Got News? E-mail sphnews@uw.edu to submit your news!

SPH in the News
Ski helmet use isn’t reducing brain injuries - New York Times; cites research by Fred Rivara (Epi)
Global cigarette consumption, number of smokers climbing - Seattle Times; cites Marie Ng (GH)
Year after cell tower climber fell, question remains: Who to blame? - KUOW; quotes Richard Gleason (DEOHS)
Brain death ignites debate - NBC News/AP; quotes J. Randall Curtis (HServ)

Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts »

Who Knew??
Star Murray (OD) takes photos of migrant farm families and they’ve been published in The Stranger. “I take pictures to convey the humanity of those deemed inhuman due to various legal or work statuses,” she says. Star also writes poems, including this published piece about a group of asylum seekers held in detention.

On the Calendar
Jan. 15, 6pm  
From Farm to Fork
Jan. 20, 8am  
MLK Day of Service
Jan. 23, 12:30-1:20pm  
One Health: Integrating Human, Animal and Environmental Health

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.

Graduation Speaker
SPH is seeking an inspirational speaker and high-profile public health advocate for our June graduation ceremony. If you have someone in mind, please send your nomination to Julia Feyk (OD) by Jan. 21.

Congrats!
Grad student Avanthi Jayasuriya (HServ) won the 2014 Realityworks-Go Beyond Emerging MCH Leadership Scholarship from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Program, SPH students have won the award the last two years.

Daniela Witten (Biosstat) has made Forbes’ 30 Under 30 list of top young researchers in health and science for the third year in a row.

Jeff Duchin (Epi) was appointed chair of the Public Health Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Veterinary Practice News named PhD student Heather Fowler (DEOHS) one of “14 Vets to Watch.”

Bud Nicola (HServ) and David Fleming (Epi) were honored for work on a county-wide medicine take-back program. They were on a King County Board of Health panel that received a WA State Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Award.

Making a Difference
Gun violence in King County claimed the lives of 68 children between 1999 and 2012. Another 125 were injured and hospitalized. All were preventable, says a new report on firearms and children that Tony Gomez (HServ) helped put together. Gomez (BS, EH, ’84) is manager of the violence and injury prevention unit at Public Health – Seattle & King County. The report documents the risk of suicides and accidental shootings and urges local leaders to promote safe gun storage. “Firearms are a major concern for community health,” Gomez says. “Whether it’s suicide, homicides or the rare unintentional shooting, there is much more we can do.” Chart shows Seattle’s homicide firearm rate for children.

Around the Water Cooler
Dean Jamison (GH) was profiled in The Lancet for co-chairing a commission that produced a major report on global health. He’s “saved more lives than any practicing physician,” says ex-Harvard president Larry Summers.

To help the homeless, the MHA Student Association Philanthropy Committee is running a Health and Hygiene Drive for the South King County Mobile Medical Clinic. To find out what items are needed and where to drop them off, click here or contact Alicia Benish. The deadline is Jan. 17.

Mark Oberle (OD, Epi, GH, HServ) just published an iPhone/iPad/iPod app version of his “Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Birds in Photos and Audio.”
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).

The Seattle Times published HServ grad student Derek Low’s op-ed on the need for a permanent site for the city’s homeless.

Christina Benton (DEOHS) and husband Ryan had a baby girl, Penelope, on Dec. 3.