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What's news



EMILY NELSON, Free Press

CVU GIRLS TAKE TENNIS TITLE: Champlain Valley Union's Kylie deGroot lines up her shot during her Division I girls tennis championship win Thursday at Davis Park in Shelburne. DeGroot defeated Burlington's Sophie Reville in straight sets. High school tennis coverage begins on 10B.

■ **Novartis announces swine flu vaccine:** Swiss pharmaceuticals company Novartis AG said Friday it has produced a first batch of swine flu vaccine weeks ahead of expectations. The vaccine was made in cells, rather than grown in eggs as is usually the case with vaccines, the company said. **World Health Organization declares swine flu a pandemic, 6A.**

■ **Vote on N. Korea sanctions expected today:** U.N. diplomats say the Security Council is expected to approve tough new sanctions against North Korea today. The draft resolution, which would impose new sanctions on the reclusive communist nation's weapons exports and financial dealings, and allow inspections of suspect cargo, was put into final form Thursday. The Security Council is expected to meet this morning to approve it.

■ **Obama writes girl a note for missing school:** Kennedy Corpus, 10, has a rock-solid excuse for missing the last day of school: a personal note to her teacher from President Barack Obama. At a Green Bay, Wis., health care appearance Thursday, her father told Obama that his daughter was missing school to attend the event. "Do you need me to write a note?" Obama asked. On a piece of paper, he wrote: "To Kennedy's teacher: Please excuse Kennedy's absence. She's with me. Barack Obama."

■ **NYC to gas 2,000 geese to protect aircraft:** New York City plans to trap and kill as many as 2,000 Canada geese this summer in an attempt to avoid the type of collision that caused an airliner to ditch in the Hudson River. The hunt will take place on dozens of city properties within five miles of Kennedy and LaGuardia airports. The roundup is being timed with the molting season, when the geese can't fly. It is scheduled to begin within a week. The birds will be gassed.

■ **DOD official indicted in China spy case:** A Pentagon official initially accused of unknowingly supplying secrets to China had actually been aware for some time that

he was dealing with an agent for Beijing, according to a new indictment issued Thursday. Initial charges last month against James W. Fonderren Jr. suggested that he was sucked into a "false flag" operation — that is, he disclosed secrets to an agent he thought worked for Taiwan who was actually working for China. Thursday's indictment, though, said he had been aware for roughly a decade that the agent had deep ties to the regime in Beijing.

■ **Aldrin marks moon trip anniversary with the Pops:** Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon 40 years ago. Now he's celebrating with some moon tunes performed by the Boston Pops. The 79-year-old retired astronaut was to narrate a Thursday night performance of Gustav Holst's "The Planets." It accompanies a video suite incorporating footage from NASA, the European Space Agency and historical illustrations from Chicago's Adler Planetarium collection.

■ **Anne Frank museum to display her diaries:** The Anne Frank House museum in Amsterdam says it will put the teenage Holocaust victim's diaries and other writings on permanent display to commemorate what would have been her 80th birthday. Frank died in a concentration camp at 15. Until now her posthumously published diaries and other works have been kept in an archive at the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation.

■ **Jetstar plane makes emergency landing:** An Airbus 330 carrying 203 people made an emergency landing in Guam on Thursday after an electrical problem sparked a small fire in the cockpit, airline officials said. It's the same type of plane that crashed last week in the Atlantic. There were no injuries Thursday.

■ **Yellow lobster is a 1-in-30 million rarity:** This lobster will catch your eye, but not because you're imagining its tail dipped in butter. It is bright orange and yellow, even though it's never been near a boiling pot. The lobster, named Fiona, was recently caught off Canada.

— From wire reports

Senate backs tobacco limits

By Jim Abrams
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate struck a historic blow against smoking in America on Thursday, voting overwhelmingly to give regulators new power to limit nicotine in the cigarettes that kill nearly a half-million people a year, to drastically curtail ads that glorify tobacco and to ban flavored products aimed at spreading the habit to young people.

President Barack Obama, who has spoken of his own struggle to quit smoking, said he was eager to sign the legislation, and the House

FDA would control nicotine, advertising

planned a vote for today. Cigarette foes said the measure would not only reduce deaths, it would cut the \$100 billion in annual health care costs linked to tobacco.

Fierce opposition by the industry and tobacco-state lawmakers had prevented passage for years, along with veto threats by the George W. Bush White House. In the end, the nation's biggest

tobacco company supported the measure, though rivals suggested that was because it could lock in Philip Morris' share of the market.

Cigarette smoking kills about 400,000 people in the United States every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 45 million U.S. adults are smokers, though the prevalence has fallen

since the U.S. surgeon general's warning 45 years ago that tobacco causes lung cancer.

The legislation, one of the most dramatic anti-smoking initiatives since the surgeon general's report, would give the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate the content, marketing and advertising of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

"This legislation represents the strongest action Congress has ever taken to reduce tobacco use, the leading preventable cause of death in the United States,"

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WINERIES TAKE ROOT

■ Minnesota hybrids make survival possible in Vermont climate

By Dan McLean
Free Press Staff Writer

GRAND ISLE — A fierce hailstorm wiped out Bob and Linda Livingstone's grape vines two years ago, forcing a time-consuming rebirth of East Shore Vineyard.

In addition to equipping their vineyard with netting to guard the vines, the couple plan to expand — much like the Vermont wine industry itself.

Hailstorms are just one of the challenges that face Vermont's increasing number of vineyards. Frigid winter temperatures and a skepticism of whether decent grapes can grow in the state are other hurdles. Both are beginning to be overcome. Persistent farming and cold-hardy grape varieties developed by the University of Minnesota are making wine production in Vermont feasible.

Last year, grapes made up about 15 percent of the roughly 108,000 gallons of

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Bob and Linda Livingstone run East Shore Vineyard from their home in Grand Isle, producing award-winning wines, such as their 2007 Traminette.

4 detainees released to Bermuda

■ Uighers, Chinese Muslims, given neckties and a new start

By David Skinner and Danica Coto
The Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Four Guantanamo detainees from arid, predominantly Muslim western China were transferred to this very proper

British colony Thursday, marking an unexpected new chapter in their odyssey.

Freed after being locked up seven years, the four men were given ties during their flight to the island and their lawyers gave quick lessons in how to knot them. They kept a low profile after landing and declined to talk with journalists.

They arrived just as islanders were starting to cele-

brate Bermuda's 400th year of settlement. But Washington's surprise announcement of the transfer set off grumbling by some islanders, and the colonial rulers in London bristled over not being told ahead of time.

Putting a cloud over the deal, Britain's government said it was studying whether to allow Bermuda Premier Ewart

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MORRY GASH, The Associated Press
President Barack Obama in Green Bay, Wis.

Obama presses GOP to offer health care plan

By Philip Elliott
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Undertaking a new and aggressive push to enact health reform this year, President Barack Obama bluntly challenged Republican critics on Thursday to put forward their own plan to expand coverage

to the uninsured and help struggling families afford care.

"To those who criticize our efforts, I ask them, 'What's the alternative?'" Obama said at a town hall-style meeting, surrounded by supportive citizens in the heartland.

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CRIME JUMPS

Property crime shot up in Chittenden County in 2008.

State trends by the numbers

11 percent increase in burglaries from 2007 to last year

\$23 million total property loss value in 2008

2,823 drug crimes (6 percent decline). Drug cases involving heroin rose 105 percent, however, from 39 to 80 cases.

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