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**New York Times** (February 26)
*Let the S.E.C. Help Itself*
What is the most effective way to prevent another financial scandal on the scale of Allen Stanford’s alleged securities fraud or Bernard Madoff’s Ponzi scheme? Joel Seligman, the president of the University of Rochester, is the author of “The Transformation of Wall Street: A History of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Modern Corporate Finance.”

**ABC News** (February 8)
*Alzheimer’s Drug Dimebon Helps Huntington’s: Study*
Dr. Karl Kieburtz of the University of Rochester in New York said his team chose to study Dimebon because it appeared to have an impact both on cognition and aging. (Also Reported in: NPR, Los Angeles Times, Bloomberg News, Yahoo! News, E-Science News, Reuters, BusinessWeek, USA Today, Guardian, U.S. News & World Report, UPI, MSN, and others)

**Los Angeles Times** (February 17)
*Best Translated Book Award shortlist announced*
The Best Translated Book Awards of 2010 will be presented in March; today, the shortlist of 10 works of fiction was announced by Three Percent, the online arm of the University of Rochester’s translation program, and Open Letter Books. (Also Reported in: Independent, Huffington Post, The Millions, Mediabistro, Publishing Perspectives, Skylight Books, Business Insider, Coldfront, The Bookcase, Stick Poet Super Hero, Freelancing Advice, 13WHAM-TV)

**Wall Street Journal** (February 4)
*Hospitals Dispute Medtronic Data on Wires*
Reports from hospitals including the University of Rochester in New York state, the Minneapolis Heart Institute, the Mayo Clinic and the University of Ottawa, say the overall failure rate for Sprint Fidelis leads is as much as two times as great as the company’s own data indicate.

**Wall Street Journal** (February 2)
*More Than a Paycheck*
The science that Mr. Pink is referring to rests largely on the work of Edward Deci and Richard Ryan at the University of Rochester and Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi at Claremont Graduate University. These three researchers have found that we do our best work when motivated from within, when we have control over our time and decisions and when we feel a deep sense of purpose.
UPI (February 18)
Study: Party competition helps states
Thad Kousser, a fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, and Gerald Gamm, an associate professor of political science and history at the University of Rochester, examined state legislatures for the past 120 years. (Also Reported in: E-Science News, Science Blog)

New York Times (February 8)
The Enforcers
Joel Seligman, an S.E.C. historian, said it needs two things to turn itself around: a sustained period of serious enforcement and several structural repairs, the most important of which is becoming self-financed through some form of fees or penalties so it is no longer hostage to Congressional budget masters.

U.S. News & World Report (February 2)
Genetic Variants in Depressed People Raise Suicide Risk
“Suicide is a pretty intransigent problem. It’s a very difficult, complex behavior that, despite many years of study, we have to acknowledge that suicide rates haven’t changed a great deal,” said Dr. Yeates Conwell, co-director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York. (Also Reported in: MSN, Yahoo! News, BusinessWeek, U.S. News & World Report, and others)

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (February 1)
University of Rochester trio gears up for international Battle of the Brains
While athletes from around the world prepare for this month’s Winter Olympics in Vancouver, a team of students from the University of Rochester has arrived in China for international competition of a more cerebral sort.

Wall Street Journal (February 2)
By Chad W. Post
Post is the director of Open Letter Books at the University of Rochester and Three Percent, a website dedicated to promoting international literature.

ABC News (February 22)
Foreign CEO Testimony a Rare Catch for Congress
“He will be in for a firestorm, but it is the honorable thing to do,” said Mark Zupan, dean of the University of Rochester’s business school. “It sends a big signal to actually show up on somebody else’s home turf.” (Also Reported in: CBS News, NPR, BusinessWeek, Yahoo! Finance, MSNBC, Forbes.com, Chicago Tribune, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, and others)

Bloomberg News (February 1)
Bank of America, Goldman, Morgan Stanley Cut PAC Giving in 2009
“Banks very likely realized that PAC contributions would create perception problems,” said David Primo, a political science professor at the University of Rochester in New York. (Also Reported in: BusinessWeek, Yahoo! News, New York Times, Brisbane Times)

8WROC-TV (February 5, 2010)
What Our Hospitals Are Doing To Take On Infections
Dr. Michael Apostolakos is the director of Adult Critical Care at Strong Hospital. He doesn’t dispute the 2008 data that showed high central line infection rates. (Also Reported in: 13WHAM-TV, WXXI)

8WROC-TV (February 4)
Laser Lab Gets Budget Backing
The University of Rochester’s laser lab has the President’s full support in his budget for next year. The laser lab will receive $62.5 million from the federal government — the full amount that was asked for. (Also Reported in: Rochester Business Journal, 10WH-EC-TV)

UPI (February 8)
Early abuse may affect physiology
U.S. researchers suggest children abused before age 5 may be affected physiologically. The researchers at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and the University of Rochester Mt. Hope Family Center in Rochester, N.Y., linked such physiological change, in turn, to increased risk of depression. (Also Reported in: Science Centric, Oneindia)
**CBS News** (February 2)

Vt. Nuke Plant Leaks Renew Debate Over Aging Plants

“Somebody would have to be drinking a lot of water and it would have to be really concentrated in there for it to do any harm at all,” said Jacqueline Williams, a radiation biologist at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York state. (Also Reported in: ABC News, Forbes, San Francisco Chronicle, U.S. News & World Report, Chicago Tribune, NPR, Washington Post, BusinessWeek, Newsday, and others)

**Business Week** (February 5, 2010)

As Swine Flu Fades, Experts Ponder Next Season

“It certainly seems to have died down in this country. It’s gone very quiet,” confirmed David Topham, co-director of the New York Influenza Center of Excellence and associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the **University of Rochester** (N.Y.) Medical Center. (Also Reported in: U.S. News & World Report, MSN, Yahoo! News, and others)

**CNN** (February 17)

For Olympians and weekend warriors, winter sports can trigger asthma

The combination of cold air and exercise is “a double whammy,” says Dr. Steve N. Georas, the director of pulmonary and critical care medicine and the director of the Mary Parkes Center for Asthma, Allergy and Pulmonary Care at the **University of Rochester** Medical Center, in New York. (Also Reported in: Health.com)

**NPR** (February 8)

Adapting Vaccines For Our Aging Immune Systems

For starters, chemicals called adjuvants can be added to vaccines to stimulate the immune system to produce more antibodies and more killer cells. Vaccines can also be given in bigger doses. Infectious disease specialist Ann Falsey, with the **University of Rochester** in New York, recently headed a study of 4,000 people over 65. One-third got a standard flu vaccine, and two-thirds received a vaccine that was four times the usual dose.

**UPI** (February 23)

New urban low-income moms risk depression

“This is an unexpected, very high proportion to meet diagnostic criteria for depression,” study leader Dr. Linda Chaudron of **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York said in a statement. “This may be a group at high risk for depression.” (Also Reported in: Science Centric, Irish Health, Topnews.in)

**Batavia Daily News** (February 2)

3 Eastman alumni win Grammys

Three **Eastman School of Music** graduates, including soprano Renee Fleming who grew up in Churchville, won awards at the 52nd annual Grammy Awards on Sunday. (Also Reported in: 13WHAM-TV, MPNnow.com, 10WHEC-TV, WXXI)

**Chicago Tribune** (February 5)

Fuel the scientific flame

“They’re creating theories about how the world works,” says Joyce Duckles, a doctoral candidate in human development at the **University of Rochester**'s Warner School of Education. “It’s cool. The thing keeps going down. I think we underestimate young children a lot.” (Also Reported in: Allentown Morning Call)

**CNN** (February 10)

Shoveling snow? How to protect your back (and your heart)

The combination of frigid weather and normally sedentary people going all-out can be a recipe for back injuries. “The shoveling tends to be done by people who are not otherwise in good shape,” says Dr. Richard Pomerantz, a professor of medicine in cardiology at the **University of Rochester Medical Center**, in Rochester, New York. “Sometimes a potato chip is the heaviest thing they’ve lifted for a while.”

**U.S. News & World Report** (February 2)

Protein Levels in Urine Help Prevent Kidney Function

“The surprising thing is that all levels of kidney function [among] patients that had higher proteinuria did worse,” said Dr. Martin Zand, medical director of the kidney and pancreas transplant programs at the **University of Rochester Medical Center**. (Also Reported in: BusinessWeek, MSN, Yahoo! News)
**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (February 9)**
URMC gets $1.5M gift for Alzheimer’s research
The University of Rochester Medical Center has received what is believed to be the largest financial gift specifically for clinical research into Alzheimer’s disease in school history. (Also Reported in: Rochester Business Journal, 10WHEC-TV)

**Rochester Business Journal (February 24)**
UR-led research Web site expanding to British universities
A research Web site led by the University of Rochester is expanding beyond North America to include British universities, UR officials said Wednesday. The site, Futurity.org, features discoveries from 46 research universities in the United States and Canada, all members of the Association of American Universities.

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (February 18)**
U.S. stimulus funds fueled Rochester-area innovations, projects
“There’s clearly an effort being made to stimulate immediate jobs,” Dr. Brad Berk, chief executive officer of the University of Rochester Medical Center said at a news conference Wednesday in Goergen Hall on the River Campus. “It’s really the investment in the future that’s going to pay off.” (Also Reported in: YNN, WXXI, Rochester Business Journal)

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (February 7)**
Barry Snyder might be the busiest and most underappreciated pianist in Rochester
Snyder has been a faculty member at University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music since 1970, with unfading dedication for harvesting the professional pianists of the future (he, too, received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Eastman).

**MPNnow.com (February 26)**
The prints of Amsterdam: Memorial Art Gallery hosts Rembrandt etchings
Mower and his wife Tobia Mower, owners of an extensive private collection of Rembrandt prints, have loaned around 40 rare etchings for a touring exhibit, which opens Friday, Feb. 26, at the Memorial Art Gallery.

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (February 24)**
Wall Street bonuses jumped 17 percent in 2009
James Brickley, a University of Rochester business professor, said Wall Street bonuses often don’t go to the highest paid employees and are a key factor in retaining talent. (Also Reported in: Poughkeepsie Journal, Journal News)

**Rochester Business Journal (February 15)**
Area dentist to give free care to Guatemala
Joshua Souweine of Victor is slated to make his second trip to a remote area of Guatemala to offer free dental care to residents. Souweine is a clinical instructor of dentistry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. On faculty at Strong Memorial Hospital and Highland Hospital, Souweine focuses his time treating developmentally disabled and physically challenged patients.

**E-Science News (February 12)**
Behavioral therapy improves sleep and lives of patients with pain
Cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia significantly improved sleep for patients with chronic neck or back pain and also reduced the extent to which pain interfered with their daily functioning, according to a study by University of Rochester Medical Center researchers. (Also Reported in: News-Medical.net)

**Jazz Times (February 10)**
Tyrone Brown Album Salutes Frederick Douglass
He had been contacted by Richard Peek, director of special collections and rare books at the University of Rochester to compose music to complement the work of these unheralded African-American artists.

**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (February 16)**
Publishing industry will rebound in time
Magazines, newspapers and books all face challenges — not only because of the slow economy, but also because of technology that has created so many alternatives to print. But somehow the industry will sort things out, says John Palattella, literary editor of The Nation, who will speak about changes in the industry in a lecture Thursday at the University of Rochester.

**Rochester Business Journal (February 16)**
UR grad becomes CFO at HUD
Douglas Criscitello, a University of Rochester graduate, was sworn in Tuesday as chief financial officer at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Also Reported in: Press & Sun-Bulletin, National Mortgage Professional Magazine)