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**Arctic Ice at Low Point Compared to Geologic History** (*June 3, ScienceDaily*) - "The ice loss that started in the early 20th Century and sped up during the last 30 years appears to be unmatched over at least the last few thousand years," said Leonid Polyak, a research scientist at Byrd Polar Research Center at Ohio State University. Polyak is lead author of the paper and a preceding report that he and his coauthors prepared for the U.S. Climate Change Science Program. [full story](#)

**MRSA Infection in Nunavut 30 times Canada National Average** (*June 7, Nunatsiaq Online*)  
MRSA is a particularly dangerous variety of staph that is best-known for causing skin boils. Across First Nations communities in Manitoba's Burntwood health region close to 1,000 positive test results were reported from Aug. 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Dr. Bruce Martin, of the University of Manitoba's Northern Medical Unit, describes the hard-to-treat problem as an "emerging infection". [full story](#)

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