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**Wall Street Journal (February 1)**
Banking Executive Invests $20 Million in Scholarships
Chairman and CEO of Jefferies Group Inc. [Rich Handler] and his wife Martha will announce a $20 million donation to the University of Rochester, the school’s largest contribution to scholarships. (Also Reported in: 10WHEC-TV, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester Business Journal, 8WROC-TV, YNN, 13WHAM-TV)

**Boston Globe (February 8)**
Heart failure therapy better in women than in men
“Our finding was unexpected, but extremely important because this is the only heart treatment that is clearly better in women than men,” said study author Dr. Arthur Moss, a cardiologist at the University of Rochester Medical Center in a statement. (Also Reported in: Fox News, UPI, The Independent, Bloomberg BusinessWeek, CNN, U.S. News & World Report, Chicago Sun-Times, MSNBC, Yahoo! News, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Newsday, and others)

**USA Today (February 21)**
Heart disease: They didn’t know what hit them
At age 35, George Sparrow Jr. of Lyons, N.Y., was in poor health. His doctors at the University of Rochester Medical Center suggested gastric bypass, a surgical procedure that reduces the size of the stomach. (Also reported in: Daily Comet, HoumaToday.com)

**Bloomberg.com (February 24)**
Constitution Is Only Way to Cut U.S. Deficit: David M. Primo (op-ed)
An amendment is necessary because of the latitude the Constitution gives Congress. Article I, Section 5 says, “each House may determine the rules of its proceedings.” What this means in practice is that today’s Congress can’t commit a future Congress to spending cuts. Moreover, any internal legislative rule, or even a statute, can be changed or evaded with a large enough congressional majority.

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**Wall Street Journal (February 18)**
Buying Your Way Into College
For the first time since 2005, the University of Rochester doesn't expect it will be completely need-blind when it comes time to admitting students off the wait list this year. “This year, we had a bigger early decision group and a slightly needier one,” says Jonathan Burdick, dean of admissions and financial aid. “I’m certain we will be 95% need-blind. That last 5% is in jeopardy.” (Also Reported in: Yahoo! News)
Cities, Inequality, and Wages
An important study entitled “Inequality and City Size” by Ronni Pavan of the University of Rochester and Nathaniel Baum-Snow of Brown University and the National Bureau of Economic Research takes a close look at this issue. Using data from the American Community Surveys of the U.S. Census, Pavan and Baum-Snow tracked the gap between the lowest and highest reported incomes across U.S. between 1979 and 2004, from the smallest rural areas to the biggest urban centers.

Testicular cancer deaths double with after 40 diagnosis
“This study comprehensively documents, for the first time, to our knowledge, the effect of age on TC-specific mortality, while taking into account disease characteristics, treatment factors and socio-demographic variables,” wrote Lois Travis, of the University of Rochester Medical Center, New York, along with colleagues from Oslo, Norway. (Also Reported in: Chicago Tribune, Fox News, MSNBC, Daily Mail, Yahoo! News)

High-quality trauma care = lower costs
Lead author Dr. Laurent G. Glance of the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York says the finding suggests high quality can coexist with lower cost. (Also Reported in: Science Daily, Red Orbit)

Severely obese women may need to cut back on weight gain during pregnancy
“The study suggests that even the recommended amounts of weight gain might be more than is needed for the most obese women,” said Dr. Eva Pressman, director of Maternal Fetal Medicine at New York’s University of Rochester Medical Center, in a news release. (Also Reported in: Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Sun)

Renée Fleming honored to perform at her alma mater
Renée Fleming has reached unprecedented status for an opera singer – she’s been featured in Vogue, sang at President Barack Obama’s inauguration and on the “Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” soundtrack. Fleming grew up in Churchville and is an Eastman School of Music graduate, receiving a master’s degree from the institution in 1983. (Also Reported in: WXXI, Rochester City Newspaper, 10WHEC-TV)

U of R Professor Wins Prestigious Prize
When you check an image on your smart phone, or enjoy the clarity of a modern television screen, you can thank the brainpower of a local inventor. Ching Tang, of Brighton, invented the Organic Light-Emitting Diode technology that is key to the eye-popping visuals now part of our everyday life. Now a chemical engineering professor at the University of Rochester, Tang spent 30 years as a researcher at Kodak. It was at Kodak in 1987 that he published the groundbreaking research about OLEDs. (Also Reported in: YNN, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, MonstersandCritics.com, EarthTimes.org, 13WHAM-TV, 8WROC-TV, Chronicle of Higher Education, Jerusalem Post, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Arutz Sheva)

Gas prices: Brace for another surge
Mark Zupan, an economist at the University of Rochester’s school of business, said that every economic downturn over the last 40 years has been caused by upward spikes in oil prices. In 2001, a pact by key oil producing countries to cut output by 1% drove prices up to $30 a barrel from $12 a barrel, he said. (Also Reported in: Yahoo! News)

Mirror Movements Might Reflect ADHD in Kids
In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Jonathan Mink, professor of neurology and pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center, wrote that the study provides “important evidence for impaired inhibitory function in ADHD.” (Also Reported in: RedOrbit, Health Jockey, The Med Guru)
**Science Daily** (February 18)
Scheduled Deliveries Raise Risks for Mothers, Do Not Benefit Newborns, Study Finds
“The benefits of a procedure should always outweigh the risks. If there aren’t any medical benefits to inducing labor, it is hard to justify doing it electively when we know it increases the risks for the mother and the baby,” said Christopher Glantz, M.D., M.P.H., study author and professor of Maternal Fetal Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center. (Also Reported in: Yahoo! News, Sify, News-Medical.net, U.S. News & World Report, MSN)

**Scientific American** (February 16)
Jeopardy-Playing Watson Computer System Could Revolutionize Research
“Just like with Deep Blue, it’s really bringing together the state-of-the-art in hardware and software,” says Henry Kautz, a computer scientist at the University of Rochester and president of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence in Menlo Park, Calif., who is also impressed by Watson. (Also Reported in: Nature News)

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle** (February 1)
UR professor helps author federal dietary guidelines
So say a University of Rochester professor who helped write the guidelines and local registered dietitians who are on the front lines trying to help people eat healthier. “What we put in our mouth affects our health,” said Dr. Thomas A. Pearson, a professor of community and preventive medicine who directs the University of Rochester Medical Center’s research on diet and disease prevention.

**Huffington Post** (February 21)
Stress Puts The Heart At Risk: 12 Ways To Chill Out
“There are studies to show that stress is comparable to other risk factors that we traditionally think of as major, like hypertension, poor diet, and lack of exercise,” says Kathi Heffner, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at the Rochester Center for Mind-Body Research at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York. (Also Reported in: CBS News)

**WXXI** (February 16)
U of R to Host Former President Clinton
Former President Bill Clinton will be the featured speaker at the University of Rochester’s Meliora Weekend in October.
**ABC News (February 22)**

New Mothers Often Find Breast-Feeding a Challenge

The academy's co-founder, Dr. Ruth Lawrence, began her crusade to educate doctors after realizing that women weren't getting good advice from them. “I thought to myself, ‘Things aren’t going to change until every physician knows how good breast milk is and knows how it happens,’” said Lawrence, a professor of pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and author of the textbook, “Breastfeeding: A Guide for the Medical Profession.” (Also Reported in: MSNBC, Newsday, Yahoo! News, Batavia Daily News)

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (February 1)**

University of Rochester’s inaugural dance festival starts today

One University of Rochester student took on the challenge, resulting in the school’s first-ever dance festival. The five-day inspireDANCE Festival, which starts today, includes open classes by the University of Rochester faculty, workshops with guest instructors and performances by the Rochester Contemporary Dance Collective. The festival sprung from a proposal by UR undergraduate student Arielle Friedlander, who created the festival for her Kauffman Entrepreneurial Year, a free fifth year of study.