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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.

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.

Opportunities
Check out the SPH job listings page for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

Missed an issue of NewsCatcher? Find it in the Archive (UW netID required).
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.