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For the week of June 7, 2008 - June 13, 2008

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#### NEWS

**CANCER:** The research of Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was featured June 9 in the Knoxville News Sentinel and the Salinas Californian. The story about the challenges faced by childhood cancer survivors originally appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

*Cruel Cancer Legacy*

<http://thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080609/LIFESTYLE/806090308/1024/LIFESTYLE>

**LUNG CANCER:** The Food Consumer and Biotech Business Week on June 9 and the Business Standard on June 10 featured research by Dr. Zuo-Feng Zhang showing that natural substances called flavonoids protected smokers from lung cancer. The study also was cited in June 9 reports by seven local TV news stations across the country. Zhang is a professor at the School of Public Health and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

*Fruits, Veggies Can Protect >From Lung Cancer*

[http://www.business-standard.com/common/storypage\\_c\\_online.php?leftnm=10&bKeyFlag=IN&autono=38743](http://www.business-standard.com/common/storypage_c_online.php?leftnm=10&bKeyFlag=IN&autono=38743)

*Fruit, Vegetables and Tea Cut Risk of Lung Cancer in Smokers*

[http://foodconsumer.org/7777/8888/C\\_ancer\\_31/060907432008\\_Fruit\\_vegetables\\_and\\_tea\\_cut\\_risk\\_of\\_lung\\_cancer\\_in\\_smokers.shtml](http://foodconsumer.org/7777/8888/C_ancer_31/060907432008_Fruit_vegetables_and_tea_cut_risk_of_lung_cancer_in_smokers.shtml)

#### BRIEFS

Research by James Enstrom, epidemiologist at the School of Public Health, was cited in a June 11 Washington Post article about health being a side benefit of religious faith. His study noted that Mormons live an average of nine to 12 years longer than the average U.S. life expectancy.

*Religious Devotion Can Bring Tangible Health Benefits*

[http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/michael\\_otterson/2008/06/religious\\_devotion\\_can\\_bring\\_t.html](http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/michael_otterson/2008/06/religious_devotion_can_bring_t.html)

#### QUOTABLES

Richard Ambrose, professor and director of the Environmental Science and Engineering program at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 7 San Diego Union-Tribune article about his study of a power station's effect on local marine life.

*Work to Begin on Largest Man-Made Reef, Expected to Become a Nursery for Biological Diversity*

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20080607-9999-1n7kelp.html>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented June 9 in a Los Angeles Times article exploring the factors that push individuals to lose weight.

*Ready, Then Set to Lose Weight*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/fitness/la-he-ready9-2008jun09,0,3792044.story>

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted June 1 in a HealthDay News article about pre-pregnancy counseling by physicians. He also commented June 6 in a St. Petersburg Times column about racial disparities in infant mortality.

*See a Doctor Before You Get Pregnant*

<http://www.pressconnects.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080601/MOMS05/805300355/1004/LIFESTYLE>

*Address the Causes and Disparity of Infant Mortality Rates*

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/health/research/article609781.ece>

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#### NEWS

CANCER: The research of Dr. Patricia Ganz, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was featured June 15 in the Journal Gazette (IN) and June 16 in the Hartford Courant. The story about the challenges faced by childhood cancer survivors originally appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

*After the Miracle*

<http://www.courant.com/features/lifestyle/hc-healthcancerkid.artjun16,0,6102231.story?track=rss>

HISTORY: The June 15 Los Angeles Times highlighted research by David Hayes-Bautista, director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture and professor of health services at School of Public Health, on a Latino member of the California Legislature who played an important role in the 1880s in founding the state teachers college that later became UCLA's first campus. Hayes-Bautista was later quoted June 20 in a Diverse Issues in Higher Education report.

*UCLA Recognizes an Early Backer Who Had Been Largely Forgotten*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/politics/cal/la-me-then15-2008jun15,0,3425190.story>

*UCLA Scholar Seeks to Raise Awareness About University's Forgotten Mexican American Forefather*

[http://diverseeducation.com/artman/publish/article\\_11315.shtml](http://diverseeducation.com/artman/publish/article_11315.shtml)

CELL PHONES: Leeka Kheifets, a professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was featured in a June 14 article on Babyzone.com about her research into a possible link between pregnant women's cell phone use and later behavioral problems in their offspring.

*Safety and Cell Phones: What Pregnant Women Should Know*

[http://www.babyzone.com/pregnancy/is\\_it\\_safe/a2641/1](http://www.babyzone.com/pregnancy/is_it_safe/a2641/1)

HEALTH: A study by UCLA's Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health showing that people who live in neighborhoods with high concentrations of fast food restaurants and convenience stores are at increased risk of obesity and diabetes was cited June 13 in a Riverside Press-Enterprise article about a recent report on U.S. life expectancy.

*Lifespans increase as smoking decreases—good news for Inland residents*  
[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_lifespan13.35bc3d3.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_lifespan13.35bc3d3.html)

#### BRIEFS

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health that linked obesity rates and the neighborhood ratio of fast food restaurants to grocery stores was cited in a June 13 Riverside Press Enterprise article.

*Lifespans Increase as Smoking Decreases -- Good News for Inland Residents*  
[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_lifespan13.35bc3d3.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_lifespan13.35bc3d3.html)

#### QUOTABLES

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 25 TIME magazine article about the racial, ethnic and geographic factors that contribute to children's obesity and diabetes in the U.S.

*It's Not Just Genetics*  
<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1813984-1,00.html>

Hilary Godwin, chair of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 16 Los Angeles Times story about her opposition to the use of chelation to allegedly flush out heavy metals from the body.

*Want to get the Lead Out? Chelation Pills are Risky*  
<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-skeptic16-2008jun16,0,5905255.story>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented in the June issue of Your Health Connection in an article about the benefits of tomatoes, which contain an antioxidant called lycopene.

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#### NEWS

CANCER: The June 24 Daytona Beach News Journal featured research by Dr. Zuo-Feng Zhang, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, finding that natural substances in tea called flavonoids protected smokers from lung cancer.

*Nice Tea*

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/Lifestyle/Food/lifeFOOD02062508.htm>

NUTRITION: The Los Angeles Times ran a June 23 column by Susan Bowerman, assistant director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition, about high-carbohydrate foods that may contribute to colon health and help lower cholesterol.

*High-carbohydrate Foods, with their 'Resistant Starches,' are Back*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-eat23-2008jun23,0,7142253.story?track=rss>

#### QUOTABLES

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented June 25 in the Contra Costa Times about California's looming healthcare crisis.

*One Million Could Join the Ranks of Uninsured under State Budget*

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci\\_9696065?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_9696065?nclick_check=1)

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NEWS

**MEDICARE:** E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was interviewed July 9 on National Public Radio's "Marketplace" about Congressional legislation that would slash doctors' fees in an effort to limit Medicare spending.

Doctors, insurers split over Medicare

[http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2008/07/09/medicare\\_cuts/](http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2008/07/09/medicare_cuts/)

**ASTHMA:** The Riverside Press-Enterprise and China's Xinhua news service reported July 9 on research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health that found that California residents missed nearly 4 million days of work and school in 2005 due to asthma. Research co-author Susan Babey, a project director at the Center, was quoted.

*Study: Californians lose workdays due to asthma*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/healthcare/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_asthma09.3b733d8.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/healthcare/stories/PE_News_Local_S_asthma09.3b733d8.html)

*More Californians suffer from asthma due to pollution*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-07/09/content\\_8513523.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-07/09/content_8513523.htm)

**NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN:** The ASPH Friday Letter reported July 4 on the appointment of Hilary Godwin as Associate Dean for Academic Programs in the School of Public Health. Godwin was previously chair of environmental health sciences at the School.

*Dr. Godwin Named Associate Dean for Academic Programs at UCLA*

[http://fridayletter.asph.org/article\\_view.cfm?FLE\\_Index=979151678&FL\\_Index=1524](http://fridayletter.asph.org/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=979151678&FL_Index=1524)

**NUTRITION:** Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, appeared in the PBS program "A Place of our Own" that aired

July 3 on station KQED (San Francisco). She discussed childhood obesity and strategies for healthy eating and dieting.

*Preventing Childhood Obesity*

[http://www.aplaceofourown.org/question\\_detail.php?id=593](http://www.aplaceofourown.org/question_detail.php?id=593)

STROKES: July 3's Bakersfield-Californian cited figures from the California Health Interview Survey, conducted by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, in an article about the high incidence of stroke in Kern County, Calif.

*'Time is brain': Kern No. 1 for strokes, but hospital programs responding*

<http://www.bakersfield.com/102/story/488820.html>

LUNG CANCER: The Daily Advertiser (LA) and Nurse.com reported June 30 on research by Dr. Zuo-Feng Zhang showing that natural substances called flavonoids protected smokers from lung cancer. Zhang is a professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center.

*Fruits, Vegetables, Teas May Cut Cancer Risk*

<http://www.theadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080630/LIFESTYLE/806300309>

*Flavonoids May Fight Lung Cancer*

<http://include.nurse.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080630/ONC02/80630010>

HEALTH COVERAGE: The June 26 Ventura County Star cited figures from the California Health Interview Survey, conducted by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, in an article about the potential increase in uninsured Californians following anticipated state budget cuts.

*Uninsured ranks may rise by 20,200 in 2010*

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2008/jun/26/uninsured-ranks-may-rise-by-20200-in-2010/>

CHINA EARTHQUAKE: Linda Bourque and Virginia Li, professors of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, appeared as panelists at the June 17 Zócalo Public Square Lecture Series event to discuss the Chinese earthquake. The event aired several dates in July on L.A. City Channel 36.

*How Will China Emerge from the Rubble?*

videocast: [http://la36.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=27&clip\\_id=3408](http://la36.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=27&clip_id=3408)

NUTRITION: Time Magazine reported June 12 on the role environment and genetics have on obesity levels across American communities. Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was interviewed for the article.

*It's Not Just Genetics*

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1813984,00.html>

## QUOTABLES

Irwin 'Mel' Suffet, professor of environmental health sciences at the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted July 11 in a Time article about the potential dangers of a chemical frequently used in plastic consumer products.

The Truth About Plastic

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1821664,00.html>

Dr. Robert Brook, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, is quoted July 10 in a San Diego Union-Tribune article about a report examining the annual cost to Californians of unnecessary medical treatments and other wasteful health care practices.

*Report: \$1 billion wasted in California*

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20080710-9999-1n10health.html>

John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences and director of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 6 in a San Francisco Chronicle article about a woman's battle with a chemical company she claims is responsible for worker illnesses and damage to the environment.

*Ex-Worker on Crusade against Chemical Plant*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/07/06/MN3JVU4N2.DTL>

Shane Que Hee, professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the July 3 Baltimore Sun about the safety of amalgam fillings.

*Fighting Tooth and Nail*

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/health/balto.hs.fillings03jul03,0,1066051.story>

Susan Babey, a research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the July 1 Riverside Press Enterprise about childhood obesity.

*Avoid 'Diet' to Teens, Study Says*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_obesity01.4434b96.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_obesity01.4434b96.html)

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented June 30 in a Los Angeles Times article about body detoxification treatments. The article originally ran in the Boston Globe.

*'Cleansing' Comes Naturally*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/medicine/la-he-toxic30-2008jun30,0,4875078.column>

Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 30 Los Angeles Times article about possible cancer risk from using cell phones. The article cited her study that found that children who used cell phones and whose mothers used cell phones during pregnancy were 80 percent more likely to have behavioral problems compared with children who had no cell phone exposure as fetuses or in early childhood.

*Cancer Risk from Cell phone Use is still a Matter for Study*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-tumors30-2008jun30,0,7512602.story>

Brian Cole, project manager with the Health Impact Assessment Project at the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted June 29 in a Wave article about concerns raised by local residents over potential drilling in a southwest Los Angeles oil field.

*LA Neighborhoods Concerned about Oil Drilling Expansion*

[http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=465b3b4b6dd77ae7d4616f7b8a9b4280](http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view_article.html?article_id=465b3b4b6dd77ae7d4616f7b8a9b4280)

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, commented June 27 in a Southern Poverty Law Center "Intelligence Report" blog post about newspaper ads blaming traffic congestion on immigrants.

*Anti-Immigrant Hate Groups Place Ads in the New York Times*

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2008/06/27/anti-immigration-hate-groups-place-ads-in-the-new-york-times/>

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 25 in an Oakland Tribune story about the potential increase in uninsured Californians following anticipated state budget cuts.

*One Million Could Join the Ranks of Uninsured under State Budget Proposal*

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/localnews/ci\\_9696065](http://www.insidebayarea.com/oaklandtribune/localnews/ci_9696065)

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#### NEWS

CELL PHONE USE: Reuters reported July 29 and the Los Angeles Daily News reported July 26 on potential health risks from cell phone use, citing a joint study by UCLA and Denmark's University of Aarhus. Coauthor Leeka Kheifets, professor-in-residence of epidemiology at the UCLA School of Public Health, also commented July 30 in both Oakland Tribune and SmartBrief. Articles mentioning the research were also published in Money.pl (Poland), Sky News (England), Reuters Brasil (Brasil), Het Laatste Nieuws (Belgium), and Actualités News Environnement (France).

*Caution on Cell Phones Treated as Static*  
[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_10009740](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_10009740)

*Prenatal Cell Phone Exposure Tied to Behavior*  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/technologyNews/idUSTON97595120080729>

*Cell Phones on the Hook for Health Concerns*  
[http://www.insidebayarea.com/ci\\_10049928?source=most\\_emailed](http://www.insidebayarea.com/ci_10049928?source=most_emailed)

*Children's cell phone exposure tied to behavior problems.*  
<http://www.smartbrief.com/news/cec/storyDetails.jsp?issueid=F7A870E5-F350-4A71-AEFB-AD22D5999568&copyid=090A23E6-4A53-4D9C-8BB2-590C429B4EB3>

NUTRITION: The Los Angeles Times featured a column July 21 by Susan Bowerman, assistant director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, about a so-called "miracle fruit," which, after being eaten, makes any sour foods consumed taste sweet.

*With Miracle Fruit, Sour Tastes Seem Sweet*  
<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-eat21-2008jul21,0,5176167.story?track=rss>

OBESITY: Dr. Wendy Slusser, assistant professor of community health sciences at UCLA School of Public Health, assistant professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy Weight program, was interviewed in a News Pro Net story about developing healthy eating and exercise habits in toddlers to help prevent obesity later in life.

The syndicated report aired July 16 on KABC-Channel 7, as well as in New York, Chicago and other markets. Slusser also appeared July 18 on KTTV-Channel 11's morning news show.

*Can a Baby be Too Fat?*

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health&id=6269238>

OBESITY: The July 14 Los Angeles Times highlighted research from 2007 by Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology, on the ways in which pregnant mothers' health habits may affect their babies' risk of obesity.

*Maybe We Were Doomed Before Birth*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-programming14-2008jul14,0,3147002.story>

HEALTH PLANS: E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy at the School of Public Health, was featured in a July 9 National Public Radio segment that aired on WLRN 93.1FM (Miami). Brown participated in a discussion that compared the health plans proposed by Barack Obama and John McCain.

#### QUOTABLES

Susan Bowerman, assistant director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented July 30 in the Ventura County Star about the recent success of a company that sells organic, kosher health food.

*Ojai Pair's Food Supplement is Off to Fast Start*

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2008/jul/30/powder-power/>

Steven Wallace, professor and vice chair of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was cited in a July 26 Bakersfield Californian column on the quality of life in California's Kern County.

*Lois Henry: Poor Ranking a Way of Life for Kern*

[http://www.bakersfield.com/hourly\\_news/story/506890.html](http://www.bakersfield.com/hourly_news/story/506890.html)

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted July 22 in a HealthDay News article about preconception care.

*Men and Women Urged to Seek Preconception Care*

<http://www.forbes.com/forbeslife/health/feeds/hscout/2008/07/22/hscout612193.html>

Irwin 'Mel' Suffet, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the July 21 issue of Time Magazine about the potential dangers of a chemical frequently used in plastic consumer products.

*The Truth about Plastic*

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1821664,00.html>

Dr. Mark Litwin, professor of health services in the School of Public health and urology, commented July 15 in a Chicago Tribune story on research linking climate change to kidney stones.

*Global Warming to Spark Rise in Kidney Stone Cases, Study Says*

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/lifestyle/green/chi-kidney-stone-global-warming-web-jul15,0,6316854.story>

*Another Climate Ailment*

[http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/34118/title/Another\\_climate\\_ailment](http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/34118/title/Another_climate_ailment)

Dr. Wendy Slusser, assistant professor of community health sciences at UCLA School of Public Health, assistant professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy Weight program, commented in a July 14 Los Angeles Times article examining the theory that lack of sleep may contribute to weight gain.

*Maybe We're Not Sleeping Enough*

[Http://www.Latimes.Com/Features/Health/La-He-Sleep14-2008jul14,0,5416542.Story](http://www.Latimes.Com/Features/Health/La-He-Sleep14-2008jul14,0,5416542.Story)

John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences and director of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted in a two-part San Francisco Chronicle series that ran July 6 and 7 about a woman's battle with a chemical company she claimed was responsible for worker illnesses and damage to the environment.

*Ex-Worker on Crusade against Chemical Plant*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/07/06/MN3JVU4N2.DTL>

*Crusader against Plant Receives Alarming News*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/07/07/MN3JVU4O8.DTL>

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#### NEWS

CINCO DE MAYO: The Union-Democrat (Sonora, Calif.) reported Aug. 8 on research by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, on the first Cinco de Mayo celebration, which occurred in 1862 in the Tuolumne County city of Columbia. Hayes-Bautista was quoted.

*Author: Cinco de Mayo First Celebrated in Columbia*  
[http://www.uniondemocrat.com/news/story.cfm?story\\_no=27272](http://www.uniondemocrat.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=27272)

HEALTH: A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health was cited Aug. 10 in the Santa Cruz Sentinel. The article noted the study's findings that people who live in neighborhoods with high concentrations of fast food restaurants and convenience stores are at higher risk of obesity and diabetes. Aug. 7 articles in the Palm Springs Desert Sun and Fresno Bee cited another Center study that found low-income and minority women are at the highest risk for not having health insurance.

*Watsonville Students Tackle Issue of Obesity*  
[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/education/ci\\_10156539](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/education/ci_10156539)

*Report Shows Healthcare Disparities among California Women*  
<http://www.mydesert.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080807/NEWS01/80807012/1006/news01>

HIV/AIDS: Research by Thomas Coates, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, calling for a greater emphasis on behavior modification in the fight against HIV/AIDS, was covered Aug. 5 by Bloomberg News and Aug. 6 by the New York Times and HealthDay News. The study will appear Aug. 23 in The Lancet.

*Behavioral Approaches Overlooked in AIDS Fight*  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/06/health/research/06aids.html?\\_r=2&partner=MOREOVERFEATURES&ei=5040&oref=slogin&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/06/health/research/06aids.html?_r=2&partner=MOREOVERFEATURES&ei=5040&oref=slogin&oref=slogin)

*Combining Prevention Methods May Dramatically Reduce HIV Infections*

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=618218>

*Combined AIDS Efforts Might Prevent Half of Infections by 2015*

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601124&sid=aVm00TQfHjb8&refer=science>

CELL PHONES: Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was featured in a July 31 Reuters report that discussed her research into the possibility that women who use cell phones while pregnant may negatively affect their unborn child's behavior.

*Prenatal Cell Phone Exposure Linked to Behavior Problems, Scientists Say*

<http://www.canada.com/montrealgazette/news/story.html?id=b44659de-c184-40de-a562-e8e02f09f3f7>

#### QUOTABLES

Thomas Coates, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, was quoted Aug. 13 in a Windy City Times article about the International AIDS Conference, which took place Aug. 3 - 8 in Mexico City.

*Snapshots from Mexico City: XVII International AIDS Conference*

<http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=19106>

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#### NEWS

WOMEN'S HEALTH: The Aug. 26 Vallejo, Calif., Times Herald highlighted a recent report by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that disparities in women's health status, insurance coverage and access to care were linked to racial and socioeconomic factors.

*Report says money, race likely factors in women's health*  
[http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci\\_10306147](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci_10306147)

BREAST CANCER: A study by Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at UCLA School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, on the risks, benefits and quality-of-life impact of tamoxifen and raloxifene for prevention of breast cancer in postmenopausal women was featured Aug. 22 by Drug Week and Biotech Business Week.

LUNG CANCER: Fox-affiliate KSTU (Salt Lake City) aired an Aug. 18 report on research by Dr. Zuo-Feng Zhang, showing that natural substances called flavonoids protected smokers from lung cancer. Zhang is a professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. The study also appeared Aug. 15 on MedFinds.com.

*Antioxidants May Prevent Smokers from Lung Cancer*  
[http://www.medfinds.com/healthnotes.php?org=medigrative%2Cmedigrative&page=newswire/newswire\\_2008\\_08\\_14\\_2.cfm](http://www.medfinds.com/healthnotes.php?org=medigrative%2Cmedigrative&page=newswire/newswire_2008_08_14_2.cfm)

#### QUOTABLES

Sander Greenland, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 27 in a Forbes article about a study linking Vytorin, a frequently prescribed cholesterol drug, to an increased risk of cancer.

*Another Storm Brewing For Vytorin*

[http://www.forbes.com/home/2008/08/27/vytorin-peto-cancer-biz-healthcare\\_cx\\_mh\\_0827vytorin.html?partner=moreover](http://www.forbes.com/home/2008/08/27/vytorin-peto-cancer-biz-healthcare_cx_mh_0827vytorin.html?partner=moreover)

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted August 24 in a Los Angeles Times article about an increase in health insurance premiums for low-income families. Brown was also quoted August 20 in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin (Ontario, CA) about the impact upon patients when health insurance companies cancel contracts with hospitals.

*Thousands of California Children are in Danger of Losing Health Insurance*  
<http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/front/la-me-kidshealth24-2008aug24,0,2598629.story>

*Hospitals Ready for Patients*  
[http://www.dailybulletin.com/ci\\_10259419](http://www.dailybulletin.com/ci_10259419)

Robert Kaplan, professor and chair of the Department of Health Services in the School of Public Health, was quoted August 20 on CNN.com in an article about a new government web site for consumers that compares mortality rates of hospitals.

*Hospital Death Rates for Key Conditions Unveiled*  
<http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/08/20/hospital.deaths/index.html>

Thomas Coates, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, was interviewed Aug. 19 on a World Health News Today Webcast about international programs to fight AIDS.

<http://news.eyeroo.com/Episodes.mvc/ViewEpisode/882/2140>

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#### NEWS

**OBESITY:** The Los Angeles Daily News reported Sept. 5 on a major survey of Californians' health by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health. The findings showed that while adults are smoking less and getting more colonoscopies, half are overweight and their physicians often fail to warn them and their children about the dangers of obesity.

*Doctors unlikely to tell us we're fat*  
[http://www.dailynews.com/ci\\_10375961](http://www.dailynews.com/ci_10375961)

#### BRIEFS

A study on desk jobs increasing risk for prostate cancer was cited Aug. 29 in USA Today. The study was led by Beate Ritz, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health and Jonsson Cancer Center researcher.

*Stay Active*  
[http://www.usaweekend.com/08\\_issues/080831/080831cancer-hollywood.html](http://www.usaweekend.com/08_issues/080831/080831cancer-hollywood.html)

#### QUOTABLES

Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 30 in a New Jersey Star-Ledger article about the potential risk of cancer from cell phone use.

*Too Much Cell Phone Use by Adults can Lead to Problems for Kids*  
[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2008/08/too\\_much\\_cell\\_phone\\_use\\_by\\_adu.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2008/08/too_much_cell_phone_use_by_adu.html)

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#### NEWS

RESEARCH: Medical News Today reported September 22, and Reuters reported September 20, that UCLA and several collaborating institutions have been awarded \$24 million in federal funding to establish the University of California Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology, which will help researchers test the effects of nanotechnology on the environment and design safer nanomaterials. The new center will be housed at the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA. Co-principal investigators on the center's research executive committee include Hilary Godwin, professor of environmental health sciences and associate dean for academic programs at the School of Public Health.

*A Brave New World Requires Bold New Research Approaches in Nanotechnology*  
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/122309.php>

*Nanoparticles may harm health, environment*  
<http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=f1f15d59-c2a0-4f73-be4a-05d274ac9249>

OBESITY: The Los Angeles Daily Breeze reported September 6 on a major survey of Californians' health by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health. The findings showed that while adults are smoking less and getting more colonoscopies, half are overweight and their physicians often fail to warn them and their children about the dangers of obesity.

*Doctors skimp on diet, exercise advice*  
[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_10401369?source=rss](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_10401369?source=rss)

#### BRIEFS

A report by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health on the prevalence of teen obesity was cited in a September 21 San Diego Union article.

*No End in Sight for the Obesity Epidemic*  
<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/health/20080921-9999-lz1n21noend.html#>

## QUOTABLES

Thomas Coates, professor-in-residence of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and of infectious diseases and an associate director of the UCLA AIDS Institute, was quoted September 19 in a Washington Post article about the current popularity of college courses in epidemiology and global health.

*For a Global Generation, Public Health is a Hot Field*

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/09/18/AR2008091804145.html?hpid=topnews>

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the School of Public Health, commented September 17 in a USA article about a study showing that many people receive health information that's presented within entertainment programming on television.

*'Grey's' Study Shows Viewers Remember TV Health Messages*

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2008-09-16-tb-health-message\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2008-09-16-tb-health-message_N.htm)

Linda Bourque, professor of community health sciences in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the September 15 Los Angeles Times about the need to educate people about earthquake preparedness.

*Prepare for a Quake? L.A.'s Too Busy*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-quake14-2008sept14,1,2777707.story>

Ralph Frerichs, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Sept. 6 New York Times about the use of anthrax on bioterrorism.

*Seeking Details, Lawmakers Cite Anthrax Doubts*

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/07/washington/07anthrax.html?\\_r=1&scp=1&sq=Cas e%20closed%20on%20anthrax?%20&st=cse&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/07/washington/07anthrax.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=Cas e%20closed%20on%20anthrax?%20&st=cse&oref=slogin)

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NEWS

HEALTH CARE REFORM: Miriam Laugesen, assistant professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Oct. 30 on KPCC's AirTalk program in a segment about how best to reform healthcare.

*Healthcare Around the Country and the World*  
<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/>

CHILDREN'S HEALTH: A study from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found a small drop in the number of overweight California children was featured in an Oct. 20 Riverside Press Enterprise story.

*Study Shows Small Reduction in Number of Overweight Children in State*  
[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_report21.3b1df11.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_report21.3b1df11.html)

CHILDREN'S HEALTH: Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that examined the overall health and education status of low-income California children age 5 and younger received widespread coverage including Oct. 21 by KCBS-Channel 2, KCAL-Channel 9, KOCE-Channel 50, KTLA-Channel 5, KFI-640 AM, the Oct. 21 Los Angeles Daily News, Oct. 20 Riverside Press-Enterprise, and the Oct. 22 Ventura County Star and Imperial Valley News.

*Report: California Children's Health is at Risk*  
[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_10771979](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_10771979)

*Grim Health Insurance Picture for Low-income California Kids*  
[http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=3081&Itemid=1](http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3081&Itemid=1)

*Well-being of Local Kids Average, says Report*  
<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2008/oct/22/nxxFCkids23/>

HEALTH CARE: Gerald Kominksi, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of

Public Health, commented Oct. 16 on the presidential candidates' health care platforms on KPCC-89.3 FM's "Patt Morrison Show."

*How are you Feeling? The Campaigns on Health Care*  
<http://www.scpr.org/programs/pattmorrison/>

SMOKING: The Observer (FL) on Oct. 15 featured research by Dr. Zuo-Feng Zhang showing that natural substances called flavonoids found in green tea and certain vegetables protect smokers from lung cancer. Zhang is a professor epidemiology in the School of Public Health and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center.

*Smokers Find Benefit in Teas, Veggies*  
[http://www.nsb-observer.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=299:baran-smokers-find-benefit-in-teas-veggies-&catid=49:columnists&Itemid=47](http://www.nsb-observer.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=299:baran-smokers-find-benefit-in-teas-veggies-&catid=49:columnists&Itemid=47)

DISASTER PLANNING: Dr. Steven Rottman, director of the Center for Public Health and Disasters in the School of Public Health and professor of emergency medicine, was featured in an Oct. 8 Oncology & Biotech News article about educating medical patients about disaster preparation.

*Disaster Planning Is an Important Patient Teaching Function*  
<http://www.obtnlive.com/>

#### BRIEFS

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health showing that fewer than half of California's children ages 2 to 11 eat the recommended daily amount of fruit and vegetable servings was cited in an Oct. 29 MarketWatch.com article.

*New Study Debunks Conventional Wisdom That Kids Hate Eating Veggies*  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/New-Study-Debunks-Conventional-Wisdom/story.aspx?guid=%7B380E9AA4-7D1B-4F72-A6EE-8D4243A63973%7D>

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health finding that businesses are cutting back on healthcare coverage for workers and their families was cited in an Oct. 13 Mercury News article about graduate students seeking health care for their families.

*Elite Students Depend on Public Welfare for Family Medical Care*  
[http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci\\_10705490?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_10705490?nclick_check=1)

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health was cited Oct. 10 in the Riverside Press Enterprise that showed San Bernardino County had the highest retail food index among California's 24 most populated counties.

*Not Easy to Eat Healthy in Riverside County*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_fastfood11.3b0dc9d.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_fastfood11.3b0dc9d.html)

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health was cited Oct. 9 in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat about the number of people without health insurance in Sonoma County.

1 in 5 in Sonoma County Lack Health Insurance

[http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20081009/NEWS/810090338/1350?Title=Lack\\_health\\_insurance\\_You\\_re\\_not\\_alone](http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20081009/NEWS/810090338/1350?Title=Lack_health_insurance_You_re_not_alone)

#### QUOTABLES

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, professor of general internal medicine and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, commented Nov. 5 in a post-election report on the KMEX-Channel 34 news program "Primera Edicion."

Dr. Jorn Olsen, professor and chair of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was cited November 4 by WebMD and Nov. 3 by HealthDay News in articles about research suggesting that women who plan to become pregnant should reduce or end their caffeine consumption.

Study: Quit Caffeine While Pregnant

<http://www.webmd.com/baby/news/20081104/study-quit-caffeine-while-pregnant>

Caffeine in Pregnancy Associated With Low Birth Weight Risk

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/11/03/AR2008110301697.html>

Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities at the School of Public Health and professor of pediatrics, was quoted Nov. 1 in a Ventura County Star article about a nationwide government-funded project designed to assess the effects of environmental and genetic factors on children's health.

1,000 Youths to be Tracked in Health Study

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2008/nov/01/1000-youths-be-tracked-health-study/?partner=RSS>

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#### BRIEFS

Richard Ambrose, professor of environmental health sciences and director of the UCLA Environmental Science and Engineering Program in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Nov. 10 on KCRW's Which Way, LA? about the construction of the Wheeler North Reef off of San Clemente as mitigation for the impacts of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station on natural kelp forests.

*'Green Power,' Jobs, and City Hall Politics*

<http://www.kcrw.com/news/programs/ww>

Debbie Allen, assistant director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Nov. 4 on World Health News, a web-based health program, about a Canadian study finding that the traditional Western diet accounts for more than a third of heart attacks. She also commented Nov. 6 on the program about the impact of eating too quickly.

*Traditional Western Diet Causes a Third of Heart Attacks*

<http://www.whnewstv.com/Episodes.mvc/ViewEpisode/911/2291>

*Can Speed Eating Make You Fat?*

<http://www.whnewstv.com/Episodes.mvc/ViewEpisode/913/2307>

#### QUOTABLES

Arthur Winer, professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, was cited Nov. 13 in a San Francisco Chronicle article about the economic benefits of meeting health standards and improving public health.

*Bad Air Costing State's Economy Billions*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/11/12/MNQP143CPV.DTL>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, commented Nov. 12 in the Los Angeles Times on two studies showing that taking vitamins does not reduce the risk of breast cancer or heart attacks.

*Vitamins Don't Cut Heart Attack and Breast Cancer Risks, Studies Say*  
<http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/asection/la-sci-vitamins12-2008nov12,0,346296.story>

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NEWS

ENVIRONMENT: KPCC-89.3 FM reported Dec. 4 on the Southern California Environmental Report Card issued by UCLA's Institute of the Environment. The report's authors, Beate Ritz, associate professor of epidemiology at the UCLA School of Public Health, and Michelle Wilhelm, assistant professor-in-residence of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, called on air quality regulators to consider a growing body of evidence linking air pollution to premature birth, lower birth weight, birth defects and respiratory diseases in early life.

AGING: An editorial in Nov. 26 Santa Maria Times highlighted research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health showing that the health of California's elderly population is deteriorating, with increasing rates of diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity.

CANCER: Robert Kaplan, professor and chair of the department of health services at the School of Public Health and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was interviewed Nov. 25 on San Francisco's KCBS-740 AM about a recent study suggesting that some breast cancers may disappear without treatment. Kaplan was also quoted in a Nov. 24 New York Times article and a Nov. 25 Canadian Press article. His editorial on the study also was cited Nov. 25 on CTV (Canada) and by HealthDay News and Bloomberg News.

*Mammograms Find Some Harmless Tumors*

[http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20081124/mammogram\\_study\\_081124/20081124?hub=Health](http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20081124/mammogram_study_081124/20081124?hub=Health)

*Some Breast Cancers May Regress on their Own*

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2008/11/25/some-breast-cancers-may-regress-on-their-own.html>

*Breast Cancer May Sometimes Go Away on Own, Study Says*

[http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/health/389281\\_cancer25.html?source=rss](http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/health/389281_cancer25.html?source=rss)

*Mammograms May Lead to Cancer Overdiagnosis*

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20081125.wlcancer25/BNStory/specialScienceandHealth/home>

Dylan Robey, assistant professor of health services at the School of Public Health and research scientist with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted in a Nov. 23 Riverside Press-Enterprise article about California's Major Risk Medical Insurance Program.

*Prognosis Poor for State Medical Risk Insurance Pool*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/rivcounty/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_riskpool24.2f8de9d.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/rivcounty/stories/PE_News_Local_S_riskpool24.2f8de9d.html)

CANCER: The Nov. 20 edition of Maclean's magazine featured a review of "After the Cure: Untold Stories of Breast Cancer Survivors," a book by Emily Abel, professor emeritus of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health, and Saskia Subramanian, a research sociologist with the UCLA Center for Culture and Health and a visiting professor of women's studies, that explores the stories of breast cancer survivors who suffer from post-treatment maladies.

*The angry breast cancer survivors*

<http://blog.macleans.ca/2008/11/20/the-angry-breast-cancer-survivors/>

SENIOR HEALTH: Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented in a Nov. 20 Fresno Bee story and a Nov. 19 Los Angeles Times story about a report he co-authored. He and his colleagues found that older adults were more likely to report cancer, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and the need for help with emotional issues.

*Valley seniors' rate of chronic disease rise*

<http://www.fresnobee.com/local/story/1027776.html>

*Health of California's Seniors is Deteriorating*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-senior-health21-2008nov21,0,6659598,full.story>

PARKINSON'S DISEASE: The Fresno Bee and Ventura County Star reported Nov. 18 on UCLA research linking Parkinson's disease to long-term exposure to agricultural pesticides, particularly among residents of the San Joaquin Valley. The findings were also covered Nov. 17 by KFWB 890AM, Fox-affiliate KTVU (San Francisco), ABC-affiliate KERO (Bakersfield) and NBC-affiliate KGET (Bakersfield). Beate Ritz, associate professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Bee.

*Local: Study Bolsters Link between Parkinson's, Pesticide*

<http://www.fresnobee.com/263/story/1016795.html>

CELL-PHONE USE: NaturalNews.com reported Nov. 14 on research relating the impacts of cell-phone use on children's health. Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was highlighted.

*Three Possible Health Dangers of Long-Term Cell Phone Use*

<http://www.naturalnews.com/024807.html>

CHILDREN'S HEALTH: On Nov. 18, Voice of America reported on the introduction of simple diagnostic tools for nurses in Kenya. Paula Tavrow, adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was interviewed.

*Checklist Helps Nurses in Kenya Identify, Treat Children with HIV*  
<http://www.voanews.com/english/Science/2008-11-12-voa19.cfm>

POLITICS: On Nov. 4, LA Weekly reported on the pros and cons of Proposition 4 (Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy) on the ballot. Paula Tavrow, adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was interviewed.

*ELECTION '08: THE PROS AND CONS OF CALIFORNIA'S BALLOT MEASURES*  
<http://blogs.laweekly.com/ladaily/election-08/election-08-the-pros-and-cons/>

#### QUOTABLES

Susan Cochran, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Nov. 18 Miami Herald article about a court trial to determine if a gay couple can adopt their foster children.

*Experts Clash on Gays' Bids to Adopt Children*  
<http://miamiherald.typepad.com/gaysouthflorida/2008/11/experts-clash-o.html>

Dylan Roby, assistant professor of health services in the School of Public Health and research scientist with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research was quoted November 8 in La Opinion regarding the impact that a proposal to balance the state budget deficit by making cuts to health services while increasing taxes would have on patients who depend on Medi-Cal, in particular low-income families and indigent populations. About 300,000 people would lose their Medi-Cal insurance, while illegal immigrants with fewer than five years in the country would only have access to emergency room and prenatal services.

*Healthcare is still hurting*  
<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/primera-pagina/2008/11/8/sigue-mal-el-sector-salud-91812-3.html>

Dylan Roby, assistant professor of health services in the School of Public Health and research scientist with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research was quoted November 1 on La Opinion, the country's largest Spanish-language daily about the financial situation faced by private hospitals in Southern California and the impact it will have on Medi-Cal patients.

*Situation at hospitals expected to worsen*  
<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/primera-pagina/2008/11/1/preven-empeore-situacion--en-h-90531-1.html>

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NEWS

UROLOGY: The December issue of Urology Times features an interview with Dr. Mark Litwin, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and of urology, about the "Urologic Diseases in America" report that demonstrates the financial impact of urologic diseases on the American public. Edited by Litwin and Dr. Christopher Saigal, associate professor of urology, the collaborative project addresses insurance coverage, access to care, allocation of research dollars and availability of treatments and services.

*'Urologic Diseases' Project Enters Bold Second Phase*

<http://urologytimes.modernmedicine.com/urologytimes/Modern+Medicine+Now/Urologic-Diseases-project-enters-bold-second-phase/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/567565>

TERRORISM: Linda Bourque, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters at the School of Public Health, participated in a panel discussion centered on public readiness for natural disasters and terrorism events. The presentation took place Dec. 15 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC and was broadcast by C-SPAN.

*Public Response to Terrorism in America*

<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/issr/da/earthquake/erthqkstudies2.index.htm>

HEALTH COVERAGE: E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Dec. 15 by the Los Angeles Daily News and Sacramento Bee about a Center report finding that one-fifth of all Californians under age 65 had no health insurance for all or some of 2007. KPCC-89.3 FM, KNX 1070AM, and KFVB 980AM also covered the story Dec. 15.

*Uninsured Ranks Rise in State*

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_11240815](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_11240815)

*Uninsured Rate Declined in '07*

<http://www.sacbee.com/capitolandcalifornia/story/1473898.html>

OBESITY: La Opinión and the (Napa Valley) Times Herald reported Dec. 12 on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health finding that California teenagers from low-income families are almost three times more likely to be obese than their peers from more affluent households. Project director Susan Babey was quoted.

*Vinculan Pobreza y Sobrepeso*

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/la-california/2008/12/12/vinculan-pobreza-y-sobrepeso-98006-1.html>

*Income a Factor in Teen Obesity*

[http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci\\_11204073](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci_11204073)

GLOBAL HEALTH: Neville Kisalu, a doctoral student working at the time with Anne Rimoin, assistant professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Dec. 11 as part of the CNN series "Planet in Peril." The two collaborated on a project in the Democratic Republic of Congo to investigate the incidence of monkey pox virus.

GOVERNMENT: Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, appeared on the KPCC radio (93.3 FM) show "Air Talk with Larry Mantle" on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> discussing President-Elect Obama's proposed appointment of Sen. Tom Daschle as Secretary of Health and Human Services and prospects for health reform under the new administration.

*New Appointments to the Obama Cabinet*

[http://www.publicradio.org/tools/media/player/kpcc/news/shows/airtalk/2008/12/20081211\\_airtalk1?start=00:00:01&end=00:23:14](http://www.publicradio.org/tools/media/player/kpcc/news/shows/airtalk/2008/12/20081211_airtalk1?start=00:00:01&end=00:23:14)

OBESITY: China's Xinhua News Service reported Dec. 11 on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that California teenagers from low-income families are almost three times more likely to be obese than their peers from more affluent households.

*Teen Obesity more Prevalent among Low-Income Families in California*

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-12/11/content\\_10486490.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-12/11/content_10486490.htm)

NUTRITION: WebMD reported Dec. 8 on research by Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, on pomegranate juice's antioxidant properties. He was quoted.

*Pomegranate, the Wellness Fruit*

<http://www.webmd.com/food-recipes/features/pomegranate-wellness-fruit>

POLLUTION: Dr. Beate Ritz, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was featured Dec. 6 in the Los Angeles Daily News and Dec. 10 on the Greenwire News about her research showing that federal smog regulations do not factor how smog affects pregnant women, infants and preschool-age children.

*Report says Air Pollution Harder on Women, Children*

[http://www.dailynews.com/breakingnews/ci\\_11156967](http://www.dailynews.com/breakingnews/ci_11156967)

*Air Pollution: Regulations Failing to Protect Children, Pregnant Women - Study*

<http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/2008/12/10/18/>

#### BRIEFS

Research by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was cited Dec. 1 in a San Francisco Chronicle review of a new book on Latinos in the United States.

*Book review: 'Latino Spin'*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/11/30/DDRH14B2MP.DTL>

#### QUOTABLES

William McCarthy, adjunct associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of psychology, was quoted Dec. 22 in a Los Angeles Times article about the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's regulation of seafood.

*Will FDA relax its warnings on seafood?*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-closer22-2008dec22,0,3013558.story>

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, commented Dec. 16 in the Pasadena Star-News about the shortage of healthcare workers for an aging population. The article also ran Dec. 16 in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

*Aging Population Stressing California's Health Care Network*

[http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/business/ci\\_11247447](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/business/ci_11247447)

Kimberly Shoaf, associate professor in residence of health services and assistant director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Dec. 17 Los Angeles Times about Southern California being a safe place to live with respect to natural disasters.

*Disaster Area? Southern California has it Made in the Shade*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-sci-hazardous17-2008dec17,0,4377172.story>

Thomas Coates, professor in residence of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, director of the UCLA Program in Global Health and an associate director of the UCLA AIDS Institute, was quoted Dec. 8 in a Los Angeles Times article on HIV testing.

*Lowering the Barriers to Mainstream HIV Testing*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/newsletter/la-he-closer8-2008dec08,0,1673087.story>

Dr. Wendy Slusser, adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and assistant professor of pediatrics, was interviewed in a Dec. 10 Sun-Herald (MS) article about buying fitness-themed holiday gifts for children.

*New Gift Trend: Fitness for Kids*

<http://www.sunherald.com/living/story/1008482.html>

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#### NEWS

POLITICS: Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the School of Public Health, was interviewed Jan. 8 on KPCC's Patt Morrison Show regarding the historically changing role of the U.S. surgeon general.

*The Role of the Surgeon General Today*

[http://www.scpr.org/programs/pattmorrison/listings/2009/01/pattmorrison\\_20090105.shtml](http://www.scpr.org/programs/pattmorrison/listings/2009/01/pattmorrison_20090105.shtml)

SAFETY: An article by Richard J. Jackson, chair of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, appeared in UCLA Today on Jan. 9. The article highlighted Jackson's views on enhanced national security.

*What kind of security should we trust?*

<http://www.today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/what-kind-of-security-should-we-78060.aspx>

CANCER: The work of Dr. Patricia Ganz to help survivors deal with the late effects of their cancer treatment was highlighted in the winter issue of CURE Today magazine. She is a professor of health services at the School of Public Health, director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center and director of the UCLA-LiveSTRONG Survivorship Center of Excellence.

*Mapping the Journey*

[http://www.curetoday.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/article.show/id/2/article\\_id/933](http://www.curetoday.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/article.show/id/2/article_id/933)

#### QUOTABLES

Martin Iguchi, professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted Jan. 9 in a CNN.com article about research suggesting that behavior problems during adolescence will more likely evolve into personality disorders later in life.

Misbehaving Teens May Be at Risk for Major Adulthood Problems

<http://us.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/01/09/adolescent.behavior/index.html>

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Jan. 14 on KPFK 90.7FM about a new state law that requires HMOs to provide translation and translated materials to their clients.

Dr. Scott Layne, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, commented in the Jan. 4 Los Angeles Times about the reemergence of Asian bird flu in Hong Kong.

New Bird Flu Cases Revive Fears of Human Pandemic

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-fg-birdflu4-2009jan04,0,41495.story?track=rss>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented Dec. 18 on Discovery Channel's "How Stuff Works" about the nutritional content of beer.

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## News

**FERTILITY:** The research of Dr. Jørn Olsen, chair of the department of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, offering the first evidence that perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) may be linked to female infertility, was reported Jan. 28 and Jan. 29 by the Web sites of many news outlets, including ABC News, Scientific American, WebMD and HealthDay News, as well as Bloomberg News and the BBC. PFCs are widely used in food packaging, pesticides, clothing, upholstery, carpets and personal care products.

*Common Chemicals Linked to Infertility*

<http://www.abcnews.go.com/Health/WomensHealth/Story?id=6753022&page=1>

*Common Chemicals known as PFCs Linked to Infertility in People*

<http://www.sciam.com/blog/60-second-science/post.cfm?id=common-chemicals-known-as-pfcs-link-2009-01-28>

*Common Chemicals May Delay Pregnancy*

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/29/AR2009012901776.html>

## Briefs

A story in the Jan. 25 Los Angeles Times about a decline in pediatric health services in Los Angeles County cited forthcoming research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health on the shortage of hospital beds for pediatric patients in California. Dylan Roby, a senior researcher at the center, was quoted.

*Pediatric Care Shrinks across California*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-pediatric-hospital25-2009jan25.0.5643218.full.story>

## Quotables

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Jan. 27 Modesto Bee about the impact of unemployment on people's ability to maintain healthcare coverage.

*Health Care too Costly for Jobless*

<http://www.modbee.com/business/story/578500.html>

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## News

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH:** Research from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health that shows federal and state legislative districts in Riverside and San Bernardino counties have the highest percentages of uninsured children statewide was reported Feb. 5 by the Palm Springs Desert Sun and Feb. 4 by San Diego Union-Tribune, Glendale News-Press, MSNBC.com, the (Riverside) Press Enterprise and the Contra Costa Times. E. Richard Brown, center director and professor of health services in the School, was quoted.

*State need is highest in local lawmakers' districts*

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20090205/NEWS01/902050302/1006/news01>

*Riverside-Imperial County has high percentage of uninsured children*

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/riverside/20090204-1443-uninsured.html>

*Reps. in push for insurance*

<http://www.glendalenewspress.com/articles/2009/02/05/politics/gnp-uninsured05.txt>

*34,000 Children in SoCal District Uninsured*

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29021282/>

*Number of Uninsured Inland Kids is High*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_uninsured04.193ba7b.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_uninsured04.193ba7b.html)

**LATINO HEALTH:** KMEX-Channel 34, Prensa Latina and La Opinion reported Feb. 2 on research by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, finding that the number of Hispanic voters in the United States will grow by one million in 2024, as children born in 2006 reach voting age.

*Proyectan Voto Latino Para 2024*

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/primera-pagina/2009/2/2/proyectan-voto-latino-para-202-106931-1.html>

*Prevén Incremento Significativo del Voto Hispano Para 2024 en EE.UU.*

<http://www.prensalatina.com.mx/Article.asp?ID=%7BE43B12CA-FF87-42DB-B33F-757F9C32713F%7D&language=ES>

**FERTILITY:** Dr. Jørn Olsen, chair of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, appeared Jan.29 on KABC-Channel 7 about his finding that perfluorinated chemicals, or PFCs, may be linked to infertility in women.

*New Study Links Chemicals to Infertility*

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health&id=6632179>

**RESEARCH:** EmaxHealth reported Jan. 31 and ASPH Friday Letter reported Jan. 30 on a new UCLA PhD

program made possible by a Burroughs Wellcome Fund grant. The BWTF-IDP-MD program, housed at the

School of Public Health and David Geffen School of Medicine, is dedicated to the understanding of metabolic

diseases, including diabetes. Simin Liu, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and

program co-director, was quoted.

*Fighting The Epidemics Of Diabetes*

<http://www.emaxhealth.com/2/23/28978/fighting-epidemics-diabetes.html>

*\$2.5 Burroughs Wellcome Fund Grant Leads to New UCLA PhD Program*

[http://fridayletter.asph.org/article\\_view.cfm?FLE\\_Index=8893&FL\\_Index=1554](http://fridayletter.asph.org/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=8893&FL_Index=1554)

## Quotables

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, was quoted

Feb. 3 in a Los Angeles Times column about ways to prevent weight gain while on vacation.

*Exercise your smarts: Avoid weight gain while on vacation*

<http://travel.latimes.com/articles/la-tr-ultimatehealthy8-2009feb08>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at UCLA School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Feb. 3 in the

Philadelphia Inquirer about the health issues faced by cancer survivors.

*Cancer Centers Pushing Better Survivor Care*

[http://www.philly.com/inquirer/health\\_science/daily/20090203\\_Cancer\\_centers\\_pushing\\_better\\_survivor\\_care.html](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/health_science/daily/20090203_Cancer_centers_pushing_better_survivor_care.html)

Dylan Roby, a senior researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health,

was quoted Feb. 2 in a Redlands Daily Facts article about the growth of community health clinics.

*CHECKING THE HEALTH OF CLINICS: Community clinics fill huge need, but state budget deficit puts*

*them in jeopardy*

[http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/health/ci\\_11605728](http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/health/ci_11605728)

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## News

**HPV VACCINE:** David Grant, director of the California Health Interview Survey, administered by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was featured in a Feb. 18 Los Angeles Times article about Center research that found that more than a quarter of adolescent girls in California had received the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. The story was also covered in news segments on KABC – Ch. 7 and KTTV – Ch. 11.

*Cervical Cancer Vaccine Gains Acceptance in California*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-hpv18-2009feb18,0,2999684.story>

*Cervical Cancer Vaccine Study*

[http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/news/local/Cervical\\_Cancer\\_Vaccine\\_Study20090218](http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/news/local/Cervical_Cancer_Vaccine_Study20090218)

*Study: Girls interested in HPV vaccine*

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your\\_health&id=6665211](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=6665211)

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** Dylan Roby, a senior researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Feb. 13 on San Diego's KPBS-89.3 FM about a San Diego County policy that requires uninsured patients seeking county medical care to sign a contract allowing the county to place a lien on their property.

*Lien Rule Scares Some Away from County Medical Services*

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/local;id=13818>

**INFERTILITY:** A Feb. 9 Los Angeles Times blog reported on a study by researchers at the School of Public

Health that found that perfluorinated chemicals, or PFCs, may be linked to infertility in women. Chunyuan Fei, a UCLA researcher and first author of the study, was quoted.

*Infertility is Linked to Chemicals Found in Cookware, Clothing*  
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/2009/02/infertility-lin.html>

## Briefs

A study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health was cited in stories

Feb. 13 by Science Daily, Feb. 10 by the Chicago NBC-affiliate and Feb. 11 by the San Diego Fox-affiliate

reporting that kids mimic their parents' eating habits.

*Fat Kids? Blame Mom and Dad*

[http://www.nbcchicago.com/health/diet\\_fitness/Fat-Kids-Blame-Mom-and-Dad.html](http://www.nbcchicago.com/health/diet_fitness/Fat-Kids-Blame-Mom-and-Dad.html)

*New Factor in Teen Obesity: Parents*

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/02/090209125824.htm>

## Quotables

Steve Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health

Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted Feb. 13 by the Sacramento Bee about Sacramento

County's decision to prohibit illegal immigrants from receiving care at county health clinics. He also was quoted in

the Feb. 13 Los Angeles Times about elderly immigrants facing economic hardships in the U.S.

*Clinic Access Limits Decried*

<http://www.sacbee.com/273/story/1621927.html>

*Elderly Immigrants find Life in the U.S. a Tough Go*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/politics/cal/la-me-elderly-immigrants12-2009feb12,0,5905186.story>

William McCarthy, adjunct associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted Feb. 11 in the Malibu Times about a potential smoking ban in Malibu's outdoor public areas.

*Council Considers Outdoor Smoking Ban*

<http://www.malibutimes.com/articles/2009/02/11/news/news2.txt>

Frank Sorvillo, associate professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Feb. 9 Los

Angeles Times column questioning how medical procedures are depicted on TV's "Private Practice."

*'Private Practice' Veers into Shaky Territory with Tumor Case*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-unreal9-2009feb09,0,4864689.column>

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## News

**SENIOR HEALTH:** A report by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health showing that more than half a million California seniors who live alone lack sufficient income to meet the basic costs of living was cited Feb. 23 by the San Francisco Chronicle and San Jose Mercury News, and Feb. 24 by the Associated Press, Los Angeles Daily Breeze, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Salinas Californian and Sacramento Bee. Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and associate director of the center, commented in the Press-Telegram and Daily Breeze.

*Ex-Senior Center Manager Understands the Crisis*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/02/23/MNL51635J8.DTL&feed=rss.news>

*Almost Half of California Seniors Struggle to Survive*

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_11768950?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_11768950?nclick_check=1)

*Study: Many Calif. Seniors Can't Make Ends Meet*

<http://www.fresnobee.com/384/story/1220890.html>

**EXERCISE:** Dr. Antronette Yancey, a professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was featured in a Feb. 26 National Public Radio segment on her promotion of moderate exercise two or three times a day for health benefits. Yancey also participated in a live Web chat after the segment.

*Expert: 10-Minute Workouts Can Have Big Payoff*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=101151713>

*Web Chat: Can 10 Minutes Change Your Life?*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=101158420>

**INFERTILITY:** Chunyuan Fei, a researcher at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Feb. 24 Discovery Channel online report on his study finding that perfluorinated chemicals, or PFCs, may be linked to infertility in women.

*Household Chemicals Linked to Infertility*

<http://dsc.discovery.com/news/2009/02/24/chemicals-infertility.html>

**HISTORY:** EGP News, a U.S. chain of bilingual newspapers, published an online series of columns written by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, exploring the history of Mexicans in the Southwest. The first three of four parts ran Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, respectively.

*Southwest's Mexican Roots: The Untold Stories Part I*

<http://egpnews.com/?p=6788>

*Southwest's Mexican Roots: The Untold Stories Part II*

<http://egpnews.com/?p=7032>

*Southwest's Mexican Roots: The Untold Stories, Part III*

<http://egpnews.com/?p=7202>

## Quotables

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Feb. 24 in the Reno Gazette-Journal about Nevada's participation in a national pilot program to provide care to cancer survivors after treatment.

*Nevada Part of Pilot Program to Coordinate Care for Cancer Survivors*

<http://rgj.com/article/20090224/LIV/902240307/1089>

Frederick Zimmerman, a visiting associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted Feb. 25 in a HealthDay News article about a study suggesting that fifth-graders who work the most at jobs like baby-sitting and delivering newspapers may be more prone to behavioral problems.

*Work May Not Be Best for Young Kids*

<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/hscout/2009/02/25/hscout624426.html>

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## News

**HISTORY:** EGP News, a U.S. chain of bilingual newspapers, published on March 5 the final part of a four-part series of columns written by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture. The columns explored the history of Mexicans in the Southwest.

*Southwest's Mexican Roots: The Untold Stories*  
<http://egpnews.com/?p=7489>

**GANG VIOLENCE:** Billie Weiss, associate director for outreach and communications for the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center at the School of Public Health, was profiled March 5 by the Palisadian-Post about her efforts to reduce gang violence in Southern California.

*Her Gang of Anti-Gang Activists*  
[http://www.palisadespost.com/content/index.cfm?Story\\_ID=4698](http://www.palisadespost.com/content/index.cfm?Story_ID=4698)

**CANCER CARE:** Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was interviewed March 1 on KFI 640 AM about a new program to help cancer survivors navigate their medical care. The program, Journey Forward, is a partnership between the cancer center and several other entities.

*Giving Cancer Patients A New Outlook*  
<http://kfiam640.com/cc-common/news/sections/newsarticle.html?feed=153218&article=5083089>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** An editorial in the March 2 Contra Costa Times highlighted research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health showing that more than half a million California

seniors who live alone lack sufficient income to meet basic costs of living. The Desert Dispatch (Barstow, CA.) and Spanish-language EFE news service reported the story on March 1, as did New American Media on Feb.

26. Center associate director Steven P. Wallace was quoted in the Desert Dispatch.

*Editorial: Struggling Seniors Shouldn't Remain Invisible*

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/opinion/ci\\_11802314?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/opinion/ci_11802314?nclick_check=1)

*Single Seniors Feel the Pain of Recession*

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20090225/NEWS01/902250311>

*Barely Getting By: Seniors Struggle to Survive*

[http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=3af9ca570ce37c164bfbf869a057b0c](http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view_article.html?article_id=3af9ca570ce37c164bfbf869a057b0c)

## Quotables

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented March 2 in the Las Vegas

Review Journal about programs for cancer survivors. The programs help survivors navigate their medical care after their treatment ends.

*Institute's Clinic Helps Cancer Patients Deal with Post-treatment Effects*

<http://www.lvrj.com/news/40525857.html>

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## News

FERTILITY: Research by Dr. Jørn Olsen, chair of the department of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, that provides the first evidence that perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) may be associated with infertility in women, was featured in the March issue of the Consumer Reports newsletter GreenerChoices.com.

*Nonstick Chemicals Linked to Infertility*

<http://www.greenerchoices.org/products.cfm?product=nonstickchemicals&pcat=homegarden>

EXERCISE: Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was featured in the March 29 segment of the ESPN program “Outside the Lines” about a 10-minute exercise program called “Instant Recess” that she developed to help combat the growing epidemic of childhood obesity in the U.S.

*Critical Mass Crisis: Child Obesity*

<http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/otl/news/story?id=4015831>

OBESITY: Articles about teen obesity highlighting a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health showing that parents' diets significantly influence teens' eating choices were presented in the Philadelphia Inquirer March 29 and Las Vegas Sun March 26.

*Bad Eating Habits Begin at Home*

[http://www.philly.com/philly/living/CTW\\_health\\_20090330\\_Bad\\_eating\\_habits\\_begin\\_at\\_home.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/living/CTW_health_20090330_Bad_eating_habits_begin_at_home.html)

*Teen Obesity, Use of Surgery as Treatment, Growing*

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2009/mar/26/teen-obesity-use-surgery-treatment-rise/>

*ALCOHOL: March 23 Los Angeles Times highlights research by scientists at the UCLA School of Public Health*

*examining the relationship between increased work hours and alcohol consumption.*

*Addictions rise and fall*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-hew-econaddictions23-2009mar23,0,3512674.story>

SENIORS: Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was featured in a March 19 New American Media article showing that many California seniors who live alone lack sufficient income to meet the basic costs of living.

*Ethnic Elders Find it Harder to Make Ends Meet*

[http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=d2d55d0299fb3115bc2e7d293e9313c0](http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view_article.html?article_id=d2d55d0299fb3115bc2e7d293e9313c0)

PHILANTHROPY: Business entrepreneur and UCLA philanthropist Lynda Resnick was interviewed in a March 15 Los Angeles Times Magazine Q&A about her business career. Resnick was interviewed by Jared Diamond, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health and of geography and physiology.

*Bearing Fruit*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/la-mag-mar052009-resnick,0,7839208,full.story>

CANCER: Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, talks about the Journey Forward cancer survivorship project in the March 10 issue of Oncology Times and on Nurse.com.

*Survivorship Care Plans Continuing, But One Size Does Not Fit All*

<http://www.oncology-times.com/pt/re/oncotimes/pdfhandler.00130989-200903100-00008.pdf;jsessionid=JTycL7GxzLxnsWp6Gg5bhOrfLThSnS9QjhBTszVBz4nqnlCSzJNN!-1694466489!181195629!8091!-1?index=1&database=ppvovft&results=1&count=10&searchid=1&nav=search>

## Quotables

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented on "chemo brain" in a story in the March 24 issue of the NCI Cancer Bulletin.

*Delving into Possible Mechanisms for Chemobrain*

<http://www.cancer.gov/ncicancerbulletin/032409/page8>

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in

the School of Public Health, was quoted March 19 by the Los Angeles Times about a study finding that construction workers are more likely to lack health insurance than workers in other industries.

*State's Construction Workers Top the List of Chronically Uninsured Employees, Study Finds*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-uninsured-study19-2009mar19.0.7627659.story?track=rss>

Paula Tavrow, adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences and director of UCLA's Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health at School of Public Health, was quoted March 18 in an Orange County Register article about an online chat room where Planned Parenthood professionals answer questions about sexual health.

*Fast facts about sex*

[http://headlines.ocregister.com/articles/planned\\_18281\\_article.html/parenthood\\_health.html](http://headlines.ocregister.com/articles/planned_18281_article.html/parenthood_health.html)

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## News

ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH: The Whittier Daily News reported April 10, and KNBC-Channel 4 reported April 9, on a report co-authored by Ninez Ponce, professor of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health, and Paul Ong, UCLA professor of urban planning, social welfare and Asian American studies, that looked at the state of health among California's Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations. The report was commissioned by the California Asian Pacific Islander Joint Legislative Caucus.

*Asian groups suffer from high rates of cancer, other diseases*  
[http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/ci\\_12109723](http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/ci_12109723)

CANCER: TopCancer News.com on April 3 featured a study by Robert Schiestl, a professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, professor of radiation oncology and pathology and a scientist with UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, on a discovery that may lead to a test for predisposition to cancer.

*A New Understanding of Cell Stability*  
<http://www.topcancernews.com/news/2005/a-new-understanding-of-cell-stability.html>

VACCINES: Science Magazine printed a commentary March 20 on the short supply of effective flu vaccines available worldwide. The piece was co-authored by Dr. Scott Layne, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health.

*Pandemic Influenza: An Inconvenient Mutation*

[http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/sci;323/5921/1560?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESU\\_LTFORMAT=&fulltext=scott+layne&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&resourcetype=HWCIT](http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/sci;323/5921/1560?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESU_LTFORMAT=&fulltext=scott+layne&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&resourcetype=HWCIT)

## Quotables

Dylan Roby, a senior researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted April 7 in a Los Angeles Daily Breeze article about the high cost of hospital care.

*Price of Care*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/latestnews/ci\\_12075700](http://www.dailybreeze.com/latestnews/ci_12075700)

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## News

**H1N1 VIRUS:** Alina Dorian, assistant adjunct professor of community health sciences in the School of Public Health, was featured April 30 on the NBC show Extra Lifechangers about how to avoid contracting the H1N1 virus.

*Avoiding the Spread of Swine Flu*

[http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2009/04/avoiding\\_the\\_spread\\_of\\_swine\\_f.php](http://extratv.warnerbros.com/2009/04/avoiding_the_spread_of_swine_f.php)

Robert Kim-Farley, professor-in-residence of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was quoted in an April 28 USA Today article about Internet searches for information on the H1N1 virus, and interviewed April 27 on KCRW 89.9 "Which Way L.A.?" He was also quoted in an April 30 Los Angeles Times article on making sure health information obtained comes from trusted sources.

*People Tap Internet for Swine Flu Info*

[http://www.usatoday.com/tech/webguide/internetlife/2009-04-28-internet\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/webguide/internetlife/2009-04-28-internet_N.htm)

*H1N1 Virus Gone Viral: Swine Flu Updates and Resources Online*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-hew-flu-social-media30-2009apr30,0,2835402.story>

Dr. Scott Layne, professor of epidemiology and environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health and a member at UCLA's California NanoSystems Institute, was quoted April 27 in two New York Times Q&As, April 27 and 30 in two Los Angeles Times articles, and April 28 on KNX 1070 AM about the current H1N1 virus outbreak.

*Readers' Questions: The Swine Flu Outbreak*

<http://consults.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/04/27/readers-questions-the-swine-flu-outbreak/>

*From Travel Restrictions to Face Masks, Experts Address Readers' Questions*

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/28/health/28primer.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/28/health/28primer.html?_r=1)

*Swine Flu's Next Move Impossible to Predict*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-sci-swine-explain27-2009apr27,0,3803534.story>

*Scientists see this Flu Strain as Relatively Mild*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-sci-swine-reality30-2009apr30,0,3606923.story>

Dr. Zuo-Feng Zhang, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was interviewed April 28 by the

Voice of America and April 30 by the China Press USA about the H1N1 virus.

<http://www.voanews.com/chinese/w2009-04-28-voa46.cfm>

[http://www.chinapressusa.com/newscenter/2009-04/30/content\\_211737.htm](http://www.chinapressusa.com/newscenter/2009-04/30/content_211737.htm)

**IMMIGRANT HEALTH:** Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the

UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, responded April 29 to a Los Angeles

Times article regarding "Health cuts for illegal immigrants."

*Unhealthy choice*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/letters/la-le-wednesday29-2009apr29,0,5181052,full.story>

**AIDS:** Dr. Roger Detels, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health and director of the Multicenter

AIDS Cohort Study (MACS) in Los Angeles, was interviewed April 24 for a National Public Radio "All Things

Considered" story about the 25th anniversary of MACS, an ongoing study of gay and bisexual men with HIV.

*AIDS Study Marks 25th Year*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=103469790>

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** The Stockton Record reported April 25<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health

Policy Research at the School of Public Health that assessed the number of Californians without health insurance

in each of the state's congressional and legislative districts. E. Richard Brown, center director and professor at the

School of Public Health, was quoted.

*Uninsured Mountain Looms Over the Valley*

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090425/A\\_NEWS/904250317/-1/A\\_NEWS](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090425/A_NEWS/904250317/-1/A_NEWS)

**SPOTLIGHT:** The March 2009 issue of The Epidemiology Monitor highlighted Billie Weiss, associate director for

outreach and communications at the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center within the School of

Public Health, for her role in promoting the prevention of youth violence. Weiss won a California Peace Prize in

2008 for her efforts.

*Epidemiologist Wins California Peace Prize For Contributions To Youth Violence Prevention*  
<http://www.epimonitor.net/EpidemiologyMonitor/Index.htm>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** An editorial in the April 23 Los Angeles Daily Breeze cited data from a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health that assessed the number of Californians without health insurance in each of the state's legislative districts.

*California needs voice in national health care reform*  
[http://www.dailybreeze.com/opinions/ci\\_12211477](http://www.dailybreeze.com/opinions/ci_12211477)

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE:** Research by Beate Ritz, professor and vice chair of the department of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, showing that years of exposure to a combination of two pesticides increased the risk of Parkinson's disease by 75 percent, received widespread coverage. This included an April 18 report in the Los Angeles Times health blog, which was also picked up by Newsday (Long Island) and the April 23 Miami Herald; an April 20 report in the Chicago Tribune, and an April 19 Associated Press report. The study was also featured in television news reports April 19 on WCBS (New York), April 21 on WDYK (Kansas City) and KBFX (Bakersfield), and April 22 on WTIC (New Haven), and WUPW (Toledo).

*Parkinson's Partially Linked to Pesticides*  
[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2009/04/parkinsons-partially-linked-to-pesticides.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/04/parkinsons-partially-linked-to-pesticides.html)

*Pesticides Linked to Parkinson's, UCLA Researchers Find*  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/health/chi-parkinsonsapr20,0,594513.story>

*Study Links Parkinson's to Pesticide Exposure*  
<http://dailymail.com/News/NationandWorld/200904190319>

**SPOTLIGHT:** The April 15 Stockton Record featured a profile of David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, highlighting his four decades of work on Latino health care issues. Hayes-Bautista was quoted.

*Latino Perceptions Turned Upside Down*  
[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090415/A\\_NEWS/904150324/-1/A\\_COMM01](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090415/A_NEWS/904150324/-1/A_COMM01)

## Quotables

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted April 27 in a Los Angeles Times story about counties throughout the state cutting health services for illegal immigrants.

*California Counties Cut Healthcare to Illegal Immigrants*  
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-immighealth27-2009apr27,0,3560878.story?page=1>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted Thursday in a Philadelphia Inquirer article about helping cancer survivors navigate their post-treatment lives.

*You've survived cancer. Now what?*

[http://www.philly.com/philly/health\\_and\\_science/cancer/20090423\\_You\\_ve\\_survived\\_cancer\\_Now\\_wh\\_at\\_.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/health_and_science/cancer/20090423_You_ve_survived_cancer_Now_wh_at_.html)

Kimberley Shoaf, associate professor-in-residence and assistant director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters at the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted Thursday in a Miami Herald article about a meningitis outbreak in South Florida.

*South Florida meningitis outbreak baffles health experts*

<http://www.miamiherald.com/457/story/1015117.html>

Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the April 22 New America Media website about a report on elderly immigrants in the U.S.

*Report Challenges Negative Image of Immigrant Elders*

[http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=9bd5f6a7262ca14531720606dc5c80b0](http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view_article.html?article_id=9bd5f6a7262ca14531720606dc5c80b0)

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## News

**POLITICS:** On May 8, the Los Angeles Times featured an op-ed co-authored by Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities at the School of Public Health, and of pediatrics and public policy, about Proposition 1D, a measure on California's May 19 ballot.

*Prop. 1D isn't worth it*

[http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-halfon\\_fuller8-2009may08,0,3389706.story?track=rss](http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-halfon_fuller8-2009may08,0,3389706.story?track=rss)

**H1N1 VIRUS:** National and local news media continued to utilize UCLA medical and public health experts to explain developments in H1N1.

Dr. Scott Layne, a professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, published a May 8 piece on the Huffington Post website warning that the new H1N1 Swine flu remains a real, unpredictable and worldwide threat. Layne was also quoted in a May 4 Barrons.com article about the potential dangers of the H1N1 virus.

*Swine Flu: Remain Vigilant!*

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/scott-p-layne/swine-flu-remain-vigilant\\_b\\_198273.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/scott-p-layne/swine-flu-remain-vigilant_b_198273.html)

*Sizing Up the Swine Flu*

<http://online.barrons.com/article/SB124121864203378903.html>

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted May 4 in a Notimex wire story about the H1N1 swine influenza and health services for undocumented immigrants.

*California Podría Suspender Medida Antinmigrante por Influenza*

<http://www.diariosandiego.com/bin/articulos.cgi?ID=71973>

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/health/bal-te.md.fall06may06,0,4239104.story>

Dr. Robert Kim-Farley, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted April 30 in the Los Angeles Times about gathering information online about the flu; May 1 in the Times and Wall Street Journal about the virus; and May 4 in Newsweek about the dangers of an influenza pandemic.

*In California, Cases Suggest Border Origin*

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124113696409275445.html>

*Hyping Swine Flu isn't Really Healthy*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-et-onthemedial-2009may01,0,3878187.column>

*H1N1 Virus Gone Viral: Swine Flu Updates and Resources Online*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-hew-flu-social-media30-2009apr30,0,2835402.story>

*The Next Pandemic*

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/195864>

Shira Shafir, assistant professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and program coordinator for the Global Health Training Program, commented May 2 in the Whittier Daily News about H1N1 swine influenza.

*Officials Watching Swine Flu Virus Closely*

[http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/ci\\_12282470](http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/ci_12282470)

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** On May 4, Warren Olney's "Which Way, L.A.?" on KCRW-89.9FM tackled the subject of rising healthcare costs in America. Guests included Robert Kaplan, Fred and Pamela Wasserman Distinguished Professor and chair of health services in the School of Public Health.

*Why is L.A. Healthcare More Costly than San Diego's?*

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=106711&key=rWzI8IOmU5vOMul1KDam4XVXwo9ZkLCe&email=RMoster@mednet.ucla.edu>

**CINCO DE MAYO:** The Spanish-language newswire EFE reported May 4 on research by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, on the origin of Cinco de Mayo celebrations. He was also quoted May 5 in a story by South Florida's CBS affiliate and April 30 in the bilingual newspaper chain EGPNews.com about the celebrations.

*Expertos Afirman que Celebración del Cinco de Mayo se Inició en California*

<http://www.alianzanews.com/noticiafull.asp?id=685>

*Cinco de Mayo Marks Victory over French*

<http://cbs4.com/local/Cinco.De.Mayo.2.1001585.html>

*Cinco de Mayo: The Real Story*

<http://egpnews.com/?p=9337>

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** An editorial in the April 30 Stockton Record highlighted findings from a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health that assessed the number of Californians without health insurance in each of the state's congressional and legislative districts.

*System Needs a Cure*

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090430/A\\_OPINION01/904300309/-1/A\\_OPINION](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090430/A_OPINION01/904300309/-1/A_OPINION)

**SPOTLIGHT:** On May 2, the Stockton Record featured a profile of Jared Diamond, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Guns, Germs and Steel." Diamond, UCLA professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health and geography, was in Stockton, Calif. for the opening of the Biological Sciences Center at the University of the Pacific.

*Author has Pulitzer and popularity*

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090502/A\\_NEWS/905020332/-1/A\\_NEWS](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090502/A_NEWS/905020332/-1/A_NEWS)

## Quotables

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted May 8 in an ABC News article about unusual births.

*Boats, Lawns, and Worse: Seven Extreme Birth Stories*

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/ReproductiveHealth/story?id=7532440&page=1>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented May 4 in the Chicago Tribune about how to avoid weight gain while on vacation.

*Exercise Your Smarts: Avoid Weight Gain While on Vacation*

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/health/fitness/sns-health-exercise-on-vacation,0,4776591.story>

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*Students Rethink Plans for Traveling in Swine Flu's Wake*

<http://www.freep.com/article/20090510/NEWS05/905100493/1007/NEWS/Students+rethink+plans+for+travelling+in+swine+flu+s+wake>

*Young Boost Diversity as Population Ages*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/05/14/MNCT17K1F4.DTL&tsp=1>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, was quoted May 13 in an MSNBC article about the relation between brain chemistry and the motivation to exercise and eat healthy.

*Blow Your Diet? Blame Your Brain*

<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/30702871/>

Dr. Scott Layne, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was quoted in a May 12 New Scientist article about the H1N1 swine influenza.

*Swine flu: Can Science Save us from the Second Wave?*

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg20227073.500-swine-flu-can-science-save-us-from-the-second-wave.html?DCMP=OTC-rss&nsref=online-news>

Roberta Wyn, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented May 10 in HealthDay News about a report suggesting that women have more difficulty paying for health care than men.

*Most Women Struggle with Rising Health Care Costs*

<http://health.yahoo.com/news/healthday/mostwomenstrugglewithrisinghealthcarecosts.html>

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## News

**ORAL HEALTH:** The Stockton Record reported June 3, the Los Angeles Times reported June 1, and San Diego's KPBS.com reported May 28, on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health showing that certain areas of California suffer from a shortage of licensed dentists. Nadereh Pourat, adjunct assistant professor of health services at the School, director of research planning at the center and the report's primary author, was quoted in the coverage.

*For many in Valley, shortage of dentists takes bite out of health*

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090603/A\\_NEWS/906030318/-1/A\\_LIFE04](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090603/A_NEWS/906030318/-1/A_LIFE04)

*In some California counties, finding a dentist is like pulling teeth*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-dentists29-2009may29,0,6945696.story>

*Shortage of Dentists in Many Parts of California*

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2009/may/28/shortage-dentists-many-parts-california/>

**HEALTH CARE:** A study by Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, about the large number of Californians who cross the border to Mexico because they cannot afford rising U.S. healthcare costs, was covered May 27 in the Sacramento Bee, San Diego Union and Los Angeles Times health blog.

*Health Costs Send Many to Mexico, Study Finds*

<http://www.sacbee.com/topstories/story/1894013.html>

*Heading to Mexico for Healthcare*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2009/05/heading-to-mexico-for-healthcare-.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/05/heading-to-mexico-for-healthcare-.html)

## Quotables

Dr. Richard Jackson, professor and chair of environmental health sciences at the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted in the May 17 Chicago Sun-Times about how neighborhood layout can contribute to health problems like high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

*How Healthy is Your 'Hood?*

[http://searchchicago.suntimes.com/homes/news/1576154,HOS-News-healthy\\_communities17.article](http://searchchicago.suntimes.com/homes/news/1576154,HOS-News-healthy_communities17.article)

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## News

**POLLUTION:** KCBS-Channel 2 reported June 12, KTTV-Channel 11 and the Santa Monica Daily Press reported June 11, and the Los Angeles Daily Breeze reported June 10 on a study led by Arthur Winer, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, that found harmful air pollutants from Interstate 10 in Santa Monica as far as 1.5 miles downwind, some 10 times further than previously measured.

*Choke On This: UCLA Pollution Study Released*

<http://cbs2.com/health/LA.air.pollution.2.1041363.html>

*Study Claims L.A. Pollution Worst in Morning*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_12563226](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_12563226)

*Pollution Linger Near I10 Freeway*

[http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2009-06-10-59982.113116\\_Pollution\\_lingers\\_near\\_I10\\_Freeway.html#print](http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2009-06-10-59982.113116_Pollution_lingers_near_I10_Freeway.html#print)

**LATINO HEALTH:** The June 8 Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education profiled David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture. Hayes-Bautista was quoted.

*UCLA: A Top-notch Medical School with Heart*

[www.uclahealth.org/workfiles/documents/media/Hispanic-Outlook-in-Higher-Ed-6-09.pdf](http://www.uclahealth.org/workfiles/documents/media/Hispanic-Outlook-in-Higher-Ed-6-09.pdf)

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH:** WebMD reported May 5 on a study by the California Center for Population Research, which is affiliated with the School of Public Health. The research found that children from homes where parents bicker frequently were more likely to binge drink, smoke and perform poorly in school than children from low-conflict families.

*Bad Marriages Take a Toll on Kids*

<http://www.webmd.com/parenting/news/20090605/bad-marriages-take-a-toll-on-kids>

## Quotables

Paula Tavrow, an adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences at the UCLA School of Public Health and director of UCLA's Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health, was quoted June 12 in a Los Angeles Times article about recent diagnoses of HIV infection among adult film actors.

*More porn HIV cases disclosed*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-porn-hiv12-2009jun12,0,3569962.story>

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted June 9 in Modern Medicine about new guidelines on gestational weight gain from the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council.

*Obesity Considered in New Gestational Weight Gain Guidelines*

<http://www.modernmedicine.com/modernmedicine/Modern+Medicine+Conference+News/ADA-2009-Obesity-considered-in-new-gestational-wei/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/602241?contextCategoryId=40137>

Thomas Rice, vice chancellor for academic personnel and professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 5 in HealthDay News about senior citizens who find it difficult to select an appropriate Medicare drug-coverage plan.

*Data Overload May Complicate Insurance Choices*

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/06/05/data-overload-may-complicate-insurance-choices.html>

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## News

**SENIOR HEALTH:** San Diego's KPBS.com and the Glendale News Press reported June 18 on research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health that found that the annual cost of long-term in-home health care exceeds the median income of many California seniors living alone. Lead study author Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences at the school and associate director of the center, was quoted.

*Long Term Care Unaffordable for Many California Seniors*

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2009/jun/18/long-term-care-unaffordable-many-california-senior/>

*Seniors search for affordable housing*

<http://www.glendalenewspress.com/articles/2009/06/19/politics/gnp-shared19.txt>

**POLLUTION:** Southern California Public Radio reported June 15 on a study led by Arthur Winer, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, that found that harmful air pollutants from Interstate 10 in Santa Monica can be found as far as 1.5 miles downwind, some 10 times further than previously measured.

*Southland Researchers Measure Air Pollution Further from Freeway*

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2009/06/15/southland-researchers-measure-air-pollution-even-f/>

**HIV:** Dr. Jonathan Fielding, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and Los Angeles County's director of public health, and Paula Tavrow, an assistant professor at the School of Public Health, were featured in a June 16 New Scientist article about the latest outbreak of HIV in the porn industry.

*Sexual Diseases 'Rampant' in Californian Porn Industry*

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn17317-sexual-diseases-rampant-in-californian-porn-industry.html>

## Quotables

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted June 18 in a Fontana Herald News article about a health fair in San Bernardino County and the percentage of children in the county who lack health insurance.

*Thousands attend Health and Safety Fair in Fontana*

<http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/articles/2009/06/18/news/doc4a3a64195703e672904825.txt>

May Wang, associate professor-in-residence of community health sciences, and Gilbert Gee, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, were quoted in a June 17 Asian Journal article about rising rates of childhood obesity in the Asian American community, particularly among Filipino Americans.

*Obesity: A Growing Problem Among Fil-Ams*

<http://www.asianjournal.com/datetime-usa/15-datetime-usa/2095-obesity-a-growing-problem-among-fil-ams.html>

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*Hospitals to help pay for health care overhaul*

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2009/07/08/hospitals-to-help-pay-for-health-care-overhaul/>

**LATINO HEALTH:** David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted July 7 in a Hispanic Business article about Hispanics in the United States living longer than blacks and whites despite their disproportionate rates of type 2 diabetes, obesity, poverty and lack of access to quality health and insurance coverage.

*The Hispanic Paradox: U.S. Hispanics Live Longer, Despite Socio-Economic Hurdles*

[http://www.hispanicbusiness.com/editors\\_picks/2009/7/7/the\\_hispanic\\_paradox\\_us\\_hispanics\\_live.htm#](http://www.hispanicbusiness.com/editors_picks/2009/7/7/the_hispanic_paradox_us_hispanics_live.htm#)

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<http://www.examiner.com/x-9482-Charlotte-Public-Education-Examiner~y2009m7d6-Bye-bye-to-Once-upon-a-time-New-study-shows-talking-is-better-for-your-kids-than-bedtime-stories>

*Why a Bedtime Natter is Better than a Fairytale*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1196668/Why-bedtime-natter-better-fairytale.html>

*Reading Bedtime Stories to Children Less Effective than Conversation*

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/howaboutthat/5706629/Reading-bedtime-stories-to-children-less-effective-than-conversation.html>

*Talk with Kids, Not at Them*

<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/hscout/2009/06/29/hscout628512.html>

*Conversing helps kids better develop language skills than reading*

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/139/20090630/1662/ttc-conversing-helps-kids-better-develop.html>

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<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2009/06/23/president-obamas-press-conference-on-iran-and-heal/>

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William McCarthy, adjunct associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of psychology, was quoted July 1 in the Malibu Times about a ban on smoking in Malibu's outdoor public areas.

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<http://www.malibutimes.com/articles/2009/06/24/news/news2.txt>

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## News

**IMMIGRANT HEALTH:** Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted July 16 by La Opinión about a report he co-authored suggesting that undocumented Mexican parents in the U.S. are more likely to report concerns about their children's development than Latino and white parents who are documented or who are U.S. citizens.

*La Ansiedad en Los Niños*

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/primer-pagina/2009/7/14/la-ansiedad-en-los-ninos-135237-1.html>

## Quotables

Gerald Kominski, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was quoted July 15 by NBCLosAngeles.com and the Daily Breeze about healthcare costs for hourly employees.

*LA Council Committee Approves Living Wage Hike for Airport Workers*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_12845546](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_12845546)

*Committee Votes to Increase Living Wage to \$14.25*

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Committee-Votes-to-Increase-Living-Wage-to-1425-.html>

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the School of Public Health, was quoted July 14 by the Los Angeles Times about President Obama's choice of family physician Dr. Regina Benjamin to be the nation's surgeon general.

*Obama's Surgeon General Pick Started Rural Alabama Clinic*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-surgeon-general14-2009jul14,0,179458.story>

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted July 13 on a McClatchy newspaper website about problems associated with lowering healthcare costs.

*Liberals Brace for Fight over Scope of Health Legislation*  
<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/economy/story/71739.html>

Vickie Mays, professor of health services at School of Public Health, UCLA psychologist and director of the UCLA Center for Research, Education, Training and Strategic Communication on Minority Health Disparities, was quoted July 11 in a Los Angeles Times column about addiction to prescription drugs.

*Could you be an addict?*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-banks11-2009jul11,0,7713585.column>

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## Briefs

A policy brief by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health was highlighted in the July 19 Palm Springs Desert Sun. The study found that more than half a million California seniors who live alone lack sufficient income to meet the basic costs of living.

*Many Seniors just can't Afford the Necessities*

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20090718/COLUMNS26/907170370/1048/OPINION02/Many+seniors+just+can+t+afford+the+necessities>

## Quotables

Dr. Anne Coleman, professor in residence of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and the Frances and Ray Stark Professor of Ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, commented July 22 in a San Jose Mercury News story about an investigation into treatment irregularities at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs optometry department.

*VA Says Glaucoma Patients at Palo Alto Facility Suffered Severe Vision Loss due to Mistreatment*

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_12889226?source=rss\\_email&nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_12889226?source=rss_email&nclick_check=1)

E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 23 in a Ventura County Star article about efforts in Congress to overhaul the nation's health care system.

*Remedy for curing nation's healthcare woes debated*

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2009/jul/23/no-headline---nxxfhealthcare23/>

Thomas Rice, UCLA vice chancellor for academic personnel and professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 22 in a HealthDay News article about the Medicare drug benefit.

*Medicare Drug Plan Still Needs Work*

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/07/22/medicare-drug-plan-still-needs-work.html>

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## News

**SPOTLIGHT:** The June issue of Southern California Physician magazine ran an article about Dr. Wendy Slusser, adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and assistant professor of pediatrics, who received a grant from the Anthem/Blue Cross Foundation to launch the Fit for Residents program. The project aims to transform the future primary-care workforce into more effective practitioners in the prevention and management of pediatric obesity and, in turn, reducing type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

## Briefs

A rehabilitation program for breast-cancer survivors experiencing memory problems was cited July 27 by the Daily Breeze. The study is led by Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

*Cancer Clinic Seeks Breast Cancer Patients for New Study*  
[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_12914799](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_12914799)

## Quotables

Dr. Mark Litwin, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and of urology, commented July 22 in the San Francisco Chronicle about the death of a teenage boy due to an erectile dysfunction drug and drinking alcohol.

*Erectile Drug Mystery in Teen's Death at Party*  
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/07/23/MN1218S35E.DTL>

Gerald Kominski, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and professor of health services in the School of Public Health, appeared on KPCC's Air Talk with Larry Mantle on July 23rd to answer questions concerning President Obama's July 22nd press conference on health care reform.

*President Obama's press conference on healthcare reform*

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2009/07/23/>

Gerald Kominski, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was interviewed on NBC's Today in LA: Weekend Edition on July 11th, 18th, and 25th regarding various aspects of the national health care reform legislation currently being developed in the House and Senate.

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## News

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE:** Research by Beate Ritz, professor and vice chair of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was featured in a August 5 Los Angeles Times article about her finding that rural residents who drink from private wells are up to twice as likely to develop Parkinson's disease caused by pesticides in the water.

*Pesticides in Well Water Linked to Parkinson's Disease*

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/2009/08/pesticides-parkinsons-disease-well-water-contamination.html>

**DIABETES:** Dr. Simin Liu, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was featured in an August 5 HealthDay News article showing that a protein that carries and activates sex hormones in the body may also serve as a biomarker for type 2 diabetes.

*Sex hormone protein may predict type 2 diabetes*

[http://www.kcba.com/Global/story.asp?S=10858074&nav=menu1593\\_10\\_3](http://www.kcba.com/Global/story.asp?S=10858074&nav=menu1593_10_3)

**SENIOR HEALTH:** Research by the School of Public Health and the School of Medicine was highlighted in the August 1 issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology. The study found that for seniors age 70 and over, demographics and socioeconomic status do not play a major role in cognitive decline.

*Study finds no link between cognitive decline, socioeconomic status in elderly*

<http://www.scienceblog.com/cms/study-finds-no-link-between-cognitive-decline-socioeconomic-status-elderly-23855.html>

**CANCER:** Research conducted by Roshan Bastani, professor of health services and associate dean for research at the School of Public Health, and Beth Glenn, adjunct assistant professor of health services at the School of Public Health was featured July 30 in India West. The study found that South Asian Americans have a very low screening rate for the top cancers that are disproportionately affecting them. The data was presented by Neetu Chawla, doctoral candidate at the School of Public Health, on July 25 at the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

*South Asians Not Screening for Cancer: UCLA Study*  
<http://www.indiawest.com/readmore.aspx?id=1360&sid=1>

## Quotables

Dr. Robert Kim-Farley, professor-in-residence of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was cited August 7 in a CNN.com article about how U.S. schools are dealing with the threat of H1N1 swine flu.

*In time of swine flu, add sanitizer, tissues to school supply lists*  
<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/08/07/swine.flu.h1n1.schools/>

Jack Needleman, associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was cited August 7 in a Bloomberg article about how reform of the nation's health care system may affect drug sales.

*CVS Sees Higher Sales From Coverage for Uninsured*  
[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=aDbZw\\_0zQtWQ](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=aDbZw_0zQtWQ)

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted August 6 in a Riverside Press-Enterprise article about a major increase in the number of patients eligible for Riverside County's medically indigent services program.

*Riverside County medical program for low-income sees surge in demand as funds fall*  
[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_medicalpoor07.406ef7b.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_medicalpoor07.406ef7b.html)

Dr. Scott Layne, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in an August 6 Associated Press article about a proposed disease-monitoring system that would allow for the surveillance of millions of animals, and ultimately humans.

*Los Alamos Lab Works to Quicken Disease Monitoring*  
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2009/08/05/state/n102948D95.DTL&type=science>

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the School of Public Health, was quoted August 5 in a Los Angeles Times article about the effectiveness of a pneumonia vaccine in preventing deaths related to the H1N1 swine flu.

*Pneumonia Vaccine May Help Limit Swine Flu Deaths*  
<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-sci-pneumonia4-2009aug04,0,6872284.story>

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented August 3 in Kaiser Health News and August 1 in the Wall Street Journal about how state budget cuts will increase the number of California children without health insurance.

*Calif. Health Cuts Could Signify Challenges of National Reform*  
<http://www.californiahealthline.org/Articles/2009/8/3/Calif-Health-Cuts-Could-Signify-Challenges-of-National-Reform.aspx>

*Number of Uninsured California Kids May Double*  
<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2009/August/03/States-Mon.aspx>  
*California Deal Leaves More Kids Uninsured*  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124908432150997919.html>

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## News

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Asian News International, Britain's Pink News and BioMed Central reported August 14 on a study by School of Public Health researchers that found that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are twice as likely as heterosexual men and women to seek help from mental health professionals. Study co-author Susan Cochran, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, is quoted in the coverage.

*Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals Prone to Mental Health Issues*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health/Lesbians-gays-bisexuals-prone-to-mental-health-issues/articleshow/4893374.cms>

*Gay men and lesbians more likely to seek treatment for mental health and substance abuse*

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/news/articles/2005-13680.html>

*It's not easy being gay*

<http://www.sciencecentric.com/news/article.php?q=09081409-it-not-easy-being-gay>

**IMMIGRANT HEALTH:** New America Media featured August 14 an op-ed by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, about the potential impact of health care reforms on immigrants.

*Healthcare for All? It Depends on Your Visa*

[http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=d1bac198c92a8769da538fcede7f343e](http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=d1bac198c92a8769da538fcede7f343e)

**HEALTHCARE:** A study conducted by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health was featured August 13 in Reuters. The study found that a very high number of Americans travel to Mexico for healthcare to cut the costs of medical coverage.

*As U.S. health row rages, many seek care in Mexico*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE57C40C20090813>

**SPOTLIGHT:** An article in the August issue of Marie Claire magazine about women with dangerous jobs profiles Anne Rimoin, assistant professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, highlighting her research on emerging infectious diseases in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

*Danger Junkies*

<http://www.marieclaire.com/career-money/jobs/articles/dangerous-jobs-5>

**SPOTLIGHT:** Britain's Financial Times on August 8 featured an in-depth profile of Jared Diamond, professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health and geography, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Diamond was quoted.

*Lunch with the FT: Jared Diamond*

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/144fa854-82e2-11de-ab4a-00144feabdc0.html>

## Quotables

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, commented August 6 in The Press Enterprise about Riverside County's attempt to balance state and federal funding cuts with an increasing number of indigent patients.

*Riverside County medical program for low-income sees surge in demand as funds fall*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_medicalpoor07.406ef7b.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_medicalpoor07.406ef7b.html)

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## News

**HEALTH REFORM:** Gerald F. Kominski, professor in the department of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, appeared Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in a story on NBC Nightly News regarding whether undocumented immigrants are covered under proposals for health reform.

*Health Reform Leaves Immigrants Uncovered*

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/32514030#32514030>

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, appeared Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> on KPCC's Air Talk to discuss the public health option in the health reform debate.

*Health care fight continues: Dems retreat?*

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2009/08/17/health-care-fight-continues-dem-retreat/>

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** Gerald F. Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, appeared on the NBC local news program, Sunday LA, on August 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss current issues in the national health reform and to address whether there is a factual basis for some of the criticisms being raised at town hall meetings against reform.

**MENTAL HEALTH:** The Los Angeles Times' health blog reported Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, United Press International reported Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, and BioMed Central and Live Science reported Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, on a School of Public Health study finding that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are twice as likely as heterosexuals to seek help from mental health professionals. Susan Cochran, professor of epidemiology, was quoted.

*Mental Health? Gays and Lesbians Appear More Likely to Try for It*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2009/08/gays-lesbians-bisexual-mental-health-.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/08/gays-lesbians-bisexual-mental-health-.html)

*Gays and Lesbians often Seek Health Care*

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2009/08/13/Gays-and-lesbians-often-seek-health-care/UPI-11941250204400/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2009/08/13/Gays-and-lesbians-often-seek-health-care/UPI-11941250204400/)

*Gays and Lesbians More Prone to Needing Mental Health Treatment*

<http://www.dbtechno.com/health/2009/08/15/gays-and-lesbians-more-prone-to-needing-mental-health-treatment/>

**LIVING WAGE:** E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, and Gerald F. Kominski, professor of health services and the center's associate director, were the co-authors of an August 15<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles Times op-ed piece about the need for a living wage tied to health benefits for contract employees at Los Angeles International Airport.

*L.A. Needs a Real Living Wage Ordinance*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-brown15-2009aug15,0,1503861.story>

## Quotables

Dr. Richard Jackson, professor and chair of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> in an Oregonian article about a national conference that examined ways to encourage more kids to walk and bike to school.

*Safe Routes to School conference looks to get kids out of parents' cars*

[http://blog.oregonlive.com/commuting/2009/08/safe\\_routes\\_to\\_school\\_conferen.html](http://blog.oregonlive.com/commuting/2009/08/safe_routes_to_school_conferen.html)

Susan Bowerman, assistant director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> in a Kansas City Star article about the growing popularity of raw foods.

*Growing number of Kansas Citians taking to raw food diet*

<http://www.kansascity.com/238/story/1389004.html>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, commented Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> in the New York Times about the 30th anniversary of the publication of "The House of God," a novel detailing the experiences of a medical intern. He also commented Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Los Angeles Times about addressing chronic inflammation through diet.

*A Book Doctors Can't Close*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/18/health/18house.html>

*Battling Inflammation through Food*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-anti-inflammation17-2009aug17,0,3196484.story>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Sacramento Bee about healthcare disparities in the Sacramento area and Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> in Redding news about the discrepancy of uninsured in California's Shasta County.

*Placer, Yolo Counties' Diverse Populations Illustrate Health Care Disparities*

<http://www.sacbee.com/ourregion/story/2114512.html?storylink=pd>

*Before we cover uninsured, can we count them?*

<http://www.redding.com/news/2009/aug/16/before-we-cover-uninsured-can-we-count-them/>

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## News

HEALTH INSURANCE: Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was interviewed on KCBS radio, San Francisco, on September 9<sup>th</sup> regarding a bill recently passed by the California legislature to restrict the ability of health insurers to cancel policies of members who incur high costs by retroactively determining that their application for coverage excluded relevant health information about pre-existing conditions.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health showing that two-thirds of the 2.2 million California adults with medical debt incurred their debt while insured was covered Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> in the Riverside Press-Enterprise, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> in the Sacramento Bee; Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> in the San Francisco Chronicle, KPBS 89.5 FM (San Diego), the New York Times blog, HCPro and Merced Sun-Star; Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the San Diego Union-Tribune; Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> in the Chattanooga Times Free Press; and Sept 7<sup>th</sup> in the Los Angeles Times. Quotes from E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the center, and Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the center, were included in the coverage.

*Medical debt to those with insurance said increasing*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/healthcare/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_debt31.34a4704.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/healthcare/stories/PE_News_Local_S_debt31.34a4704.html)

2.2 million Californians have medical debts

<http://www.sacbee.com/static/weblogs/capitolalert/latest/025065.html>

*Many San Diegans Saddled With Medical Debt*

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2009/aug/31/many-san-diegans-saddled-medical-debt/>

*1 in 7 Californians Have Medical Debt, Study Finds*

<http://prescriptions.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/08/31/ucla-study-finds-1-in-7-californians-have-medical-debt/?scp=1&sq=shana%20alex%20lavarreda&st=cse>

*Medical Debt Hits Millions in State, Even the Insured*

<http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/sep/03/medical-debt-hits-millions-state-even-insured/?health&zIndex=159857>

*Health Coverage Does Not Protect Against Incurring Medical Debt*

[http://healthplans.hcpro.com/content/238241/page/2/topic/WS\\_HLM2\\_HEP/Health-Coverage-Does-Not-Protect-Against-Incurring-Medical-Debt.html](http://healthplans.hcpro.com/content/238241/page/2/topic/WS_HLM2_HEP/Health-Coverage-Does-Not-Protect-Against-Incurring-Medical-Debt.html)

*Having Health Insurance isn't a Guarantee that All Your Medical Bills will be Covered*

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/167/story/1032169.html>

*Healthcare ideas losing out to ideology*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/healthcare/la-fi-hiltzik7-2009sep07,0,2543387.column>

*Mr. Obama's reform speech*

<http://tfponline.com/news/2009/sep/06/9-6-t1-mr-obamas-reform-speech/>

HEALTH CARE REFORM: Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, taped a one-hour program for television station KGEM on August 25<sup>th</sup> where he discussed the need for health reform in the U.S.

*Economic Solutions: Episode 4*

[http://www.community4change.org/sgv/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=175:economic-solutions-episode-3&catid=39:econaction&Itemid=61](http://www.community4change.org/sgv/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=175:economic-solutions-episode-3&catid=39:econaction&Itemid=61)

## Quotables

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> in a Sacramento Bee article and Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> in a San Jose Mercury News article about undocumented immigrants and the debate over health care reform.

*Angry shouts thrusts illegal immigrants into debate*

<http://www.sacbee.com/topstories/story/2175055.html>

*Controversy over Obama speech underscores cost of health care for illegal immigrants*

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_13311560?IADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com&nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_13311560?IADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com&nclick_check=1)

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Los Angeles Daily News September 11<sup>th</sup> regarding reaction to the President's address to Congress on health care reform.

*Valley officials weigh in on Obama health-care speech*

[http://www.dailynews.com/search/ci\\_13312989?IADID=Search-www.dailynews.com-www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com/search/ci_13312989?IADID=Search-www.dailynews.com-www.dailynews.com)

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> MarketWatch.com article about healthcare reform. He was also quoted in a Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> MSNBC.com and Washington Post.com article about Rescission — the technical term for insurance companies who cancel coverage on grounds that the company was misled.

*Health Reform Effort Heads into Crunch Time*

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/health-reform-efforts-hit-crunch-time-2009-09-04>

*When Your Insurer Says You're No Longer Covered*

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/07/AR2009090702455.html>

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Los Angeles Times about the city of Los Angeles' new prescription-drug discount program.

*L.A. Mayor Launches Prescription Discounts for Residents*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-mayor-prescription1-2009sep01,0,5977764.story>

Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> in the New York Times about the challenges facing elderly immigrants in America.

*Invisible Immigrants, Old and Left with 'Nobody to Talk to'*

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/31/us/31elder.html?\\_r=1&scp=1&sq=steven%20wallace&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/31/us/31elder.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=steven%20wallace&st=cse)

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## News

**OBESITY:** Reuters, the Sacramento Bee, City News Service, the Santa Cruz Sentinel, the Los Angeles Daily News and the Los Angeles Times health blog report reported Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> on research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health and the California Center for Public Health Advocacy that provides the first scientific evidence of a link between soda consumption and obesity. The Fresno Bee reported on the research Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Susan Babey, a project director at the center, is quoted in the Daily News and the Los Angeles Times health blog report.

*Calif. lawmaker plans hearings on soda-obesity link*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSTRE58G11T20090917>

*California soda survey gives weight to health concerns*

<http://www.sacbee.com/273/story/2188612.html>

*UCLA study links obesity with sodas*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci\\_13356842](http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci_13356842)

*UCLA study connects soda with obesity epidemic*

[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/localnews/ci\\_13355178](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/localnews/ci_13355178)

*Soda makes you fat*

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_13351733](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_13351733)

*Soda Flows Freely in California*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2009/09/soda-consumption-in-california-bubbling-over.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/09/soda-consumption-in-california-bubbling-over.html)

*Valley soda consumption high, research finds*

<http://www.fresnobee.com/263/story/1640895.html>

**HISTORY:** New America Media ran a column Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, about historical Mexican Independence Day celebrations in California.

*An Old American Tradition: Celebrating Mexican Independence Day*

[http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=42e03e63619eb13b712b4edd46f03217](http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=42e03e63619eb13b712b4edd46f03217)

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted Sept. 11 in a New America Media report about healthcare reform.

*Ethnic Leaders Find Hope in Health Care Plan*

[http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=8f16f7f70ccaddc7741c0b4508234e5c](http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=8f16f7f70ccaddc7741c0b4508234e5c)

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented on the difficulty of achieving health care reform in the U.S. in a September 13<sup>th</sup> article in Ireland's Sunday Business Post.

*No easy cure*

<http://archives.tcm.ie/businesspost/2009/09/13/story44225.asp>

**HISTORY:** Jared Diamond, professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health and geography, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, was featured Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> on "Recursos Natural," an Argentine public television program about environmental history.

**MEDICAL DEBT:** Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> in a California Healthline article about the reasons why two-thirds of Californians with health insurance plans incur medical debt.

*Study: Most Californians With Medical Debt Have Health Insurance Plans*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/Articles/2009/9/8/Study-Most-Californians-With-Medical-Debt-Have-Health-Insurance-Plans.aspx>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> in a Serious Medicine Strategy article about health insurance companies' practice of rescissions, or cancelling the coverage of policyholders who become ill.

*The Serious Medicine Test: The Challenges to Health Insurance – And the Promise of Serious Medicine*

<http://seriousmedicinestrategy.blogspot.com/2009/09/serious-medicine-test-challenges-to.html>

## Quotables

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> in a HealthDay News article about a study that found that insured children of uninsured parents are more likely to forgo regular checkups and other preventive medical visits.

*Insured Kids With Uninsured Parents Miss Needed Health Care*

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=630933>

Gail Harrison, professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> in a Florida St. Petersburg Times article about recent changes to the federal government's WIC nutrition aid program.

*Moms hail healthier options coming for nutrition aid programs*

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/health/moms-hail-healthier-options-coming-for-nutrition-aid-program/1035541>

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## News

**OBESITY:** Research led by Susan Babey, project director at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, that provided the first scientific evidence of a link between soda consumption and obesity was covered Sept. 18 by the San Francisco Chronicle and Sept. 17 in the Marin Independent Journal and San Diego Union, and by KNBC-Channel 4 and KCAL-Channel 9 Los Angeles, and 26 other markets.

*Newsom Wants to Charge Stores that Sell Sodas*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/09/18/MNF619OSF4.DTL>

## Quotables

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented in the Chicago Tribune on Sept. 20 about using food to battle inflammation.

*Using Food to Battle Inflammation*

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/chi-tc-health-inflammation-0916-sep20,0,4396902..story>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, commented Sept. 21 in the Riverside Press-Enterprise and Contra Costa Times about new U.S. Census Bureau data on health insurance coverage in California.

*Census Bureau Finds Inland Incomes Fell Fast, Health Coverage Dwindle because of Recession*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_census22.4349a73.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_census22.4349a73.html)

*At least 1 in 10 East Bay residents lacked health insurance last year*

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci\\_13388530?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com](http://www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci_13388530?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com)

Robert Kaplan, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 20 in a Los Angeles Times article about regional variations in Medicare spending.

*Medicare bills high at Los Angeles hospitals*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fi-healthcost20-2009sep20,0,2955060.story?page=2>

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## News

**SENIOR HEALTH:** A study led by Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was featured in the Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Riverside Press-Enterprise. The Center assessed the cumulative effect of state budget cuts on healthcare and services for low-income seniors.

*Senior Insecurity: Inland Programs for Older Residents Face Cuts*

[http://www.pe.com/rss/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_seniors01.387a0f7.html](http://www.pe.com/rss/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_seniors01.387a0f7.html)

**OBESITY:** Multiple news outlets reported Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> on research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health and the California Center for Public Health Advocacy that provides the first scientific evidence of a link between soda consumption and obesity. Susan Babey, a project director at the Center, was quoted in examiner.com and Ventura County Star.

*Four Packs for Oggies*

<http://4pack.wordpress.com/2009/09/21/obesity-in-american-california-study-show-significant-correlation-between-high-obesity-rate-and-soda-consumption/>

*Soft drinks and obesity*

<http://www.examiner.com/x-6048-Indianapolis-Diets-Examiner~y2009m9d21-Soft-drinks-and-obesity>

*A soda tax will not slim our waistlines*

<http://www.redding.com/news/2009/sep/20/a-soda-tax-will-not-slim-our-waistlines/>

*California Study Illustrates Link Between Soda and Obesity*

<http://www.livingthescience.com/content/index.php/20090920161/General-News/California-Study-Illustrates-Link-Between-Soda-and-Obesity.html>

*Kids twice as likely as adults to drink soda, research says*

<http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/sep/17/kids-twice-likely-adults-drink-soda-research-says/>

*UCLA study links soda drinking, obesity*

<http://www.mydesert.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200990917005>

*UCLA health study: Marin resists sugary soda fix*

[http://www.marini.com/marinnews/ci\\_13360162](http://www.marini.com/marinnews/ci_13360162)

*UCLA study directly links soda with obesity*

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2009/sep/17/ucla-study-directly-links-soda-with-obesity/>

*Bubbling over*

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/chronrx/detail?&entry\\_id=47824](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/chronrx/detail?&entry_id=47824)

## Quotables

Gail Harrison, professor of community health sciences in the School of Public Health, was quoted in an Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Los Angeles Times article about recent changes to the federal government's WIC nutrition aid program.

*WIC Nutrition Program Expands to Cover Fruits, Vegetables*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-sci-wic1-2009oct01,0,3934595.story>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, commented Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> in the Los Angeles Times about high-fructose corn syrup and obesity. In addition, he was quoted in the Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles Times about finding affordable nutritious foods.

*Let's Limit Our Intake of Corn-Syrup Ads*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-lazarus30-2009sep30,0,6909971.column>

*Eating Well Needn't Be Expensive*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-yourmoney28-2009sep28,0,908508.story>

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> in articles in the Los Angeles Daily Breeze, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and the San Bernardino County Sun about barriers to health reform and the unwillingness of Americans to address the issue of rising health care costs. E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the Center, was also quoted in the Daily Breeze.

*Health care: Just what are we trying to reform?*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci\\_13445663](http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci_13445663)

*Health care reform efforts have history of false starts and failure*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci\\_13445658](http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci_13445658)

*Rising cost of health care worries employers*

[http://www.sgvtribune.com/rds\\_search/ci\\_13446419?IADID=Search-www.sgvtribune.com-www.sgvtribune.com](http://www.sgvtribune.com/rds_search/ci_13446419?IADID=Search-www.sgvtribune.com-www.sgvtribune.com)

*Path to national health care reform fraught with conflict*

[http://www.sbsun.com/search/ci\\_13445691?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com](http://www.sbsun.com/search/ci_13445691?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com)

Brian Cole, project manager with the Health Impact Assessment Project in the School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> in a Washington Post article about Montgomery County officials requiring health studies before new roads are approved.

*Montgomery Wants to Know: Will That Road Make You Sick?*

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/27/AR2009092702890.html?hpid=topnews>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> in a Tennessean article about the risk of being sent to jail for unpaid medical bills.

*Imagine getting sick, getting bills you can't pay, then being sent to jail*

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20090928/NEWS01/909270377/1001/NEWS>

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was interviewed by Tavis Smiley about health care reform in America and the most recent proposals to address the issue. The segment aired Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> on PBS.

*PBS Presents: Health Care Reform Special Report*

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1249006923/feature/84>

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, addressed poverty, education and health in a Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> MSNBC special.

*About Our Children*

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/32944103#32944103>

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## News

**HIV/AIDS:** On Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> the Los Angeles Times detailed the 25-year legacy of the Los Angeles Men's Study, begun in 1984 by Dr. Roger Detels, professor of epidemiology and former dean of the UCLA School of Public Health, to study HIV and AIDS among the gay population in Southern California.

*Town Hall focuses on L.A.'s battle with HIV/AIDS*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-aids-study16-2009oct16,0,809470.story>

**CANCER:** Reuters Health reported Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> on a study by Dr. Shehnaz K. Hussain, adjunct assistant professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and in the division of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, that found that an individual whose parent or sibling had been diagnosed with skin cancer was more likely to develop skin cancer.

*Skin cancer can be inherited: studies*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSTRE5984VM20091010>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** A study led by Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was featured in the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Medical News Today. The center assessed the cumulative effect of state budget cuts on healthcare and services for low-income seniors.

*Sweeping Cuts to State Safety Net Affect Half-Million Low-Income Elderly*

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/166064.php>

**OBESITY:** Multiple news outlets recently covered the argument for a state tax on sodas and other sugar-sweetened beverages to raise revenues to pay for health care cites research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health and the California Center for Public Health Advocacy that provided the first scientific evidence of a link between soda consumption and obesity.

*The soda-tax solution*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-brownell6-2009oct06,0,4876212.story>

*Soda Tax Wins Support From Health Experts*

<http://www.dotmed.com/news/story/10387/>

*To tax or not to tax, part 1: Soda numbers say we're drinking ourselves fat*

<http://calorielab.com/news/2009/10/05/to-tax-or-not-to-tax-part-1-soda-numbers-say-were-drinking-ourselves-fat/>

*Diet soda may not be the best alternative*

<http://collegian.csufresno.edu/2009/10/05/diet-soda-may-not-be-the-best-alternative/comment-page-1/>

*Schools take the lead in teaching students how to live a healthy life*

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20091004/NEWS04/910040302>

*Soda linked to weight gain, at least in California*

<http://calorielab.com/news/2009/10/01/soda-linked-to-weight-gain-at-least-in-california/>

**HEALTH REFORM:** Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, commented Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> in the Desert Sun and was a guest Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> on Southern California Public Radio discussing the public health insurance option of national health reform.

*Health care reform benefits weighed*

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20091007/LIFESTYLES03/910070309/-1/newsfront/Health-care-reform-benefits-weighed>

*Woman with cancer didn't get COBRA*

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20091007/LIFESTYLES03/910070313>

*Health care: the individual mandate*

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2009/10/07/health-care-the-individual-mandate/>

*RIP public option*

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2009/09/30/rip-public-option/>

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** A policy brief that was released by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> was featured Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> in California Healthline, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> in Medical News Today, and Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> in Science Daily. The study, led by Dylan Roby, a senior researcher at the center, found that in California, privately insured African Americans enrolled in HMOs are far more likely to use the ER and to delay getting needed prescription drugs than HMO-insured members of other racial and ethnic groups.

*New Research Points to Racial, Ethnic Disparities in California Health Care*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/Articles/2009/10/9/New-Research-Points-to-Racial-Ethnic-Disparities-in-California-Health-Care.aspx>

*Insured African-Americans More Likely To Use Emergency Room Than Other Insured Groups*

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/166712.php>

*Insured African-Americans More Likely To Use Emergency Room Than Other Insured Groups*

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/10/091007161129.htm>

## Briefs

A study by Dr. Mark Litwin, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of urology, was cited Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> in the London Times.

*Until Her Sickness Do Us Part: Why Men Leave Ill Partners*

[http://women.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life\\_and\\_style/women/relationships/article6875081.ece](http://women.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/women/relationships/article6875081.ece)

## Quotables

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Oct. 11 in USA Today on an early form of breast cancer called ductal carcinoma in situ.

*New Type of Breast Cancer, DCIS, Can Put Life on Hold*

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-10-11-new-breastcancer\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-10-11-new-breastcancer_N.htm)

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## News

**HEALTH CARE:** KMEX-Channel 34 reported Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> on the Project EXPORT retreat on healthcare reform, minorities and aging. The event was co-sponsored by UCLA's divisions of geriatrics and of general internal medicine and health services research, and by Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science. Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, and Dr. Michael Rodriguez, professor of family medicine, were quoted.

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** Shana Alex Laverreda, director of health insurance studies the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, commented in Insurance Corner Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and KPBS Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> on a new study that finds 93% of Californians would have access to insurance if national health reform is approved.

*Reforms could give millions of Californians access to health insurance*

<http://www.usinsuranceonline.com/news/article/reforms-could-give-millions-of-californians-access-to-health-insurance-1941>

*Millions Of Californians Could Benefit From Health Reform*

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2009/oct/19/millions-californians-could-benefit-health-reform/>

## Quotables

Curtis Eckhart, professor and vice chair of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted in an Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Toronto Globe & Mail article about a new low-calorie, natural sweetener derived from the South American stevia plant.

*Stevia is Sweet – but is it Safe?*

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/stevia-is-sweet-but-is-it-safe/article1333389/>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> in the Los Angeles Times about the American Cancer Society's screening guidelines.

*Did the American Cancer Society Really Change its Tune on Screening?*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2009/10/american-cancer-society-breast-prostate-cancer-screening.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/10/american-cancer-society-breast-prostate-cancer-screening.html)

Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in an Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Edmonton Journal (Canada) about potential health problems resulting from long-term exposure to magnetic fields from high-voltage transmission lines.

*Lines Drawn in Power Debate*

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/health/Lines+drawn+power+debate/2116656/story.html#>

Anne Rimoin, assistant professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, commented in Forbes Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> on the work that virologist Nathan Wolfe is doing to identify potentially dangerous viruses.

*Finding the Next Epidemic Before It Kills*

<http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2009/1102/opinions-nathan-wolfe-epidemic-ideas-opinions.html>

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## News

**HEALTH CARE:** Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>'s New York Times article about healthcare coverage for legal immigrants cites a recent study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health which found that California would have the largest population of uninsured residents after any coverage proposal. Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the center, and Dr. Michael Rodriguez, professor of family medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine, were quoted.

*Health Care Debate Focuses on Legal Immigrants*

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/04/health/policy/04immig.html?\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/04/health/policy/04immig.html?_r=2)

**HEALTH REFORM:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, appeared Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> on the NBC 4 Los Angeles special, *Health Care Reform: Under the Microscope*, commenting on aspects of the proposals for national health reform.

*Health Care Reform (Part 3): What If You Have Insurance?*

[http://www.nbclosangeles.com/station/shows/Health\\_Care\\_Reform\\_Under\\_the\\_Microscope\\_with\\_NBC\\_4\\_Chief\\_Medical\\_Editor\\_Bruce\\_Hensel\\_M\\_D\\_Los\\_Angeles.html](http://www.nbclosangeles.com/station/shows/Health_Care_Reform_Under_the_Microscope_with_NBC_4_Chief_Medical_Editor_Bruce_Hensel_M_D_Los_Angeles.html)

*Health Care Reform (Part 6): Preventative Approach*

[http://www.nbclosangeles.com/station/as-seen-on/Health\\_Care\\_Reform\\_Under\\_the\\_Microscope\\_with\\_NBC4\\_Medical\\_Editor\\_Bruce\\_Hensel\\_Los\\_Angeles.html](http://www.nbclosangeles.com/station/as-seen-on/Health_Care_Reform_Under_the_Microscope_with_NBC4_Medical_Editor_Bruce_Hensel_Los_Angeles.html)

**CANCER:** An Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> story in the Press-Enterprise about the high cancer risk in people living near a west San Bernardino rail yard mentions a study, headed by John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, which will examine the toxicity of the rail yard's emissions with a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Froines was quoted.

*Cancer risk in San Bernardino neighborhood triggers medical study at BNSF rail*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/environment/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_rail04.40d864f.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/environment/stories/PE_News_Local_S_rail04.40d864f.html)

**OBESITY:** Articles in the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> EmaxHealth, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> TPM and Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Triplepundit cited research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health and the California Center for Public Health Advocacy that provided the first scientific evidence of a link between soda consumption and obesity.

*Soft Drinks Take a Toll on Your Health*

<http://www.emaxhealth.com/1275/14/34311/soft-drinks-take-toll-your-health.html>

*Pimping their patients*

[http://tpmcafe.talkingpointsmemo.com/2009/10/30/pimping\\_their\\_patients/](http://tpmcafe.talkingpointsmemo.com/2009/10/30/pimping_their_patients/)

*Can Michelle Obama Help Reduce Soda Consumption?*

<http://www.triplepundit.com/2009/10/can-michelle-obama-help-reduce-soda-consumption/>

**HEALTH CARE:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, appeared Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> on KVPR radio, NPR in Fresno, to discuss the high costs of U.S. health care.

*Health Care Insurance Special – Part 2*

<http://www.kvpr.org/shows.php?id=479>

**ORAL HEALTH:** An article in the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> issue of CMAJ highlighted the factors influencing the decline of practicing dentists. Naderah Pourat, associate professor of health services and director of research planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health was quoted.

*United States faces dentist shortage*

[http://www.cmaj.ca/earlyreleases/21oct09\\_dentist\\_shortage.shtml](http://www.cmaj.ca/earlyreleases/21oct09_dentist_shortage.shtml)

## Quotables

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, was quoted Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> in a Los Angeles Times column about obesity putting H1N1 influenza sufferers at greater risk in developing complications.

*Obesity puts swine flu sufferers at greater risk, study suggests*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/environment/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_S\\_rail04.40d864f.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/environment/stories/PE_News_Local_S_rail04.40d864f.html)

Robert Kaplan, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> in an article in Florida's St. Petersburg Times about the efficacy of breast cancer screenings.

*Mammograms save lives, but there's more that women should know*

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/health/mammograms-save-lives-but-theres-more-that-women-should-know/1047682>

Richard Ambrose, professor and director of the Environmental Science and Engineering program in the School of Public Health, was quoted Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> in a Malibu Times article about an upcoming vote by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on banning septic systems in Malibu.

*Large Malibu contingent expected to attend septic hearing*

<http://www.malibutimes.com/articles/2009/10/28/news/news3.txt>

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in an Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Pasadena Star-News article

about California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent letter to congressional leaders claiming that national health care reform mandates could cost the state up to \$1 billion.

*Governor Weighs in on Health Care Reform Debate*

[http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci\\_13654266](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_13654266)

Robert M. Kaplan, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> New York Times about cancer tumors that can stop growing, shrink and even disappear without any treatment.

*Cancers Can Vanish Without Treatment, but How?*

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/27/health/27canc.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/27/health/27canc.html?_r=1)

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> in a BBC News article exploring why more American women die each year during childbirth or from pregnancy-related complications than women from almost any other developed country.

*Maternal Mortality Across the World*

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/8325685.stm>

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## News

**SENIOR HEALTH:** Multiple media outlets reported Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> on a study led by Teresa Seeman, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and of geriatrics, finding that Baby Boomers are entering their 60s with more disabilities than they did in previous generations. The study will be published in the January 2010 issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

*Contemporary 60-somethings More Disabled*

[http://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2009/11/17/Contemporary-60-somethings-more-disabled/UPI-79371258440809/](http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2009/11/17/Contemporary-60-somethings-more-disabled/UPI-79371258440809/)

*Health Time Bomb Hits Baby Boomers*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1227670/Health-timebomb-hits-baby-boomers-Over-60s-suffer-illnesses-caused-bad-diet-lack-exercise.html>

*Baby Boomers May Prove More Disabled Than Their Elders*

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=632970>

*Fat Boomers Less Able to Do Chores: U.S. Study*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/lifestyleMolt/idUSTRE5AB5X120091112>

*The Future for Older Americans: More Disabilities*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2009/11/disability-elderly-healthcare.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2009/11/disability-elderly-healthcare.html)

*Baby Boomers Face More Health Problems than their Parents*

[http://www.dailynews.com/breakingnews/cj\\_13773262](http://www.dailynews.com/breakingnews/cj_13773262)

*More Disabilities in the 60s May Spell Trouble for Baby Boomers*

<http://health.usnews.com/blogs/on-fitness/2009/11/12/more-disabilities-in-the-60s-may-spell-trouble-for-baby-boomers.html>

*Boomers Doomed to Disability?*

<http://www.webmd.com/healthy-aging/news/20091112/boomers-doomed-to-disability>

**NANOTECHNOLOGY:** A study by Robert Schiestl, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, professor of radiation oncology and pathology and a scientist with UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, regarding the potential danger of titanium dioxide nanoparticles found in many common household products, was featured Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> by HealthJockey.com, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> by multiple media outlets, and Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> in U.S. News and World Report. His study linked intestinal inflammation in mice with systemic chromosome damage.

*Nanoparticles Cause Genetic Damage in Mice*

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2009/11/17/Nanoparticles-cause-genetic-damage-in-mice/UPI-25751258490530/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2009/11/17/Nanoparticles-cause-genetic-damage-in-mice/UPI-25751258490530/)

*Titanium Dioxide May Raise Cancer Risk*

[http://www.foodconsumer.org/newsite/Safety/chemical/titanium\\_dioxide\\_may\\_raise\\_cancer\\_risk\\_171120091210.html](http://www.foodconsumer.org/newsite/Safety/chemical/titanium_dioxide_may_raise_cancer_risk_171120091210.html)

*TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanoparticles Cause System Genetic Damage in Mice*

<http://www.merid.org/NDN/more.php?id=2268>

*Les Nanoparticules des Crèmes Solaires Peuvent-elles Endommager l'AND*

[http://www.futura-sciences.com/fr/news/t/technologie-1/d/les-nanoparticules-des-cremes-solaires-peuvent-elles-endommager-ladn\\_21433/](http://www.futura-sciences.com/fr/news/t/technologie-1/d/les-nanoparticules-des-cremes-solaires-peuvent-elles-endommager-ladn_21433/)

*Chronic Inflammation: Reduce it to Protect Your Health*

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/living-well-usn/2009/11/02/chronic-inflammation-reduce-it-to-protect-your-health.html?PageNr=3>

**NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH:** Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was featured in a Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> KCBS-Channel 2 segment about the new UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, which seeks to improve the health and health education of underserved populations in California through research and partnerships with community-based organizations.

*Getting a Healthy Start*

<http://cbs2.com/health>

**MEDICATION:** Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was interviewed for an Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Are We Alone? radio segment about placebos curing illnesses better than prescription pills.

*Skeptic Check: Mind Your Body*

[http://radio.seti.org:80/episodes/Skeptic\\_Check\\_Mind\\_Your\\_Body](http://radio.seti.org:80/episodes/Skeptic_Check_Mind_Your_Body)

## Quotables

Thomas Rice, UCLA vice chancellor for academic personnel and professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> ThirdAge magazine about his research that found that older Americans are more likely to make poor choices when presented with a wide variety of drug plan options.

*It's Time to Choose*

<http://www.thirdage.com/prepare-prevent/its-time-to-choose>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, a research scientist for the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> San Bernardino County Sun about the cost to the state of uninsured individuals using emergency rooms.

*Hospitals Absorb Millions of Dollars in Care for Uninsured*

[http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_13801615](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_13801615)

Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> in a Denver Post article about the potential for health coverage for illegal immigrants.

*Latino Groups Push Congress for Health Coverage for Illegal Immigrants*  
[http://www.denverpost.com/nationworld/ci\\_13791035](http://www.denverpost.com/nationworld/ci_13791035)

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, commented Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> in a Washington Times article about vitamin D deficiency and melanoma. In addition, Heber commented Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> in a Los Angeles Times article about Australian researchers who conducted a study comparing high-carbohydrate and high-protein diets. The results showed that participants lost equal amounts of weight, but those on the high-protein diet reported markedly worse emotional states.

*Sunshine Vitamin Stirs New Debate*

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/nov/08/sunshine-vitamin-stirs-new-debate/?page=3>

*High-Carb Diets Lower Weight and Raise Mood Levels, Study Shows*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-sci-diet-mood10-2009nov10,0,6834297.story>

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, commented Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> on National Public Radio's "The California Report" about healthcare reform and undocumented immigrants.

*Can We Really Offer Health Care to Everyone?*

<http://www.californiareport.org/archive/R910222000/d>

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## News

**ADOLESCENT HEALTH:** Time magazine reported Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> on a study by researchers at the UCLA–Rand Center for Adolescent Health Promotion in the School of Public Health that found that roughly 40 percent of teenagers had sexual intercourse before speaking with their parents about safe sex, birth control or sexually transmitted diseases.

*Parents' Sex Talk with Kids: Too Little, Too Late*

<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1945759,00.html>

**ENVIRONMENT:** Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>'s New York Times featured an op-ed by Jared Diamond, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health and geography, and Pulitzer Prize–winning author, highlighting some of the environmentally sustainable policies of large corporations such as Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola and Chevron.

*Will Big Business Save the Earth?*

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/06/opinion/06diamond.html?\\_r=2&scp=1&sq=Will%20Big%20Business%20save%20the%20earth&st=cse](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/06/opinion/06diamond.html?_r=2&scp=1&sq=Will%20Big%20Business%20save%20the%20earth&st=cse)

**HEALTH DISPARITIES:** New America Media reported Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that low-income women in California were four times more likely than higher-income women to report fair or poor health and nearly twice as likely to report a health condition that limits their basic physical activities. Study co-author Roberta Wyn, associate director of the center, was quoted.

*Health Disparities Hit Poor, Minority Women*

[http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=e8478bb797088d10ad67862ecef9e186](http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=e8478bb797088d10ad67862ecef9e186)

**NANOPARTICLES:** Robert Schiestl, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, and his study about the potential danger of titanium dioxide nanoparticles found in many common household products was featured on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> by Treehugger.com, NaturalNews.com and PremiumBeauty.com and on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> by ModernMedicine.com.

*Public Concern is Growing over Nanoparticles*

<http://www.premiumbeautynews.com/Public-concern-is-growing-over,1449>

*Titanium Dioxide Nanoparticles Toxic in Mice*

<http://www.modernmedicine.com/modernmedicine/Pathology/Titanium-Dioxide-Nanoparticles-Toxic-in-Mice/ArticleNewsFeed/Article/detail/645580?contextCategoryId=40144>

**HIV:** The Los Angeles Times reported Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> on a study finding that unassimilated Hispanics in the United States are at higher risk for HIV. Coauthor Dr. William Cunningham, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of medicine, was quoted. The study was published in the November issue of the Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved.

*Study Links Latino Immigrants' HIV Testing to Level of Adaptation to U.S. Culture*

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/11/undocumented-immigrants-are-less-likely-to-be-tested-for-hiv-infection-study-says.html>

## Briefs

The Packer, a trade magazine for the fresh fruit and vegetable industry, on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> published a presentation by Dr. Wendy Slusser, adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and assistant professor of pediatrics. She discussed the successful implementation of a salad bar program in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

*Wendy Slusser: On the Benefits of Salad Bars*

<http://thepacker.com/Wendy-Slusser--On-the-benefits-of-salad-bars/FreshTalkBlog.aspx?articleid=964059&authorid=117&feedid=264&src=recent>

A Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> article in the California Capitol Weekly cited the previously published concerns of James Enstrom, epidemiologist at the School of Public Health, over a study that was used in formulating the state's diesel soot reduction regulations.

*ARB's Diesel Rule-Making Deeply Flawed, Member Says*

[http://www.capitolweekly.net/article.php?\\_c=ygi39p1nqc9oel&xid=yggk2qcwp5xx25&done=.ygi39p1nqcsoel](http://www.capitolweekly.net/article.php?_c=ygi39p1nqc9oel&xid=yggk2qcwp5xx25&done=.ygi39p1nqcsoel)

A Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> online Prevention magazine column about foods to avoid cited a study led by Dr. Jørn Olsen, chair of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, finding that perfluorinated chemicals, or PFCs, which are found in many common household items and in food packaging, may be linked to infertility in women.

*7 Foods that Should Never Cross Your Lips*

<http://www.prevention.com/7foodsthatshouldnever/list/3.shtml>

## Quotables

Roshan Bastani, professor of health services and associate dean of research at the School of Public Health, was quoted Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> in a ScienceCentric.com story on her study that found significant disparities among different low-income minority groups in their knowledge and awareness of the vaccine for human papillomavirus, the most commonly transmitted sexual disease.

*Researchers Identify Barriers to HPV Vaccination Uptake in Low-Income Populations*

<http://www.sciencecentric.com/news/article.php?q=09120926-researchers-identify-barriers-hpv-vaccination-uptake-low-income-populations>

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and co-director of the UCLA–Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, was interviewed Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> on the African-American Public Radio Consortium about the growing rate of obesity among African Americans and how lifestyle and eating changes can help combat it.

*Upfront with Tony Cox*

<http://www.upfrontnews.org/?p=526>

Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Ventura County Star article about cuts to Medicare in the health care reform proposals in Congress.

*Many Fearful of Healthcare Bills' Billions in Medicare Cuts*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2009/dec/05/uncertainty-for-seniors-many-fearful-of-bills-in/>

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> in La Opinión about a survey suggesting that most U.S. Latino voters favor a healthcare system that insures everyone.

*Latinos Quieren Plan de Salud para Todos*

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/2009/12/1/latinos-quieren-plan-de-salud--161563-1.html>

Marc Suchard, associate professor of biostatistics at the School of Public Health, commented Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> in a profile of researcher Beth Shapiro in The Scientist. He develops the quantitative tools that help Shapiro analyze her varied biological samples.

*Beth Shapiro: Creatures Great and Small*

<http://www.the-scientist.com/article/display/56177/>

Dr. Richard Jackson, chair of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was interviewed Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> on KPFK-90.7 FM's "Uprising Radio" program about a recent Physicians for Social Responsibility report on the impact of coal on human health.

*New Study Shows Shocking Impact of Coal on the Human Body*

<http://uprisingradio.org/home/?p=11041>

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## News

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH:** An op-ed in Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>'s San Diego North County Times highlights a study by researchers at the UCLA–Rand Center for Adolescent Health Promotion in the School of Public Health that found that roughly 40 percent of teenagers had sexual intercourse before speaking with their parents about safe sex, birth control or sexually transmitted diseases.

*Planned Parenthood: Here to help teen sex talk*

[http://www.nctimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/article\\_f66b6d85-369d-559a-9e47-989b1b47c6a1.html](http://www.nctimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/article_f66b6d85-369d-559a-9e47-989b1b47c6a1.html)

**SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY:** Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> in the second part of Capital Public Radio's Senior Insecurity series on the effects of recent cuts to SSI payments.

*Sign the Check, Look the Other Way*

<http://www.capradio.org/articles/articledetail.aspx?articleid=7488>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** Milwaukee's Journal Sentinel included an article Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> that identified several factors influencing public support of health care reform legislation. Mark Peterson, faculty associate at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted.

*Health care changes can't please all*

<http://www.jsonline.com/business/79183027.html>

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH:** On Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, CAT.INIST reported on a study regarding the effects of air pollution on childhood asthma. Beate Ritz, professor and vice chair of the department of epidemiology, Michelle Wilhelm, assistant researcher at the department of epidemiology, and Ying Ying Meng, senior research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, co-authored the findings.

*Environmental Public Health Tracking of Childhood Asthma Using California Health Interview Survey, Traffic, and Outdoor Air Pollution Data*

<http://cat.inist.fr/?aModele=afficheN&cpsid=20988704>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, appeared Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> as a guest on KPCC's Airtalk to discuss the possible compromise to the public option.

*Senate public option compromise*

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2009/12/08/senate-public-option-compromise/>

**ORAL HEALTH:** A Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> article in DentalPlans.com reported on findings from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about how limited access to affordable dental care affects the education of California children. Nadereh Pourat, an associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of research planning at the center, was quoted.

*Dental health problems can result in missing school*

<http://www.dentalplans.com/articles/45965/dental-health-problems-can-result-in-missing-school.html>

**HEALTH DISPARITIES:** Kaiser Health News reported Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and Science Centric reported Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that low-income women in California were four times more likely than higher-income women to report fair or poor health and nearly twice as likely to report a health condition that limits their basic physical activities. Study co-author Roberta Wyn, associate director of the center, was quoted.

*Health Policy Research Roundup*

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2009/December/04/Studies-And-Surveys.aspx>

*Low-income women 4 times as likely to report fair or poor health*

<http://www.sciencecentric.com/news/article.php?q=09120296-low-income-women-4-times-more-likely-report-fair-or-poor-health>

## Briefs

An article in the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Fresno Bee about a controversial pest-killing fumigant references John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, who is chairing a state committee investigating health concerns related to the fumigant, which has not been approved for use in California.

*Sacramento Protest Targets Farm Chemical*

<http://www.fresnobee.com/local/story/1748640.html>

A Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Huffington Post article about health care reform cited research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health regarding the number of construction workers who went without health care in 2005.

*Wal-Mart of Construction Industry Launches Another Assault on Its Workers*

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mar/wal-mart-of-construction\\_b\\_376060.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mar/wal-mart-of-construction_b_376060.html)

## Quotables

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> in an Associated Press article about a program in Vallejo, Calif., that provides health care coverage to undocumented immigrants.

*Partnership gives health care to immigrants*

[http://www.presstelegram.com/ci\\_14022858?source=rss](http://www.presstelegram.com/ci_14022858?source=rss)

Dr. Wendy Slusser, adjunct assistant professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, assistant professor of pediatrics, and medical director of the Fit for Healthy Weight Program at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, was cited in a Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Hollister Free Lance article that described a study she conducted on the benefits of salad bars in elementary schools.

*Farr Bill would Increase Fruits, Vegetables in Schools*

<http://hollisterfreelance.com/news/261728-farr-bill-would-increase-fruits-vegetables-in-schools>

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## News

**BREAST CANCER:** The San Bernardino Sun reported Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> on a study showing that compounds found in pomegranates may prevent the growth of breast cancer tumors. Author Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, was quoted.

*Pomegranates Can Help with Cancer*

[http://www.sbsun.com/ci\\_14121652?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.sbsun.com/ci_14121652?source=most_viewed)

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** The Indo-Asian News Service and Prokerala reported Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> and California Healthline reported Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that low-income women in California were four times more likely than higher-income women to report fair or poor health and nearly twice as likely to report a health condition that limits their basic physical activities. Study co-author Roberta Wyn, associate director of the center, was quoted in Indo-Asian News Service and Prokerala.

*Low-income women more likely to suffer ill health*

[http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/sci-tech/low-income-women-more-likely-to-suffer-ill-health\\_100298691.html](http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/sci-tech/low-income-women-more-likely-to-suffer-ill-health_100298691.html)

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/theweekly.aspx?article=health-policy&theweeklydate=12/18/2009>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** The Ventura County Star reported Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> on the Senate vote on health care reform. Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted.

*County residents still split on effects of legislation*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2009/dec/24/county-has-mixed-reactions-to-healthcare-bill/>

**HISTORY:** New America Media ran a Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> article by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, about Mexican American militias in California who took a break from Civil War hostilities by celebrating Christmas with Mexican traditions.

*A Civil War Navidad in Los Angeles, 1861*

[http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=234d618b77f223c6749a9a56a581479a](http://news.ncmonline.com/news/view_article.html?article_id=234d618b77f223c6749a9a56a581479a)

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** An Association of Health Care Journalists blog Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> identified several factors influencing public support of health care reform legislation. Mark Peterson, faculty associate at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, was quoted.

J-S: No reform measure will get majority support

<http://www.healthjournalism.org/blog/2009/12/j-s-no-reform-measure-will-get-majority-support/>

## Briefs

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was mentioned in a Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Street Journal blog about fitting an exercise workout into your busy schedule.

*Balancing Work and Working Out: Fitting Fitness into the Juggle*

[http://blogs.wsj.com/juggle/2010/01/04/balancing-work-and-working-out-fitting-fitness-into-the-juggle/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+wsj%2Fjuggle%2Ffeed+%28WSJ.com%3A+Juggle+Blog%29](http://blogs.wsj.com/juggle/2010/01/04/balancing-work-and-working-out-fitting-fitness-into-the-juggle/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+wsj%2Fjuggle%2Ffeed+%28WSJ.com%3A+Juggle+Blog%29)

An advice column in the Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Daily Breeze cited research led by Teresa Seeman, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and of geriatrics, finding that people are entering their sixties with more disabilities compared to their counterparts from past decades.

*Helen Dennis: Lifestyle Changes Promote Longevity*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/cj\\_14059597](http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/cj_14059597)

## Quotables

Gail Harrison, professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> in an article in Abu Dhabi's The National about how global warming could facilitate the spread of disease in the United Arab Emirates.

*Global warming could spread disease, Arab nations warned*

<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100108/NATIONAL/701079877/1010/national>

Dr. David Heber, director of UCLA's Center for Human Nutrition, and William McCarthy, adjunct associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, commented Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> in the Associated Press on high-tech wireless monitors that help overweight teenagers exercise and eat right.

*Fight Against Fat Goes High-Tech with New Device*

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2010/01/06/health/AP-US-MED-Obesity-Monitors.html>

*Wireless Devices May Help Overweight Teens Shed Pounds*

<http://www.cbs2.com/video/?id=123970@kcbs.dayport.com>

Thomas Coates, professor in residence of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, director of the UCLA Program in Global Health and an associate director of the UCLA AIDS Institute, was quoted Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> by ABC News.com about the revocation of a ban prohibiting individuals with HIV or AIDS from entering the U.S.

*U.S. Ban on HIV-Positive Visitors, Immigrants Expires*

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/united-states-ends-22-year-hiv-travel-ban/story?id=9482817>

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## News

**GENETICS:** The January issue of Environmental Factor reported on a UCLA study that found a possible genetic link between Parkinson's Disease and exposure to pesticides. Beate Ritz, professor and vice chair of the department of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was quoted.

*Increased Risk of Parkinson's Disease with PON1 Gene Variant and Pesticide Exposure*  
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/newsletter/2010/january/science-parkinson.cfm>

**SOCIAL CHANGE:** The January issue of Los Angeles Magazine reported on the connection between celebrity and social change via Hollywood salons. A recent speech that Dr. Richard Jackson, chair of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, gave at one of these events about the negative effects that urban planning has had on society, was highlighted.

*Armchair Access*  
<http://www.lamag.com/featuredarticle.aspx?id=22631>

**MEDICINE:** The Los Angeles Times and HealthDay News on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> reported on a joint UCLA–UC San Diego survey that found nearly three-quarters of medical students feel that conventional medicine would benefit by integrating more complementary and alternative ideas and therapies. Study authors Michael Goldstein, a senior research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and professor of community health sciences in the School of Public Health and of sociology, and Ryan Abbott, a researcher with the UCLA Center for East-West Medicine, were quoted. The HealthDay story was picked up by BusinessWeek and KMIR-TV in Palm Springs.

*Future Doctors Support Integrated Therapies*  
[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2010/01/alternative-medicine-doctors.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2010/01/alternative-medicine-doctors.html)  
*Medical Students Supportive of Alternative Medicine*  
<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=635105>

**HAITI:** Dr. Steven Rottman, director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters in the School of Public Health and professor of emergency medicine, was featured in a Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> KABC-TV Channel 7 segment about the challenges facing doctors as they try to bring aid to the earthquake victims in Haiti. In

addition, Rottman was also featured in a Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> online Popular Mechanics article about the myth that dead bodies are a dangerous health risk for the living.

*Doctors Faced with Immense Challenges in Haiti*

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your\\_health&id=7219708](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health/your_health&id=7219708)

*How to Handle the Dead in Haiti*

[http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/health\\_medicine/4343222.html?nav=RSS20&src=syn&dom=yah\\_buzz&mag=pop](http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/health_medicine/4343222.html?nav=RSS20&src=syn&dom=yah_buzz&mag=pop)

**HAITI:** Kimberly Shoaf, associate professor-in-residence and assistant director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters at the School of Public Health, was featured in a Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> KNBC-TV Channel 4 segment about the challenges facing the recovery effort in Haiti and the implications for a similar-sized Los Angeles earthquake. In addition, she was featured in two Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> CBSNews.com articles about the increased danger of disease the victims of Haiti will be facing post-earthquake, and in a Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> Associated Press story about surviving the earthquake which appeared in a number of newspapers, including the Ottawa Citizen, Orlando Sentinel, and the Chicago Tribune.

*Haiti's Misfortune Offers Quake Lessons for Southland*

[http://www.nbclosangeles.com/station/as-seen-on/Haiti\\_s\\_Misfortune\\_Offers\\_Quake\\_Lessons\\_for\\_Southland\\_Los\\_Angeles.html](http://www.nbclosangeles.com/station/as-seen-on/Haiti_s_Misfortune_Offers_Quake_Lessons_for_Southland_Los_Angeles.html)

*Key Challenges Confront Haiti Recovery*

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/01/14/world/main6096638.shtml>

*Haiti "In Shambles," with Help Scarce*

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/01/14/world/main6096356.shtml>

*Haiti Quake Toll Likely Thousands*

<http://www.theolympian.com/topstories/story/1100871.html>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** United Press International reported Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> on research by Teresa Seeman, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and of geriatrics, UCLA geriatrics professors Tara Gruenewald and Dr. Catherine Sarkisian and UCLA student Yunkyung Jung finding lower rates of frailty among seniors who volunteered their time.

*Volunteering May Prevent Frailty*

[http://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2010/01/13/Volunteering-may-prevent-frailty/UPI-61241263360655/](http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/01/13/Volunteering-may-prevent-frailty/UPI-61241263360655/)

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** Innovations Report reported Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> and eYugoslavia and the Arab Herald reported Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that low-income women in California were four times more likely than higher-income women to report fair or poor health and nearly twice as likely to report a health condition that limits their basic physical activities. Study co-author Roberta Wyn, associate director of the center, was quoted in eYugoslavia and the Arab Herald.

*Low-income women more likely to suffer ill health*

<http://eyugoslavia.com/featured/04/low-income-women-more-likely-to-suffer-ill-health-2215394/>

<http://story.arabherald.com/index.php/ct/9/cid/2411cd3571b4f088/id/584915/cs/1/>

*Low-income women 4 times more likely to report poor or fair health*

[http://www.innovations-](http://www.innovations-report.de/html/berichte/studien/low_income_women_4_times_report_fair_poor_health_144688.html)

[report.de/html/berichte/studien/low\\_income\\_women\\_4\\_times\\_report\\_fair\\_poor\\_health\\_144688.html](http://www.innovations-report.de/html/berichte/studien/low_income_women_4_times_report_fair_poor_health_144688.html)

**HEALTH REFORM:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> on KPCC-89.3 FM's "AirTalk" about a new study suggesting that health care reforms proposed in Congress could

have unintended economic consequences. He also commented Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> in the Ventura County Star about how new Medicare cuts could affect the treatment and care of senior citizens with heart problems.

*Health Reform: Do Costs Outweigh Benefits?*

<http://www.scp.org/programs/airtalk/2010/01/11/health-reform-do-costs-outweigh-benefits/>

*Cardiologists Say Medicare Cuts Will Hurt Patients*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/jan/12/some-local-cardiologists-fighting-medicare-cuts/>

## Briefs

Research on the percentage of adults and children who are obese from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health was cited in a Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Riverside Press Enterprise article about a federal grant program for Riverside and San Bernardino counties to tackle such chronic conditions and reduce health care costs.

*Stimulus Money Could Help Inland Area Fight Chronic Diseases*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_W\\_healthy21.46ba04c.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_W_healthy21.46ba04c.html)

Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about the link between sodas and obesity was cited Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> on NaturalNews.com.

*Promote Sustainable Food Choices by Voting with Your Shopping Cart*

[http://www.naturalnews.com/027915\\_sustainable\\_food\\_grocery\\_shopping.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/027915_sustainable_food_grocery_shopping.html)

Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about the number of uninsured New Yorkers was cited Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> in the New York Post.

*1 million uninsured in NYC*

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/city\\_uninsured\\_over\\_million\\_hUq1TRJ6dja84VAKESSaal](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/city_uninsured_over_million_hUq1TRJ6dja84VAKESSaal)

## Quotables

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles Times article about a new initiative by health insurance company Anthem Blue Cross to improve patient safety and cut costs. The event was hosted by the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

*Insurer Anthem Invests in Hospital Initiative to Improve Safety, Cut Costs*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-medical-care20-2010jan20,0,842770.story>

Leeka Kheifets, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> Argonaut newspaper about a possible new underground power line project by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Kheifets was a speaker at the meeting, and was quoted regarding the potential health problems resulting from long-term exposure to magnetic fields from high-voltage transmission lines.

*Department of Water and Power Agrees to full EIR for Proposed Scattergood-Olympic Power Line Project*

[http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2010/01/14/news\\_-\\_features/area/a1.txt](http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2010/01/14/news_-_features/area/a1.txt)

Alina Dorian, assistant adjunct professor of community health sciences and assistant director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters in the School of Public Health, was quoted Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> in a

Los Angeles Times article about the difficulty of bringing aid to Haiti, a country that has no healthcare infrastructure. She also commented Jan.13<sup>th</sup> in TIME about long-term health risks from the earthquake that struck Haiti.

*In Haiti, aid workers face a dual challenge*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-sci-haiti-health15-2010jan15,0,2898639.story>

*After the Quake Comes the Disease. Can Haiti Cope?*

[http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1953379\\_1953494\\_1953675,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1953379_1953494_1953675,00.html)

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## News

**MEDICINE:** Natural News on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, and Acupuncture Blog: Chicago on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> reported on a joint UCLA/UCSD survey finding that most medical students believe Western medicine would benefit by integrating complementary and alternative therapies. Coauthors Michael Goldstein, professor of community health sciences and senior research scientist at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health and Ryan Abbott, a researcher with the UCLA Center for East-West Medicine, were quoted. A Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> HealthDay story was also picked up by KESQ-TV in Palm Springs.

*Even Medical Students Want Conventional Medicine to Include Alternative Therapies*

[http://www.naturalnews.com/028027\\_alternative\\_medicine\\_medical\\_students.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/028027_alternative_medicine_medical_students.html)

*Times, They are a Changing*

<http://www.gather.com/viewArticle.action?articleId=281474978011855&grpId=3659174697248548&nav=Groupspace>

*Medical Students Supportive of Alternative Medicine*

<http://www.kesq.com/Global/story.asp?S=11850965&nav=CcXS>

**HIV:** AIDS Meds.com reported Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> on research by Dr. William Cunningham, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of medicine, finding that high-risk populations may not readily accept an HIV vaccine due to questions over efficacy, potential side effects and other factors. Cunningham was quoted. The article also ran in POZ magazine.

*Study: Demand for HIV Vaccine Will Depend on How Good It Is*

[http://www.aidsmeds.com/articles/hiv\\_vaccine\\_acceptability\\_2042\\_17922.shtml](http://www.aidsmeds.com/articles/hiv_vaccine_acceptability_2042_17922.shtml)

**HAITI:** Alina Dorian, assistant adjunct professor of community health sciences and assistant director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters in the School of Public Health, was featured in a Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> segment of Horizon Armenian Television. She discussed the Haiti crisis, the response, how people can help and general emergency preparedness. She was also interviewed Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> on News Radio KOA AM 850 (Denver), and on KBDI Channel 12 (Denver), on the same topics.

*Haiti & You - Armenians, Awareness, & Activism*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LLYImYgj80>

## Briefs

Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health was cited Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> in a Santa Cruz Sentinel report about the city's Healthy Kids program, which provides health insurance to 13,000 children.

*Leaders look for ways to keep Healthy Kids afloat and kids insured*

[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci\\_14257874](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_14257874)

Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health was cited Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> in a CaliforniaHealthline health policy update about the effect safety-net provider networks would have on low-income and indigent residents.

*Insurance and Uninsured*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/theweekly.aspx?article=health-policy&theweeklydate=1/15/2010>

## Quotables

Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Ventura County Star article about proposed state cuts to adult day health care and in-home supportive services.

*Slashing Senior Care May or May Not Add Up for State*

<http://m.vcstar.com/news/2010/jan/26/slashing-senior-care-may-or-may-not-add-up-for/>

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Riverside Press Enterprise on innovative ways to contain costs in health care.

*Redlands Doctor's Practice Reflects Health Care Model Proposed Under Reform Bill*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/sbcounty/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_W\\_doctors25.46265d3.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/sbcounty/stories/PE_News_Local_W_doctors25.46265d3.html)

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> in an MSNBC.com article about how gum disease in women can adversely affect pregnancies.

*Mother's Gum Disease Linked to Infant's Death*

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34979552/ns/health-pregnancy/>

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## News

**HAITI:** Jared Diamond, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health and geography, and Pulitzer Prize–winning author, was featured Thursday on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation," discussing why Haiti remains the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere.

*History, Environment, Politics Make Haiti Poor*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/player/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=123374267&m=123374260>

**ORAL HEALTH:** Nadereh Pourat, associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of research planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> in a New America Media article about the causes of poor oral health in children and the effect it has on school performance.

*Kids' Dental Decay Takes a Bite out of School Attendance*

[http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view\\_article.html?article\\_id=56affdb0e904233db96752a66808583e](http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=56affdb0e904233db96752a66808583e)

**OBITUARY:** The Los Angeles Times published a Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> obituary about Dr. Charles Lewis, professor emeritus of the department of health services at the School of Public Health, nursing and family medicine and an expert on health care delivery and preventive medicine, who died Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

*PASSINGS: Charles Lewis*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-passings2-2010feb02,0,3583914.story>

**SOCIETY:** The San Antonio Express-News reported Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> on a recent lecture at a San Antonio college by Jared Diamond, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health and geography, and Pulitzer Prize–winning author, who spoke about what society today can learn from the collapse of previous civilizations. Diamond was quoted.

*Pulitzer Prize-winning author gives lecture at Trinity University*

[http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/Pulitzer\\_Prize-winning\\_author\\_gives\\_lecture\\_at\\_Trinity\\_University.html](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/Pulitzer_Prize-winning_author_gives_lecture_at_Trinity_University.html)

**NUTRITION:** The Daily TriPLICATE cited research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> in an article about nutrition counseling in the Del Norte County Unified School District.

*Teaching healthy choices*

<http://www.triplicate.com/20100201108064/Northcoast-Life/Northcoast-Life/Teaching-healthy-choices>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Scripps News article about proposed state cuts to adult day health care and in-home supportive services.

*Calif. seniors fear budget cuts could endanger care*

<http://www.scrippsnews.com/node/50989>

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** Pacific Progressive reported Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that low-income women in California were four times more likely than higher-income women to report fair or poor health and nearly twice as likely to report a health condition that limits their basic physical activities. Study co-author Roberta Wynn, associate director of the center, was quoted.

*Low Income Women Four Time More Likely to Report Poor or Fair Health*

<http://www.pacificprogressive.com/2010/01/low-income-women-four-time-more-likely-to-report-fair-or-poor-health.html>

**GENETICS:** Dr. Beate Ritz, professor and vice chair of the department of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, was featured in a Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> article on News-medical-Net, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> on RedOrbit.com and Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> on Science Daily about her research suggesting that people with a common gene variant have a higher risk of Parkinson's disease after exposure to agricultural pesticides.

*Study Shows Certain Heart Medications May Decrease Risk of Parkinson's Disease*

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20100122/Study-shows-certain-heart-medications-may-decrease-risk-of-Parkinsons-disease.aspx>

*Common Heart Medications May Also Protect Against Parkinson's Disease*

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1812805/common\\_heart\\_medications\\_may\\_also\\_protect\\_against\\_parkinsons\\_disease/index.html?source=r\\_health](http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1812805/common_heart_medications_may_also_protect_against_parkinsons_disease/index.html?source=r_health)

*Common Heart Medications May Also Protect Against Parkinson's Disease, Study Finds*

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/01/100122102849.htm>

## Quotables

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> in a Los Angeles Times article about Anthem Blue Cross raising rates for individual coverage.

*Anthem Blue Cross dramatically raising rates for Californians with individual health policies*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-insure-anthem5-2010feb05,0,3002094.story>

Dr. David Heber, professor of medicine and public health and director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, commented Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> in an MSNBC article about a study showing that spending time in higher altitudes may help obese people lose weight.

*Losing the Weight War? Head to the Mountain*

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/35220214/ns/health-fitness/>

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## News

**SPOTLIGHT:** Leonardo Colemon, a public administration analyst with the behavioral epidemiology research group in the School of Public Health, was profiled in the March issue of the Advocate. The magazine highlighted lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who feel they have the perfect jobs.

*The Coolest Jobs*

[http://advocate.com/Business/Careers/The\\_Coolest\\_Jobs/](http://advocate.com/Business/Careers/The_Coolest_Jobs/)

**ENTERTAINMENT:** The Los Angeles Times reported Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> on “The First Lady,” a semi-fictionalized operatic account of the life of Eleanor Roosevelt written by Kenneth Wells, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and professor-in-residence of psychiatry in the Semel Institute. The opera debuts at UCLA Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Wells is quoted.

*This opera’s drama isn’t only on stage*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-firstlady19-2010feb19,0,2585820.story>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** Articles in the Santa Maria Times and AARP Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, and Los Angeles Daily News Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed budget cuts cited a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health indicating that state cuts to in-home care services for disabled seniors could result in hundred of thousands of seniors seeking beds in nursing homes. Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was featured in AARP and Los Angeles Daily News.

*Clients fear loss of in-home services*

[http://www.santamariatimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article\\_f22fb51c-1d27-11df-98f8-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.santamariatimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_f22fb51c-1d27-11df-98f8-001cc4c03286.html)

*Love Is (Not) All You Need*

<http://www.aarpmagazine.org/health/love-is-not-all-you-need.html/page=3>

*Study: Cuts Would Deny Care to Elderly, Disabled*

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_14422157](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_14422157)

**MARIJUANA:** Bay City News reported Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> on research by Thomas Coates, professor-in-residence of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and of infectious diseases and an associate director of the UCLA AIDS Institute, and colleagues at the Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research at UC San Diego showing evidence that medical marijuana can benefit those suffering from HIV, multiple sclerosis and other conditions.

*New Report Shows Benefits of Medicinal Marijuana*

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/22597636/detail.html>

**CHILDHOOD OBESITY:** The research of Frederick Zimmerman, chair and associate professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was covered by Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> blogs in the New York Times, Atlantic Magazine and Los Angeles Times, and Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> in the Orange County Register and Asian News International. He found that childhood obesity correlates to children's exposure to TV commercials for unhealthy foods — not the overall amount of TV they watch.

*Commercials are the Culprit in TV-Obesity Link*

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/02/09/commercials-are-the-culprit-in-tv-obesity-link/?pagemode=print>  
<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/02/09/commercials-are-the-culprit-in-tv-obesity-link/?pagemode=print>

*Move Over Cigarettes. Junk Food is the New Bad Guy of TV and Film*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2010/02/move-over-cigarettes-junk-food-is-the-new-bad-guy-of-tv-and-film.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2010/02/move-over-cigarettes-junk-food-is-the-new-bad-guy-of-tv-and-film.html)

*Overlooked by the Obamas: Food Ads*

<http://food.theatlantic.com/nutrition/overlooked-by-the-obamas-food-ads.php>

**OBESITY:** An article in Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>'s Sacramento Bee about the Sacramento County jail population having a far lower rate of obesity than the general population cites research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health on nationwide adult obesity.

*The Public Eye: It's not a crime to be fat, and most inmates aren't*

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/02/18/2545332/the-public-eye-its-not-a-crime.html>

## Quotables

Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities at the School of Public Health, and of pediatrics and public policy, was quoted Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Los Angeles Times, Bloomberg News, WebMd, Medscape Medical News and MedPage Today. He discussed a JAMA study finding a rising number of children suffering from chronic illnesses. He coauthored an editorial accompanying the study.

*Chronic Health Conditions Increasing in Children, Study Finds*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-sci-child-health17-2010feb17,0,456579.story>

*U.S. Child Obesity Rate Doubled Before Easing Off, Study Says*

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-02-16/u-s-child-obesity-rate-doubled-before-easing-off-study-says.html>

*Rise in Chronic Childhood Health Problems*

<http://children.webmd.com/news/20100216/rise-in-childhood-health-problems>

*Prevalence of Chronic Illness in U.S. Kids has Increased*

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/717030>

*More and More Kids Have Chronic Health Problems*

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pediatrics/GeneralPediatrics/18506>

Alex Ortega, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and psychiatry at the Semel Institute, was quoted in the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles Times about proposed state legislation that would cut benefits for newly arrived legal immigrants.

*Proposed Cuts would End California Assistance for Most New Legal Immigrants*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-immigrant-cuts17-2010feb17,0,2170860.story>

Dr. Zuo-Feng Zhang, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and researcher at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> by La Opinión about suspicions that contamination at a Long Beach waste-management site may have led to cancer in employees.

*Temen Fallecimientos por Efecto de Contaminación*

<http://www.impre.com/noticias/2010/2/12/temen-fallecimientos-por-efect-173006-1.html>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> in KPBS and Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles Times about Anthem/Blue Cross' large rate increases for policy holders.

*Anthem Blue Cross Raises Rates Up To 39 Percent*

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2010/feb/05/anthem-blue-cross-raises-rates-39-percent/>

*Anthem Blue Cross Dramatically Raising Rates for Californians with Individual Health Policies*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-insure-anthem5-2010feb05,0,3002094.story?track=rss>

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## News

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** United Press International reported Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that older women who have never married or are divorced, separated or widowed are twice as likely to be uninsured as their married counterparts. Roberta Wyn, associate director of the center and lead author of the study, was quoted.

*Women's mid-life crisis -- no health ins.*

[http://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2010/02/25/Womens-mid-life-crisis-no-health-ins/UPI-93521267160132/](http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/02/25/Womens-mid-life-crisis-no-health-ins/UPI-93521267160132/)

**ACADEMICS:** Reuters reported Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> on a study led by William McCarthy, adjunct associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of psychology, that found that middle and high school students who are less aerobically fit than their peers tended to score lower on a number of standardized academic tests. McCarthy was quoted.

*Physically fit students do better academically too: study*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE61P08T20100226>

**HEALTH CARE:** NaturalNews.com reported Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about U.S. residents who travel to Mexico for affordable dental and medical care.

*Americans Flee to Mexico for Affordable Health Care*

[http://www.naturalnews.com/028199\\_health\\_tourism\\_Mexico.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/028199_health_tourism_Mexico.html)

**HEALTH RANKING:** Santa Cruz Sentinel reported Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> on the results of California's first county-by-county health ranking. Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health was cited.

*Santa Cruz County ranked eighth healthiest in California*

[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/localnews/ci\\_14424188](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/localnews/ci_14424188)

**HYPERTENSION:** The Sun reported Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about the high percentage of Inland Empire residents diagnosed with hypertension.

*Can you feel the tension?*

[http://www.sbsun.com/pointofview/ci\\_14383564](http://www.sbsun.com/pointofview/ci_14383564)

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** On Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, San Diego News Network cited estimates from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, in a story about the effects that the lack of health care reform could have on residents of San Diego County.

*Rotto: A bipartisan solution could tank health care reform*

<http://www.sdn.com/sandiego/2010-02-08/blog/a-more-perfect-union/rotto-a-bipartisanship-solution-could-tank-health-care-reform>

## Briefs

The California Science Center's Health Matters presented "Your Medical Records Online: The Promises and the Pitfalls" Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at its Loker Conference Center. Nadereh Pourat, associate professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of research planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was a panelist for the speaker's program.

*Science Matters program explores digitizing medical records on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>*

<http://www.the-signal.com/news/article/24774/>

On Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, the Social Medicine Portal posted a portion of the conference schedule for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual National Physicians Alliance meeting in Long Beach. Thomas Rice, UCLA vice chancellor for academic personnel and professor of health services in the School of Public Health, and E. Richard Brown, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, are included in the list of participants.

*WAVES OF CHANGE: DEVELOPING PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP IN OUR PRACTICES, COMMUNITIES, AND NATION*

<http://www.socialmedicine.org/2010/02/04/globalization-and-health/waves-of-change-developing-physician-leadership-in-our-practices-communities-and-nation/>

## Quotables

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> in La Opinión about a health care advocacy organization's prediction that more than 275,000 uninsured people may die prematurely if health care reform does not take place.

Dr. Beate Ritz, professor and vice chair of the department of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, commented Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Los Angeles Times about disease clusters, or unusually high rates of disease within a specific locale.

*A Closer Look: Kettleman City Cleft Deformities Raise Questions of a Cluster Case*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/politics/la-he-closer22-20100222.0,186266.story>

Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the San Francisco Chronicle about feelings of isolation among aging Indian parents whose children have moved overseas. He was also quoted Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> in Kaiser Health News and Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> in the San Bernadino Sun and with other members of the center in Contra County Times about a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research indicating that state cuts to in-home care services for disabled seniors could result in hundreds of thousands of seniors seeking beds in nursing homes.

*India's Elderly Pay for Emigres' Success*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/02/21/IN501C35TJ.DTL>

*Research Roundup: Financing Boomers' Care; California's Budget Cuts; Racial Disparities In Surgical Outcomes*

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2010/February/19/Health-Policy-Research-Roundup.aspx>

*Budget Cuts Could Bog Down Nursing Home System*

[http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_14435996?source=rss](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_14435996?source=rss)

*Without program, many would end up in nursing facilities or dying early*

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_14422157?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_14422157?nclick_check=1)

California's Children reported Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and Out in Los Angeles reported Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> on the new California Assembly bill 1878 which would require the state to add questions about sexual orientation, sexual identity and domestic partnership status in the voluntary demographic section of the census and government forms in an effort to determine the appropriate levels of public services that the state provides to the LGBT community. Research by the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Poor, gay and uncounted: Lieu law helps LGBT families*

<http://californiaschildren.typepad.com/californias-children/2010/02/poor-gay-uncounted-lieu-law-helps-lgbt-families.html>

*EQUALITY CALIFORNIA SPONSORS FIRST BILL IN NATION TO INCLUDE GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION IN STATE GOVERNMENT FORMS*

<http://www.ouinlosangeles.com/home/news.asp?articleid=33894>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was interviewed Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> on ABCNews and was quoted Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> in KCBS about Anthem/Blue Cross' large rate increases for policy holders.

*InfocusHealth*

<https://www.relayit.net/pickup.php?c=78fqCFrkSnvLnc3rqpMPDcpjGKjLQmKsH84t>

*Health Secretary Doubts Reasons for Premium Hikes*

<http://www.kcbs.com/pages/6340544.php?>

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## News

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** The research of Roberta Wyn, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was featured Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> in Emax Health and Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> in Medical News Today and Kaiser Health News. She found that older women who have never married or are divorced, separated or widowed are twice as likely to be uninsured as their married counterparts.

*Unmarried Older Women Likely to Not Have Health Insurance*

<http://www.emaxhealth.com/1275/72/35865/unmarried-older-women-likely-not-have-health-insurance.html>

*Unmarried Women Twice As Likely To Lack Health Insurance, Study Shows*

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/180431.php>

*Health Policy Research Roundup: Length of Hospital Stays, Analyses of Obama's Reform Proposal*

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2010/February/26/KHN-Research-Roundup.aspx>

## Briefs

A Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> San Jose Mercury News article about Healthy Workers, a program designed to promote access to health insurance to small businesses and low-income workers, cited research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health.

*EDITORIAL: Healthy Workers creates win for small businesses, employees*

<http://insurance.us/news/editorial-healthy-workers-creates-win-for-small-business-employees/>

A Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> New York Times article about a California state senator's efforts to pass a single-payer health care bill cited research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health examining insurance rates in each of California's counties.

*Senator Pushes His Plan to Overhaul Health Care*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/28/us/28sfpolitics.html>

## Quotables

Nadereh Pourat, associate professor of health services and director of research planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in a March 3<sup>rd</sup> Pasadena Star-News article about a local foundation that offers policies from \$10 to \$40 to cover low-cost preventive care procedures for the uninsured.

*A Model of Health: Low-Cost Services Available for Patients in Need*

[http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci\\_14507108](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_14507108)

Vickie Mays, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, UCLA psychologist and director of the UCLA Center for Research, Education, Training and Strategic Communication on Minority Health Disparities, was quoted March 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Los Angeles Daily News article about a study that looked at the health and well-being of women in Los Angeles County.

*Startling new statistics on women's health*

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_14508687](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_14508687)

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> San Bernardino County Sun article about the rising cost of individual health insurance plans.

*Broad Health Insurance Costs likely Coming Later*

[http://www.sbsun.com/search/ci\\_14487762?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com](http://www.sbsun.com/search/ci_14487762?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com)

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## News

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** A March 10<sup>th</sup> Examiner article cited research by UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about the number of people who are uninsured in California.

*123 people die every day without health care*

<http://www.examiner.com/x-35017-Santa-Ana-Baby-Boomer-Examiner~y2010m3d10-123-people-die-every-day-without-health-care>

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that found that older women who have never married or are divorced, separated or widowed are twice as likely to be uninsured as their married counterparts was featured March 8<sup>th</sup> in Times-Herald and March 4<sup>th</sup> in Women's Voices for Change. Roberta Wyn, associate director of the center, was quoted in Women's Voices for Change.

*Lack of health insurance hurts widows, divorcees, like woman in Fairfield*

[http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci\\_14632993](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_14632993)

*Women and Health Care: Uninsurable at 50?*

<http://womensvoicesforchange.org/women-and-health-care-uninsurable-at-50.htm>

**EARTHQUAKES:** Linda Bourque, professor of community health sciences in the School of Public Health, was featured in a March 5<sup>th</sup> article on the KPCC website, and March 6<sup>th</sup> in the El Diario–La Prensa newspaper, about a report by the School of Public Health showing that most Californians have not adequately prepared physically and financially for a large-scale earthquake.

*Study: Southern Californians Ill-Prepared for Inevitable Large Scale Quake*

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/03/05/study-southern-californians-ill-prepared-inevitabl/>

*Hispanos en California, los menos preparados para un terremoto*

<http://www.impre.com/noticias/nacionales/2010/3/6/hispanos-en-california-los-men-176629-1.html>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** A March 5<sup>th</sup> article in California Healthline about state cuts to in-home care services for seniors and disabled Californians cited research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health.

*Long-Term Care*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/theweekly.aspx?article=health-policy&theweeklydate=3/5/2010>

Quotables

John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences in the School of Public Health, was quoted March 12<sup>th</sup> in a San Luis Obispo Tribune article about concerns over a potentially hazardous fumigant used by strawberry growers.

*Alarm about fumigant raised*

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/03/11/1063922/alarm-about-fumigant-raised.html>

Dr. Beate Ritz, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was quoted March 10<sup>th</sup> by Reuters about whether nicotine or other potentially nerve-protecting substances "might be appropriate for study" as treatments against Parkinson's disease if their toxic effects could be minimized.

*Smoking Years Key Factor in Lower Parkinson's Risk*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6294XH20100310>

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was quoted March 7<sup>th</sup> in the Los Angeles Times about existing health care disparities for minority women.

*Healthcare gap persists for minority women*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-health-report7-2010mar07,0,7686254.story>

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## News

**ENTERTAINMENT:** The Los Angeles Times reported March 18<sup>th</sup> on “Let Me Down Easy,” a one-woman stageplay about health and the human body written by actress and author Anna Deavere Smith. Smith performed the play March 18<sup>th</sup> for the School of Public Health's Lester Breslow Distinguished Lecture and Dinner at the Beverly Hilton.

*Anna Deavere Smith tells tales of the ill in ‘Let Me Down Easy’*

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/la-et-anna-deveare-smith18-2010mar18,0,1177497.story>

**CHILDREN’S HEALTH:** A March 17<sup>th</sup> Health News Digest article about the 10-week ShapeUp program developed by SOSMentor, the non-profit organization providing mentoring and educational support to children and families in school systems, cited research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health.

*Kids Teaching Kids About Eating Right*

[http://www.healthnewsdigest.com/news/Children\\_s\\_Health\\_200/Kids\\_Teaching\\_Kids\\_About\\_Eating\\_Right.shtml](http://www.healthnewsdigest.com/news/Children_s_Health_200/Kids_Teaching_Kids_About_Eating_Right.shtml)

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Multiple news outlets reported March 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> on research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that showed nearly two million Californians lost their health insurance during 2008 and 2009, and that more than 8 million residents are now uninsured. E. Richard Brown, the center's director, and Shana Alex Lavarreda, the center's director of health insurance studies, were quoted.

*Report: Nearly 1 in 4 Californians Uninsured*

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/03/15/1068157/report-nearly-1-in-4-californians.html>

*Study Finds Almost 1 in 4 Uninsured in California*

<http://prescriptions.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/03/16/study-finds-1-in-4-uninsured-in-california/>

*Democrats consider new maneuvers for health bill*

[http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci\\_14689967?source=rss](http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_14689967?source=rss)

*Study: 1 in 4 Californians lacks health insurance*

[http://www.dailybulletin.com/ci\\_14688183](http://www.dailybulletin.com/ci_14688183)

*Two disturbing health trends for Californians*

[http://www.examiner.com/x-40060-LA-Health-News-Examiner~y2010m3d16-Two-disturbing-health-trends-for-Californians?cid=edition-by-channel-rss-Los\\_Angeles-News](http://www.examiner.com/x-40060-LA-Health-News-Examiner~y2010m3d16-Two-disturbing-health-trends-for-Californians?cid=edition-by-channel-rss-Los_Angeles-News)

*Study: Nearly 25% of California Residents Lack Health Coverage*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2010/3/16/study-nearly-25-of-california-residents-lack-health-coverage.aspx>

*More Alarming News from California*

<http://www.tnr.com/blog/the-treatment/more-alarming-news-california>

*Nearly 24.3% of Californians Do Not have Health Insurance Coverage*

<http://topnews.us/content/213331-nearly-243-californians-do-not-have-health-insurance-coverage>

*Number of Uninsured Jumped to More Than Eight Million from 2007 – 2009*

[http://lahealthaction.org/index.php/library/full\\_entry/2424/](http://lahealthaction.org/index.php/library/full_entry/2424/)

*UCLA study finds uninsured rolls grow in region*

[http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/article\\_328cc520-1bda-533f-8658-71385f638712.html](http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/article_328cc520-1bda-533f-8658-71385f638712.html)

*A Tech Entrepreneur Struggles to Survive Healthcare Crisis*

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/health/Tech-Entrepreneur-Healthcare-Crisis-87963852.html>

*1 in 4 Californians Are Uninsured: Report*

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/politics/1-in-4-Californians-Are-Uninsured-Report-87803172.html>

*Workers paying more toward insurance premiums*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/03/17/BA751CBPMG.DTL&feed=rss.news>

*Number of Californians without health plan soars*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE62G03220100317>

*Ranks of those without health insurance soar in California, Sacramento County*

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/03/17/2612378/state-local-uninsured-population.html>

*About 1 in 4 in California Lack Health Insurance*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/comments\\_blog/2010/03/about-1-in-4-in-california-lack-health-insurance-a-ucla-study-finds.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/comments_blog/2010/03/about-1-in-4-in-california-lack-health-insurance-a-ucla-study-finds.html)

*Health Buzz: Nearly 1 in 4 Californians Lacks Health Insurance Coverage*

<http://www.usnews.com/health/managing-your-healthcare/diabetes/articles/2010/03/17/health-buzz-nearly-1-in-4-californians-lacks-health-insurance-coverage.html>

*The Growing Ranks of California's Uninsured*

[http://www.kcrw.com/news/programs/ww/ww100317obama\\_and\\_israel\\_cal](http://www.kcrw.com/news/programs/ww/ww100317obama_and_israel_cal)

*1.5 million CA kids have no medical insurance*

<http://californiaschildren.typepad.com/californias-children/2010/03/400k-more-ca-kids-without-medical-insurance-ucla-says.html>

*Unhealthy: State's uninsured grows 28%*

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/mar/17/number-of-state-uninsured-shows-surprising/>

**PHYSICAL FITNESS:** A March 15<sup>th</sup> San Luis Obispo Tribune article about San Luis Obispo being the fifth slimmest region in the nation cited research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health.

*County among fittest in U.S.*

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/03/14/1067026/county-among-fittest-in-us.html>

## Briefs

In a March 16<sup>th</sup> story about a local Reach Out and Read program, the Gaylord Herald Times (MI) cited a study by the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities in the School of Public Health that found more than half of Michigan children are read to by their parents on a daily basis, higher than the national average.

*OMH Celebrates Reach Out & Read Program*

[http://www.gaylordheraldtimes.com/articles/2010/03/16/news/local\\_news/doc4b9fa3c2350f4896877968.txt](http://www.gaylordheraldtimes.com/articles/2010/03/16/news/local_news/doc4b9fa3c2350f4896877968.txt)

## Quotables

Susan Cochran, professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health, was quoted March 18<sup>th</sup> in an ABC News online article about a recent study suggesting that doctors often needlessly exclude homosexuals from participating in clinical trials.

*Are Gay People Excluded From Clinical Trials?*

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/WellnessNews/gay-people-excluded-clinical-trials/story?id=10129927>

Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities in the School of Public Health and of pediatrics and public policy, commented on the trend to offer healthier foods at movie theaters in a story that appeared March 15<sup>th</sup> on KKFX-Channel 11 (Santa Barbara), San Francisco Business Times and the California Chronicle.

*Movie Theaters Asked to Offer Healthier Snacks at Concession Stands*

[http://sanfrancisco.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/prnewswire/press\\_releases/national/Nevada/2010/03/15/LA70751](http://sanfrancisco.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/prnewswire/press_releases/national/Nevada/2010/03/15/LA70751)

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## News

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Multiple news outlets reported March 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> on research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health that showed nearly two million Californians lost their health insurance during 2008 and 2009, and that more than 8 million residents are now uninsured. E. Richard Brown, the center's director, and Shana Alex Lavarreda, the center's director of health insurance studies, were quoted.

*How the New Law will Affect Important Stakeholders*

<http://www.oregister.com/articles/health-240549-coverage-insurance.html>

*What's in health bill for young people?*

<http://healthyliving.freedomblogging.com/2010/03/23/whats-in-health-bill-for-young-people/18083/>

*California stands to gain most from health bill*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/03/21/MN0L1CIJ56.DTL>

*Millions in California will swiftly feel health care changes*

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2010/03/22/1358441/millions-in-california-will-swiftly.html>

*Health care changes to come quickly in California*

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/03/22/1868455/health-care-changes-to-come-quickly.html>

*Area residents, lawmakers split over historic health care bill*

<http://www.news10.net/news/story.aspx?storyid=77732&catid=2>

*As We See It: Health care reform: The cost of doing nothing*

[http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci\\_14722290](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_14722290)

*Waffles Shouldn't Be on the Menu Today: Loretta Sanchez Needs to Stand Up for Families on Health Care Now*

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kristin-rowefinkbeiner/waffles-shouldnt-be-on-th\\_b\\_507398.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kristin-rowefinkbeiner/waffles-shouldnt-be-on-th_b_507398.html)

*Impact Of Health Care Reform On San Diego*

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2010/mar/19/impact-health-care-reform-san-diego/>

*Running Dog Bites Dust*

<http://www.independent.com/news/2010/mar/18/running-dog-bites-dust/>

*Stop the bleeding in California*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-meyerson18-2010mar18,0,2229463.story>

*Unemployed and uninsured in California*

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20100318/Unemployed-and-uninsured-in-California.aspx>

*Millions of Californians lose health coverage during recession*

<http://www.760kfm.com/Global/story.asp?S=12164316>

*Shocking Numbers: 8.2 Million Uninsured in CA!*

<http://www.californiaprogressreport.com/site/?q=node/7557>

*Californians Facing Health Insurance Crisis with 1 in 4 Uninsured*

<http://www.healthnews.com/family-health/californians-facing-health-insurance-crisis-with-1-in-4-uninsured-4142.html>

## Quotables

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, commented March 24<sup>th</sup> in La Opinión, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the San Bernardino Sun, and the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Ventura County Star on the passage of the health care reform bill. He also appeared on KTLA Morning Show March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Alivio inmediato para asegurados en el país*

<http://www.impre.com/laopinion/noticias/2010/3/24/alivio-inmediato-para-asegurad-179559-1.html>

*Experts: Health System Can Handle New Insured*

[http://www.sbsun.com/search/ci\\_14743754?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com](http://www.sbsun.com/search/ci_14743754?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com)

*Local Doctors, Insurers Split on Health Reform*

<http://m.vcstar.com/news/2010/mar/22/local-doctors-insurers-split-on-effects-of/>

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, appeared on a panel that discussed the impact of health care reform in three March 22<sup>nd</sup> Univision reports.

Gail Harrison, professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted March 18<sup>th</sup> in a California Watch article about the growing food shortage crisis in California.

*Searching for food in the land of plenty*

<http://californiawatch.org/health-and-welfare/searching-food-land-plenty>

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## News

**CHRONIC ILLNESS:** An article in the March 2010 issue of California HealthCare Foundation highlighted how areas of California can identify where they have high rates of chronic conditions and improve access to care for the chronically ill. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Chronic Conditions of Californians*

<http://www.chcf.org/topics/chronicdisease/index.cfm?itemID=118083>

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** The Times-Herald reported April 6<sup>th</sup> and St. Helena Star reported April 5<sup>th</sup> on the Napa County Public Health open house held April 7<sup>th</sup> at Health and Human Services. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Public health open house planned Wednesday in Napa*

[http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci\\_14828131](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_14828131)

*FRIDAY UPDATE: Napa County Public Health to host open house*

<http://www.sthelenastar.com/articles/2010/04/05/news/local/doc4bb67cbf9aaff063463650.txt>

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** The Ukiah Daily Journal reported April 6<sup>th</sup> on the possible elimination of Healthy Families, a health insurance program in Modocino County, due to state budget cuts. Research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Covering the Kids*

[http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/ci\\_14828026](http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/ci_14828026)

**EARTHQUAKES:** Kimberley Shoaf, associate professor-in-residence and associate director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters at the School of Public Health, appeared in an April 5<sup>th</sup> KTLA-Channel 5 news report about where and how individuals should seek safety during an earthquake.

*Best and Worst Places to be in an Earthquake*

<http://www.ktla.com/videobeta/9b77b0da-571f-4dd0-bd44-c8232ad0433a/News/KTLA-Best-and-Worst-Places-to-Be-During-an-Earthquake-Lu-Parker-reports>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, appeared April 5<sup>th</sup> on a KPCC news program about the effects that the health care overhaul might have on California's state budget.

*What will health care reform mean for California's budget?*

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2010/04/05/what-will-health-care-reform-mean-for-californias-/>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** Articles in the April 4<sup>th</sup> Napa Valley Register and LA Times explored the impact that health care reform will have on California residents. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Health care reform: What it means for the Napa Valley*

[http://www.napaValleyregister.com/news/local/article\\_793d80e0-3fa9-11df-b951-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.napaValleyregister.com/news/local/article_793d80e0-3fa9-11df-b951-001cc4c03286.html)

*Californians take generally positive view of healthcare reform*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-poll4-2010apr04,0,5948679.story?page=2>

**MEDICINE:** Zikkir reported April 3<sup>rd</sup> on the argument for making prescription drug labels easier to read and understand. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Viewpoints: Fine print on RX labels spells danger*

<http://www.zikkir.com/index/190889>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** A SmartMoney.com story published April 2<sup>nd</sup> about the current generation of senior citizens having a higher likelihood of developing disabling health problems cites a study by Teresa Seeman, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and of geriatrics, related to the growing number of disabled seniors. Seeman is quoted.

*Disabilities Are Restricting More Retirees*

[http://www.smartmoney.com/personal-finance/retirement/disabilities-are-restricting-more-retirees/?cid=1122&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+smartmoney%2Fheadlines+%28SmartMoney.com%29](http://www.smartmoney.com/personal-finance/retirement/disabilities-are-restricting-more-retirees/?cid=1122&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+smartmoney%2Fheadlines+%28SmartMoney.com%29)

**MEDICARE:** HealthDay News reported March 29<sup>th</sup> on a study led by Susan Ettner, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of medicine, that found that among seniors, women and those with diabetes and dementia are the most likely to reach their annual Medicare drug coverage limit and be exposed to the full cost of their medications. Ettner was quoted.

*Women, Diabetics Fall Fast Into Medicare 'Doughnut Hole'*

[http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/637445.html?campaign\\_id=rss\\_topStories](http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/637445.html?campaign_id=rss_topStories)

## Quotables

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted April 9<sup>th</sup> in a Ventura County Star article on how health care reform will affect individuals with Medicare Advantage coverage.

*Healthcare Reform and You: Medicare Advantage plans*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/apr/08/healthcare-reform-and-you-medicare-advantage/>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented April 5<sup>th</sup> in a Los Angeles Times article about foods that claim to lower cholesterol.

*It Takes More than Breakfast to Lower Cholesterol*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-he-nutrition-20100405,0.585297.story>

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Wall Street Journal about a potential link between certain types of stress among pregnant women and developmental delays in babies.

*Why Worries about Baby are Bad for Baby*

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303601504575153891118025102.html>

Dr. Mark Litwin, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of urology, commented March 31<sup>st</sup> on NBC Nightly News about drugs designed to decrease the risk of prostate cancer.

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented March 29<sup>th</sup> in a That's Fit article about the impact of a new health care reform law asking chain restaurants to post calories in food items.

*Healthcare Bill Forces Restaurants Nationwide to Post Nutrition Info*

<http://www.thatsfit.com/2010/03/29/healthcare-bill-forces-restaurants-nationwide-to-post-nutrition/>

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## News

**SENIOR HEALTH:** A Sacramento Bee blog reported April 21<sup>st</sup> on a survey by researchers at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health and colleagues that found that nearly 60 percent of California voters over the age of 40 feel unprepared to pay for services if they could no longer care for themselves independently and needed long-term care.

*Californians unprepared for costs of old-age care*

<http://www.sacbee.com/static/weblogs/capitolalert/latest/2010/04/californians-un.html>

**NUTRITION:** William McCarthy, associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, appeared in an April 16<sup>th</sup> KABC-Channel 7 news story about products consumers can use to remove pesticides and dirt from fruits and vegetables.

*Are Produce Cleaners Worth the Extra Price?*

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/food\\_coach&id=7391188](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/food_coach&id=7391188)

**SENIOR HEALTH:** The Health and Human Services radio show, "HealthBeat," reported April 14<sup>th</sup> on a study by Teresa Seeman, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health and of geriatrics,, finding that Baby Boomers are entering their 60s with more disabilities than did those in previous generations. Seeman was quoted.

*Older and Worse*

[http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2010/04/older\\_and\\_worse.mp3](http://www.hhs.gov/news/healthbeat/2010/04/older_and_worse.mp3)

## Briefs

The April 18<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles Times and an April 11<sup>th</sup> WFSU-TV (Fla.) broadcast cited research by Susan Ettner, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and of medicine, finding that women and people with diabetes and dementia are the most likely seniors to reach their annual Medicare drug coverage limit. An article also ran April 18<sup>th</sup> in the Contra Costa Times.

*When Will the Healthcare Law Lower Drug Costs?*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-na-healthcare-qa19-2010apr19,0,2837704.story>

## Quotables

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, was quoted April 19<sup>th</sup> in USA Today and the Wall Street Journal about research comparing two popular breast cancer drugs. She was quoted April 12<sup>th</sup> by HeathDay News on teen drinking leading to later breast problems, a story that also appeared on the websites for MSNBC, U.S. News & World Report and Business Week. She also commented April 7<sup>th</sup> in Medscape Medical News about childhood cancer survivors needing close monitoring as they grow up.

*Study: Bone Drug Lowers Breast Cancer Risk 38% in High-Risk Women*

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-04-20-raloxifene20\\_ST\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-04-20-raloxifene20_ST_N.htm)

*Old Line Treatment Bests Lilly Drug in Breast-Cancer Prevention*

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704671904575193912314355570.html?mod=WSJ\\_latesheadlines](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704671904575193912314355570.html?mod=WSJ_latesheadlines)

*Teen Drinking May Boost Breast Problems Later*

<http://health.msn.com/health-topics/addiction/articlepage.aspx?cp-documentid=100256911>

*Childhood Cancer Survivors Need Closer Monitoring in Adulthood*

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/719861>

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted April 18<sup>th</sup> by the Los Angeles Times about the so-called “doughnut hole” where seniors have to pay more for their medications.

*Healthcare Law Hits Home in Complex Ways*

<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-na-healthcare-home-front18-2010apr18,0,4223197.story>

Jack Needleman, associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted April 20<sup>th</sup> in the San Francisco Chronicle about a new law that limits the number of patients assigned to a nurse and in an April 13<sup>th</sup> Associated Press article about proposals in 28 states to give nurse practitioners expanded medical responsibilities, including the right to prescribe narcotics.

*Pioneering Law on Nurses Found to Save Lives*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/04/20/BABC1D12SV.DTL#ixzz0lfZUo1Dt>

*Doctor Shortage? 28 States May Expand Nurses' Role*

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jCB6VTbMN12zQSwafnZfBJovMseAD9F2BUG80>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented April 15<sup>th</sup> in a Ventura County Star article about the provision in the new healthcare law that allows young people to be covered under their parents' policy up to age 26.

*Son can rejoin health plan after law kicks in*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/apr/15/no-headline---nxxfhealthreformandyou15/?partner=RSS>

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and co-director of the UCLA-Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, was quoted April 9<sup>th</sup> by Reuters and Cleveland's Plain Dealer about White House efforts to tackle childhood obesity.

*White House Gathers Experts in Effort to Tackle Childhood Obesity*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE63900W20100410>

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## News

**SENIOR HEALTH:** A Ventura County Star story published April 30<sup>th</sup> about Ventura County-run health plans that help chronically ill, uninsured individuals over the age of 50 highlights the advisory role of Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health. Kominski is quoted.

*County programs offer lifeline to uninsured boomers*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/apr/30/county-programs-offer-lifeline-to-uninsured/>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** Asian News International reported April 30<sup>th</sup> and HealthDay News reported April 28<sup>th</sup> on research led by Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the UCLA School of Public Health's department of health services, suggesting that up to one-third of seniors are at-risk drinkers, due to excessive drinking or doing so while taking medications or having certain health conditions. The study was published online in the Journal of General Internal Medicine. Numerous outlets carried the HealthDay report, including Consumer Affairs, EmpowHER.com, MentalHelp.net, HealthScout, ConsumerSafety.org, and others.

*Regular booze harms those over 60 with health issues, prescription meds*

<http://www.andhranews.net/Health/2010/April/30-Regular-booze-harms-those14888.asp>

*Even Moderate Drinking Puts Many Older Adults at Risk*

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=638473>

**NUTRITION:** Time magazine, the Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, NPR, Hindustan Times, London Telegraph and Science News on April 28<sup>th</sup> reported on a study by researchers at the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health that found that capsaicin, the chemical that gives spice to hot peppers, may prompt the body to expend more energy and burn more calories. Center director Dr. David Heber, professor of medicine and public health, was cited in the coverage. KGTV in San Diego, KTVU-TV in San Francisco and KCRA-TV in Sacramento also reported the findings. The study was presented at the 2010 Experimental Biology meeting in Anaheim.

*Spicy Peppers May Hold the Key to Weight Loss Says Scientists*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2010/04/capsaicin-hot-peppers-weight-loss.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2010/04/capsaicin-hot-peppers-weight-loss.html)

*Mild Peppers May Help Burn Calories*

[http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2010/04/more\\_study\\_needed\\_on\\_power\\_of.html](http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2010/04/more_study_needed_on_power_of.html)

*The Burrito Diet?*

[http://voices.washingtonpost.com/checkup/2010/04/the\\_burrito\\_diet.html?wprss=checkup](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/checkup/2010/04/the_burrito_diet.html?wprss=checkup)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** On April 28<sup>th</sup> the Sacramento Bee published a story about a new report from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health explaining that one in six Californians report having been physically or sexually abused by a partner.

*Survey: 1 in 6 Californians victims of assault by partner*

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/04/28/2712307/survey-1-in-6-californians-victims.html>

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** Womens-eNews.org carried an April 28<sup>th</sup> article highlighting the pioneering research conducted by Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, into racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health and infant mortality. Lu was quoted. Lu was also quoted in an April 23<sup>rd</sup> EmpowHER.com article about potential health risks to women who train and run marathons primarily to lose weight.

*Dr. Lu Puts 'M' Back in Maternal, Child Care*

<http://www.womensenews.org/story/reproductive-health/100427/dr-lu-puts-m-back-in-maternal-child-care>

*Women Running Marathons: Health Risks*

<http://www.empowher.com/news/herarticle/2010/04/23/women-running-marathons-health-risks>

## Briefs

An April 28<sup>th</sup> column in the Merced Sun Star on Cinco de Mayo cites research by David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, on the origin of Cinco de Mayo celebrations.

*Cinco de Mayo Tacos*

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2010/04/28/1402458/cinco-de-mayo-tacos.html>

## Quotables

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in an April 22<sup>nd</sup> Ventura County Star article on how health care reform will affect local businesses.

*Employer Worries about Enrollment Quota*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/apr/22/no-headline---nxxfhealthquest23/>

Nadereh Pourat, associate professor of health services and director of research planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the April 27<sup>th</sup> La Opinión about individuals using the Internet to answer health- and medical-related questions.

*Primero está el Internet, Luego van al Doctor*

<http://www.impre.com/noticias/2010/4/27/primero-esta-el-internet-luego-185434-1.html>

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## News

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** On May 8<sup>th</sup> La Opinión, May 3<sup>rd</sup> United Press International, and on April 29<sup>th</sup> NBC Los Angeles and Imperial Valley News covered a report from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health explaining that one in six Californians report having been physically or sexually abused by a partner. The report was also mentioned in several other news outlets and websites.

*Los gays sufren más la violencia doméstica*

<http://www.impre.com/noticias/2010/5/8/los-gays-sufren-mas-la-violenc-187530-1.html>

*Partner violence more likely if gay*

[http://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2010/05/03/Partner-violence-more-likely-if-gay/UPI-93931272924555/](http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/05/03/Partner-violence-more-likely-if-gay/UPI-93931272924555/)

*UCLA Researchers Study “Invisible Health Crisis”*

<http://www.nbclouangeles.com/news/local-beat/When-Relationships-Turn-Violent-92425559.html>

*Millions of Californians Report Sexual or Physical Violence From A Spouse Or Companion*

[http://imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=7090&Itemid=2](http://imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=7090&Itemid=2)

**ENVIRONMENT:** Richard Ambrose, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Vancouver Sun and May 7<sup>th</sup> in the Los Angeles Times and appeared April 30<sup>th</sup> on ABC News commenting on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

*The Lesser of the Evils: Fight the Oil Before it Hits Land*

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/lesser+evils+Fight+before+hits+land/3002117/story.html>

*Volunteers gather hair to help mop up oil spill*

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/may/06/nation/la-na-oil-spill-hair-20100507>

*Oil Reaches Louisiana Coast*

<http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/oil-reaches-louisiana-coast-10524024>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** The Examiner.com reported April 28 on a study by Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the School of Public Health, finding that more than a third of drinkers over age 60 drink excessively, especially in light of diseases and medications associated with their age.

*UCLA Study Finds High Rates of At-Risk Drinking Among Elderly Adults*

[http://www.examiner.com/x-45992-Ft-Myers-Addiction-Examiner~y2010m4d28-UCLA-study-finds-high-reates-of-atrisk-drinking-among-elderly-adults?cid=edition-rss-Ft\\_Myers\\_FL](http://www.examiner.com/x-45992-Ft-Myers-Addiction-Examiner~y2010m4d28-UCLA-study-finds-high-reates-of-atrisk-drinking-among-elderly-adults?cid=edition-rss-Ft_Myers_FL)

**NUTRITION:** WebMD reported April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Examiner reported April 30<sup>th</sup> on a study by researchers at the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health that found that capsaicin, the chemical that gives spice to hot peppers, may prompt the body to expend more energy and burn more calories. Center director Dr. David Heber was quoted in WebMD.

*Eat Hot Peppers to Burn Extra Calories, Fat*

<http://www.webmd.com/diet/news/20100428/eat-hot-peppers-to-burn-extra-calories-and-fat>

*Chili pepper compounded can oxidize fat, which boosts metabolism!?!*

<http://www.examiner.com/x-18126-Chicago-Obesity-Examiner~y2010m4d30-Chili-pepper-compounded-can-oxidize-fat-which-boosts-metabolism>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** CaliforniaHealthline reported April 28<sup>th</sup> about some of the immediate impacts health care reform is expected to have on Californians. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*California Gears Up for Reform Provisions Taking Effect This Year*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/road-to-reform/2010/california-gears-up-for-reform-provisions-taking-effect-this-year.aspx>

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited April 26<sup>th</sup> by CaliforniaHealthline and The Sun about the contribution of medical malpractice lawsuits on health care costs.

*Tort debate lives on*

[http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_14958877?source=rss](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_14958877?source=rss)

*Calif. GOP Says Reform Law Fails to Adequately Curb Malpractice Costs*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2010/4/26/calif-gop-says-reform-law-fails-to-adequately-curb-malpractice-costs.aspx>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** The Los Angeles Times and redOrbit reported April 21<sup>st</sup> on a survey by researchers at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health and colleagues that found that nearly 60 percent of California voters over the age of 40 feel unprepared to pay for services if they could no longer care for themselves independently and needed long-term care.

*Who's afraid of long-term care? Californians*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2010/04/whos-afraid-of-longterm-care-californians.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2010/04/whos-afraid-of-longterm-care-californians.html)

*Poll Finds Most Californians Unprepared for Costs of Long-Term Care*

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1853381/poll\\_finds\\_most\\_californians\\_unprepared\\_for\\_costs\\_of\\_longterm\\_care/index.html?source=r\\_health](http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1853381/poll_finds_most_californians_unprepared_for_costs_of_longterm_care/index.html?source=r_health)

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** The St. Helena Star reported April 13<sup>th</sup> on the impact of health care reform in Napa County. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Health care reform coming to Napa County*

[http://www.sthelenastar.com/articles/2010/04/13/news/saturday\\_update/doc4bbe1c9fb4a37118644662.txt](http://www.sthelenastar.com/articles/2010/04/13/news/saturday_update/doc4bbe1c9fb4a37118644662.txt)

**RECESSION:** The Daily Sundial reported April 12<sup>th</sup> on some of the reasons for and effects of the recent recession. Research from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about the number of Californians left without insurance was cited.

*Unbridled greed no friend to dire times*

<http://sundial.csun.edu/2010/04/unbridled-greed-no-friend-to-dire-times/>

## Quotables

Peter Sinsheimer, academic administrator in the department of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted May 7<sup>th</sup> in a Chicago Tribune article about companies duping consumers by misusing terms like “green” and “eco-friendly” on their products.

*Some companies greenwash in effort to clean up*

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-met-greenwashing-0507-20100506,0,1979830.story>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> in Ventura County Star about how health care reform will affect negotiations between health care providers and insurers. Lavarreda was also quoted April 9<sup>th</sup> in Apria Healthcare and April 8<sup>th</sup> in the Ventura County Star about the effects reform will have on Medicare coverage.

*Negotiations with Medical Groups up to Insurers*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/may/06/negotiations-with-medical-groups-up-to-insurers/>

*Health Reform + You: Negotiating Payments*

<http://m.vcstar.com/news/2010/may/04/nxxhealthcare05/>

David Hayes-Bautista, professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, was quoted by several news outlets about the origin and history of Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Reports included BBC News and Silver City Sun-News on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the San Bernardino Sun and KMEX-Channel 34 on May 5<sup>th</sup>. KNX 1070AM reported May 2<sup>nd</sup> about his research on the holiday.

*Arizona Law Gives Cinco de Mayo New Importance, Some Assert*

[http://www.sbsun.com/ci\\_15017443?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com](http://www.sbsun.com/ci_15017443?IADID=Search-www.sbsun.com-www.sbsun.com)

[http://www.scsun-news.com/silver\\_city-community/ci\\_15017443](http://www.scsun-news.com/silver_city-community/ci_15017443)

*Hispanos Celebran Cinco de Mayo*

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/cultura\\_sociedad/2010/05/100504\\_2120\\_celebran\\_cinco\\_de\\_mayo\\_if.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/cultura_sociedad/2010/05/100504_2120_celebran_cinco_de_mayo_if.shtml)

*KMEX “Primera Edición*

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=126415&key=JBvNjht1Nywv4ANGKMrUokplGvyYzBOr&email=ERivero@mednet.ucla.edu>

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services and co-director of the UCLA–Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity in the School of Public Health, was quoted April 9<sup>th</sup> by News Daily about White House efforts to tackle childhood obesity.

*Routine “access” a hit at White House obesity summit*

<http://www.newsdaily.com/stories/tre63900w-us-obesity-summit/>

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## News

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH:** A Los Angeles Times blog and HealthDay News reported May 25<sup>th</sup> on a study led by Pamina Gorbach, associate professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health and a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, that found that using lubricants during anal sex increased individuals' risk of contracting rectal infections.

*Lubricants may increase disease risk of anal sex, studies show*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2010/05/lubricants-may-increase-risk-of-anal-sex-studies-show.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2010/05/lubricants-may-increase-risk-of-anal-sex-studies-show.html)

*Lubricant Use May Raise HIV Infection Risk During Anal Sex*

<http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=639441>

**EXERCISE:** The Washington Post reported May 25<sup>th</sup> on Instant Recess, a 10-minute exercise program for workplaces and schools developed by Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services and co-director of the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity in the School of Public Health. The workout routine was recently adopted as part of the National Physical Activity Plan. Yancey was quoted.

*Instant Recess promotes health for adults by making exercise a group activity*

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/24/AR2010052402987.html>

**HEALTH CARE:** An article published May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Spanish-language newspaper Hoy about U.S. citizens traveling to Latin America for cheaper health care cited a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health showing that nearly 1 million California residents seek medical care in Mexico annually.

*Consultorio económico de EEUU*

<http://www.vivelohoy.com/noticias/nacion/hy-neg-consultorio0524,0,7072511.story>

**NUTRITION:** Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health, and Susan Bowerman, assistant director of the Center, were interviewed May 17<sup>th</sup> on KABC-Channel 7 about how quickly the body benefits from healthier habits.

*Healthy Habits Have Immediate Impact on the Body*

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/food\\_coach&id=7445732](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/food_coach&id=7445732)

**NUTRITION:** Science News reported May 17<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition in the School of Public Health finding that capsaicin, the chemical that gives spice to hot peppers, may prompt the body to expend more energy and burn more calories. Center director Dr. David Heber was quoted.

*A Pepper Part that Burns Fat*

[http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/59289/title/FOR\\_KIDS\\_A\\_pepper\\_part\\_that\\_burns\\_fat](http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/59289/title/FOR_KIDS_A_pepper_part_that_burns_fat)

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, commented in a May 16<sup>th</sup> Ventura County Star article about the number of people who are uninsured and also blocked from coverage by private companies due to pre-existing conditions.

*Pre-existing conditions barring many from insurance*

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/may/16/insurance-may-be-denied-to-some-6-million/>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** The Press-Enterprise reported May 13<sup>th</sup> on a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health about the number of seniors who report falls as being the reason for their doctor visits.

*Study: Elderly fail to see doctor after taking a fall*

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/healthcare/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_D\\_rb\\_report14.2d5db9f.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/healthcare/stories/PE_News_Local_D_rb_report14.2d5db9f.html)

## Quotables

Dylan Roby, assistant adjunct professor of health services and senior researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted May 25<sup>th</sup> in a CNN.com article about new health care laws dictating what percentage of consumer-paid premiums insurance companies must spend on medical costs.

*How much health insurers actually spend on you*

[http://money.cnn.com/2010/05/25/news/companies/medical\\_loss\\_ratio/index.htm?section=money\\_news\\_companies&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fmoney\\_news\\_companies+%28Companies+News%29](http://money.cnn.com/2010/05/25/news/companies/medical_loss_ratio/index.htm?section=money_news_companies&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fmoney_news_companies+%28Companies+News%29)

Frederick Zimmerman, chair and associate professor of health services in the School of Public Health, was quoted May 13<sup>th</sup> in Medscape Today about a study that examined early TV viewing and subsequent child development.

*TV Exposure in Early Childhood Predicts Developmental Risks Years Later*

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/721742>

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## News

**REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH:** E-Pao.net reported June 1<sup>st</sup> on research by Pamina Gorbach, associate professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health and a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, finding that lubricants may increase the risk of sexually transmitted diseases during anal sex.

*Lubricants' Use May Put Individuals at Higher Risk of HIV*

[http://www.e-pao.net/epSubPageExtractor.asp?src=education.Health\\_Issue.Drug\\_Awareness\\_Education.Lubricants\\_us e%20 at higher risk of HIV](http://www.e-pao.net/epSubPageExtractor.asp?src=education.Health_Issue.Drug_Awareness_Education.Lubricants_us e%20 at higher risk of HIV)

**OBESITY:** Deseret News reported June 1<sup>st</sup> and Merced Sun-Star reported May 24<sup>th</sup> on the influence of economics on the level of obesity. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*Poorer are more obese, study finds*

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700036708/Poorer-are-more-obese-study-finds.html>

*Eating well tough to do for many of Valley's poor*

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2010/05/24/1434015/eating-well-tough-to-do-for-many.html>

**OBESITY:** On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, discussed how being overweight affects sleep and depression on KTTV-Channel's "Make One Change" segment.

*Dr. David Heber*

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=127844&key=cGA4uRoVGKqFwIY6dHeo0JMpteX6eGKH&email=RChampeau@mednet.ucla.edu>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** Third Age reported May 19<sup>th</sup> on a study by Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the School of Public Health's department of health services, finding that more than a third of drinkers over 60 drink excessively, especially in light of age-related diseases and medications.

*Ageing and Alcohol: Are You Putting Yourself at Risk?*

[www.thirdage.com/aging-well/aging-alcohol#ixzz0otl0dNce](http://www.thirdage.com/aging-well/aging-alcohol#ixzz0otl0dNce)

## Briefs

A May 31<sup>st</sup> San Jose Mercury News article about giving up soda for the summer cited research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health providing the first scientific evidence of a link between soda consumption and obesity.

*Fisher: A Summer without Soda? You Can Do it*

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_15185461?IADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_15185461?IADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com)

## Quotables

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> San Francisco Chronicle about Californians' attitudes toward the new health reform law.

*Poll Finds State Voters Back Health Overhaul*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/06/03/BAII1DOQHL.DTL>

Steven Wallace, professor of community health sciences and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted in the May 27<sup>th</sup> Third Age about the high number of Californians over 40 who feel unprepared to pay for long-term elder care services.

*Californians Feel Financially Unprepared for Costs of Long-Term Care*

<http://www.thirdage.com/caregiving/californians-unprepared-costs-long-care>

Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition at the School of Public Health, commented May 26<sup>th</sup> in the Associated Press about a report finding that grocery products and restaurants are using less trans fat.

*Report: Trans Fat Limits Lead to Healthier Foods*

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gdz7j9yo6E\\_AD7Z3jOLyFbO\\_wdfgD9FUP17G0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gdz7j9yo6E_AD7Z3jOLyFbO_wdfgD9FUP17G0)

Dylan Roby, assistant adjunct professor of health services and senior researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was quoted May 25<sup>th</sup> in Kaiser Health News about how mandated medical vs. administrative costs will be defined in the new health law.

*State Regulators Mull Definition Of Medical Loss Ratio*

<http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2010/May/25/Medical-Loss-Ratios.aspx>

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## News

**LATINO HEALTH:** Red Orbit reported June 24<sup>th</sup> on a study by Arturo Vargas Bustamante, assistant professor of health services at the School of Public Health, that found that Latinos in the U.S., particularly those from Central and South America and Mexico, consistently report using preventive health services at a much lower level than all other racial and ethnic groups in the nation. Bustamante was quoted.

*Gap In Preventive Care Exists Among Latinos*

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1884315/gap\\_in\\_preventive\\_care\\_exists\\_among\\_latinos/index.html](http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1884315/gap_in_preventive_care_exists_among_latinos/index.html)

**HEALTH COVERAGE:** A June 24<sup>th</sup> Health Affairs blog reported on a study by Ninez Ponce, associate professor of health services at the School of Public Health, that found that Californians in same-sex relationships are less likely than married heterosexual couples to get employer-sponsored dependent health insurance.

*Same Sex Couples Face Inequities in Access to Health Coverage*

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2010/06/24/same-sex-couples-face-inequities-in-access-to-health-coverage/>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** KRLA 870AM reported June 13<sup>th</sup> on a study finding that more than a third of drinkers over age 60 drink excessively, especially in light of diseases and medications associated with their age. Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the School of Public Health department of health services, commented.

## Quotables

John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, commented June 18<sup>th</sup> in the New York Times and June 20<sup>th</sup> on National Public Radio's "Weekend Edition" about the debate between scientists and California state regulators over the safety of a pesticide whose use is supported by state strawberry growers.

*Controversial Pesticide Worries Scientists*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=127910253>

*Dispute Over Pesticide for California Strawberries has Implications Beyond State*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/20/us/20strawberries.html>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, commented June 20<sup>th</sup> in Parade magazine on late effects of treatment that cancer survivors may suffer in the future. The story also was picked up by MSN.com.

*Living After Cancer*

<http://www.parade.com/health/2010/06/20-living-after-cancer.html>

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the UCLA School of Public Health, was quoted June 22<sup>nd</sup> by USA Today, New Orleans' ABC-affiliate and Indiana's NBC-affiliate about physical and mental health hazards facing workers cleaning up the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

*How the Oil Spill Affects Us*

<http://www.abc26.com/news/local/wgno-news-oil-affects-humans,0,928227.story>

*Gulf Oil Spill Puts Mental Health at Risk, Too*

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-06-22-oilhealth22\\_ST\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-06-22-oilhealth22_ST_N.htm)

Roberta Wyn, associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 18<sup>th</sup> by a Los Angeles Times blog and eMax Health, and June 19<sup>th</sup> by United Press International about her study showing that women without high school diplomas are nearly four times as likely to lack health insurance as women with college degrees.

*What's That? Health Insurance More Likely for Those with a College Degree?*

[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster\\_shots/2010/06/women-college-degree-health-insurance.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/booster_shots/2010/06/women-college-degree-health-insurance.html)

*Women's Health Insurance Linked to Education*

<http://www.emaxhealth.com/1275/womens-health-insurance-linked-education>

*College degree linked to health insurance*

[http://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2010/06/19/College-degree-linked-to-health-insurance/UPI-30541276926060/](http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/06/19/College-degree-linked-to-health-insurance/UPI-30541276926060/)

Frederick Zimmerman, associate professor and chair of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted in a June 20 El Diario–La Prensa article about the importance of parents speaking with their children to promote language and cognitive development.

*Con los Niños: Mejor Dialogar*

<http://www.impre.com/eldiario/vida-estilo/2010/6/20/con-los-ninos-mejor-dia-195112-1.html>

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## News

**SEXUAL HEALTH:** 365Gay.com reported June 30<sup>th</sup> on research led by Pamina Gorbach, associate professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health, finding that lubricants may increase the risk of sexually transmitted diseases during anal sex.

*Study: 4 of the 6 Most Widely Used Lubes are Toxic*

<http://www.365gay.com/news/study-4-of-the-6-most-widely-used-lubes-are-toxic/>

**ENVIRONMENT:** Richard Ambrose, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 30<sup>th</sup> by the Associated Press about the latest efforts to stem the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico.

*World's largest oil skimmer heads to Gulf spill*

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gIXWYBTpLtSayJtg41LKXpxSxVPAD9GLRA982>

**MINORITY HEALTH:** Chandra Ford, assistant professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was mentioned July 1<sup>st</sup> in a the Root article about the rise of HIV infections among women in the African-American community.

*The Down-Low Delusion*

<http://www.theroot.com/views/down-low-delusion?page=0,0>

## Briefs

An article in the July 8<sup>th</sup> San Francisco Chronicle cited research by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health suggesting a tax on soda could lower obesity rates in the U.S.

*Feds Say Soda Price Boost May Make U.S. Leaner*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/07/07/MNLR1EAULD.DTL>

## Quotables

Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and co-director of the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, was quoted in a June 29<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles Times column about a proposition to make junk food less appealing in order to help reduce U.S. obesity rates. Yancey was also quoted June 28<sup>th</sup> by Reuters about a health study done to promote healthy behavior by talking to black women in beauty salons.

*Junk Food and Obesity: Taking a Cue from Tobacco Control*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-lazarus-20100629,0,1884248.column>

*Beauty Salons Show Promise as Nutrition Promoters*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE65R5YI20100628>

William Comanor, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Los Angeles Times column about pulling the diabetes drug, Avandia, from the market due to its link to increased heart attack risk.

*Avandia: When Does a Drug's Harm Outweigh its Benefit?*

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jul/01/business/la-fi-lazarus-20100702>

Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and director of cancer prevention and control research at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center, was quoted June 29<sup>th</sup> by USA Today about a study finding that half of breast cancer patients stop taking their medications ahead of schedule.

*Half of Breast Cancer Patients Stop Taking Hormone Drugs Early*

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-06-29-hormone29\\_st\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-06-29-hormone29_st_N.htm)

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 1<sup>st</sup> by the Los Angeles Times about a proposed increase in insurance rates by Anthem Blue Cross.

*Anthem Blue Cross Again Seeks Rate Hikes for Californians*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-anthem-rates-20100701,0,7243382.story?track=rss>

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## News

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY:** Dylan Roby, a senior researcher at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, participated in a Valley News Radio panel discussion on the effect of medical technology on the quality of health care in Central Valley. The segment aired July 20<sup>th</sup>.

### *Quality of Life*

<http://www.kvpr.org/shows.php?id=628>

**ENVIRONMENT:** The Syracuse Post-Standard reported July 19<sup>th</sup> on the work of Dr. Richard Jackson, chair of the department of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, who will be featured in a five-part public television series about improving living conditions in major metropolitan areas.

### *Part of PBS Series to be Filmed in Syracuse Next Week*

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/part\\_of\\_pbs\\_series\\_to\\_be\\_filme.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2010/07/part_of_pbs_series_to_be_filme.html)

**ENVIRONMENT:** Richard Ambrose, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 16<sup>th</sup> in a The World Today program about the ecological effects and cleanup of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

### *Critics say oil spill clean up too slow*

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2010/s2955678.htm>

**EXERCISE:** The Los Angeles Sentinel reported July 15<sup>th</sup> on the Let's Move 5th District kick-off, a health and fitness initiative of the AME church. Dr. Antronette Yancey, professor of health services at the School of Public Health and co-director of the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity, spoke at the event.

### *AME Church Expands Let's Move! Campaign*

<http://www.lasentinel.net/AME-Church-Expands-Lets-Move-Campaign.html>

**SPOTLIGHT:** Westside Today ran a July 14<sup>th</sup> profile of Dr. Wendy Slusser, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy

Weight program, who received the 2010 Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E Award from the American Journal of Health Promotion.

*Wendy Slusser, MD Named a Symbol of H.O.P.E.*

<http://www.westsidetoday.com/n3053/wendy-slusser-md-named.html>

**SENIOR HEALTH:** WPSG-TV and KYW-TV (both Philadelphia) reported July 10<sup>th</sup> on research by Andrew Barnes, a researcher in the School of Public Health's department of health services, suggesting that up to one-third of seniors are at-risk due to excessive drinking or doing so while taking medications or having certain health conditions. The study was published online in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

*WPSG-TV*

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=130066&key=YSyVogfldGTdu8zBBJHYBJPjOLtVHmB&email=ERivero@mednet.ucla.edu>

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** A Health Affairs article published July 9<sup>th</sup> about a federal judge's recent ruling on federal benefits for same-sex couples cited research by Ninez Ponce, associate professor of health services at the UCLA School of Public Health, and UCLA colleagues Susan Cochran and Vickie Mays, that found that men and women in same-sex relationships in California are far less likely than their married heterosexual counterparts to get employer-sponsored dependent health insurance.

*Court Voids Federal Rejection Of Health Benefits For Same-Sex Spouses*

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2010/07/09/court-voids-federal-rejection-of-health-benefits-for-same-sex-spouses/>

**DENTAL CARE:** United Press International, HealthDay News and Health Affairs reported July 8<sup>th</sup> on research by Nadereh Pourat, associate professor of health services and director of research and planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, and colleagues that found that 25 percent of California children have never seen a dentist and that racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities exist in the utilization of dental care. Pourat was quoted in the coverage.

*1 in 4 Calif. children never see dentist*

[http://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2010/07/08/1-in-4-Calif-children-never-see-dentist/UPI-66621278625423/](http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/07/08/1-in-4-Calif-children-never-see-dentist/UPI-66621278625423/)

*Low-Income Children Not Getting Adequate Dental Care*

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/640864.html>

*July Health Affairs: The Impact Of Health Reform*

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2010/07/08/july-health-affairs-the-impact-of-health-reform/>

## Quotables

Martin Iguchi, chair of the department of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 16<sup>th</sup> by the Daily Breeze about a three-pronged ordinance that increases criminal penalties for drug offenders.

*Carson Declares Itself a Drug Free City*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_15527190?source=rss](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_15527190?source=rss)

William McCarthy, professor of health services, and Dr. Wendy Slusser, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy

Weight program, were interviewed July 15<sup>th</sup> by the Daily Breeze about why children tend to gain weight over the summer vacation.

*Learning Lessons to Overcome the Slump*

[http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci\\_15515148](http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci_15515148)

Robert Kaplan, professor of health services at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 7<sup>th</sup> in an Associated Press article about individuals who undergo gastric bypass surgery to curb their chronic diabetes.

*Diabetics eye obesity surgery to tame blood sugar*

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gE1yYudSjNx-NiQ5upC\\_gFmwah3gD9GQGUGG1](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gE1yYudSjNx-NiQ5upC_gFmwah3gD9GQGUGG1)

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## News

**MENTAL HEALTH:** The Los Angeles Times and San Francisco Chronicle reported July 28<sup>th</sup> on the millions of Californians who admit having a need for mental or emotional health services. Research from the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research in the School of Public Health, was cited.

*One in five Californians say they need mental health care*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/boostershots/la-heb-mentalhealth-20100728,0,2495137.story?track=rss>

*One in five Californians need mental health services*

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/chronrx/detail?entry\\_id=68925](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/chronrx/detail?entry_id=68925)

**SPOTLIGHT:** The Los Angeles Argonaut reported July 21<sup>st</sup> that Dr. Wendy Slusser, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, director of the UCLA Fit for Healthy Weight program, and assistant professor of pediatrics at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA has been honored with the 2010 Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E. Award by the American Journal of Health Promotion for her work in childhood health, nutrition and physical fitness.

*Venice Family Clinic pediatrician honored with Symbol of HOPE award*

[http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2010/07/22/news\\_-\\_features/venice/v1.txt](http://www.argonautnewspaper.com/articles/2010/07/22/news_-_features/venice/v1.txt)

**DENTAL CARE:** Several news outlets reported this month on research by Nadereh Pourat, associate professor of health services and director of research and planning at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, and colleagues that found that 25 percent of California children have never seen a dentist and that racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities exist in the utilization of dental care. Pourat was quoted in the coverage.

*Tooth decay*

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20100718/OPINION/7181013/1042?Title=PD-Editorial-Tooth-decay>

*One quarter of all children living in California have never seen a dentist*

<http://www.examiner.com/x-11804-Health-Care-Examiner~y2010m7d16-One-quarter-of-all-children-living-in-California-have-never-seen-a-dentist?cid=examiner-email>

*Low Income Children Don't Get Adequate Dental Care Study Says*

<http://worldental.org/dental-news/low-income-children-dont-get-adequate-dental-care-study-says/1612/>

*One in four California kids have never visited a dentist*

<http://www.californiawatch.org/watchblog/one-of-four-california-kids-have-never-visited-dentist>

*Study: About One in Four California Children Have Never Visited a Dentist*

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2010/7/8/study-about-one-in-four-california-children-have-never-visited-a-dentist.aspx>

*A quarter of Californian children have never been to the dentist*

<http://www.cosmeticdentistryguide.co.uk/news/a-quarter-of-californian-children-have-never-been-to-the-dentist-0084>

*Dentists? They're strangers to 1 in 4 California kids*

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jul/07/news/la-heb-dentists-kids-dental-care-20100707>

## Quotables

E. Richard Brown, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 28<sup>th</sup> in a Los Angeles Times article about researching showing that Los Angeles County residents, on the whole, live longer than the average American.

*L.A. County residents living longer, but old disparities persist*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-life-expectancy-20100728,0,7510251.story>

Dr. Michael Lu, associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health and of obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine, was quoted July 24<sup>th</sup> in a Richmond Times-Dispatch article about an increase in the number of mothers in the U.S. who die following childbirth.

*Alarm, questions on rising maternal mortality rate*

<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2010/jul/24/i-moms0618-ar-347293/>

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## News

**PREGNANCY:** A commentary written by Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of health services and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities at the School of Public Health, and Dr. Michael Lu, associate director of the center's child and family health training program and associate professor of community health sciences at the School of Public Health, about an Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> study in *The Lancet* emphasizing the need for research to help women maintain a healthy weight before and during pregnancy was covered Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> by *La Van Guardia* (Spain) and Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> by the *Associated Press*, *HealthDay News*, *Daily Telegraph* (U.K.), *CBC News* (Canada), *WebMD* and *DocGuide News*.

*Heavy Mothers, Heavy Children*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/health/sns-health-heavymoms-heavykids,0,1310141.story>

*More Weight Gain in Pregnancy May Mean Heavier Baby: Study*

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/641808.html>

*Putting On Too Much Weight in Pregnancy 'Risk Baby's Health'*

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/7926233/Putting-on-too-much-weight-in-pregnancy-risk-babys-health.html>

*Kids' Obesity Risk Partly Set in Womb*

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2010/08/04/pregnancy-weight-gain-obesity.html>

**MENTAL HEALTH:** David Grant, director of the California Health Interview Survey, a project of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was featured July 29<sup>th</sup> by *United Press International*. His research found that nearly 20 percent of Californians say they need help for an emotional or mental health problem yet only a small portion get professional treatment. The study was also cited Aug. 5 by the *San Francisco Examiner*; Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> by the *Los Angeles Daily News*; July 30<sup>th</sup> by the (San Jose) *Mercury News*; July 29<sup>th</sup> on *KTLA-Channel 5*, *KTXL-Channel 40* (Sacramento) and a *Los Angeles Times* blog; and July 28<sup>th</sup> on the *ABC* show, "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

*Doug McIntyre: Angelenos don't have to be Nuts, but it Helps*

[http://www.dailynews.com/opinions/ci\\_15670670](http://www.dailynews.com/opinions/ci_15670670)

*Mercury News Editorial: California should better Carefor the Mentally Ill*

[http://www.mercurynews.com/opinion/ci\\_15633712?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/opinion/ci_15633712?nclick_check=1)

*Stigma Keeps Many from Mental Health Help*

[http://www.upi.com/Health\\_news/2010/07/29/Stigma-keeps-many-from-mental-health-help/UPI-99481280383156/](http://www.upi.com/Health_news/2010/07/29/Stigma-keeps-many-from-mental-health-help/UPI-99481280383156/)

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Articles in Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and July 30<sup>th</sup>'s Modesto Bee on the number of California residents in various counties without health insurance referenced a UCLA Center for Health Policy Research study that examined health insurance rates in California.

*25% lack coverage*

[http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci\\_15653387?source=rss](http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_15653387?source=rss)

*Feds, UCLA put uninsured figure at 17%-22% in Stanislaus County*

<http://www.modbee.com/2010/07/30/1272905/feds-ucla-put-uninsured-figure.html>

## Quotables

Gerald Kominski, professor of health services and associate director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> by the Los Angeles Times about a major dip in Los Angeles County's death rate.

*L.A. County Death Rate Drops 22%*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-mortality-20100805,0,5784340.story>

E. Richard Brown, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> in a Los Angeles Times article on the life expectancy of Los Angeles County residents.

*Social will can add years to your lives*

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-theweek-20100801,0,4472359.story>

Shana Alex Lavarreda, director of health insurance studies at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was quoted July 30<sup>th</sup> by the San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times about the number of California residents without health insurance.

*Health Insurance Rates: California Plans to Crack Down, but how Hard?*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-health-insurance-20100730,0,6361645.story>

*2007 Data Show State had 6.5 million Uninsured*

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/07/29/BAD41ELQ4R.DTL#ixzz0vIT6Iy1P>

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