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Breast-feeding moms get help in health-care plan - Seattle Times; quotes Aaron Katz (GH, HServ)

Coal export expansion proposal kicks up dust - Powell River (British Columbia) Peak; quotes Frank James (HServ)

Study: You may not need to see the dentist twice a year - KOMO 4 News; quotes Philippe Hujoel (Epi)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??

It's Hatch chile season and, true to the many years he spent in New Mexico, Scott Davis (Epi) buys crates of them and then roasts them to use in cooking everything.

Making a Difference

Nintendo probably never envisioned its Wii Fit balance board being used to improve truck driver safety. But that is what master's student Molly Halverson (DEOHS), pictured, is doing. One of the main causes of acute injuries in trucking is falls, she says. Previous studies show a significant difference in truck-driver balance before and after an eight-hour shift. Halverson has been researching what type of seat reduces a driver's imbalance and the risk of falling when exiting the truck cab. She and her colleagues validated the use of the balance board with the more expensive force plate used by industry to see if the board can be used in larger-scale studies at much lower cost. Read full story.

Around the Water Cooler

Elaine Faustman (DEOHS) was re-elected Secretary General for the International Congress on Toxicology for the 2013-2016 term. She also has been appointed to the EPA’s Fracking Committee.

David Grossman (HServ) is a spokesperson for the US Preventive Services Task Force and its recent recommendation for more primary care interventions to prevent tobacco use in children and adolescents. William Phillips (HServ) also is on the 16-person panel.

SPH faculty and students gave Paula...
Burg, a key staffer to US Sen. Patty Murray, an outstanding presentation about their work and research, and their impact on the people of WA state. See group photo.

Assistant Dean Lawrie Robertson (OD) plans to retire in February 2014. Lawrie joined the School in 2005 after 19 years at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Along with his brother and sister, Domonique Meeks (GH) climbed Mount Fuji during a trip to Japan last month. See photo on our Facebook page.