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[How a UW doctor cracked the breast cancer gene](#) - KOMO 4 TV; interviews **Mary-Claire King** (Epi)

[Statins tied to better prostate cancer outcomes](#) - New York Times' Well Blog; quotes **Janet Stanford** (Epi)

[Inhaling auto emissions makes good cholesterol go bad](#) - USA Today; quotes **Michael Rosenfeld** (DEOHS)

[Most police murders involve guns, study finds](#) - NBC News.com; quotes **Fred Rivara** (Epi)

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Who Knew??



Letty Limbach (DEOHS) has been a tribal fusion belly

dancer, which has strong hip-hop influence, for 8 years. She designs and makes costumes and is part of a professional duet. Her favorite performances were dancing at a cat wedding and playing Alice in a belly-danced version of Alice in Wonderland. Limbach recently appeared in Columbia City Theater's "[Crazy Little Thing Called Love](#)."

Go Mobile

Take a look at the [SPH website](#) on your mobile device. Web designers **Tim Knight** and **Nancy Shawn** (OD) led a responsive design project to make browsing easier and faster.

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

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Congrats!



Andy Stergachis (Epi, GH, HServ) has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association* for a 3-year term.



Harvey Mudd College has honored Emeritus Professor **Paula Diehr** (Biostat, HServ) as one of its [Outstanding Alumni](#) for her contributions to science and society.



Linda Ko (HServ) and Cynthia Perry from the School of Nursing received an \$853,000 grant to combat obesity among Latino youth in the Yakima Valley. The grant is from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.



The UW's [Association of Professional Advisers and Counselors](#) has named **Susan Inman** (OD), program & advising manager for the Public Health Major, as one of two Advisers of the Year for 2013.



NWCPHP Research Assistant **Kate Cole** (MPH '12) was [awarded a fellowship](#) at the Food and Drug Administration, where she's now working in the Office of Communication at the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products in Rockville, MD.

Making a Difference



The best defense against the homemade bombs, or IEDs, that have killed and maimed thousands of troops and civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq is to find them before they explode. That is

what **Michael Yost** (DEOHS) and his collaborator, Bill Asher at the UW Applied Physics lab, are working on. Under a Dept. of Defense subcontract, they will research novel sensors and spectroscopic techniques that can detect hazardous materials in concealed explosives. One new sensor involved, called a nanowire, was developed by Antao Chen at the UW Applied Physics Lab. When made of silicon, these nanowires, as thin as one-billionth of a meter, are sensitive enough to respond to the vapors of nitro-explosives. The team hopes to develop an array of these and other sensors to detect multiple explosives agents. Photo: US Army Spc. Derek L. Kuhn.

Around the Water Cooler



King Holmes (GH) and **Dave Kalman** (DEOHS) plan to step down as chairs of their respective departments once new leaders are appointed and ready to take over. Holmes helped create the Global Health department in 2007 while Kalman has been DEOHS chair for 15 years. They plan to remain on faculty.



Students gave graduation speaker **Camara Jones** a standing ovation for her address about racism and public health. Watch [a video of her speech](#)



here.

Two undergraduates majoring in public health, **Jose Carmona** and **Nohely Diaz**, are working as summer interns in the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center. They are interested in environmental health disparities that affect migrant and seasonal agricultural workers in rural Washington, where they were both born and raised.

For a project in **Jennifer Otten's** Nutrition class, **Sidney Erickson** (pictured) made a dress of used cereal boxes and plastic bags to illustrate food-package waste. [Check it out](#) on Facebook.

Deb Hinchey (OD) tied the knot with Brad Agoos last month at an outdoor wedding at Seattle's Golden Gardens Park.

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