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China's earliest human puts 'out of Africa' theory to test

By NEIL SCHONHERR

Researchers at WUSTL and the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP) in Beijing have been studying a 40,000-year-old early modern human skeleton found in China and have determined that the "out of Africa" dispersal of modern humans may not have been as simple as once thought. The research was published April 3 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Erik Trinkaus, Ph.D., the Mary Tilton Hennsey Professor of anthropology in Arts & Sciences, with colleague Hong Shang and others at the IVPP examined the skeleton, recovered in 2003 from the Tianyuan Cave, Zhoukoudian, near Beijing City. The skeleton dates to 30,000-42,000 years ago, making it the oldest securely dated modern human skeleton in China and one of the oldest modern human fossil in eastern Eurasia. The find could help explain how early humans moved east across Europe and Asia, a movement not completely understood by anthropologists.

The "out of Africa" theory proposes that modern humans evolved in Africa and then spread throughout the earth around 70,000 years ago, replacing earlier humans with little or no interbreeding. The specimen is basically a modern human, but it does have a few archaic characteristics, particularly in the teeth and hand bones. This morphological pattern implies that a simple spread of modern humans from Africa is unlikely, especially because younger specimens have been found in eastern Eurasia with similar feature patterns, Trinkaus said.

"The discovery promises to provide relevant paleontological data for our understanding of the emergence of modern humans in eastern Asia," the researchers said. They argue that the most likely explanation for the mix of features is interbreeding between early modern humans and the archaic populations of Europe and Asia.

Business students offer Warren Buffett advice

By SHILA NEUMAN

It could be every aspiring financier's biggest dream: Spend a few hours with Warren Buffett, the "Oracle of Omaha," toss him an investment suggestion or two and have some laughs over a steak lunch.

That dream became reality for 54 MBA students at the John M. Olin School of Business, who traveled to Nebraska March 30 for just such a visit with the investment genius and second-richest person in the world.

Knowing that the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. in Omaha, Neb., meets with a few dozen student groups each year, second-year MBA student Erik Ahlberg made the appointment last spring. But Ahlberg had no intention of having the visit be just another field trip.

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Raising awareness | Michael Lambert, a junior biology major in Arts & Sciences, plus a ribbon on George Lai, a junior medical anthropology major in Arts & Sciences, during White Ribbon Day August 5 in the rec, is all for the statistic that one in four college women has been raped or suffered attempted rape — an all-male statistic. Women can help protect against assault and rape. The White Ribbon Campaign is a male-led campaign to raise awareness of the problem of male violence against women.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

WUSTL’s Bouchet Society chapter inducts three inaugural members

BY NEIL SCHOFIELD

Washington University’s branch of the national Bouchet Honor Society has inducted its three inaugural members.

The University has been selected by the national association to begin a chapter of the Bouchet Society, which honors minority students, faculty and staff from historically black colleges and universities.

The inaugural chapter is comprised of Robert E. Thach, Ph.D., associate professor of education and director of the New Institutional Social Sciences (NISS) program in Arts & Sciences; Sheri Notaro, assistant dean of the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Selection Committee; and Bertin Louis Jr., a graduate student in the Department of Chemistry.

Bouchet fellows receive an invitation to a highly diverse community for the opportunity to connect with like-minded scholars across the country. The program seeks to advance diversity and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate.

The Washington University chapter includes students, faculty and staff who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy.

The chapter was established to recognize and celebrate the achievements of students and faculty who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy.

The University was one of 21 institutions selected to launch the inaugural chapter of the Bouchet Society.

National Bouchet Fellows are selected based on academic achievements and for contributions to diversity initiatives.

The inaugural class of Bouchet Fellows includes Peking, Fudan, National Taiwan, Tsinghua, and Cornell universities, the University of Michigan, and Washington University. The University was selected among nearly 70% of the nearly 200 institutions that applied.

The chapter will work to create a network of pre-eminent scholars and faculty who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy.

International university presidents gather at WUSTL

For the first time in the United States, the presidents of 13 premier universities from Asia and the Middle East will gather at Wrighton August 5 to discuss ways their institutions are addressing global energy and environmental concerns. The institutions include Fudan, National Taiwan, Tsinghua and Yonsei universities and the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

The international Symposium on Energy and Environment is sponsored by the McDonnell International University Partnership, which includes Washington University.

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Enhancing the University A message from Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton

This letter serves as the first in a series of messages from key University leaders as part of the Plan for Excellence process that will guide the development of the University in the next era.

Throughout its more than 150-year history, Washington University has been committed to transforming the world. We have challenged itself to seek new knowledge and gain a greater understanding of an ever-changing world. From the early days of William Greenleaf Eliot and Robert Brookings to our own accomplishments and aspirations for the future, these challenges are at the heart of our mission to be among the world’s foremost research and teaching institutions. Where once Eliot envisioned a college for the citizens of St. Louis and Brookings set about transforming medical education for a new century, we now create knowledge and educate minds in ways unimaginable to those early pioneers of higher education.

Still, they had the foresight to know that one day this great institution would have to carry on. They planned not just for themselves and their generation, but for all of us living, studying and working here today. The results of this careful planning and financial stewardship by these leaders — as well as that of more recent leaders like Chancellor Shelby and Danforth — have set a new standard in the forms of our beautiful campus and buildings, faculty and distinguished members, of American culture studies, and works to extend these opportunities to all.

Our challenge today is to face this new generation and us today. How do we go about planning and building for the next 150 years of Washington University? How can we ensure that all that has been done and all we are doing will now pay great rewards to the scholars and the students of the 22nd century? In short, how do we enhance the University in the next era?

The CPD will conduct site surveys during the next several months and plans to announce the final sites in October.

"Hosting a presidential debate would offer tremendous educational opportunities for our students, faculty and staff to engage in the political process and interact with the national news media," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said.

A presidential debate would also give Washington University a chance to showcase our wonderful city and all that it has to offer, Wrighton added.

The University was the successful host of presidential debates in 1992, 2000 and 2004. It was also the host of a presidential debate in 1996 that eventually was canceled.

The commission is a nonprofit, quasi-governmental organization that has sponsored all of the general election presidential and vice presidential debates since 1976.

A summary of the selection process is available on the CPD Web site at www.debates.org.

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Crews to begin work on Kingshighway interchange

**School of Medicine Update**

Althetic options

**T**o avoid Kingshighway, employees may consider alternative options and routes:

- **Meridian Central West End station**
- **Taylors, Newstead, Boyle** and Tower Grove overpasses to the west
- **Hampton and McCausland/Skinker overpasses** to the west
- **The Tamm Avenue overpass** will close to traffic April 17 to prepare for full demolition and reconstruction.
- **From the west or east, Forest Park Parkway and Delmar Avenue**

- **l**anes will be reduced for no longer than six months, according to Gateway's contract with McDOT.
- **During construction:**
  - The Kingshighway overpass will be replaced.
  - Southbound traffic will be diverted onto the east side of the bridge to permit demolition and reconstruction of the west half.
  - Then, traffic will be diverted onto the new west half of the bridge to allow demolition and reconstruction of the east half.

- **entrance and exit ramps** will be rebuilt in a new configuration to improve traffic flow.

- **Currently,** the Kingshighway entrance and exit ramps are designed in a cloverleaf pattern.
- **During construction,** drivers will use temporary ramps controlled by traffic signals to enter and exit Highway 40. Upon completion of the project, cars will flow in a "single-point urban interchange" designed to improve traffic movement.

- "The existing interchange is a traditional cloverleaf design that isn't capable of handling modern volume and speeds," said Dan Galvin, public information officer for the New 1-64 construction project. "Cars entering and exiting the highway are navigating sharp curves and slowly merging into lanes of established traffic, which is very disruptive to the overall flow. The new design helps traffic much more efficiently."

- "As a construction team, we are committed to keeping this intersection open during construction and reducing traffic lanes for the shortest amount of time possible." **Dan Galvin**

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**Note:**

- how the new interchange improves traffic flow once it's completed.
- Get **New 1-64** is using a contemporary traffic management system known as "design-build," which means the highway is being designed and built concurrently.
- Design-build projects have been completed more efficiently in less time because the engineers and construction teams work closely together to recognize and solve unforeseen problems more quickly and reach agreements faster.

For more information visit www.wustl.edu.

**Physical therapy doctoral students (from left) Lesley Sunoo, Jeanette May and Shannon Hoffman gut a New Orleans home damaged by Hurricane Katrina on their spring break service trip.**

**Students help with Katrina recovery**

**By Beth Miller**

New Orleans native Sara Reardon, a third-year doctoral student in the Program in Physical Therapy, felt helpless while Hurricane Katrina destroyed her family's home in 2005.

"So she felt a strong duty to give something back to her hometown. She shared her thoughts with her physical therapy classmates, including Adam Thomas, a second-year doctoral student who had spent several weeks helping out last summer in New Orleans.

Together, Reardon and Thomas organized a group of 11 second- and third-year physical therapy doctoral students and a few of their friends to travel to New Orleans during this year's spring break to help rebuild.

The students worked for Operation Blessing International, in a 100 of the McDonnell Medical Sciences Building, the Program in Physical Therapy office at 4444 Forest Park Ave. or by contacting Holly Lindsey at lsmit@wustl.edu.

**Symposium to focus on new discoveries in immunology**

**By Beth Miller**

In honor of Dr. Rainer Unanue's 21-year leadership of the Department of Pathology and Immunology, the department is holding a one-day symposium to present innovative contents and new ideas.

Unanue, M.D., the Paul and Ellen Ferris Professor of Pathology, stepped down last fall as chair of the department and remains professor of pathology and immunology. The symposium, "Immunology at the Horizon of the New Millennium," will be held Friday from 9-4:30 p.m. at the Eric P. Newman Education Center Auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

Speakers selected to participate in the symposium reflect broad areas of research and acknowledge immunology's central position in the scientific mission of the University.

The speakers include Abdul K. Abbas, MBBS, University of California, San Francisco; Peter Cresswell, Ph.D., and Richard Flavell, Ph.D., both of Yale University School of Medicine; Philippe Moreau, Ph.D., National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver; Staffan Normark, Karolinska University, Stockholm; and Claus Reisert, M.D., CIBER for Infectious Diseases, Madrid. Invited University of Medicine.

Unanue is internationally recognized as a leader in understanding how the immune system identifies foreign material, or antigens, and how immune system T cells respond to it.

He joined the School of Medicine in 1985 as head of pathology and immunology and pathologist-in-chief of Barnes-Jewish Hospital. During his tenure, the University's immunology program has become one of the most innovative and productive centers in the world for immunological research.

Although a few faculty members have immunology research and clinical interests residing at WUSTL before Unanue took the position, this number has increased due to his recruiting and mentoring efforts and the role model that he established. Today, the University's immunology community includes more than 50 faculty and 250 trainees in seven different departments.

For more information, contact Sharon Smith at 362-8484.

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Rwandan hero Rusesabagina closes spring Assembly Series

"Confessions of a Poison Woman" 'Lost Gospels' 'Wondrous Birds'

Wired magazine cites WUSTL's Science on Tap

By TONY FITZPATRICK

Science on Tap, WUSTL’s monthly informal science colloquium series, has been a hit among students. The series, which has been running for over a decade, has hosted over 300 events. Established in Fall 2005, Science on Tap has hosted talks on a variety of topics that have been popular with both students and the public alike. In fact, the series has gained national attention and been featured in Wired magazine.

The latest event in the series was a talk by Dr. Tanya Jones, a professor of psychology at Washington University. Jones discussed the topic of “The Science of Happiness.” Her talk was well-received by the audience, who asked many questions and engaged in lively discussions.

Science on Tap has been successful in attracting a diverse audience. The talks are open to the public and have been attended by people of all ages and backgrounds. The series is a great way for students to learn about science in a fun and engaging way.

The next talk in the series is scheduled for November 15th. The talk will be given by Dr. David Kessler, a former director of the National Institutes of Health. Kessler will discuss the topics of “The Science of Obesity” and “The Science of Addiction.”

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Alumni read for Writing Program series

Fiction writers Elizabeth Graver and Edward Schwarzschild, alumni of The Writing Program in Arts & Sciences, will read from their work at 8 p.m. April 13 for The Writing Program Reading Series.


Schwarzschild (Ph.D. '94, M.A. '89) is author of the novel "Responsible Parties" (2005) and has published work in the Virginia Quarterly Review, Southwest Review, StoryQuarterly, Moment Magazine and The Yale Journal of Criticism.

A former Helen Deutsch Fellow in Creative Writing at Boston University and a recent Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford University, Schwarzschild teaches at the University of Alabama, S.U.N.Y, where he holds a joint appointment in the English department and the New York State Writers Institute. For more information, call 935-7130.

Choir to perform music based on Old Testament texts

The Washington University Concert Choir will present a concert of music based on Old Testament texts at 8 p.m. April 13 in Graham Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Department of Music in Arts & Sciences.

Under the direction of vocal activities, directs the program, which features music ranging from the Renaissance to the 20th century.

The concert will open with "Sing we merrily unto God" from Young, then a motet by Josquin Desprez (c. 1440-1521). A canon at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Hainault near Cambray, Josquin was one of the great composers of the High Renaissance. This piece, together with another cantus in structure to his highly popular secular pieces, is based on a formula for psalm recitation in the Catholic Mass.

Also on the program is "Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz," a motet by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Set to text from Psalm 51 and composed in Vienna in 1860, this five-voice, trio-purled work demonstrates that Brahms — despite his role as a leading 19th-century composer — could craft choral works based on Baroque structures.

The concert will conclude with three selections from Randall Thompson's "The Peaceable Kingdom" (1936), a sequence of a capella movements set to texts from The Book of Isaiah.

Thompson's New York and graduate of Harvard University, where he taught for 19 years. His choral works, including his renowned "Mikaelia" (1940), have been mainstay courses for the last half-century.

For more information, call 935-8441 or e-mail mayor@wustl.edu.

Sports

Fridays, April 13

All day: Track & Field WUSTL, Drake Field, 9:00-7:00.

2:30 p.m: Women's tennis vs. Missouri Western University. U. Tennis Center, 9:00-7:00.

Saturday, April 14

9 a.m: Men's tennis vs. Missouri Western State U. Tennis Center. 9:00-7:00.

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9 a.m: Women's tennis vs. Creighton University. Forest Park, Dawn Davis Tennis Center, 9:00-7:00.

3 p.m: Men's tennis vs. Southeastern Louisiana U. Edwards Tennis Center, 9:00-7:00.

Wednesday, April 18

4 p.m: Women's tennis vs. University of Texas at San Antonio. Edwards Tennis Center, 9:00-7:00.

Wednesday, April 18

5 p.m: Men's tennis vs. Southwestern U. Edwards Tennis Center, 9:00-7:00.

Thursday, April 19

8 a.m: Softball vs. IU. WUSTL, Forest Park, 9:00-7:00.

Saturday, April 11

8 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:45 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:15 p.m. 10:00 p.m. 10:45 p.m. 11:30 p.m."}

Project Row Houses founder speaks for Architecture Lecture Series

Artist Rice Lowe, founder of Project Row Houses, will speak about his work during Spring Lecture Series. April 13 in Room 458 of Lowman Hall as part of the School of Design & Visual Arts' spring Architecture Lecture Series. The talk, titled "Toward Social Sculpture," is free and open to the public. The Architecture Lecture Series is sponsored by the College of Architecture and the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design.

Established in 1993, Project Row Houses is an arts and cultural community located in a historically significant inner-city neighborhood of Houston, Texas. Encompassing 22 now renovated shotgun houses, the project is dedicated to the recovery of the African-American artist John Biggers — simulations of the shotgun house — and combines aspects of neighborhood housing, low-income housing, education, historic preservation and community service. Ten of the houses are dedicated to art, photography and literary projects, which are installed on a rotating six-month basis.

Lowe's many honors include the 2000 American Institute of Architects' Honor Award, the 2002 Heinz Award for the Arts and Humanities. From 2001 to 2005 Lowe is a professor of Fine Arts at Harvard University and received the 2006 Kamoshita Award for Outstanding Philanthropic Achievements and Sculpting Governors Award in 2005. In 2006, Lowe received the RedlineWidely Lifetime Achievement Award, presented annually to a distinguished African-American artist, educator or civic leader.

For more information, call 935-9300 or visit www.arc.wustl.edu.
Cells

Nanoparticles, living cells found compatible

We can tune an MRI scanner to the notion, and the fluorine imaging potentially useful for vascular re-

search, as well. search of certain pathologies a

"Many kinds of cells are in-

volved in the formation of new blood vessels," Partlow said. "Be- cause we can create a separate MRI signature for different cells with these various types of unique nanoparticles, we could use them to better understand each cell-type's role." The nanoparticles are compat-

ible with living cells, according to the research findings. "The cells don't take these particles in natural- ly — no special sensors have to be created dedicated to make them detect these cells," Wickline said, also professor of physics and biomedical engineering at Barness-Washington Hospital. "And then the cells just go about their busi-

tess and do what they're supposed to do by homing in on tar-

ged regions of the body." Laboratory tests showed that the cells retained their face-markers and that they were still functional after the labeling process. The labeled cells were shown to migrate into blood vessels forming around tumors in mice.

The researchers said they be- lieved that nanoparticle-labeled adult stem cells could be used to evaluate how well these cells can be detected by MRI with the use of fluorine. The presence of the labeled cells would reveal that the tumor was adding new blood vessels and therefore, aggressively growing.

Adult stem cells also are under investigation in therapies that en-

hance uselessness or growth velocity processes to improve the blood supply to dia-

betic patients' limbs or to repair blood vessels after a heart attack or bypass surgery. Tracking nanoparticle-labeled cells in such treatments by MRI imaging would help researchers determine how many of these cells function in living organisms. The fluorine signal emitted by the perfluorocarbon com- pounds used in the nanoparticles is highly specific, allowing researchers to detect this unique signal emitted by the perfluorocarbon com-

pounds with MRI. The goal of using nanoparticles that will stick to tumors is to use the nanoparticles to deliver drugs or other therapies to the tumor tissue. Wickline explained. Further research showed that with the injection of the labeled cells, a tumor significantly regressed, and its size decreased by almost half. Wickline added.

After the injection, the labeled cells could be detected by MRI, showing that the fluorine signal was still present. These results support the idea that nanoparticles can be used to deliver drugs or other therapies to tumors. The next step will be to investigate the potential of using these nanoparticles in clinical settings.

Potential applications of these nanoparticles include the treatment of cancer, infectious diseases, and regenerative medicine.

"We are starting to understand the potential of these nanoparticles in cancer treatment," Wickline said. "But we need to conduct more research to determine the optimal dosing and administration of these nanoparticles to maximize their therapeutic effects."
The School of Law will celebrate the outstanding contributions made by its Distinguished Alumni Award recipients at a ceremony April 13 at its annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner at The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. The Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Michael X. Hannan, Frederick O. Hanser, Allen S. Edens and Scott Neville. H. Christopher Bohrting and McGraw Spaulding will receive Distinguished Young Law Alumnae Awards.

In 1997, Hannan, J.D., established Hannan & Hannan Ltd., which is devoted exclusively to general trial and litigation practice, including personal injury, professional malpractice, criminal defense and a variety of complex commercial cases. Hannan is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, an adjunct professor of trial law at the University of Missouri- Kansas City School of Law and a member of the Missouri bar association. Hannan received his J.D. from Harvard University Law School in 1967 and has been in private practice in St. Louis for more than 25 years. Hannan also serves on the board of directors of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and is the Missouri chapter president of the American Board of Trial Advocates; he is the Missouri representative on the Missouri Bar Foundation Board of Directors, the Missouri Supreme Court and the St. Louis Bar Foundation.

Hanser, an adjunct professor of trial law at The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law to present six Distinguished Alumni Awards 2007. A native of Los Angeles, Hanser graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1962 and received his J.D. from Loyola Law School in 1965. Hanser has concentrated his practice in the areas of insurance coverage and professional liability, and he has represented clients in numerous landmark cases. In 1996, Hanser was appointed by the Illinois 4th District Appellate Court to represent the interests of the public when an honorable judge of the 4th District Appellate Court was found guilty of misconduct and was disbarred. Hanser has handled representation in more than 100 cases brought to the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois 4th District Appellate Court.

Edens is a partner in the St. Louis firm of E.I. Du Pont v. Cardinal Health to District Court in Tennessee for breach of contract. Edens is the chair of the firm's national litigation group, which is devoted exclusively to complex, multimillion-dollar commercial and insurance coverage cases. Edens has represented clients in more than 300 lawsuits, including the famous case involving the Cass Avenue Tunnel Case in Detroit. Edens received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1983. Edens is also a member of the board of directors of the National College of Realtors, the Missouri Bar Association, the Missouri Academy of Trial Lawyers and the St. Louis Chapter of the American Bar Association.

Scott Neville, an attorney with the firm of Hanifen & Hannafan, is a retired chief judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri and the Missouri Bar Association. Neville is a past president of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Community Foundation and the Missouri Bar Association. Neville has received numerous awards for his dedication to the legal community, including the Missouri Bar Association's President's Award, the Missouri Bar Association's J. Roland Kirkner Award, the Missouri Bar Association's Lawday Award, the Missouri Bar Association's Outstanding Law Day Volunteer Award and the Missouri Bar Association's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award. Neville is also a member of the Missouri Bar Association's Distinguished Service Group and the Missouri Bar Association's Distinguished Service Group. Neville has been active in many community service organizations, including the Missouri Bar Association's Pro Bono Program, the Missouri Bar Association's Distinguished Service Group and the Missouri Bar Association's Distinguished Service Group. Neville has been active in many community service organizations, including the Missouri Bar Association's Pro Bono Program, the Missouri Bar Association's Distinguished Service Group and the Missouri Bar Association's Distinguished Service Group.
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The Podleski family at daughter Genevieve's wedding. (From left) Konstantin, Genevieve, Elena, Tony, Joan, Valentina and Aidan.

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She's been a stay-at-home mom of two children, working part-time at Christian Hospital's emergency department front desk. "That's when I got really interested in health care, but I knew I didn't want to be a clinician," Podleski says.

An eye for a challenge

Podleski had worked in banking and finance, but changed jobs every couple of years. "It did because I liked learning new things and new challenges," she says. "I decided that the University of Washington's business school would give me the opportunity to do that without having to change employers. And the University has done a good job of that. I don't think I can count how many business cards I've had that. I don't think I can count how many business cards I've had that."

As involved as Podleski has been in the workings of the medical school, she also is very involved with her family, which has grown in recent years. Podleski and her husband, Tony, have two biological children: Genevieve, 27, Web designer, and Aidan, 23, an architecture student working in Australia. Podleski said she and her husband always were very involved in their children's lives. "When Genevieve was living in the WUSTL dorms and Aidan was busy with high school, it was very quiet in our house, and I didn't like it," she says. And she and her husband discussed adopting a child from Russia and then raised the idea with their children. "Finally, my husband said, 'If we're crazy enough to think about doing this, then we're probably the people who should do it,'" Podleski recalls.

The family worked with an agency and saw a photo of a boy from northeast Russia named Konstantin. When viewing a videotape of the boy at their home, Podleski said she and Genevieve "fell head over heels." After two trips to Russia, 10-year-old Konstantin became the newest member of the Podleski family. A couple of years later, the Podleskis decided that Tony, 12, and Valentina, 13 and Elena is 9. "In the space of about two years, we went from having two kids to live, and it's a blast," she says. "It's more chaos, more fun, more headaches, more challenges and more learning new things."

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