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The Los Angeles Daily News, KABC-Channel 7, KTTV-Channel 11, KCAL-Channel 9, KCBS-Channel 2, KMEX-Channel 34, KSCI-Channel 18, the Associated Press Spanish-language service, and AOL Latino reported June 15 on two kidney transplant chains at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center — each started by an altruistic donor who gave a kidney to a stranger — that have freed at least six patients from lives on dialysis. Other coverage ran June 15 in the Chinese Daily News, Phoenix TV, and Sing Tao

Daily, which ran two stories--one on the chain and the other profiling two of the patients. The Daily News column also ran June 15 in the San Jose Mercury News. The Belmont Independent (Iowa) published a story June 17. Jeffrey Veale, assistant professor-in-residence of urology and director of the paired-donation program, was quoted in the Daily News, AP, and some television coverage.

"Selfless Act Frees Kidney Patients from Dialysis"

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_12596648](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_12596648)

"Members of Kidney Transplant Chains Meet"

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/health&id=6866455>

"Kidney Donors and Recipients Reunite"

[http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/news/local/Kidney\\_Donors\\_and\\_Recipients\\_Reunite\\_20090615](http://www.myfoxla.com/dpp/news/local/Kidney_Donors_and_Recipients_Reunite_20090615)

"2 Donors Give Life to 10 Others"

<http://cbs2.com/video/?id=105972@kcbs.dayport.com>

"Cadena de 4 Trasplantes de Riñones en L.A. Incluye a 2 Hispanas"

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/sp/us/6480163.html>

"¿Regalarías Vida a un Extraño?"

<http://noticias.aol.com/articulos/a/donacion-de-organos/20090615200609990001>

### **OBITUARY: Biochemist Emil L. Smith Remembered by L.A. Times, UPI**

The Los Angeles Times, United Press International and GenomeWeb published June 12 obituaries on Emil L. Smith, a former chair of the biological chemistry department at the early School of Medicine, who pioneered the process of determining the structure of proteins, led the first U.S. scientific delegation to China and co-founded UCLA's Molecular Biology Institute with fellow chemist Paul Boyer. The Times story also appeared in the online editions of the Chicago Tribune and Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Emil L. Smith Dies at 97; Biochemist Advanced Protein Research"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-me-emil-smith12-2009jun12.0,145032.story>

"Biochemist Emil L. Smith Dead at 97"

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2009/06/12/-Biochemist-Emil-L-Smith-dead-at-97/UPI-75711244828806/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2009/06/12/-Biochemist-Emil-L-Smith-dead-at-97/UPI-75711244828806/)

"Emil Smith Dies"

<http://www.genomeweb.com/blog/emil-smith-dies>

### **London Times, U.S. News, Link Alzheimer's and Depression**

Research showing a possible link between depression and Alzheimer's disease by Po H. Lu, an assistant professor of neurology and a member of the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research, was featured June 15 in the London Times and HealthDay News and June 16 on the Ivanhoe News website, All Headline News, Medical News Today, the Times of India, HealthJockey.com, China's Xinhua News Service, and MedPage Today. U.S. News & World Report carried the HealthDay story.

"Depression 'Hastens Alzheimer's in Patients with Memory Problems'"

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/scienceandtechnology/science/sciencenews/5542179/Depression-hastens-Alzheimers-in-patients-with-memory-problems.html>

"Study Links Depression to Alzheimer's Disease"

[http://www.ivanhoe.com/channels/p\\_channelstory.cfm?storyid=21658](http://www.ivanhoe.com/channels/p_channelstory.cfm?storyid=21658)

"Drug May Stem Slide into Alzheimer's for Some"

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/06/15/drug-may-stem-slide-into-alzheimers-for-some.html>

### **Local Paper Features New Hospital Board of Advisors Chair**

The June 17 edition of WestsideToday.com gave a spotlight to Henry Gluck, a business and community leader, who will assume a leadership position at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center starting next month. Gluck was elected to the chairmanship of the board of advisors for the hospital effective July 1. Dr. David Feinberg, associate vice chancellor and CEO of the UCLA Hospital System, was quoted.

<http://www.westsidetoday.com/n1143/a-good-gamble-for.html>

### **KCBS, KPCC Report on Freeway Air Pollution**

KCBS-Channel 2 reported June 11 on a study led by Arthur Winer, professor of environmental health sciences at the School of Public Health that found that harmful air pollutants from Interstate 10 in Santa Monica can be found as far as 1.5 miles downwind, some 10 times further than previously measured.

“Choke on This: UCLA Pollution Study Released”

<http://cbs2.com/health/LA.air.pollution.2.1041363.html>

“Southland Researchers Measure Air Pollution Further from Freeway”

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2009/06/15/southland-researchers-measure-air-pollution-even-f/>

### **Reuters Health Explores Genetic Testing for Metastasis Risk**

Reuters Health ran a June 16 story on a study from the Jules Stein Eye Institute showing that the majority of eye-cancer patients want to undergo a genetic test that can predict their risk for metastasis, regardless of whether their cancer can be treated. Dr. Tara McCannel, co-principal investigator, was quoted. The findings were published in the June issue of the Journal of Genetic Counseling.

“Most Patients Want Cancer Prognosis Test”

<http://www.cancerpage.com/news/article.asp?id=13492>

### **San Bernardino Sun Profiles Local Woman’s Ongoing Recovery from Brain Surgery**

The San Bernardino Sun on June 18 profiled a 27-year-old woman who underwent a marathon, life-saving brain surgery at UCLA for a ruptured arteriovenous malformation (AVM) a year ago. The story also reported that she recently underwent the first stage of a facial reanimation surgery at UCLA. Her neurosurgeon, Dr. Nestor Gonzalez, assistant professor of neurosurgery and radiological sciences, and her plastic/reconstructive surgeon, Dr. Joan Lipa, associate professor of plastic surgery, were interviewed. Dr. Vishad Nabili, assistant professor of head and neck surgery at UCLA, was also cited as part of the team that performed the facial reanimation procedure.

“Katherine’s Slow, Miraculous Recover”

[http://www.sbsun.com/living/ci\\_12614230](http://www.sbsun.com/living/ci_12614230)

### **Nursing Trade Spotlights UCLA Nurses’ Involvement with Camp for Pediatric Patients**

Advance for Nurses on June 12 reported on “Camp Del Corazon,” a summer camp for kids with heart ailments co-founded by Lisa Knight, a pediatric cardiac nurse at Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA. Kathy McCloy, a nurse practitioner with UCLA Santa Monica Cardiology and camp nursing director, was also interviewed.

“Healing Hearts: Cardiac Camp Changes the Lives of Volunteer Nurses and the Children they Care For”

<http://nursing.advanceweb.com/Article/Healing-Hearts-2.aspx?prg=24>

### **Chinese Daily News Covers Aging Research Conference**

The Chinese Daily News on June 15 ran two stories about research presented at a conference held at UCLA on the latest aging research. Dr. Gary Small, Parlow-Solomon Professor on Aging and director of the UCLA Center on Aging, discussed brain-scan technology developed at UCLA that reveals the abnormal brain protein deposits that define Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Zhaoping Li, professor of clinical medicine, commented on the latest nutrition research.

### **Science Channel Observes How Our Eyes See Cinema**

Steven Nusinowitz, associate professor of ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, appeared in a segment that aired June 11 on the Science Channel program, “Science of the Movies.” He explained the physiology of the retina and how it works when we’re watching a film.

### **Indian Media Intrigued by New ‘Idol’**

Asian News International ran a June 12 story on a study led by Dr. Peter Tontonoz, Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator and professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine, uncovering a new enzyme called Idol that may offer a drug target for reducing LDL, the ‘bad’ cholesterol. The article appeared in the Times of India and Yahoo News (India).

“‘Idol’ Enzyme Controls Bad Cholesterol”

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Health--Science/Idol-enzyme-controls-bad-cholesterol/articleshow/4650220.cms>

### **Medical Website Highlights Possible Spit Test for Pancreatic Cancer**

MedPage Today on June 5 covered research identifying gene patterns in saliva that might be helpful in diagnosing pancreatic cancer. Dr. James Farrell, principal investigator and associate professor of medicine, division of digestive diseases, was quoted. The research was presented at a recent scientific meeting.

"Spit Test for Pancreatic Cancer a Possibility"

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/MeetingCoverage/DDW/14572>

### **New York TV Station, Trades Cover Prostate Cancer Study**

WABC-TV in New York on June 12 aired a story about a study at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center that examined quality of life in prostate cancer patients four years out from treatment. The study also was highlighted in the June 22 issues of the trade publications Drug Week and Biotech Business Week. The study was led by John Gore, a UCLA urologist, and Dr. Mark Litwin, a professor of urology and a researcher at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Study Looks at Prostate Cancer Treatments"

<http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/health&id=6862469>

### **KPCC Discusses the Pain of Migraines**

Dr. Andrew Charles, professor and director of the Headache Research and Treatment Program in the Department of Neurology, was featured in a June 11 segment of the Patt Morrison show on NPR affiliate KPCC- 89.3 FM. Charles discussed the latest research into controlling migraine headaches.

"A Brain Wider than the Sky: A Migraine Diary/Calling All Migraine-Sufferers"

<http://www.scpr.org/programs/patt-morrison/2009/06/11/a-brain-wider-than-the-sky-a-migraine-diarycalling/#>

### **New Scientist, LA Times, Examine HIV in Porn Industry**

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, professor of health services and pediatrics in the School of Public Health and Los Angeles County's director of public health, and Paula Tavrow, an assistant professor at the School of Public Health, were featured in a June 16 New Scientist article and also quoted in a June 12 Los Angeles Times article about the latest outbreak of HIV in the porn industry.

"Sexual Diseases 'Rampant' in Californian Porn Industry"

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn17317-sexual-diseases-rampant-in-californian-porn-industry.html>

"More Porn HIV Cases Disclosed"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-porn-hiv12-2009jun12,0,3569962.story>

### **Man Gets 10 Years for Selling Cadavers**

The Associated Press, City News Service and Agence France-Presse report June 11 that Ernest Nelson, who was convicted in May for his role in a scheme to illegally sell cadavers donated to UCLA for medical research between 1999 and 2004, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison. The Los Angeles Times carried the story on June 12. Dr. J. Thomas Rosenthal, chief medical officer for the UCLA Health System and associate vice chancellor of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted by the AP.

"10-year Sentence in LA Body Parts Trafficking Case"

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_BODY\\_PARTS\\_TRAFFICKING?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2009-06-11-21-39-28](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_BODY_PARTS_TRAFFICKING?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2009-06-11-21-39-28)

"Human Body Parts Supplier Gets 10 Years"

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Cadaver-Body-Parts-Supplier-Gets-10-Years.html>

"10-year Sentence in Cadaver Scam"

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-briefs12-2009jun12,0,1449943.full.story>

## **BRIEFS**

UCLA Medical Center was cited in a June 16 Inside Higher Education piece on the view that "A & M" should now stand for "Athletics & Medicine" rather than the 19<sup>th</sup> century acronym "Agricultural & Mechanical."

"Views: The New 'A & M' Athletics & Medicine"

<http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2009/06/16/thelin>

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center was cited in a June 11 story on KSWT-Channel 13 (Calexico, CA) about a high school student whose father was able to attend his graduation shortly after receiving a second heart transplant at UCLA.

“Man Defies All Odds to See Son Graduate”

[http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=10521257&nav=menu613\\_2\\_8](http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=10521257&nav=menu613_2_8)

## QUOTABLES

Gilbert Gee, associate professor in community health sciences at the School of Public Health, was quoted June 17 in an Asian Journal article about rising rates of childhood obesity in the Asian American community, particularly among Filipino Americans.

“Obesity: A Growing Problem Among Fil-Ams”

<http://www.asianjournal.com/datetime-usa/15-datetime-usa/2095-obesity-a-growing-problem-among-fil-ams.html>

Dr. Arnold Klein, clinical professor of dermatology, commented in a June 16 Woman’s Day website article about asking your doctor embarrassing medical questions.

“12 Hard-to-Ask Health Questions”

<http://www.womansday.com/Articles/Health/12-Hard-to-Ask-Health-Questions.html>

Emanuel Maidenberg, associate clinical psychology professor and clinical coordinator for the Anxiety Disorders Program, was quoted June 2 on Everydayhealth.com about how best to help family members with anxiety disorders.

“Helping a Loved One with Anxiety Disorder”

<http://www.everydayhealth.com/anxiety/helping-a-loved-one-with-anxiety-disorder.aspx?xid=SendToAFriend>

Debra Seal, physical therapist and member of the NICU Follow-Up Clinic team at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, was quoted in a June 15 Therapy Times article about spina bifida.

“Overcoming Spina Bifida”

[http://www.therapytimes.com/Overcoming\\_Spina\\_Bifida\\_A\\_multidisciplinary\\_therapy\\_approach/content=9901J84C487E948640A040441](http://www.therapytimes.com/Overcoming_Spina_Bifida_A_multidisciplinary_therapy_approach/content=9901J84C487E948640A040441)

Dr. Marilene Wang, director of the UCLA Nasal and Sinus Disease Center and professor of head and neck surgery, commented in KTTV-Channel 11 and KCOP-Channel 13 reports airing June 16 and June 17 about how the over-the-counter nasal product, Zicam, has been linked to the loss of the sense of smell.

“FDA Warns Against Using Zicam”

[http://www.myfoxxla.com/dpp/health/FDA\\_Issues\\_Warning\\_Against\\_Zicam\\_Remedy\\_20090616](http://www.myfoxxla.com/dpp/health/FDA_Issues_Warning_Against_Zicam_Remedy_20090616)

“Report: Zicam Can Cause Loss of Smell”

[http://www.myfoxxla.com/dpp/news/local/Report\\_Zicam\\_Can\\_Cause\\_Loss\\_of\\_Smell\\_20090617](http://www.myfoxxla.com/dpp/news/local/Report_Zicam_Can_Cause_Loss_of_Smell_20090617)

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“Obesity: A Growing Problem Among Fil-Ams”

<http://www.asianjournal.com/datetime-usa/15-datetime-usa/2095-obesity-a-growing-problem-among-fil-ams.html>

John Wright, assistant director of respiratory care at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, was quoted in a June issue of Advance for Physician Assistants on how pollutants act and the way in which pollutants harm asthmatics.

“Air Pollution and Asthma”

<http://physician-assistant.advanceweb.com/editorial/content/editorial.aspx?CC=2911>

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