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**Got News?**
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**SPH in the News**

**Turning the tide on HIV** - The Daily; quotes Jared Baeten and Connie Celum (both GH, Epi)

**Safe gun storage may keep kids alive, but laws vary by state** - Chronicle of Social Change; quotes Ali Rowhani-Rahbar (Epi)

**Kids' jewelry sold at JC Penney, Dillard's tested off the charts for toxic metals** - Seattle Times; quotes Steven Gilbert (DEOHS)

**Obama announces new moves to fight opioid and heroin abuse epidemic** - CNN; quotes Caleb Banta-Green (HServ)

**Recently Awarded Grants & Contracts**

**Foundation Funding Opportunities**

**Who Knew??**
Senior Cassi Flint (PHM) was on an episode of the game show 'Let's Make a Deal' several years ago. She ended up with a 'Zonk' in the form of a purse covered in jelly beans. She pretended to be excited and showed it off to the audience. “The host, Wayne Brady, pulled a crisp hundred from his suit jacket and handed it to me as a consolation prize of sorts,” Cassi says.

**Making a Difference**

A team of SPH students will soon be able to help investigate outbreaks in the Seattle area. Fourteen members of the **Student Epidemic Action Leaders (SEAL)** team are being trained in a new course this spring led by Janet Baseman (Epi, HServ). While gaining practical skills, students will also be providing service to the community. “During the Chipotle outbreak, we had a lot of people to interview, and I would have loved to have students involved,” said Scott Lindquist, the state’s communicable disease epidemiologist. Epi Chair Victoria Holt said the program will strengthen offerings related to public health practice, while “the SEAL team experience will be invaluable for our students who are considering careers as epidemiologists in practice settings.” [Read the full story](#).

**Around the Water Cooler**

Michelle Sarju has been named director of the Northwest Public Health Leadership Institute, replacing Bud Nicola (HServ), who is retiring. Sarju is the deputy director of Open Arms Perinatal Services and has two decades of experience in maternal and child health. [Read the Q and A](#).

The Department of Biostatistics is one of the key players in a new [MS in Data Science](#) that will begin in Fall 2016. The program targets working professionals and offers evening classes.
Epi Seminar: Gun Violence Research
April 13, 5:00pm
Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story
We'll keep you busy: take a look at the SPH Events Calendar.

MPH Practicum Event
Faculty, staff and others can talk with MPH students about their public health research projects at the MPH Practicum Symposium April 21 from 4-6 pm at Intellectual House.

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).

Getting up from a chair once posed a challenge for Steven Gilbert (DEOHS). Now he walks more than five miles a day. Find out how deep brain stimulation has helped him cope with Parkinson's disease.

The College of the Environment featured Leah Litwak (Nutritional Sciences minor) in a multimedia piece on her work at local farmers’ markets.

Steve Berard (HServ) is the new program manager for the MPH, MS and PhD programs. He joins us from UW Medicine Pathology. Angela Cross (HServ) is the new student services counselor for the eMPH and in-residence MPH and MS programs. She has worked at UW, Washington State University and Federal Way High School.

A memorial walk was held April 6 – National Walking Day – in honor of Catherine Shen (OD), late director of communications for SPH. Participants took her favorite route to the south and west of campus.

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