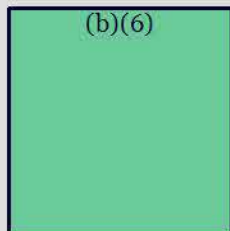
CDC Inventor. August is National Inventors' Month. Today we introduce you to a retired CDC scientist whose inventive contributions are well deserving of recognition. John E. Martin, Jr. left a legacy of inventions that have had a tremendous impact in the fight against gonorrhea and other infectious diseases. For more, click on the photo.

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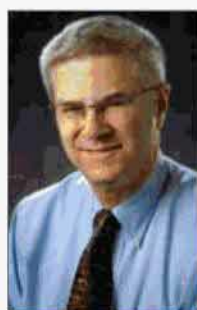
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Reception to Honor Charles Schable. In recognition of his outstanding career at CDC, you are invited to attend a celebration honoring Charles A. Schable, MS, Director, Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (CoTPER), today, Friday, August 12th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Roybal Campus, Building 2, Auditorium B. Schable is being appointed as a Senior Advisor to the CoTPER Director and will continue to work in emergency preparedness activities with the U.S./Mexico Border Health Commission in Phoenix, Arizona. For more on Schable and information on the reception today in his honor, please click on the photo.

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Photo by Kathy Nellis

Roybal Campus Garden Market Celebrates One Year! Office of Health and Safety staff do some 'team buying' at the Roybal Garden Market. Pictured are (left to right) (b)(6) (b)(6) CAPT USPHS; (b)(6) (b)(6) MD, OHS Director and (b)(6) On August 18, the garden market celebrates its first year of operation on the Roybal Campus. For more, click on the photo.

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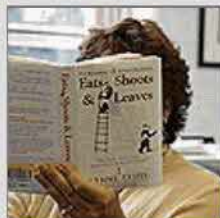
This sculpture of Hygieia, the Greek goddess of health was donated to CDC in 1970 by Emory University's, greek born, John E. Skandalakis, MD. Sculptures of Greek mythology's Hygieia, and her father the god of medicine, Asclepius, are found in medical facilities throughout the world. "Hygieia", rooted in the word hygiene, is health personified.

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Book It This Summer: Reading List and Quiz

There's still plenty of time to read a new novel or biography this summer. What are your colleagues and your bosses reading? For suggestions, we offer an eclectic list from people around CDC, as we revisit this CDC Connects story on books.



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On July 20, the 2005 Big Thinker award was bestowed upon CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, by the [Brain Injury Resource Foundation](#). Shown here (left to right) are Gerberding and Injury Center Staff Jane Mitchko, Sandra Bonzo and Kelly Sarmiento. For more, including CDC's role in preventing brain injury, click on the photo.

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The People Behind 800-CDC-INFO

"Can I get HIV by touching someone? Won't my child be at risk for autism if she gets her MMR shot? Will herpes kill me?" Imagine being on the receiving end of one of these calls. That's business as usual for the 62 customer service representatives answering inquiries 24/7 for CDC-INFO, CDC's new consolidated call center.



New HQ Building Opens Soon: Want a Tour?

In about a month the CDC Director will move into the new Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center at the Roybal campus. While Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, is expected to be the first tenant, a thousand others will join her as the building gets ready.



What is Local Public Health Anyway?

Here's your chance to help define local public health. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) invites CDC employees to click on the [NACCHO web site](#) and "Tell us what you think".

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OHS Monitors Air Quality.
Mark Wilson, Industrial Hygienist, Office of Health and Safety sets up an air monitor as part of the initial phase of an indoor air quality investigation. For more, click on the photo.

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New HQ Building Opens Soon: Want a Tour?

In about a month the CDC Director will move into the new Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center at the Roybal campus. While Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, is expected to be the first tenant, a thousand others will join her as the building gets ready.

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Premier of Learning Portal.

Earlier this year the HHS Secretary announced a multitude of courses available to HHS employees through the HHS Learning Portal. Here at CDC event planners developed a fun approach to the rollout, which took on the theme of a movie premier. There were prizes, food and lots of interactive demonstrations. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo by Marie Downer

GAP Project in Guyana. This photo was taken by Marie V. Downer, MD, MPH, Global Aids Program, NCHSTP, in the "Bridge One" mine in the Proto Madhia landing in the Potaro gold mining region of Guyana, while conducting HIV and Syphilis survey among miners. For more, click on the photo.

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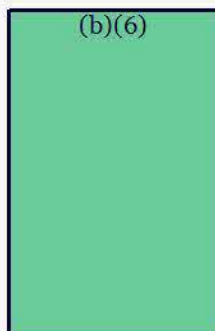
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Action Sports International
Going the Distance for
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(b)(6) PhD, from NIP,
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By following a few steps employees can maximize their safety and CDC's capacity during severe weather. [Click here.](#)

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Agencies Respond Slowly To Major U.S. Health Threats *USA Today*



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Outstanding Supervisor Leads Diabetes Education Program. Jane Kelly, MD, team lead for the National Diabetes Education Program, Division of Diabetes Translation, received the Federal Employee of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor category Award. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo by Greg Knobloch
Hurricane Katrina. A planning meeting in the Director's Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) earlier this week and the more than 30 CDC employees already deployed are only the tip of the iceberg of the federal government's response, including CDC's, to Hurricane Katrina. Click on the photo for more.

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New Tools and Methods Protect Workers

Congress created the Labor Day holiday in 1894 to honor workers – and NIOSH in 1970 to help protect them. Advancements in 21st Century technology offer great promise in addressing the risks many workers face. At CDC, the scientists and engineers of NIOSH are continuing to develop and use new tools and methods to reduce job-related injuries and illnesses.



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CDC delivered 8,010 doses of Tetanus diphtheria vaccine Thursday to the Department of Public Health in Jackson, Mississippi, part of Hurricane Katrina relief underway. Ed Thompson, MD, MPH, Chief of Public Health Practice, unloads the box himself for his former agency. For more, click on the photo.

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Inside the Harbor Lights Homeless Shelter, men were sick and some were dying from tuberculosis. Officials couldn't stem the outbreak until CDC's Ted Misselbeck came on the scene. For his work there, he is the August Employee of the Month.

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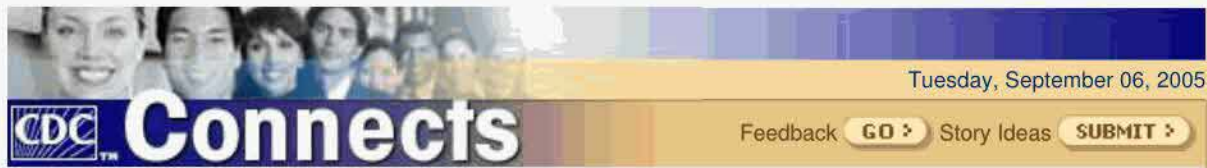
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Field Day for Grown-Ups.

(b)(6) from DASH complete in the three-legged race in the 4th Annual Prevent-a-thon, a field-day for CDC grown-ups at the Koger Center. The event also included a healthy dish cook-off, egg walk, water relay race, and other active games. For more, click on the photo.

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Elder Care. Dave Moriarty, long-time CDC employee, has served as the father of the Elder Care Discussion group for more than 10 years. For more on EAP – the Employee Assistance Program – and Moriarty, click on the photo.

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Photo by Lisa Lundgren

This photo is of a sparrow being taken carefully from a net from Lisa Lundgren, RN, MSN, FNP-C, a writer/editor with NCID in the Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases in Fort Collins, Colorado. For more, click on the photo.

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World's Most Advanced Laboratory Opening at CDC

Move in is just weeks away for staff relocating to the new 11-story Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory at the Roybal campus. It's a move long-awaited by laboratorians. The new facility, the world's most advanced laboratory, will triple the agency's capacity to conduct research and response involving pathogens requiring the highest levels of safety precautions.



Management Council Hosts Assistant Secretary Joe Ellis

Joe Ellis, Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, HHS, paid his first visit to CDC last week. Ellis, who assumed his position two months ago, learned about CDC accomplishments for improving business services.



The People Behind 800-CDC-INFO

"Can I get HIV by touching someone? Won't my child be at risk for autism if she gets her MMR shot? Will herpes kill me?" Imagine being on the receiving end of one of these calls. That's business as usual for the 62 customer service representatives answering inquiries 24/7 for CDC-INFO, CDC's new consolidated call center.

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NIOSH Director John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, LLM, has received the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) President's Award. This distinguished award recognizes Dr. Howard's "extraordinary support of the Society and his leadership in our cooperative efforts to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses." For more, click on the photo.

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Employee Preview Day

A chorus of "oohs" and "wows" echoed in the halls of CDC's three new buildings on Employee Preview Day, Friday, Sept. 9. More than 1400 employees took the opportunity to tour CDC's new Headquarters Building; the Global Communications Center; and the new Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory. It was a day long awaited, as the facilities have been in the works for years.



Corps Honors Achievements, Looks Ahead

Professional recognitions, exceptional promotion numbers and wide-ranging work by the Policy Advisory Committee have marked the past few months for the Commissioned Corps at CDC/ATSDR.



CDC Leadership Profile: Meet Jay Bernhardt

As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with a profile of Jay Bernhardt, Director of the new National Center for Health Marketing. (Go to [The Inside Story](#) to read earlier leadership profiles in this series.)

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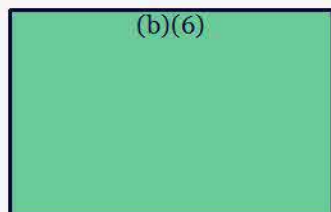
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**Job Profiles: Microbiologists at CDC**

CDC Connects features eight of the more than 200 microbiologists at CDC as part of a continuing series to highlight job categories and people who work in them.

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Healthy Homes, Healthy People. Working together on the National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network initiatives are (left to right) NCEH/ATSDR's Laura Harden, Jerry Hershovitz, Deborah Millette and NCIPC's Karin Mack. For more on this initiative, click on the photo.

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Photo by Brenda Holmes

TB Desk for Hurricane Effort. CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination set up a "TB Desk" to help the Director's Emergency Operations Center on TB-related issues. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo by Jim Gathany

Model Lactation Room Opens at Koger Center. Karen Steinberg, MD, Chief Science Officer, CoCHP, and Connie Blalock, Lactation Program Coordinator, AHRC, cut the ribbon officially unveiling the new model lactation room in the Rhodes Building, Koger Center, on August 10. On the same day CDC announced a new Lactation Support Program policy.

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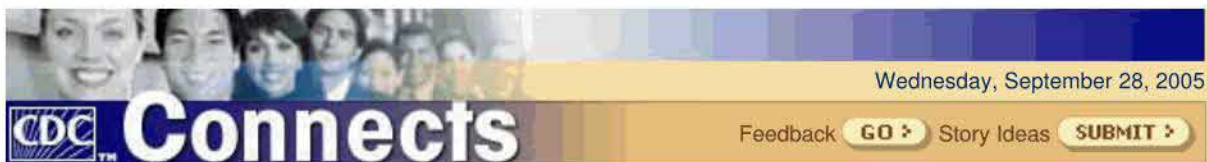
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Biggest Facilities Project Gets Underway. Edward H. Stehmeyer, Jr., Director, CDC's Facilities Planning and Management Office, and Chief Operating Officer Bill Gimson sign approval to begin Building 23, the new Roybal Campus consolidated infectious disease lab, which is the biggest HHS project. For more, click on the photo.

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Man in Black (MIB). Is that actor Will Smith or Walden Security Guard Kenneth Tate? Looking stylish in the new dress uniform, he helped to provide security during the Employee Preview Day. Tate has been in security work for 13 years and at CDC almost two of those. For more, click on the photo.

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First Conference in GCC. The first conference was recently held in CDC's new Global Communications Center. Hundreds of distance learning coordinators came from all over the country to attend the event. The center is operational now. To find out more and to learn about having a conference there, click on the photo.

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Today is National Depression Screening Day. Gordon Hughes, PhD, Atlanta Employee Assistance Program Director, and the Healthier Worksite Initiative want you to know that today, National Depression Screening Day, and everyday, help is available. Screening is available to the CDC community via CDC's Mental Health Screening Tool. For more, click on the photo.

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**Blood drive today, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
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Hispanic Heritage Month. CDC/ATSDR and the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity present Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15. **A special program will be held today to celebrate the event.** For more information, click on the photo.

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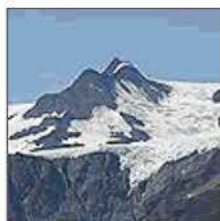
Hurricane Help. CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, visited Louisiana to thank the dedicated CDC teams working in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. For more, click on the photo.

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Joe Boone Honored by AACC. Joe Boone, PhD, recently received the American Association for Clinical Chemistry's inaugural award for "Outstanding Clinical Laboratory Contributions to Patient Safety" for his outstanding efforts to facilitate improvement in laboratory testing and services focused on improving patient safety. For more, click on the photo.

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In Alaska, winter arrives early and stays late. And for CDC that means extra challenges in the mission of public health. The biggest issues—weather and distance. Read on for Part Two of Alaska: Public Health Adventure.



Assignments Revealed for CDC's Goals

Since CDC's 24 new health protection goals were announced as being final in August (see Aug 24 [CDC Connects](#) Article and IPTV), the responsibility for leadership and coordination in achieving these goals has been distributed among CDC's various Coordinating Centers, Offices, and NIOSH.

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Health Officials Expect More Polio Cases In Amish Community *AP Minnesota*



Government To Study Generator Safety *Associated Press*

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Meditation as a Health Tool.

Kofi Kondwani, PhD, Morehouse School of Medicine, will teach a technique called Conscious Resting tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 12:00 - 1:00 at Century Center, Bldg. 1825, room 1A/1B, available via Envision and IPTV. For a deeper experience, participants are asked to refrain from food and caffeinated beverages after 11 a.m. that day. For more information, click on the photo.

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Jump In Wholesale Price Means Flu Shots Cost More *USA Today*



Flu Pandemic May Be Stemmed by Giving Kids Vaccinations First *Bloomberg*



Study Shows 15 Clusters Of Avian Flu Cases; Some Likely Human-To-Human Spread *Canadian Press*

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Photo by Jim Gathany

Have you done your IDP?

Individual Development Plans are now a reality, and CDC employees have an easy-to-use tool to help them refine their plans: the **Competency Assessment Profile System**. Here, Ron Lake (right) demonstrates the tool for Jagdeep Bedi. For more, click on the photo.

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Miller Chairs International Radiation Group Event. CDC's Charles W. Miller, PhD, served as General Chair of an international meeting about safety standards for radiological and nuclear emergencies, including a terrorist event. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo by Jim Gathany

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Reshma Mahendra, MPH, Public Health Advisor, CDC's Injury Center, stands before the center's mural created by artist Xavier Cortada to show the many faces and voices affected by violence. Injury Center employees work daily to help prevent Domestic Violence.

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Despite Current Problems, Chiron Expects Growing Demand For Flu Shots

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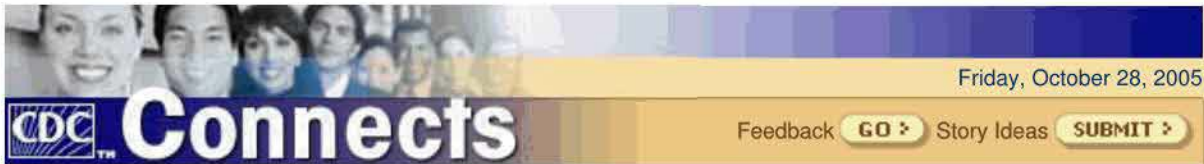
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Edward R. Roybal Dies.
Sadly, public health lost one of its champions Monday with the passing of former Congressman Edward R. Roybal at 89. For more, click on the photo.

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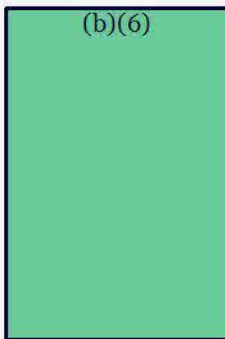


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Trick or Treat Safely.

Halloween represents a time of fun and festivity. Candy corn, costumed kids and carved pumpkins set the scene. Here

prepare for a bewitching time. **CDC Connects** offers simple safety tips for the occasion. For more, click on the photo.

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CDC Helps in Cleanup to Prevent Spread of West Nile Virus. Thomas Burkot, PhD, Division of Parasitic Diseases (left) participated in a joint, community-based research project to determine the impact of cleanup activities on preventing the mosquito-borne virus, which can cause severe illness and death. For more, click on the photo.

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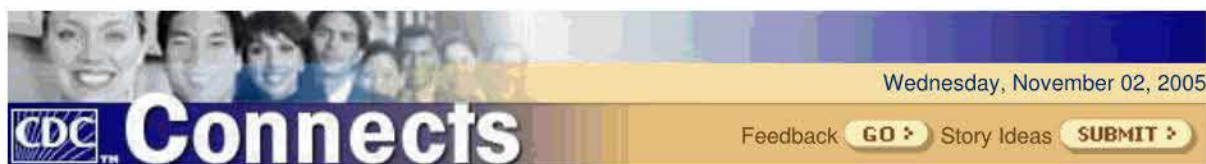
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Photo by Kathy Nellis

CDC Information Center Opens. Ever wonder what five pounds of fat looks like? Well, Technical Information Specialist Pam Martin is waiting to show you in the new CDC Information Center, which is now open. Click on the photo for more.

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Photo by Bob Kohmescher

Reynolds Honored for Lifetime Achievement. Barbara Reynolds (right) receives the 2005 Excellence in Health Communications Award, which recognizes lifetime achievement in the communications field from Poly Potter, the 2004 winner, and a past president of the Communicators Roundtable. Reynolds recently assumed a senior management position in the Office of Enterprise Communication. For more, click on the photo.

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CDC's 53rd Honor Awards Ceremony

The 53rd CDC/ATSDR Honor Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, at the new Global Communications Center, in Atlanta. In her opening speech, CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, thanked "first and foremost buildings and facilities for their work in opening CDC's new buildings on time and on budget."

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House Members Visit CDC.

Members of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack examined critical aspects of the Nation's bioterrorism preparedness capabilities during a tour of CDC in Atlanta. For names, click on the photo.

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Scenic Campus. Take a walk around the green space near Buildings 21 and 19, new buildings on the Roybal campus. You will find a cascading stream and beautiful landscaping. The rocks are artificial but they look real! For more, click on the photo.

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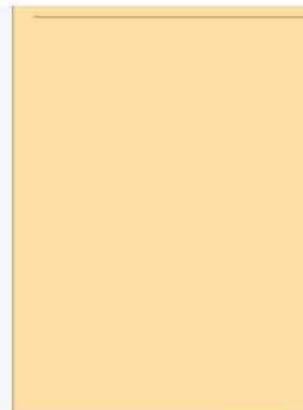
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On Nov. 15, 1985: CDC publishes recommendations to prevent the transmission of "HTLV-III/LAV, the 'AIDS virus'" in the workplace, primarily for health-care workers. Because of public concern about transmission risk, the guidelines were also for personal-service and food-service workers, as well as employees in offices, schools, factories, and construction sites.

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Parents' Network Collects Donations for Hurricane Katrina Victims. The "Parents for Panties" campaign provided undergarments for disaster victims following Hurricane Katrina. The Salvation Army was delighted by the response, which filled a minivan. For more on the campaign, click on the photo.

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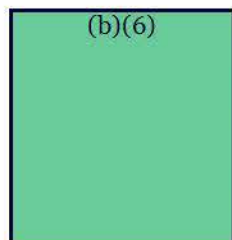
CDC Director on Cover of Government Leader. CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, is on the cover of the November issue of Government Leader. Click [here](#) for the link or click on the photo for more.

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Dean Seneca, MPH, MCURP, Assistant Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, NCEH/ATSDR, is shown here. To learn more about Native Heritage Month, and to get a "taste" of the first Thanksgiving, click on the photo.

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GIS Helps Map Resources Needs. CDC's hurricane relief efforts were widespread and diverse. Click on the photo to learn how GIS helped map resources needs and find out who is in this photo.

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HIV/STD Educator/Trainer Network Offers Lessons in Health Education. More than 200 trainers and health educators who specialize in HIV and STD prevention gathered in Atlanta in July for the 2005 National HIV/STD Educator/Trainer Network meeting, "Moving Beyond Content: Facing Challenges of Change." For more, click on the photo.

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**Loan Thornton Meets Every Challenge**

It seems Loan Thornton does not have the word "can't" in her vocabulary. Whether taking in evacuees from Katrina, creating databases to organize the Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch, or deciding to teach herself website design, Thornton is a "can-do" person—on the job or off.

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Kudos Corner: Spencer Honored for Nursing Achievements. Lorine M. Spencer, RN, BSN, MBA, was inducted into the Georgia Baptist School/College of Nursing Alumni Association Hall of Honor for Health Policy in October 2005. For more on Spencer, click on the photo.

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The Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases has announced the selections of three National Center Directors. The selection of these new leaders is an important step towards achieving the vision of the new, more effective Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases.

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World AIDS Day. Today is World AIDS Day. Established by the World Health Organization in 1988, World AIDS Day serves to focus global attention on the devastating impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. For more, click on the photo.

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New OMB Requirements for Peer Review.. To enhance transparency in government research, OMB now requires external peer review, and public access to information about the review, for all "influential scientific information" that federal agencies, including CDC, plan to disseminate. Database entries for publications and presentations that will be disseminated between December 16, 2005 and June 15, 2006 must be completed by December 5. For more, click on the photo.

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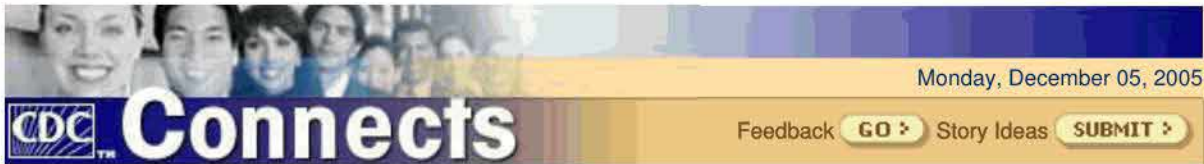
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Senior Assessment Team. CDC's Internal Control Program includes a new Senior Assessment Team to redesign and enhance its internal controls—the checks embedded in CDC's program and administrative activities to ensure government resources are being used efficiently. For more, click on the photo.

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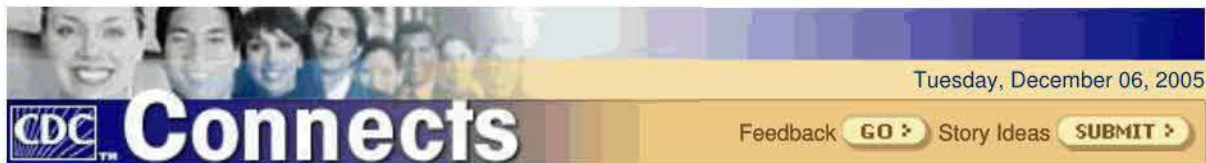
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Photo by Kathy Nellis
Wears New Hat.

(b)(6) shown here taking photos for Employee Preview Day and the State of CDC report from the roof of building 21, will soon be wearing a new hat. He is leaving CDC to pursue (b)(6) and (b)(6). For more, click on the photo.

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Kudos Corner: Noji Elected to IOM. Epidemiologist Eric K. Noji, MD, MPH, Office of the Director, has been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. He is shown here with President Bush after a daily briefing on health response to anthrax releases and reports from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, November 2001. For more, click on the photo.

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Francisco Alvarado-Ramy, MD, medical officer for the new CDC Quarantine Station in San Juan, submitted this photo of a team deployed to Florida after Hurricane Wilma and shares about his experiences in the field. For more, click on the photo.

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CNN's Flu Special will air on December 11 at 10 pm. For more, see this [link](#).

The Inside Story**Alaska Quarantine Station: Gateway Guardian**

In just a few months, the eyes of the world will be on Anchorage, Alaska. And CDC will be in the thick of the effort to protect the public's health. When the 2006 Arctic Winter Games come to the area in March, visitors from around the globe will pour into the region.

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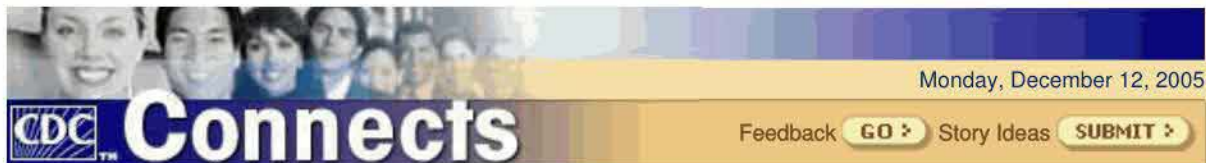
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CDC Goals Exhibited at APHA. CDC's exhibit at the annual American Public Health Association meeting, which happens this week in Philadelphia, emphasizes goal implementation and emergency response and recovery in natural disasters. For more, click on the photo.

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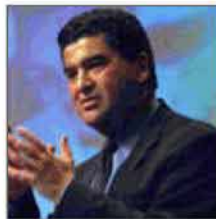
The Epidemic Information Exchange (Epi-X) Program recently hosted its annual editorial board meeting in CDC's new Global Communications Center. Since its inception in December 2000, Epi-X remains CDC's only system for secure state-to-state communication. For more, click on the photo.

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Connects Crew? We Need Your Virtual Voice. Would you like to help *CDC Connects* test the waters and stay out ahead? We're looking for a virtual feedback group that we can bounce ideas off. For more or to sign up, click on the photo.

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Kudos Corner



Netscape names CDC site Cool Site of the Day. Sunday, December 11, Netscape chose CDC's avian flu site for "Cool Site of the Day." CDC Director Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH, says "Congratulations to the team—another CDC first." To see the photo larger and read Netscape's text, just click on the photo.

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World-renowned artists. A public health crisis. You can learn about both at CDC's new Global Communications Exhibit area, a striking space packed with inspiring and informative displays. Have you toured the special traveling exhibit showing now? If not, you'd better hurry. This exhibit, *Pandemic: Imaging AIDS*, is only up through January 6.

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Photo by Kathy Nellis

The Flu Turns "Glamorous".
The new issue of *Glamour* magazine, out the middle of this month, features CDC in an article describing "women of flu." Shown here, (left to right) Lynette Brammer and Alicia Postema. Also in the story is Anna Likos. For more to help you talk about seasonal, avian, and pandemic flu with friends and relatives, click on the photo.

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Name That Tune! Health Communications Specialist (b)(6) plays the box drum at the NCHM holiday party. Click on the photo to learn more and to take a holiday quiz and name that tune.

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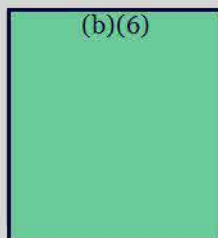
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This is to inform you that the President signed into effect on December 18, 2005, a Continuing Resolution (CR) entitled HJ Res 75 that will extend government operations through December 31, 2005. While under a CR, there are certain restrictions that apply to the use of funding. [More...>](#)

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CDC Employees

Your kids are off for the holidays-or relatives are in town----reminds us that last summer some students discovered, CDC is a "cool" place to learn about. Here is that encore article, from earlier this year.



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The Stockings Are Hung. The holidays are here. We hope you get everything on your wish list. And just in case there are any little elves out there with extra to spare, here is **CDC Connects'** wish list. Click on the photo for more.

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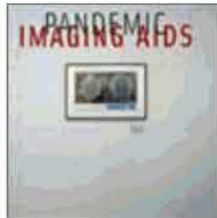
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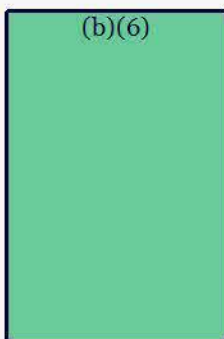
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12 Ways to Health. Here's a fun rerun in case you missed this last year. [\(b\)\(6\)](#)

[\(b\)\(6\)](#) MPH, CHES, Health Educator in the Office of Women's Health, has written a song to encourage washing hands and other healthy behaviors for the holidays. For more and to hear the song, click on the photo.

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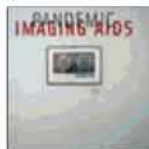
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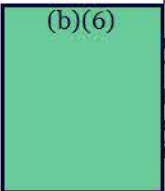
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Photo by Chris Smith

Medicare: It's the buzz among the 65+ crowd! Knowing that you work for CDC and HHS, family and friends may turn to you for help or advice about the new prescription drug coverage options over the holidays. Click on the photo for tools to help you and that you can pass along.

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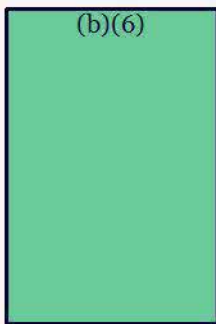
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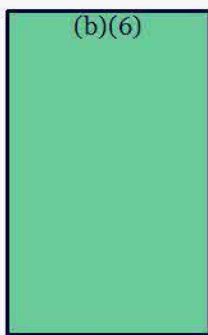
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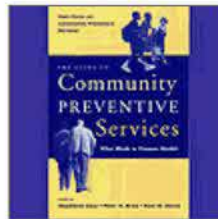
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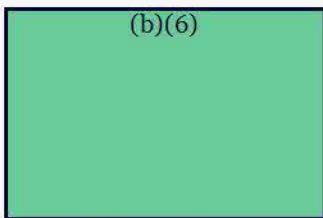


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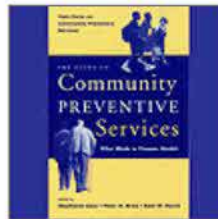
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Flu 'Widespread' In State

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Hookah Trend Is Puffing Along; New Popularity Of Traditional Water Pipes Poses Challenge For Smoke-Free Movement

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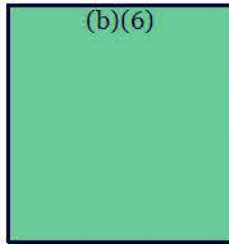
The **(b)(6)** Corporation, **(b)(6)** visited CDC recently and announced that the corporation will be furnishing **(b)(6)** new **(b)(6)** **(b)(6)** scheduled to open in the Fall of 2005. The CDC Foundation is purchasing **(b)(6)** through a gift from the Marcus Foundation which committed \$3.9 million in 2003 to enable the CDC Foundation to equip the EOC with the best technologies available. Through significant discounts, **(b)(6)** will help the CDC Foundation save about \$180,000 on the equipment. **(b)(6)** met with CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding and toured the current operations center. "We at **(b)(6)** are clearly inspired by the mission of the CDC and we feel quite fortunate to be a part of helping to protect the nation's health," he said.

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As Veteran's Day Approaches, Meet **(b)(6)** a CDC Hero

Veterans' Day is more than a holiday, it's a day to honor American veterans' of all wars. It's also an occasion dedicated to the cause of world peace. CDC's **(b)(6)** has been front and center, both as a veteran and in the fight for public health.



Domestic Violence Shatters Lives: CDC Programs Approach Health Problem from All Angles

Violence-related injuries result in over 50,000 deaths and over 1.8 million assaults each year. These numbers include a form of violence called intimate partner violence (IPV).



Buy Out Sparks Bye Byes at CDC

Over 300 people at CDC opted for the buyout offered recently. The Atlanta Human Resources Center (AHRC) received 306 applications during the buyout application period that ended on Friday, October 15, 2004.

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Feds: Obesity Raising Airline Fuel Costs

Associated Press

Heavy suitcases aren't the only things weighing down airplanes and requiring them to burn more fuel, pushing up the cost of flights.



Heavier Public Costs U.S. Airlines in Fuel - Report

Reuters

U.S. airlines spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually in extra fuel costs to transport a heavier traveling public, researchers estimate.



Airlines' Hefty Skies

Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel

Want to hold down the price of plane tickets?

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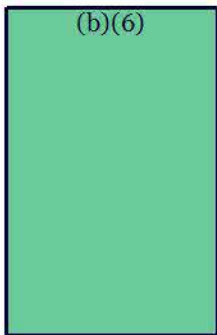
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SHARE is once again participating in the Atlanta Food Drive for the holidays. Here, (b)(6) Director of the CDC Food Drive, and (b)(6) Acting Branch Chief of CFMB, PGO, bring in staples to help needy families this holiday season. Barrels will be placed throughout CDC campuses, with donations going to the Atlanta Food Bank. Please make your donations by December 20. For more information, please contact

(b)(6) at (b)(6)

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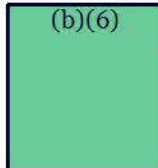
CDC received a total funding level of \$7.7 billion in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2005 (HR 4818), signed by the President on December 8, 2004. (see [OD Announcement](#)). Click [here](#) for a fact sheet and budget funding table by activity.

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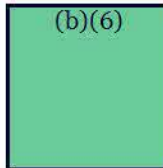
Feedback Needed on Diversity and Leadership at CDC

One year after CDC employees responded in large numbers to the Futures Initiative Employee Pulse Check Survey, a similar survey is seeking their input on diversity and leadership within the agency.



"Dogged" Determination the Mark of Pet Rescuers: They Help Prevent Animal "Cat-astrophes"

They are emergency responders—but not in the sense of bioterrorism or public health issues. Among the catacombs and dogged-eared books at Clifton Road, the Rhodes Building, and other sites, you'll find a diverse group of dedicated people—the pet rescuers.



VERB Campaign Inspires Physical Activity in Kids

Dr. George Mensah smiles every time he thinks about how his kids, ages (b)(6) view CDC these days. "CDC is really cool. It's all about VERB," they tell him.

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CDC in the News

You Better Watch Out: Decking the Halls for Christmas Can Be a Dangerous Activity *Associated Press*

You better watch out: Decking the halls for Christmas brings a sharp increase in injuries from falling off roofs, ladders and living room sofas.

Americans Urged to Be Careful Around Christmas Tree *Reuters*

Deck the halls, but don't fall doing it, U.S. health officials warned on Thursday.

Ladders Are Often A Holiday Decorator's Downfall *Knight Ridder News Service*

Holiday home decorators would be wise to save the eggnog until the lights are up and the ladders are safely stowed.

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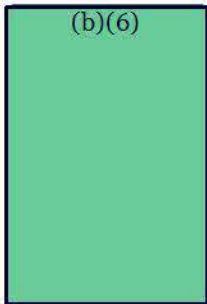
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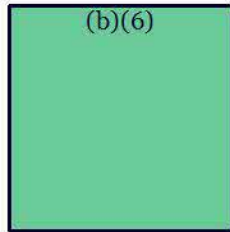
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(b)(6) in the Office of Women's Health has written a song to encourage washing hands and other healthy behaviors to stay safe and healthy for the holidays. It's called "The 12 Ways to Health" and it's sung to the tune of "The 12 Days of Christmas." View lyrics and health tips or listen and sing along. (You may need to turn up the volume on your computer to hear the song.)

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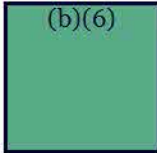
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If one of your New Year's resolutions is to read more, you might want to start with a book which focuses on the dedicated doctors and detectives of CDC. In case you missed it, here's that story again.

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**CDC examines the deaths of young flu victims***The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

The particulars really don't matter now, at least not to Lori Watkins, a young childless mother in metro Atlanta.

**Flu vaccine shortage still not cleared up***Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

Before he had a flu shot early this month, Robert Winston worried about going to public places or spending time with his youngstep-grandchildren.

**Arms war against flu widens***New York Daily News*

Bronx seniors lined up early yesterday for a shot at a dose of scarce flu vaccine.

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Letia Boseman, NCCDPHP, Vanessa Johnson, AHRQ, and Krissy Brinsley, NCID, participate in a meeting of the CDC Aging Workgroup. With the ever increasing interest in aging, as demonstrated by the CDC internal Futures Initiative survey and the ongoing aging programmatic activity throughout CDC, there is a need to coordinate CDC's aging efforts. The CDC Aging Workgroup, formed in September 2004, seeks to advance successful aging through providing education and training to staff interested in older adult health to ensure a knowledgeable workforce. For more, click on the photo.

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**Cipro-Resistant Gonorrhea on the Rise***Reuters Health*

In Hawaii, the proportion of cases of gonorrhea that are resistant to treatment with the antibiotic Cipro increased nearly seven fold between 1997 and 2000, new findings show.

**First Rabies Survivor Without Vaccination Goes Home After Nearly 11 Weeks in the Hospital***Associated Press*

A teenager who became the first person known to survive rabies without a vaccination went home Saturday after nearly 11 weeks in the hospital, officials said.

**15-Year-Old Rabies Survivor Leaves Hospital on New Years Day***Fond du Lac (Wisc.) Reporter*

Looking a little bewildered by a row of media cameras waiting to photograph her outside the front doors of Childrens Hospital of Wisconsin, Jeanna Giese left the hospital on New Years Day after being treated for rabies since mid October.

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At their annual meeting of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), the membership elected Ronald C. Burger as its President for 2005. He was elected to NALBOH's Board of Directors in 2000. He has served as the chairman of NALBOH's Membership Committee, State Associations of Local Boards of Health Committee, and Conference Planning Committee over the past years. Ron is the Senior Emergency Response Coordinator for the National Center for NCEH/ATSDR and has been with CDC for 32 years. For more, click on the photo.

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**There's Still Time to Make Your New Year's Resolutions**

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**Listeria Food Poisoning Cases Increased in 2003***Associated Press*

Listeria food poisoning increased slightly in 2003, according to a consumer group that said the Bush administration stalled and then changed regulations aimed at curbing the sometimes deadly infection.

**US Meat Group Denies Food Safety Charges***Dow Jones Newswires*

The American Meat Institute, which represents the larger U.S. meat and poultry producers, Tuesday denied allegations by the Consumer Federation of America that the Bush administration has catered to industry desires for easier food safety standards at the expense of consumer safety.

**Keeping Meat Safe For The Table***Philadelphia Inquirer*

Guy Giordano has no stomach for risking the future of the roast beef company that bears his father's name.

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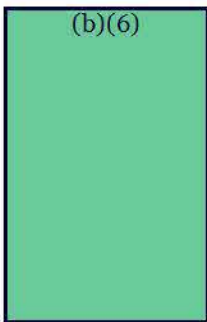
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(b)(6) at the NIOSH Health Effects Laboratory Division in Morgantown, wraps up Christmas. For the third year in a row, the NIOSH Morgantown Community Interaction Committee brought the Adopt-a-Grandparent and Adopt-an-Angel programs to the NIOSH Morgantown employees. For more, click on the photo.

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**December Employee of the Month: Feeling More Secure Thanks to Rita McDowell**

Rita McDowell, the December 2004 Employee of the Month, knows all too well that since 9/11, the number of CDC staff cleared for secret and top-secret security clearances has drastically increased from 150 employees to approximately 1,000.

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**DEADLY TSUNAMIS: New Water Purifier Could Be A Godsend**

A promising water purification product developed in part by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta is meeting its stiffest test in the tsunami disaster in South Asia.

Atlanta Journal-Constitution**FluMist Sales Falling Short, Survey Finds**

MedImmune Inc. agreed to produce 3 million doses of its FluMist spray flu vaccine this season with the encouragement of federal health officials, but now it appears the company may sell only one-third that number of doses.

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CDC Recruits Seven Center, Institute and Office Directors. During a CDC All-Hands Meeting on November 10, 2004, Dr. Julie Gerberding announced that CDC is recruiting seven Center, Institute and Office (CIO) Directors. Dr. Gerberding has asked Dr. Stephen Thacker, Director, Office of Workforce and Career Development to lead recruitment efforts and to serve as chair of the CDC Coordinating Committee. In this role, Dr. Thacker has asked each CIO Director for assistance in establishing a search committee at the CIO level to assist with recruitment in their CIO. Here, Rebekah Hoffacker, Candace Nowicki-Lehnerr and Dr. Thacker go over details during the preliminary search process. For information on duties, responsibilities and qualifications click on the photo.

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**Vaccine May Be Wasted***USA Today*

The flu-shot shortage has turned into a surplus in some areas, raising fears that some vaccine might be wasted.

**US Issues Warning After Rat-Bite Fever Kills Two***Reuters*

People who handle rats in labs or keep them as pets are at risk of contracting a rare but potentially deadly disease called rat-bite fever, U.S. health officials said on Thursday.

**Nip from Hamster Fells Young Boy***Reuters Health*

Pet hamsters are a potential source of serious infection, U.S. health officials warned on Thursday.

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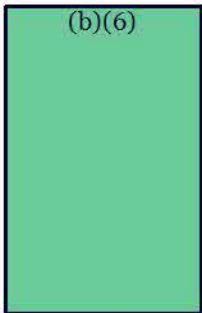
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(b)(6) is from (b)(6) and works in the pesticide Lab in NCEH. "I have already initiated a personal effort to help the people in Sri Lanka. The information, about the effort to help the victims in Sri Lanka, is in the webpage www.gayanga.net." For more, click on the photo.

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**CDC Crews Answer Call For Quake** *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

Pleas began pouring in within hours after the tsunamis struck.

**Dubious CDC Research** *Washington Times*

Forget addressing real health issues and diseases.

**Study Links Age to Lab Fertility Success** *Associated Press*

The biological clock matters even if a would-be mother uses special reproductive technology.

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CDC Was On Hand From The Start

Within hours of the tsunami's strike, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was hard at work, not only at its Atlanta headquarters but also in affected countries.

USA Today



U.S. Campaign Urges Cautious Use of Antibiotics

A public education campaign to remind people to be careful in their use of antibiotics has been launched by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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The NCID Distinguished Lecture Series presents Stuart Nichol, of the Special Pathogens Branch, in a lecture on Genetics and Ecology of Hemorrhagic Fever Virus, on Wednesday, January 19, at 10 am in Auditorium B. For more click on the poster.

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The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Program will be held on January 20, 2005, at the Roybal Campus, Auditorium B, at 10:00 am followed by a reception. This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Samuel Betances, is one of the leading motivational speakers to corporations, government, academia, and community groups in America today. The program honors Dr. King who dedicated his life to the fundamental principles of freedom, opportunity, and equal justice for all. For more, click on the photo.

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(b)(6) Former CDC Doctor Was in (b)(6) During (b)(6) Shares His Story
 Mark W. Oberle, M.D., EIS '75, who spent 20 years at CDC and now is on the faculty of the University of Washington School of Public Health, was vacationing with his (b)(6) on the (b)(6) as the (b)(6) hit. Fortunate to have survived, Dr. Oberle shares an excerpt of his eyewitness story with CDC Connects.

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**Study Overstated Obesity Deaths, Its Authors Say***Los Angeles Times*

A highly publicized government study that reported obesity was poised to become the leading preventable killer of Americans contained serious errors that inflated the numbers, the study's authors conceded in a letter published today in a major medical journal.

**Guys' Rising Meth Use Tied to New HIV Cases***Los Angeles Times*

For seven years methamphetamine helped Ron Conner believe he was the talented, sexy, bold man he had always dreamed of being.

**Millions Of Flu Shot Doses Go Unused***Kansas City Star*

After all the long lines at flu clinics, after all the anxiety overgetting the shots, federal health officials now have a new headache: About 2.5 million to 3 million doses of flu vaccine are going begging because states have not asked for them.

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The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Program will be held on January 20, 2005, at the Roybal Campus, Auditorium B, at 10:00 am followed by a reception. This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Samuel Betances, is one of the leading motivational speakers to corporations, government, academia, and community groups in America today. The program honors Dr. King who dedicated his life to the fundamental principles of freedom, opportunity, and equal justice for all. For more, click on the photo.

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**BU Delayed Reporting Possibly Lethal Exposure**

Boston Globe

Boston University officials waited nearly two weeks to notify public health authorities that they had serious concerns that researchers might have been exposed to a potentially lethal bacterium while conducting experiments, a delay that could have violated laws requiring prompt reporting of suspected infectious disease cases.

**Health Nominee Ready for Medicaid Changes**

Associated Press

Mike Leavitt, President Bush's nominee to head the Health and Human Services Department, said Wednesday that changes are needed in Medicaid and that he hopes "to see them occur as quickly as they can."

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is set to ease flu-vaccine restrictions this week and give its approval to states that want to offer flu shots to anyone who wants them.

**Sickness Reports Double***Miami Herald*

Talk about seasick. Over the past two months the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has received reports of 10 cruise ships stricken with outbreaks of gastrointestinal problems -- more than double the number recorded during the same period a year ago.

**Anti-Smoking Effort Sees Progress***Los Angeles Times*

Schwarzenegger administration officials celebrated California's success in reducing smoking among teens and adults Tuesday, while seeking to play down their cuts in the money for anti-smoking programs.

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Go Ahead and Widen Flu Shots, CDC Tells States

Reuters

Fearing that a flu vaccine shortage may turn into a glut, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Wednesday more people should get shots so the vaccines don't go to waste.



Study Tries to Link Obesity in Children With Food Marketing

Wall Street Journal

Do Sponge Bob Square Pants cereal and Scooby-Doo fruit snacks make kids fat?

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Whooping Cough Outbreaks Reported in U.S. Hospitals

Reuters Health

Three hospital outbreaks of whooping cough occurred in 2003 among healthcare workers and patients, officials at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report.



Reroute Trains, CDC Suggests

Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Railroad shipments of hazardous chemicals should be routed away from densely populated areas whenever possible to avoid accidents like the one that killed nine people in South Carolina this month, the the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says in a new report.

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Which Came First, the Chicken or the CDC Communications Specialist? A Look Behind the Scenes

You'd expect the communications specialists at CDC to be good at multi-tasking, calm under pressure, and well-versed in a number of health issues. But did you know they can also help wrangle chickens?

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States Encouraged to Use Flu Shots

Associated Press

Afraid millions of doses will go to waste, the government all but dropped its restrictions on the flu vaccine Thursday, encouraging states with ample supplies to offer shots to anyone who wants one.



Whooping Cough Outbreaks Reported in U.S. Hospitals

Reuters Health

Three hospital outbreaks of whooping cough occurred in 2003 among healthcare workers and patients, officials at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report.



Reroute Trains, CDC Suggests

Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Railroad shipments of hazardous chemicals should be routed away from densely populated areas whenever possible to avoid accidents like the one that killed nine people in South Carolina this month, the the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says in a new report.

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The Laboratory Response Network was recently named as a finalist in the Mitretek Innovations Award in Homeland Security. Here, LRN Coordinator Richard Kellogg meets with staff during the weekly LRN update meeting to discuss program activities. For more, click on the photo.

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**Germ Reports***Wall Street Journal*

On Christmas Eve two years ago, Raymond Wagner III shattered his elbow in a sledding accident behind his house in this St. Louis suburb.

**The Perils of Needles to the Body***New York Times*

At a tattoo and piercing parlor on St. Mark's Place in Manhattan recently, Young-Cho, an experienced tattoo artist, applied a small winged horse to Mara Fallon's shoulder.

**Get The Flu Shot***CBSNews.com*

The flu shot shortage is now a surplus.

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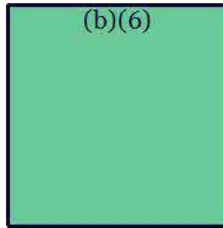
Jai Wan Choi, Ph.D., of the Office of Research and Methodology (ORM), National Center for Health Statistics, is congratulated by Dr. Larry Cox, Director of ORM for his election as an ASA Fellow in 2004.

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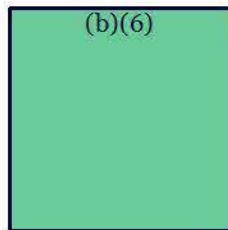
Red is one of CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding's signature colors. On Friday, February 4, Americans nationwide will celebrate the second annual National Wear Red Day to show their support for women's heart disease awareness. For more, click on the photo.

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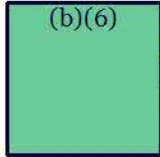


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The Alumni Project/Case, Succession Planning at CDC, has been chosen as a runner-up for the Balderson Leadership Project Award. Shown here (from left to right) are Elizabeth Howze, Sharunda Buchanan, Dennis Lenaway and Cynthia Lamberth, Director of the Kentucky Leadership Institute and current Chair, National Public Health Leadership Development Network. For more, click on the photo.

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Who you gonna call? For travel, it's changing. The new name to know is Omega. Effective February 28, Omega World Travel will be CDC's sole travel management service provider. For more, click on the photo.

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Robin E. Remsburg, PhD, RN, has been elected President of the National Gerontological Nursing Association, to a two-year term beginning in 2005. The National Gerontological Nursing Association (NGNA) promotes gerontological nursing in order to influence the clinical care of older adults. For more, click on the photo.

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The President released the FY06 Budget Request yesterday - including \$7.5 billion for CDC. Highlights of the budget request are outlined in Dr. Gerberding's message sent to CDC staff today. Please follow this link for more budget information and to view the complete text of her email to all employees
<http://intranet.cdc.gov/ecp/announcements/annc.asp?anncID=1124>

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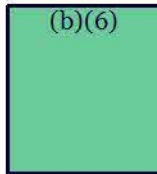
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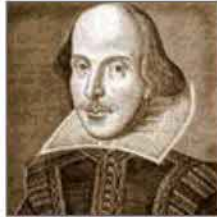
Here's an aerial view of building one on the Roybal campus taken in bygone days. Since then a flurry of new facilities and the streetscape project have changed the landscape of CDC. Coming tomorrow, the **Inside Story** on these "concrete" changes.

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February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day. For this observance, **CDC Connects** highlights a new research initiative that funds junior investigators to conduct culturally informed HIV epidemiological and prevention studies in Black and Latino communities.

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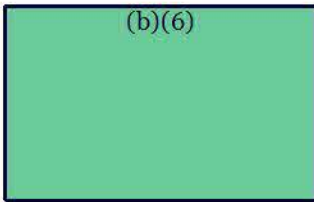


Photo by Jim Gathany

The CDC Blood Drive is a serious undertaking, but CDC employee (Orise Fellow) (b)(6) and Red Cross Nurse Denise Baptiste prove that fun can be had while making this worthwhile effort. (b)(6) is seen in the back finishing his donation Thursday in Auditorium A.

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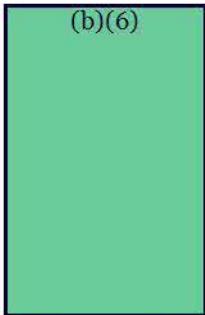


Photo by Brian Rutter

What do horses, home building, and financial systems have in common? Seemingly not much, unless you are

(b)(6) (b)(6) whose CDC career spans 27 years, possesses rich experience in each of these areas. Most interesting, perhaps, is hearing the story of how she relates her current UFMS work to foundations anchored in the others. For more, click on the photo.

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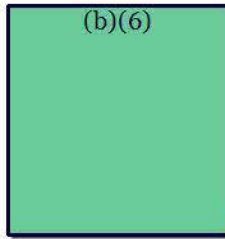
Hear about CDC's "Learn the Signs: Act Early" campaign next week in *Newsweek* and on the TODAY show. The campaign is designed to increase awareness and action in identifying children at risk for autism and related developmental disorders. For more information, click on the poster.

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**Epidemiologist Ranks as a "Top Job" in New Survey**

Several months ago CDC was approached by *Fast Company* for a feature on "top jobs." The magazine looked at four criteria: job growth, salary potential, education level, and room for innovation and rated "epidemiologist" #8. NCID's (b)(6) MD was interviewed for the personal profile sidebar in this profession.

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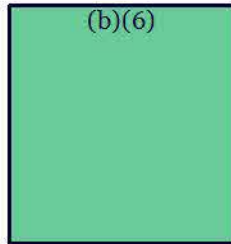
Dr. Carl Verdon of the National Center for Environmental Health's Division of Laboratory Sciences trains chemists from Colorado, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on CDC's analytical method for speciating arsenic. For more, click on the photo.

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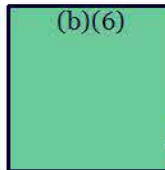
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Director Focuses on Budget, New CMOs, at Lunch and Learn

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding's All-Hands Lunch-and-Learn last Friday focused on the President's Budget for FY 2006, the Congressional appropriations process, and the program successes at CDC.

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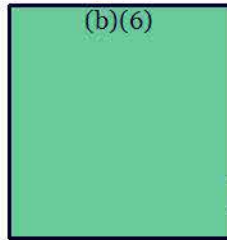
Cathy Kirby, customer service representative, answers a call to CDC-INFO. This month CDC began the transition to a single consolidated contact center to respond to inquiries for health information from the public, healthcare providers, and others—24 hours a day, everyday. Inquiries from phone calls, e-mail, the web, fax, and postal mail will be handled and responses provided through all these channels at the customer's preference. For more information, click on the photo.

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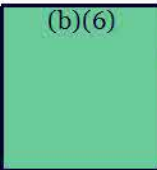
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**Former (b)(6) Makes Mark in Security and Emergency Preparedness**

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(b)(6) He provides an overview on leading risk factors for men 25-44 years old. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo Contest Winners Share Their Pictures and Stories

And the winners are.... [CDC Connects](#) announces the winners of our First Annual CDC Photo Essay Contest: Public Health in Action. We asked you for photos that bring public health to life and we got a great response. In fact the response was so good we have lots of wonderful photos to share with you.

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Sandy Zinn helps run a national survey that will visit 15 US counties to conduct health tests. It's part of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). For more see the **Inside Story**. To see an article which appeared recently in *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, click on the photo.

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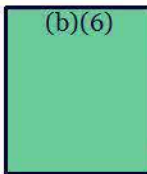
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March is National Nutrition Month. Here, Diana Parker (left), an unidentified employee, and Cheryl Orlansky, RD, LD, Lifestyle Program Coordinator, (right) lead the Supermarket Tour for Diabetes in October, 2004. National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association. The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. For activities, contests and more information, click on the photo.

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Rick Niska, MD, MPH, Captain, US, (second from right) helped provide support during the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. For more, click on the photo.

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Ambassador Pete Peterson, Former US Ambassador to Vietnam and Founder, The Alliance for Safe Children, will present the 3rd Jeffrey P. Koplan Global Leadership in Public Health Lecture, "Child Survival: Why it Must Include Injury Prevention," Thursday, March 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Auditorium B, Roybal Campus. For more, click on the photo.

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Photo by Tonya Sonnier

This colorful photo was submitted for **CDC Connects** first annual photo contest by (b)(6) who is a Visual Information Specialist with the Artic Investigations Programs in (b)(6). She telecommutes from (b)(6). For more on (b)(6) and the photo contest, click on the picture.

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There will be a test of the Intranet on Friday at 5:00PM. If you experience problems during that time please send an email describing the problem experienced to CDCConnectsfeedback@cdc.gov.

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Employee Organizations Alive and Active

CDC has 17 officially recognized employee organizations that provide services and perform unofficial activities to serve the welfare, recreation needs, and morale of employees. Today, **CDC Connects** provides a thumbnail on each for those of you who might be looking for some outside activity or connection with like minded employees.



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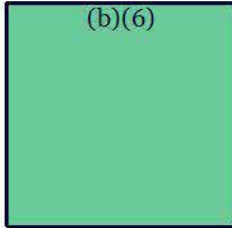
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Stephen Ostroff, MD, has accepted a new position as the HHS representative to the Pacific within the Office of Global Health Affairs. With this new position, he is returning to the Pacific islands—the place where his career in public health began more than two decades ago.

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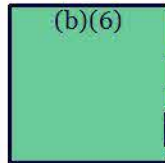
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A museum may not sound like the kind of place to turn to for an influenza update, but Judy Gantt, director of CDC's Global Health Odyssey, thinks otherwise. With help from CDC, the National Health Museum has launched the Rapid Response Network, an initial educational program of the National Public Health Partnership. For more, click on the photo.

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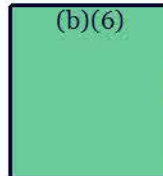
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Photo by (b)(6)

CDC Connects Photo Essay Contest 1st Place was won by

(b)(6) MHS, and (b)(6) MD, for their submission, (b)(6)

(b)(6) The full photo essay couldn't be included in the story on the winners, but we've had many requests to show the rest of the photos. We're pleased to now be able to do that here. Click here for the full essay, and look for the rest of the winning essays in upcoming **CDC Connects** Snapshots.

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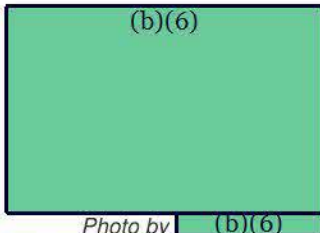


Photo by (b)(6)

(b)(6) MD, MPH, is a Medical Epidemiologist, Meningitis and Special Pathogens Branch, DBMD, NCID. He received honorable mention in **CDC Connects** photo contest for this spectacular scenic shot taken in

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Here, (b)(6) stands over (b)(6) on the largest island, (b)(6). For more information and to enlarge this beautiful photo, just click on it.

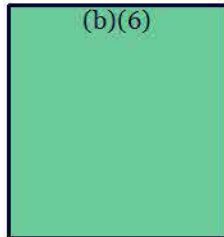
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It is with deep regret that CDC's Injury Center informs you that Congressman William Lehman died last week at the age of 91 from heart failure. [Congressman Lehman](#) is THE reason the Injury Center exists today.

The Inside Story

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(b)(6) and her husband (b)(6) enjoy a family vacation with children (b)(6) and (b)(6) at (b)(6). To learn how the couple met and to see the photo larger, just click on it.

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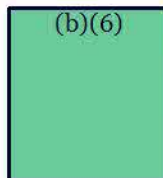
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**Health Officials Look To Avoid Repeat Of Flu Debacle**

USA Today

**CDC Aims to Create Experimental Pandemic Bird-Flu Virus**

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**Rare Marburg virus blamed for 96 deaths in Angola**

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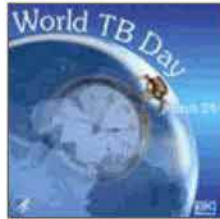
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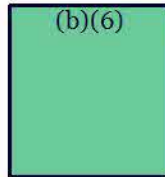
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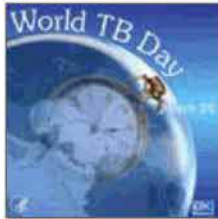
Fay Boozman, MD, MPH, Director, Arkansas Department of Health and President-elect of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), age 57, died in a tragic farm accident on Saturday, March 19, 2005. For more information, click on the photo.

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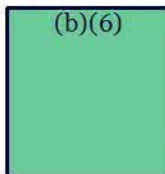
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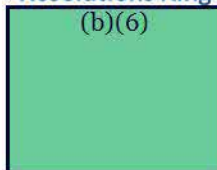


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Resolutions Ring Out at CDC: Workers Welcome a New Year



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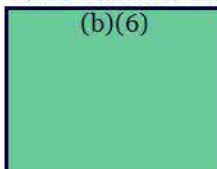


Dr. Dixie Snider was appointed Chief of Science for CDC and ATSDR in November 2004. He retired in June 2006. As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with ... [\[Read more...\]](#)

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CDC Workers Give to Needy Children in the Spirit of the Season



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On November 3, 2005, Ed Thompson, MD, MPH was named acting Director of the Coordinating Center for Health Promotion. Name: F.E. (Ed) Thompson, Jr., MD, MPH Title: Deputy ... [\[Read more...\]](#)

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Futures Initiative: Setting the Course for CDC's Future



CDC Director Julie Gerberding unveiled the Futures Initiative this past June at an agency's all-hands meeting. The Initiative will set the future course of CDC over the next ... [\[Read more...\]](#)

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Team CDC Wins Secretary's Challenge: Trophy Only One Reward of Victory



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CDC Leadership Profiles: Meet Dr. Gerberding



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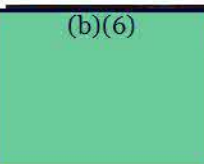


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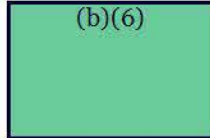
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The CDC got a new and different kind of status as Dr. Julie Gerberding delivered the first "State of the CDC" address at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Friday. It ... [\[Read more...\]](#)

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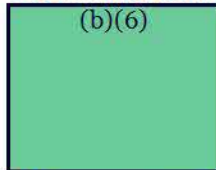
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