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Vaccination: For Health or Profit?

Part 2

Vaccination is based on essentially “fooling” the immune system. A “weakened” or killed virus is introduced into the body in the hope that it will stimulate the body to produce defense agents called antibodies which will then be able to protect the individual when the real thing comes along. Unfortunately, vaccination is plagued with many problems; immunity is not lasting, many people have serious complications, virtually no follow through on vaccine consequences, conflicts of interest, financial gain, just to name a few.

If the theory of vaccination was successful there would be no need for “boosters.” Research has found that the body has specific “lines of defense” ways of handling an invading “bug.” These are your skin and mucous lining, your antibodies, and your white blood cells. All of these need to be mobilized in a very exact sequence in order for your defense system to be most effective. Vaccination by-passes this sequence and as a result, does not give lasting immunity. That is one of the reasons why “boosters” are needed. Consider this: Alaska recently experienced a severe outbreak of measles - all cases occurring in a single high-school, and all among students already vaccinated against measles. As a result, the new CDC policy is that all students should now receive TWO doses of the measles vaccine. Brilliant!

Many parents, as well as the scientific community, are becoming uneasy regarding

Vaccination. There is increasing evidence that vaccination shots actually impair the function of the immune system. According to Howard Weiner, a Harvard immunologist, vaccination actually “skews” the activity of the immune system. He feels that a child’s immune system needs to be “exercised”, otherwise a child may be more susceptible to serious health problems later in life.

The childhood diseases, such as measles, mumps, chickenpox, etc., actually exercise a child’s immature immune system. In adults, these diseases can be serious, but in a child, they actually play a very important role. They teach a child’s nervous system how to fight off an infection on its own. This is a good thing! Vaccination, on the other hand, does not exercise the immune system in this manner and may leave your child susceptible to more serious complications later in life. As a matter of fact we are now seeing a dangerous shift in the age

groups getting measles. For instance, children under 1 are coming down with measles which means that they did not obtain proper immunity from their mother’s breast milk. Why? The answer is that those mothers did not have antibodies for measles.

If you, as a parent, feel that there is something inherently wrong with injecting your child with a foreign, gene-altering substance, your gut instinct is correct! Recent research indicates that vaccination is responsible for the increasing numbers of autoimmune diseases seen: Everything from diabetes, asthma, autism, AIDS, cancer, etc.

See you in two weeks for Part III.

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Now Comes Obama’s Turn

Tight Presidential Campaign At Pivot Point

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FORT BLISS, Texas — His convention turn coming fast, President Barack Obama on Friday began sprinting toward one of his last, best shots to win over voters, ready to promise better days even for those who do not feel better off. Rival Mitt Romney, flush with confidence after his party’s convention, declared: “We love this country and we’re taking it back.”

Both angling for the aura of leadership, Romney swooped in on rain-drenched Louisiana, while Obama stood with troops in Texas and reminded the nation that he ended the war in Iraq. Obama, too, will visit storm-battered Louisiana on Monday, a move the White House said was decided before Romney revealed his plans.

The race for the White House suddenly felt more urgent, a final heated day of August giving way to a two-month stretch in which many voters will get serious about making their choices — or even voting for one in the states that allow early balloting.

The political buzz followed Romney, hours after a convention speech in which he introduced himself to America and asked on-the-fence voters to let go of a president who “has disappointed America.” A rambling, surprising and strange appearance by movie legend Clint Eastwood at the GOP event still had people talking, too.

But attention was shifting to Obama, the incumbent who gets the last shot at making a lasting impression before the October debates.

His party’s national convention, which starts Tuesday in Charlotte, N.C., will dwell less on how life is now and more on where voters want their lives to be. Obama inherited an economy in the midst of a monster recession, and the pace of the stable, sluggish recovery is perhaps Obama’s greatest burden to re-election.

The coming days, capped by Obama’s speech on Thursday



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President Barack Obama waves to crowds as he departs from the White House in Washington, D.C., on Friday, August 31, 2012 on the way to Fort Bliss, Texas.



JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT
Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and his wife Ann, right, wave to cheering supporters as they take the stage at a send-off rally on the tarmac at the airport in Lakeland, Florida, Friday, August 31, 2012. After the Lakeland event, Romney was slated to fly to New Orleans to tour hurricane damage.

night, will crystalize his re-election pitch: An economy built on ending tax cuts for the rich and putting more effort into education, energy, tax reform and debt reduction. He will call Romney a peddler of failed trickle-down ideas that will hurt the middle class and the needy.

Building by the day, the convention roll-in for Obama will take him through the battleground states of Iowa, Colorado, Ohio and Virginia. At the event itself, first lady Michelle Obama will com-

mand the stage one night, followed the next by Bill Clinton, who will ask voters to remember the good times and pledge Obama can return them.

To put a face on the election message, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will be joined on political stops by what their campaign calls “American Heroes,” such as a student or teacher or veteran whose life story reflects Obama’s agenda. The Democratic National Convention will also feature them.

high water driven by hurricanes. But Isaac, a relatively weak storm by the standards of Betsy and Katrina, pushed in much more water than expected after it stalled after landfall.

To the east, officials pumped and released water from a reservoir, easing the pressure behind an Isaac-stressed dam in Mississippi on the Louisiana border. The threat for the earthen dam on Lake Tangipahoa prompted evacuations in small towns and rural areas.

In New Orleans, at the Magnolia Discount Gas Station in the Carrollton neighborhood, employee Gadeaon Fentessa said up to 50 drivers an hour were pulling in, hopeful they could pump. He had the gas, but no power. Stations that did have power to pump had long lines.

There were other signs of life getting back to some sense of normalcy. The Mississippi River opened to limited traffic, the French Quarter rekindled its lively spirit and restaurants reopened.

Isaac dumped as much as 16 inches of rain in some areas, and about 500 people had to be rescued by boat or high-water vehicles. More than 5,000 people were still staying in shelters.

The remainder of the storm was still a powerful system packing rain and the threat of flash flooding as it headed across Arkansas into Missouri and then up the Ohio River valley over the weekend, the National Weather Service said.

Romney kept up a campaign pace out of his convention, with plans for stops in Ohio and Florida on Saturday before a quieter stretch into Labor Day.

Friday was a pivot point, but hardly a breather in the window between the two conventions.

Before heading separately out of Tampa, Romney and running mate Paul Ryan wooed the voters of powerful Florida, which went for Obama in 2008.

“Hold us accountable. Listen to what we have to say,” Romney said. “I plan on winning in Florida. We love this country and we’re taking it back.”

Romney shook up his itinerary, as he had hinted, to get to Louisiana and inspect Hurricane Isaac’s damage. It was the kind of trip better associated with a president than a presidential candidate — Romney has no authority to direct help — but he did draw attention to the plight of victims there. The White House offered no complaints.

In the town of Jean Lafitte, Romney’s motorcade plowed through water that at some points was a foot or deeper, passing flooded homes, lawns and businesses. Residents stood in the water and watched the presidential candidate’s caravan pass. Romney spoke with Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and explained that he had come down to listen, learn, lure some media coverage and make sure “the people around the country know that people down here need help.”

For Obama, it was a day of official events, not campaigning, although with 67 days to go until Election Day there is little distinction.

Surrounded by troops in camouflage, he appeared as commander in chief more than candidate, announcing steps to help war veterans cope with mental health struggles. Yet the visit also served as an election-year reminder that he closed out the Iraq war and has pledged an end to the Afghanistan war at the end of 2014.

“We’re not just ending these wars,” he said. “We’re doing it in a way that keeps America safe and makes America stronger, and that includes our military.”

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Israeli: U.N. Report Props Up Warnings On Iran

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli officials said on Friday that a new United Nations report adds credibility to their warnings about Iran, as tensions grow between the Jewish state and its allies over how to tackle Tehran’s suspect nuclear program.

The report by the U.N. nuclear agency, which emerged on Thursday, concluded that Iran had stepped up the installation of centrifuges capable of making weapons-grade material in an underground bunker at its Fordo underground facility, safe from most aerial attacks.

The U.N. report also said Iran has effectively shut down inspections of a separate site — the Parchin military complex — suspected of being used for nuclear weapons-related experiments, by shrouding it from spy satellite view with a covering.

It drew rapid criticism from Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi, who said Friday the assertion about Parchin “does not make any technical sense.” Iran denies the West’s claims that it is seeking to develop weapons but its government makes no secret that it sees expansion of its nuclear program as a right.

Bernanke: Fed Will Do More If Needed

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. (AP) — Chairman Ben Bernanke sent a clear message Friday that the Federal Reserve will do more to help the still-struggling U.S. economy.

His remarks left two questions: What exactly will the Fed do? And when?

Bernanke described the U.S. economy’s health as “far from satisfactory” and noted that the unemployment rate, now 8.3 percent, hasn’t declined since January.

He stopped short of committing the Fed to any specific move. But in his speech to an annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Bernanke said that even with interest rates already at super-lows, the Fed can do more.

He acknowledged critics’ arguments that further Fed action could fan inflation and inject other risks. Yet after raising such arguments, Bernanke proceeded to knock them down.

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