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**New York Times** (March 4)

A ‘60s Mash-Up That Didn’t Happen

The group (Alarm Will Sound) began as a student new-music ensemble at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester and essentially declared its independence with a performance of Steve Reich’s “Desert Music” and “Tehillim” at the Miller Theater in 2001. … Staging added another arrow to Alarm’s quiver. Early on, (Rochester alumnus) Mr. (Alan) Pierson teamed up with the director Nigel Maister, who runs the theater program at the University of Rochester. After staging a performance of John Cage’s “Songbooks” for the group, Mr. Maister began choreographing other pieces as well. One, a performance of Mr. (Benedict) Mason’s music that had the ensemble running through the Miller Theater and, at the end, boarding a bus and heading up Broadway, showed the degree to which these players were willing to move and act while also playing their instruments.

**New York Times** (March 1)

Mickelson Tries to Spread News About Arthritis

“He was smart, the fact he recognized something was going on and sought medical attention early,” said Christopher Ritchlin of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, who has been studying the diseases for more than 20 years.  (Also Reported in: USA Today, Washington Post, Seattle Times, San Francisco Chronicle, ESPN, ABC News, Fox News, and others)

**Los Angeles Times** (March 24)

Finalists for Best Translated Book Awards announced

The finalists for the Best Translated Book Awards have been announced. Presented by 3 Percent, the translation-focused (website) at the University of Rochester, the Best Translated Book Awards are now in their fourth year; for the first time, the winners will receive cash prizes. (Also Reported in: Publishers Weekly, Guardian.co.uk, Publishing Perspectives, The Millions, Conversational Reading, 13WHAM-TV)

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle** (March 8)

Women’s Hall of Fame to honor UR’s Loretta Ford, Coretta Scott King, 9 others

Singer Billie Holiday, educator Donna Shalala and civil rights champion Coretta Scott King will be enshrined with eight others in the National Women’s Hall of Fame. The 2011 honor roll, unveiled today, includes Loretta C. Ford, founding dean of the University of Rochester School of Nursing. (Also Reported in: Baltimore Sun)
Washington Post (March 8)
Researchers try to understand naked mole rats’ resistance to cancer
Getting old without the usual diseases and diminishments of the aging process has always been an intriguing idea. Vera Gorbunova, a biologist and cancer researcher at the University of Rochester in New York, is among those scientists trying to find out how naked mole rats do it. Most tantalizing to Gorbunova is that naked mole rats never get cancer even though 70 percent or more of mice that live even a few years die of cancer.

U.S. News & World Report (March 14)
Crisis Worsens at Crippled Nuke Plant in Japan: Reports
Radiation expert Jacqueline Williams, a research professor in the department of radiation oncology at the University of Rochester in New York, said depending on the type of explosion at the reactor site, there could be a radiation risk to those at the plant. “Anybody who is going in will be exposed to radiation – and it will be whole-body,” she said. “That’s where you can get a lot of injuries to emergency personnel and maintenance personnel, depending on the degree of protection they go in with,” she added. (Also Reported in: Bloomberg BusinessWeek, Huffington Post, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Yahoo! News, MSN, ABC News, CBS News, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle)

Albany Times Union (March 2)
Deficit too high? Amend the Constitution (commentary)
Without a constitutional amendment, meaningful budget restraint will be put off, and Congress will revert to the legislative state of nature, where survival means spending, not cutting. An amendment is necessary because of the latitude the Constitution gives Congress.
David M. Primo, an associate professor at the University of Rochester, wrote this for Bloomberg News.

InsideHigherEd (March 14)
Academic Minute
In today’s Academic Minute, the University of Rochester’s C. Douglas Haessig explores the mathematical curiosity Pi, and how it has inspired an unofficial holiday. (Also Reported in: 8WROC-TV, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle)

BBC (March 2)
Baby loss ‘can last years’
Dr. Emma Robertson Blackmore, of the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York, U.S., added: “We know that maternal depression can have adverse impacts on children and families. If we offer targeted support during pregnancy to women who have previously lost a baby, we may be able to improve health outcomes for both the women and their children.” (Also Reported in: WebMD, Time, UPI, Yahoo! News, e! Science News, Innovations Report, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, and others)

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (March 16)
University of Rochester to build graduate facility
The University of Rochester is planning a $24 million home for its graduate school of education, allowing for not only continued growth but also more outreach to the community. The plans unveiled Tuesday for UR’s Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development call for more than doubling the classroom space now available. In announcing the plans Tuesday, UR President Joel Seligman described the new building as symbolic of the university’s commitment to education. “We owe our children a better future,” Seligman said. (Also Reported in: Brighton-Pittsford Post, Rochester Business Journal, 10WHEC-TV, YNN, WXXI, 8WROC-TV)

Los Angeles Times (March 4)
Rodent of the Week: Transplanted human stem cells help paralyzed rats move
Previous studies have shown that certain types of rat cells are necessary to repair spinal cord injuries. But the new study “brings it up to a human level,” said Chris Proschel, the lead author of the paper and an assistant professor of genetics at the University of Rochester Medical Center. (Also Reported in: Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Sun) Denver Post, Science Daily, e! Science News, SIFY

Wall Street Journal (March 3)
Students Struggle for Words
The University of Rochester’s Simon Graduate School of Business hired two writing coaches last fall after employers complained about graduates’ writing skills, says dean Mark Zupan.
**ABC News** (March 1)

Optimism Linked to Improved Survival With Coronary Artery Disease

“The degrees of evidence observed in these studies suggest that optimism is a powerful ‘drug’ that compares favorably with highly effective medical therapies,” Dr. Robert Gramling and Dr. Ronald Epstein of the University of Rochester in New York wrote in an accompanying editorial. (Also Reported in: WebMD)

**Wall Street Journal** (March 1)

Educating Mothers About the Risks of Early Deliveries

Study co-author J. Christopher Glantz, a specialist in maternal and fetal medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center, tells the Health Blog that when labor is induced, women are in labor longer, require more costly interventions such as epidural anesthesia and are almost twice as likely to end up having a C-section.

**Examiner.com** (March 21)

U of Rochester motivation guru takes his show on the road

Got a Soma cube? Last year, Edward Deci’s experiments with one and a group of college students was featured in the Rochester Review, the alumni journal of the University of Rochester. Deci is Professor of Psychology and Gowen Professor in the Social Sciences at the University of Rochester. According to the University of Rochester, Deci will speak at a March 22 dinner at the University Club in Chicago.

**WXXI** (March 2)

1370 Connection

During this Women’s History Month we examine the growing role of women in politics; Nora Bredes, director of the Susan B. Anthony Center at the U of R joins us in studio, and House Rules Committee ranking member and former chair Louise Slaughter joins us on the line from the nation’s capital.

**WXXI** (March 4)

Arts Friday

The world of the professional musician and music teacher, highlighted by Eastman School professor Ramon Ricker, author of Lessons from a Street-Wise Professor; What You Won’t Learn In Most Music Schools.

**U.S. News & World Report** (March 22)

Study: Infrequent Sex Can Raise Risk of Heart Attack, Death

“The actual incidence is extremely small. You’re talking two-to-three events per 10,000 patient-years. That’s very, very small,” said Dr. Christopher Cove, an associate professor of medicine and assistant director of the cardiac catheterization lab at the University of Rochester Medical Center. (Also Reported in: Bloomberg BusinessWeek, MSN, Newsday)

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**USA Today** (March 29)

Study: Beautiful people cash in on their looks

Richard Ryan, a professor of psychology, psychiatry and education at the University of Rochester in New York, urges caution when trying to improve your looks. “One way people might take that finding is to go out and start chasing attractiveness,” he says. “I would caution them, because research shows people who are chasing attractiveness are more unhappy.” (Also Reported in: The Australian, Village Voice)
**New York Times (March 11)**

**Jazz Listings for March 11-17**

Gil Evans, who died in 1988, was one of the most sophisticated jazz arrangers of his time, and since. The centerpiece concert here, at 7 p.m., will feature both his writing for the Claude Thornhill Orchestra and his music from the album “New Bottle, Old Wine,” with the vocalist Andy Bey, the alto saxophonist Phil Woods, the pianist Frank Kimbrough and the Eastman School of Music Chamber Ensemble.

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (March 11)**

**Luke Flockerzi gives UR new direction in his 1st year**

These days, he is putting the finishing touches on a masterful season as the first-year coach at the University of Rochester. This time, he may be around for a while. Many thought UR would take a step back after the surprise retirement of coaching legend Mike Neer last spring. UR was picked to finish seventh out of eight teams in the University Athletic Association coaches poll. Those coaches are all done for the season. Not UR: The Yellowjackets are 22-5 and host No. 2 Middlebury, Vt., at 7:30 tonight in a “Sweet 16” game at the Palestra.

**U.S. News & World Report (March 7)**

**Eating Disorders More Prevalent Than Thought Among American Teens**

“This article aptly points out that we should not dismiss eating disorders as a public health problem simply because their prevalence is lower than some other major mental illnesses,” said Mary Tantillo, director of the Western New York Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders and an associate professor of clinical nursing at the University of Rochester School of Nursing.

**Yale Daily News (March 22)**

**New University librarian headed to Yale**

Yale’s first choice, Susan Gibbons, a vice provost and dean of libraries at the University of Rochester will replace Acting University Librarian Jon Butler for a five-year term as University librarian starting July 1.

**Fox News (March 4)**

**Key Genital Measurement Linked to Male Fertility**

This offers the prospect of a relatively simple screening test for men, said study co-author Shanna Swan of the University of Rochester Medical Center.

“It’s non-invasive and anybody can do it, and it’s not sensitive to the kinds of things that sperm count is sensitive to, like stress or whether you have a cold or whether it’s hot out,” Swan said in a telephone interview.

**U.S. News & World Report (March 1)**

**Scientists Spot Another Gene Behind Type 2 Diabetes**

“This shows an association between this gene and an increased risk of diabetes compared to the general population,” said Dr. Steven D. Wittlin, clinical director of the endocrine-metabolism division and director of the Diabetes Service at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

**Rochester Business Journal (March 3)**

**UR to offer undergraduate degree in business**

Undergraduates at the University of Rochester now will be able to declare a major in business, after collaboration between the arts, sciences and engineering’s undergraduate college and the Simon School of Business created an undergraduate degree in business.

**U.S. News & World Report (March 14)**

**Eating Fish Might Protect Your Eyesight**

Dr. David M. Kleinman, an associate professor and retina specialist with the Flaum Eye Institute at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y., described the findings as “unsurprising, but very helpful. All scientists are going to say they need more research,” he noted. “But this is great data, and it’s supportive enough for me to already say to my patients, ‘Eat fish. Or almonds.’ Because realistically, we’re talking about an intervention that has very little risk, and is something that we believe is really good for the eye.”
**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (March 6)**

*John DiBartolomeo leads UR men to Sweet 16*

The University of Rochester men's basketball team is headed to the NCAA Division III Tournament Sweet 16 after defeating MIT 60-52 Saturday at Ithaca College. John DiBartolomeo, who led the Yellow-jackets with 17 points, was fouled on the offensive end with 2:42 to play, and converted both shots as Rochester stretched its lead to 50-43.

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

*UR, Geneseo women to host NCAA openers*

The University of Rochester women's basketball team, which reached the national “Final Four” three times in the previous decade, begins another quest this weekend when it hosts the NCAA Division III Tournament. (Also Reported in: Nashua Telegraph)

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**13WHAM-TV (March 11)**

*U of R YellowJackets Serenade Congresswoman in D.C.*