

STORY 1

THE NEW YORK TIMES Berlusconi Is Hospitalized After Collapsing



Fabrizio Giovannozzi/Associated Press
Silvio Berlusconi, Italy's former prime minister, supported Sunday by his doctor, Umberto Scapagnini, left, and two other men.

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ROME, Nov. 26 — **Silvio Berlusconi**, who has remained very much in public view despite having lost his job as Italy's prime minister, was admitted to the intensive-care unit of a Milan hospital on Sunday after collapsing while giving a speech.

"They found something on the electrocardiogram, something like an irregular heartbeat, so they want to keep me under observation for 24 hours," he told reporters after arriving by helicopter at San Raffaele hospital in Milan, the newspaper *Corriere della Sera* reported.

Several hours earlier, Mr. Berlusconi, apparently vigorous and looking younger than his 70 years, collapsed while delivering a speech to a youth rally in Montecatini Terme in Tuscany. He halted in mid-sentence, his eyes closing as he buckled under on the podium. Aides rushed to carry him from the stage.

An ambulance arrived but he walked to leave in his own car, waving weakly to reporters. His longtime spokesman, Paolo Bonaiuti, said at the time that he had merely suffered from a drop in blood pressure. Reuters quoted Mr. Bonaiuti as saying later that Mr. Berlusconi was admitted to intensive care only because his cardiologist ran the unit there.

"There is no emergency, no alarm," Mr. Bonaiuti told Reuters. Mr. Berlusconi told reporters the problem was a mixture of fatigue, heat and antibiotics he had taken after a recent operation on his knees.

Despite his defeat, Mr. Berlusconi, Italy's richest man, who overcame prostate cancer in the 1990s, has remained the leader of the center-right in Italy. But his illness seems certain to increase speculation, fueled in part by remarks he reportedly made about wanting to leave politics, about whether he will continue that role.

The chief of Italy's largest media group, Mr. Berlusconi is being tried on fraud charges in a trial set to resume Monday. He has been leading the center-right in opposition to the budget cuts proposed by **Romano Prodi**, who beat him in national elections in April.

STORY 2

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Alexander Litvinenko, former KGB spy and author of the book "Blowing Up Russia: Terror From Within" before and after he became sick. Litvinenko died on Thursday in London. The British authorities said that he was killed by radiation poisoning. (Alistair Fuller/AP Photo; HO/AFP/Getty Images)

Britain's spy mystery: A slow death by poison

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LONDON: In the new James Bond movie, "Casino Royale," Agent 007 gives a master class in what to do if you are unexpectedly poisoned by your enemies in a public place (for one thing, when you stagger dramatically from the room, make sure to do it in a suave manner).

But while the fictional Bond has an array of useful resources at his disposal - a car filled with potential antidotes that serves as a mobile emergency room; a hotline to trained poison-control experts at MI6 headquarters; and a personal defibrillator that comes in handy during heart attacks - the ordinary real-life poison victim has no such advantages.

Nor is the sequence of events surrounding nonfictional poisoning generally as clear-cut as when Bond, played by Daniel Craig, falls deathly ill within moments of taking the first sip of his spiked martini.

In the case of Alexander Litvinenko, a former Russian spy who died in a London hospital on Thursday night, the most confounding questions were also the most basic. Who gave it to him and when? And how did they get this particular poison?

STORY 3

CORRIERE DELLA SERA

L'incidente a Sant'Angelo a l'Esca, centro a 40 chilometri da Avellino

Esplode una bombola, due morti sul lavoro

Gli operai stavano ristrutturando uno stabile al momento dello scoppio. Anche un ferito

SANT'ANGELO A L'ESCA (AVELLINO) - Ancora morti bianche a pochi giorni dall'[esplosione dell'oleificio vicino Perugia](#). Due operai sono morti e un terzo è rimasto ferito: è il bilancio di un incidente sul lavoro che si è verificato a sant'Angelo a l'Esca, piccolo centro a 40 chilometri da Avellino. Secondo quanto si è appreso gli operai stavano lavorando alla ristrutturazione di uno stabile quando, per cause imprecisate, si è verificata l'esplosione di una bombola di gas utilizzata, sembra, per eseguire saldature. Un terzo operaio è rimasto ferito. Sul posto vi sono ambulanze ed i carabinieri.

[Le stime dell'Inail indicano in tre morti al giorno il ritmo degli incidenti sul lavoro. Nel 2005 sono stati in tutto 1200.](#)

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Sondaggio Ipr marketing per Repubblica.it. sulla vicenda che divide il Paese
Il co-presidente dell'associazione Luca Coscioni chiede ai medici di staccare le macchine

Eutanasia, anche i cattolici favorevoli Il 50% dei praticanti dice sì a Welby

**Sul totale del campione preso in esame i sì al 64%, i no al 20%
di CLOTILDE VELTRI**



ROMA - Gli italiani - e anche i cattolici praticanti - sono in maggioranza favorevoli all'eutanasia per Piergiorgio Welby, il malato terminale che ha chiesto ai medici di staccare la spina, ma che ha ricevuto in cambio un diniego. Il problema, ha spiegato il dottore che lo ha in cura, è che facendolo violerebbe la legge. Oggi, a conforto della richiesta di Welby, co-presidente dell'associazione radicale Luca Coscioni, da mesi al centro di una battaglia personale e politica in favore della "morte dolce", arrivano i clamorosi risultati del sondaggio *Ipr Marketing* per Repubblica.it, da cui emergono in sostanza due cose: gli italiani hanno una visione diversa dalla legislazione in vigore; chi si definisce cattolico praticante, sull'argomento, non sembra seguire i dettami della Chiesa.

Alla domanda se i medici dovrebbero accogliere la richiesta di Welby, il 64% degli intervistati (un campione di mille cittadini residenti in Italia) non ha dubbi nel rispondere un secco sì, contro il 20% dei contrari e un 16% che preferisce non esprimere la propria opinione in assenza di un'idea chiara in materia.

Ma ben più significativo è il dato se si tiene conto della fede religiosa degli intervistati: in particolare tra coloro che vedono l'eutanasia come una soluzione praticabile per Welby, il 50% si dichiara cattolico praticante, mentre il 71% abbraccia la fede cattolica, ma non pratica.

Anche tra coloro che dichiarano di professare un'altra religione la percentuale dei favorevoli all'eutanasia è elevatissima: si parla del 68%. Mentre la percentuale diventa quasi bulgara quando la richiesta viene fatta agli atei che, per il 95%, si dicono favorevoli a staccare la spina.

I contrari. Tra gli intervistati che invece si dicono contrari ad accogliere la richiesta di Welby si conta un 28% di cattolici praticanti; un 15% di cattolici non praticanti e il 18% di cittadini che appartengono ad altri credo religiosi. Gli atei che non ritengono sia giusto praticare l'eutanasia sono solo il 3%. Infine il 51%, quindi una percentuale elevata, spiega che preferisce non rispondere alla domanda se i medici "non" dovrebbero staccare la spina.

Intanto proprio oggi Welby ha dato mandato ai suoi legali affinché ricorrano alla magistratura per ottenere il via libera alla sua richiesta: "il distacco del ventilatore polmonare sotto sedazione erminale".

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STORY 5

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BABY'S BODY ON THE M25

Police in hunt as dead tot dumped on hard shoulder

By Gary Anderson

A DEAD tot was found dumped naked on a busy motorway yesterday.

The prematurely born infant was left on the hard shoulder of the M25 near Potters Bar, Herts, and was found by a trucker.

The stunned driver said: "Police told me the baby may have been there only a few hours, otherwise it would probably have been dragged away by a fox or some other wild animal.

"The whole thing's shocking - I'm a father myself." Police cordoned off the scene and are scouring CCTV for clues.

Tests will today establish the tot's age and ethnicity.

The mum whose tot was found abandoned on the M25 was being hunted by police last night.

An HGV driver made the grim discovery around noon after he pulled over with a breakdown.

Detectives were last night contacting local hospitals in a bid to track down the infant's mother.

Yesterday the trucker told of his horror at seeing its tiny naked corpse lying the hard shoulder as traffic sped by a few feet away.

The man, waiting for a repair team, said: "I was on the side of the motorway with my hazard lights flashing and trying to keep away from the fast-moving traffic when I saw the child lying there.

"Police told me it may have been there only a few hours otherwise it would probably have been dragged away by a fox or some other wild animal.

"The whole thing's totally shocking - I'm a father myself. I'm devastated."

Fourteen police cars lined the side of the motorway as officers cordoned off the scene - on the eastbound section at Junction 25 near Potters Bar, Herts.

Officers carried out a fingertip search of the inside lane. Detectives will also examine CCTV for clues.

The tot is thought to have been born prematurely, although its sex was not immediately revealed. A postmortem will today determine its age and ethnic background.

A police spokesman confirmed last night: "We were called by a member of the public who had found remains on the side of the M25 eastbound carriageway near Junction 25.

"At this early stage it appears the remains could be those of an infant."

STORY 6

Times OnLine

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Pope Benedict XVI was enthusiastically received at Mary's House near Ephesus (Cem Oksuz/AFP/Getty)

Pope tends his 'little flock' on second day of Turkey visit

The Pope used a visit to Turkey today to praise a Catholic priest murdered in a Turkish town during the outbreak of Islamic anger over the publication of cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad.

Celebrating an open-air mass next to the ruins of a house believed to have been used by the Virgin Mary, Pope Benedict XVI recalled the example set by John Andrea Santoro, an Italian priest shot dead in a church in Trabazon in February by a 15-year-old Muslim boy enraged by the cartoons published in a Danish newspaper.

"Let us sing joyfully, even when we're tested by difficulties and dangers, as we have learned from the fine witness given by the Roman priest John Andrea Santoro, whom I am pleased to recall in this celebration," said the Pope on the second day of his controversial tour of Turkey.

After a day of conspicuous, conciliatory gestures towards Turkey's predominantly Muslim population and an expression of approval of the country's plans to join the EU, the Pope turned today towards Turkey's small but enduring Christian communities, which he called a "little flock".

In a highly exclusive papal mass, the Pope stood on a dais under a white, flower-covered canopy to pray with 250 people who were admitted to a chapel built next to the Virgin Mary's house, near Ephesus. The congregation had to pass through three metal detectors before being admitted to his presence. A military helicopter cluttered overhead.

The Pope quoted one of his predecessors, John XXIII, who served as a papal diplomat in Istanbul in the 1940s, to reiterate his love for Turkey before saying that he wanted to "offer a word of encouragement and to manifest the affection of the whole church" for the country's 100,000 or so Christians.

"I have wanted to convey my personal love and spiritual closeness, together with that of the universal church, to the Christian community here in Turkey, a small minority which faces many challenges and difficulties daily," he said.

The original purpose of the Pope's visit to Turkey — until it was overshadowed by the controversy in the Islamic world that followed his speech in Regensburg — was to further reconciliation between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches. After celebrating mass this morning, the Pope headed for Istanbul for talks with Bartholomew I, the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church.

Reports in the Turkish press this morning suggested that the Pope's initial attempts to improve relations between the Vatican and the country's predominantly Muslim population were already paying off. His swift message of support for Turkey's membership of the EU and warm description of Islam as a religion of love and peace won him approval from *Hurriyet*, a mainstream newspaper.

"It started beautifully: the Pope told the world from Ankara that Islam was a religion of peace," the newspaper reported.



Criteria to judge newsworthiness
Johann Galtung and Mari Ruge

Criteria	Story 1	Story 2	Story 3	Story 4	Story 5	Story 6
(F1) frequency	2	1	4-5	2-3	1	3
(F2) threshold	4	4	4	4	5	3
(F2.1) absolute intensity				(4)	(5)	(3)
(F2.2) intensity increase	(4)	(4)	(4)			
READER'S FACILITY IN MAKING SENSE OF A STORY						
(F3) unambiguity	3	1	2	4	1	5
(F4) meaningfulness	3-4	4	4	4	4	4
(F4.1) cultural proximity		(4)			(4)	(4)
(F4.2) relevance	(3)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(4)	
(F5) consonance	1	1	1	4	1	4
(F5.1) predictability			(1)	(4)	(1)	(4)
(F5.2) demand			(1)	(4)	(1)	(4)
(F6) unexpectedness	4	3	3	1	4	2
(F6.1) unpredictability	(4)	(3)	(3)	(1)	(4)	(1)
(F6.2) scarcity			(1)	(1)		(1)
(F7) continuity	3-4	3	2	4-5	3	3
(F8) composition	3-4	3-4	3	4-5	4	3-4
CULTURE-BOUND FACTORS INFLUENCING THE TRANSITION FROM EVENTS TO NEWS						
(F9) reference to elite nations	1	4	1	1	1	1
(F10) reference to elite people	5	2	1	1	1	5
(F11) reference to persons	2	4	4-5	5	5	2
(F12) reference to something negative	3	4	4-5	3-4	4	1

Note:

The numbers between parenthesis explain which items gives value to main section.