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## SPH in the News

[The device that saves lives, but can be hard to find](#) - *Wall St. Journal*; quotes **Mickey Eisenberg** (Epi)

[After dozens of deaths, inquiry into bed rails](#) - *New York Times*; quotes **Larry Kessler** (HServ)

[Who's most likely to catch the flu in Washington?](#) - *MyNorthwest.com*; cites research by **David Bonauto** and **June Spector** (DEOHS)

[In Africa, we must do the most good with each pound spent on HIV-AIDS](#) - *Guardian*; cites work by **Dean Jamison** (GH, HServ)

## Who Knew??



**David Grayston (DO)** writes a blog about Japanese pop

music called [Comtrya Sugoi](#). "There's so much about their music scene that's so interesting," says David, who launched the site three years ago. He's been a long-time fan of Jpop and Anime.

## On the Calendar

**Dec 7, 9 am-5:30 pm**  
[2012 STD and AIDS Research Symposium](#)

**Dec 11, 6:30-8:30 pm**  
[Beyond Nature vs. Nurture: Our Past Becomes our Children's Future](#)

**Jan 14, 3 pm**  
[SPH Annual State of the School Meeting](#)

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the [SPH Events Calendar](#).

## Opportunities

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

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## Congrats!



**Deepa Rao** (GH) and colleagues have received a \$2.6 million NIH grant to study the effectiveness of a program to reduce stigma among African-American women with HIV.



PhD student **Chase Williams** (DEOHS, Toxicology) received 2nd place for best biomedical poster at the annual meeting of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Superfund Research Program in Raleigh, NC.



**Gerry Pollet** (HServ) handily won election last month to the state's 46th Legislative District. The environmental activist was appointed to the vacant seat last year.



**Jenna Armstrong** (PhD student, DEOHS) has lined up a job as senior industrial hygienist research fellow at the CDC/NIOSH Division of Respiratory Disease Studies in Morgantown, WV. **Doug Johns** (DEOHS grad) will be her Deputy Director.

[See recent SPH grants and contracts »](#)

## Making a Difference



**Mohamed Ali** (MPH, GH '08) helped save lives by working with Somali religious and community leaders to prevent carbon monoxide poisonings when an ice storm struck the Puget

Sound area last winter. For his efforts, he [was recently honored](#) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with its National Community Preparedness Hero award. In the hours before the storm hit, Ali and other leaders organized a rapid communication strategy that included an automatic phone call with safety warnings to thousands of East Africans in King County. Ali also helped provide information on shelter for families. Not one person died from CO poisoning and hospital admissions were down 90 percent compared to the last large power outage in 2006.

## Around the Water Cooler



Former Dean **Gil Omenn** (DEOHS) and his wife, **Martha Darling**, committed \$100,000 to the School's Institute for Public Health Genetics to kick-start a Research Project Fund.



"Public health is personal health multiplied by every person in that group," said **Bill Foege** (Epi) at his inspirational book talk on the eradication of smallpox. If you missed it, you can [download the video](#).



**Chris Murray** (GH, HServ) is featured in [a UW video](#) on how researchers at IHME are undertaking the largest global health measurement study. He is scheduled to speak at this afternoon's [IOM meeting](#) at the UW.



**Norman Breslow** (Biostat) wrote [a chapter](#) on the history of the Department of Biostatistics that appears in a new book, “Strength in Numbers: The Rising of Academic Statistics Departments in the US.”



If you noticed a little hair above the lip of **Tory Brundage** (DO), it was all for a good cause. Tory raised more than \$1,000 last month to promote men’s health as part of the [Movember Movement](#).

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