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'Miracle Baby' Medical Student Featured in Press-Register



Cooper Wilson, a third-year medical student at the University of South Alabama, was partially paralyzed during birth in 1985. Now, he's taking part in dozens of baby deliveries. To view his story featured in Monday's Press-Register, [click here](#).

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USA Medical Honor Society Organizes Free Health Fair in South Mobile County

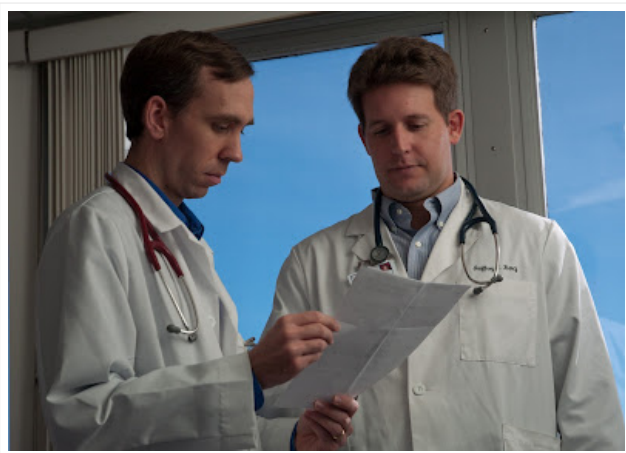
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(Left) Dr. T. J. Hundley, assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of South Alabama and USA's AOA faculty advisor, and (Right) Geoffrey Hancy, a fourth-year medical student and president of USA's AOA Chapter, review final details about the health fair that will be held next weekend.

The Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine has organized a free health fair for residents in south Mobile County, Ala., to be held on Jan. 15, 2011, at the Bayou La Batre Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center is located at 12745 Padgett Switch Road.

Each year, members of the honor society choose a community service project. This year, the organization at USA chose a service project along Alabama's Gulf Coast - providing assistance to one of the communities most affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster.

During the past several months, AOA medical students and faculty at USA have garnered participation from their classmates, nursing students and allied health students at USA. USA students and members of the organizing committee have also enlisted participants from USA's medical alumni, area private physicians, health service organizations and volunteers - including high school honor students from Dematha Catholic High School in Washington, D.C., who are traveling to the Gulf Coast to complete their community service project.

"When major disasters such as the oil spill occur, the communities impacted must deal with a wide range of life-altering issues. Almost all of these issues relate directly or indirectly to the physical and mental health of the citizens," said Geoffrey Hancy, a fourth-year medical student at USA, who also serves as AOA president of the USA chapter. "The goal of our project is to make a meaningful impact in Bayou La Batre that will hopefully be felt in many positive ways."

The health fair will provide basic health screenings - measuring blood pressure, glucose, and body mass index - and will distribute medical material and counseling. USA outreach programs that are participating include: the USA BreathMobile, the USA Center for Healthy Communities, and the USA Biomedical Library.

Premier Medical Group and Eye Care Alabama will provide vision screenings. Other community partners will provide flu shots, health information, nutritional advice, mental health counseling, and skin cancer screenings.

Community health fair participants include the Alabama Head Injury Foundation, the Alabama Kidney Foundation, the Alabama Organ Center, Alta Pointe, the American Cancer Association, the American Diabetes Association, Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy Mobile Campus, the Center for Dermatology, Eye Care Alabama, the Drug Education Council, the Mobile County Department of Public Health, and Premier Medical Group.

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society is a national honor society for medical students, residents, scientists and physicians in the United States and Canada. The organization promotes scholarship and research in medical schools,

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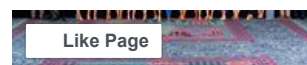
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'Standing for the Silenced' - Press-Register Article Featuring USA Biomedical Librarian



Standing for the silenced

Mobile couple attend Nobel Peace Prize ceremony for their friend, Liu Xiaobo, who is a jailed dissident in China

By DAVID HUBBARD

It was a long, cold, and somewhat uneventful flight from Mobile to Oslo, Norway, but for Jie Li and her husband, Li Jie, it was a journey of a lifetime. They had just arrived in time for the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in honor of Liu Xiaobo, a Chinese dissident who was awarded the prize in 2010. The couple, who are both biomedical librarians, had traveled from Mobile, Alabama, to attend the ceremony in Oslo, Norway. They had been invited to attend by the Nobel Peace Prize in China, a program that honors individuals who have made significant contributions to human rights in China. Li and Jie had been working with the program for several years, and they were excited to be able to attend the ceremony in person. They had also been able to bring a framed portrait of Liu Xiaobo with them, which they presented to the Nobel Peace Prize in China program during the ceremony. The couple's journey to Oslo was a testament to their commitment to human rights and their support for the Nobel Peace Prize in China program. They had traveled through several countries, including the United States, Canada, and Europe, before arriving in Oslo. They had also been able to bring a framed portrait of Liu Xiaobo with them, which they presented to the Nobel Peace Prize in China program during the ceremony. The couple's journey to Oslo was a testament to their commitment to human rights and their support for the Nobel Peace Prize in China program.

USA Biomedical Librarian Jie Li and her husband were invited to the Norwegian Nobel Committee to attend the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on Dec. 10, 2010. Their story was featured in Monday's Press-Register.

To view the entire Press-Register article, [click here](#). To read a recent Med School Watercooler blog post on this story, [click here](#).

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January Med School Café - “Modern Management of Crohn’s Disease”

The January Med School Café lecture will feature Dr. Jack DiPalma, professor of internal medicine and director of the division of gastroenterology at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine.

His lecture, titled “Modern Management of Crohn’s Disease,” will take place Jan. 18, 2011, at the Mobile Museum of Art at 4850 Museum Drive in Mobile. Lunch



will be served at 11:30 a.m., and the presentation begins at noon.


Dr. DiPalma will lecture on Crohn's Disease, an inflammatory condition in which the gastrointestinal tract has ulcerations and scarring leading to bleeding, pain and diarrhea. During the talk, he will discuss causes of the condition, as well as provide information on the latest research and treatment options available.

Dr. DiPalma trained at New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y., and completed his residency in internal medicine at the U.S. Air Force Keesler Medical Center in Biloxi, Miss. After completing his fellowship in gastroenterology at Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas,

he served on their teaching faculty. In 1987, DiPalma established the division of gastroenterology at USA, which he directs.

The Med School Café lecture and lunch are provided free of charge, but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, please call Kim Barnes at (251) 460-7770 or e-mail kebarnes@usouthal.edu.

Med School Café is a free community lecture series sponsored by the USA Physicians Group. Each month, faculty from the USA College of Medicine share their expertise on a specific medical condition, providing insight on the latest treatment available.

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'Making Spirits Bright' - Press-Register Features USA Family Specialty Clinic Donation

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Making spirits bright

Patton Goodwin's fundraising helps kids affected by HIV



Patton Goodwin, a 14-year-old UMS-Wright Preparatory School student, collected cans for more than two months to help raise money for the University of South Alabama's Family Specialty Clinic to buy gifts for orphans and babies affected by HIV.

By CAMARHA ANDREWS
Patton Goodwin, a 14-year-old student at UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile, Ala., has a very purposeful mission. She has been collecting cans for more than two months to help raise money for the University of South Alabama's Family Specialty Clinic to buy gifts for orphans and babies affected by HIV.

"I would go out every day after school and pick up for hours," Patton said. "You know, I would pick up for two hours." Family members also helped her by being sure she had a lot of cans in the house. Patton's mother, Linda Goodwin, said, "I think she has a great capacity of strength, and she's very determined. It's not just for the sake of people like Patton that we should be helping out. It's because of the love of her country."

Patton, who has been in the United States for about a year, said she was inspired to help by seeing a news report about a family in Africa that was struggling to survive. She decided to help them by collecting cans for a charity that would buy gifts for them.

During the Christmas season, she said, her family typically doesn't see anything but the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. "It's wonderful to see a tree something to help people who are in need," she said. "I would love to see a tree something to help people who are in need."

Fundraisers

Local charity changes early holiday plans

Mobile Place to host New Year's Eve Party
The Mobile Place is hosting a New Year's Eve party on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Mobile Convention Center. The party will feature live music, dancing, and a midnight buffet. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, call 904-681-1234.

Mobile City Club
The Mobile City Club is hosting a New Year's Eve party on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Mobile Convention Center. The party will feature live music, dancing, and a midnight buffet. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, call 904-681-1234.

Mobile Chamber of Commerce
The Mobile Chamber of Commerce is hosting a New Year's Eve party on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Mobile Convention Center. The party will feature live music, dancing, and a midnight buffet. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, call 904-681-1234.

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These poinsettias are the top 10 most popular plants in America, with about 80 million sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Seeing red


The season of poinsettias can last longer than you think

By EBBIE JOHNSON
Poinsettias are the most popular holiday plants in America, with about 80 million sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The season of poinsettias can last longer than you think.

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Patton Goodwin, a 14-year-old student at UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile, donated \$522 to the University of South Alabama's Family Specialty Clinic. The money was raised by selling soda cans that she had been collecting in her backyard for three months.

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