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Scientific American

I just read the [August 2007 issue of *Scientific American*](#). Love it! The issue contained an article by Christine Soares on genetic testing titled "Attitude Screen." Genetic testing to identify potential risk for diseases does not impress me. There are too many factors involved in whether or not an individual develops a disease. Knowing that you are predisposed to a disease may get you to change your behavior; but, there's only so much a person can do to affect environmental factors (fine particles in the air, radiation exposure, etc.). Genetic testing may become profitable but only because the public isn't well-informed and will overestimate its benefits.

Below are other good articles for the issue. Pay registration is required to access the articles via Scientific American web site.

Blu-ray vs. HD DVD by Mark Fischetti

Window on the Mind by Susana Martinez-Conde and Stephen L.

ABOUT THE WALL

The Strong Wall comes from a pseudonym I use in my creative writing adventures, Wally Strong. My name is Jason Setzer, and I'm a reference librarian at a community college.



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"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."
--James Madison, U.S. President

"Science has a simple faith, which transcends utility. Nearly all men of science, all men of learning for that matter, and men of simple ways too, have it in some form and in some degree."
--Vannevar Bush, physicist

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