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USA Today reported April 11 and KNX 1070AM reported April 13 on the experience of Dr. Kozue Shimabukuro, pediatric critical care physician at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA, who provided medical care to children affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

"Giving Comfort to the Youngest Quake Survivors"

http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2011-04-11-japankids11_ST_N.htm

"KNX 1070AM"

<http://showroom.multivisioninc.com/share.do?id=143330&key=BSv43se8u1JXaZrP7rO8wll30BZ3SPU8&email=AAIbin@mednet.ucla.edu>

Actress' Struggle Prompts Media Interest in Bipolar Syndrome

David Miklowitz, professor of psychiatry and director of the Child and Adolescent Mood Disorders Program at the Semel Institute, was featured in an April 13 KCAL-Channel 9 news segment about bipolar disorder, a condition recently acknowledged by actress Catherine Zeta Jones. Miklowitz was also quoted April 13 by the Wall Street Journal and Los Angeles Times, and in an online People magazine story.

"Catherine Zeta-Jones is Treated for Bipolar II Disorder. What is it?"

<http://www.latimes.com/health/boostershots/la-heb-catherine-zeta-jones-bipolar-ii-20110413,0,7489287.story>

"Catherine Zeta-Jones Bipolar Disorder: Her Private Struggle"

<http://www.people.com/people/article/0,,20481698,00.html>

"What is Bipolar Disorder, Anyway?"

<http://blogs.wsj.com/health/2011/04/14/what-is-bipolar-disorder-anyway/>

L.A. Times Taps ER Expert to Evaluate "Nurse Jackie"

The Los Angeles Times ran an April 11 column about the accuracy of medical procedures on the TV show "Nurse Jackie" and featured commentary by Dr. Mark Morocco, associate clinical professor and residency director of emergency medicine.

"The Unreal World: Some Bad Fixes on 'Nurse Jackie'"

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-unreal-nurse-jackie-20110411,0,2918102.column>

New Scientist Explores How 'Shrooms Ease Depression

Charles Grob, professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute and director of child and adolescent psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA, was featured in an April 8 New Scientist article. His research shows that small doses of psilocybin, or "magic mushrooms," may cut depression in people with late-stage cancer. "Psychedelic Drug Cuts Brain Blood Flow and Connections"

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn20358-psychedelic-drug-cuts-brain-blood-flow-and-connections.html>

Toronto Star Headlines Concussions' Lasting Effect

David Hovda, professor of neurosurgery and director of the Brain Injury Research Center, was featured in an April 8 Toronto Star article about concussions among athletes, and athletic organizations' growing awareness of traumatic brain injury.

"Why a Blow to the Head is a Big Deal"

<http://www.healthzone.ca/health/newsfeatures/article/971546--why-a-blow-to-the-head-is-a-big-deal>

HealthDay Covers Brain Cancer Vaccine Findings

HealthDay.com and ThirdAge reported April 11 on a Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center vaccine study that jumpstarts the immune system to fight a deadly brain tumor. The HealthDay story also appeared on the web sites for Bloomberg BusinessWeek, Doctor's Lounge and U.S. News & World Report. Dr. Isaac Yang, assistant professor of neurosurgery, was quoted.

"Brain Tumor Vaccine Shows Promise in Early Trials"

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/651741.html>

"New Brain Tumor Vaccine Successful in Early Trials"

http://www.thirdage.com/news/new-brain-tumor-vaccine-successful-early-trials_4-11-2011

Redlands Paper Notes Spike in Teen Obesity

Susan Babey, a project director with the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the School of Public Health, was featured in an April 10 Redlands Daily Facts story. Her findings in the California Health Interview Survey showed that the percentage of overweight and obese girls in San Bernardino County has doubled in the last decade.

"Obesity in Girls Living in San Bernardino County has Doubled in Last 10 Years"

http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/news/ci_17816306?source=rss

Channel 7, LA Weekly Cover Researchers' Harassment

KABC-Channel 7 and LA Weekly reported April 7 about the use of animals in biomedical research and highlighted the experiences of researchers David Jentsch, professor of psychology and psychiatry, and Dario Ringach, professor of neurobiology and psychology, who have been the targets of threats and harassment by anti-animal research extremists.

"Animal Research Fight Gets Increasingly Violent"

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=8060336#comments

"Animal Testing Wars in Los Angeles Ramp Up"

http://blogs.laweekly.com/informer/2011/04/ucla_animal_testing_1.php

Community Papers Explore Infections from Freshwater Parasites

The Los Angeles Daily News and Pasadena Star-News ran an April 9 column by Dr. Claire Panosian Dunavan, clinical professor of medicine, division of infectious diseases, about infections caused by parasites found in freshwater.

"Infection Files: Dangerous Waters: Infection by Immersion"

http://www.dailynews.com/ci_17810565?source=email

OK! Magazine Spotlights Glee Actor's Visit to Mattel Children's Hospital

OK! Magazine ran a March 29 online story about *Glee* actor Harry Shum, Jr., who participated in a dance/movement therapy session with pediatric patients at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

"Watch 'Glee' Star Harry Shum Jr. Bring the Joy of Dance to Cali UCLA Children's Hospital"

<http://www.okmagazine.com/2011/04/watch-glee-star-harry-shum-jr-bring-the-joy-of-dance-to-cali-ucla-childrens-hospital>

Newswire Reports on Fat-cell Research

Asian News International reported April 9 on a study led by Dr. Peter Tontonoz, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, that identified a key regulator of fat-cell production as a potential target for obesity and diabetes drugs.

"'Dual Switch' that Regulates Fat Formation May Harbor Obesity Cure"

<http://www.dailyindia.com/show/433926.php>

Trades Cover New Guide to Colonoscopy Prep

Becker's ASC, a trade publication for surgery centers, reported April 13 on an educational booklet developed by VA and UCLA researchers to help patients prepare for a colonoscopy. Dr. Brennan Spiegel, associate professor of digestive diseases and director of the UCLA/VA Center for Outcomes Research and Education, and his team spearheaded the booklet's development. An April 13 online Endo Nurse article also covered the story.

"Educational Booklet Promotes Improved Preparation for Colonoscopy"

<http://www.beckersasc.com/gastroenterology-and-endoscopy/educational-booklet-promotes-improved-preparation-for-colonoscopy.html>

"New Booklet Helps Patients Prepare for Colonoscopy"

<http://www.endonurse.com/news/2011/04/new-booklet-helps-patients-prepare-for-colonoscopy.aspx>

Bakersfield Californian Cites JCCC Trials Program

The clinical trials program at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center was cited April 9 in a Bakersfield Californian story about studies offered at a local oncology office.

"Bakersfield a Center for Clinical Drug Trials"

<http://www.bakersfield.com/news/local/x153411267/Bakersfield-a-center-for-clinical-drug-trials>

S.F. Chronicle Examines Researcher's Grievance

James Enstrom, a researcher in the School of Public Health, was featured in an April 12 San Francisco Chronicle column that highlighted his grievance regarding the renewal of his contract.

"Academic Mission or UCLA Speech Code?"

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=c/a/2011/04/11/ED541IUA8N.DTL>

Food Consumer Highlights Pancreatic Cancer Study

FoodConsumer.org reported April 14 on a study finding that pancreatic cancer cells use fructose to fuel their growth. Dr. Anthony Heaney, a Jonsson Cancer Center researcher and associate professor of endocrinology, led the research.

“Fructose Fuels Cancer More than Other Sugars”

http://www.foodconsumer.org/newsite/Nutrition/Food/fructose_fuels_cancer_more_than_other_sugars_0414111245.html

BRIEFS

Genetic research by Dr. Daniel Geschwind, professor of human genetics and neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine and a professor at the Semel Institute, on how human and chimp brains developed differently, was cited April 11 in a Philadelphia Inquirer column.

“Our Cousins the Chimps”

http://articles.philly.com/2011-04-11/news/29406731_1_chimps-genetic-similarity-genetic-comparisons

A commentary co-written by Dr. Peter Anton, professor of digestive diseases and director of the Center for Prevention Research, was cited April 6 by HealthDay News in a story about a study linking HIV transmission risk to the level of virus in genital fluid.

“Amount of HIV in Genital Fluid Linked to Transmission”

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/651653.html>

QUOTABLES

Gail Abarbanel, director of the rape treatment center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, was quoted April 9 by the Santa Monica Daily Press about the local police department clearing its backlog of unprocessed rape kits.

“Santa Monica Police Clear Rape Kit Backlog”

http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2011-04-08-71615.113116-Santa-Monica-police-clear-rape-kit-backlog.html?utm_source=Santa+Monica+Daily+Press+List&utm_campaign=547d5c0c63-SMDP_Daily_Template6_10_2010&utm_medium=email#print

Greg Cole, professor of neurology and associate director of the Alzheimer Disease Research Center, was quoted in an April 11 HealthDay News article about study results on an experimental drug for Alzheimer's.

“Drug Memantine Ineffective for Mild Alzheimer's, Study Finds”

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/brain-and-behavior/articles/2011/04/11/drug-memantine-ineffective-for-mild-alzheimers-study-finds>

Neal Halfon, director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children at the School of Public Health, was quoted April 11 by USA Today about the rise of chronic and disabling health conditions among U.S. children.

“Chronic Illnesses Lead to a Childhood of Limitations”

<http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/healthcare/prevention/story/2011/04/Chronic-illnesses-lead-to-a-childhood-of-limitations/46051100/1>

Karen Hamill, physical therapist, was quoted April 13 in a Daily Breeze article about a man's recovery from a spinal injury.

“Redondo Beach Man's Long Journey Back From Spinal Injury”

http://www.dailybreeze.com/lifeandculture/ci_17836635

Dr. Michael Johnson, vice chair of obstetrics and gynecology, was quoted April 10 in a Livestrong.com article about losing weight after pregnancy.

“The Truth about Losing Baby Weight”

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/415991-the-truth-about-losing-baby-weight/>

Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging, a professor of psychiatry with the Semel Institute and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, commented April 11 in the New York Times about the drawbacks of multi-tasking.

“Multitasking Takes Toll on Memory, Study Finds”

<http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/04/11/multitasking-takes-toll-on-memory-study-finds/>

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