USA Today (January 12)
There’s a reason you’re happiest on weekends

Discovery Channel (January 14)
Parasitic Wasps’ Genome May Yield New Drugs

UPI (January 4)
Vitamin D lack, blacks’ heart risk linked
Dr. Kevin Fiscella of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and Dr. Peter Franks of the University of California, Davis, showed the higher cardiovascular risk observed among blacks may be partly related to lower vitamin D levels. (Also Reported in: U.S. News & World Report, Los Angeles Times, ABC News, BusinessWeek, Yahoo! News)

Boston Globe (January 22)
Court OK’s corporate campaign spending
The justices left in place the dollar limits for contributions to candidates by individuals and political action committees. In doing so, the justices adhered to previous rulings that there is a more significant “quid pro quo” attached to such direct contribution to a candidate, said David Primo, a First Amendment specialist and University of Rochester political science professor. (Also Reported in: Bloomberg News, BusinessWeek, Yahoo! News, New York Times, and others)

New York Times (January 22)
24 States’ Laws Open to Attack After Campaign Finance Ruling
David Primo, a political science professor at the University of Rochester, counseled caution about predicting the impact of the Supreme Court decision. While it grants corporations and unions new access, it is also likely to spur state officials and campaign reform groups to push for new types of restrictions. (Also Reported in: Chattanooga Times Free Press)
Wall Street Journal (January 23)
Will New Rules Tame the Wall Street Tiger?
“If we’ve learned anything, it’s that we need much more effective communication of danger signals in advance,” says Joel Seligman, president of the University of Rochester and an expert on regulatory history. (Also Reported in: Yahoo! Finance)

New York Times (January 7)
Fed Advice to A.I.G. Scrutinized
Joel Seligman, a historian of the Securities and Exchange Commission, said the disclosure rules were supposed to apply to all public companies, with only a few narrow exceptions for things like trade secrets and national security. There was no exception for “too big to fail” companies on federal life support, he said. (Also Reported in: Hendersonville Times News)

NPR (January 4)
‘Drive’ Not Always Explained By Rewards
One of the important drives that we have - this third drive to do things because they’re interesting, because we want to do them - is this drive for autonomy and for self-direction. This comes out from the research of two brilliant scholars at the University of Rochester named Edward Deci and Richard Ryan. (Also Reported in: Hendersonville Times News)

WXXI (January 20)
1370 Connection: Gerald Gamm, U of R political science faculty chair
U of R political science faculty chair Gerald Gamm grades President Obama’s performance as he marks his first anniversary in office.

Chronicle of Higher Education (January 25)
As Open-Access Chatter Grows, U. of Rochester Debuts New Repository Software
The University of Rochester spent about $200,000 to get an institutional repository up and running in 2003. The hope was that professors would rush to fill it with the fruits of their research.

Time (January 5)
The cognitive benefits of video games
The findings of the review contradict the assumption that while regular gamers can get faster at certain games, they lose accuracy—or become “trigger happy”—in the process. Not so, say researchers from the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Rochester.

Reuters (January 9)
For some, 3D movies a pain in the head
“When that gets processed in the brain, that creates the perception of depth,” said Dr. Deborah Friedman, a professor of ophthalmology and neurology at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York. (Also Reported in: ABC News, New York Times, CNBC, Yahoo!, Daily Telegraph, and others)

New York Times (January 26)
Tapping Methane at Lake Kivu in Africa
“In the main lake basin, concentrations of carbon dioxide and methane are very high,” said Cindy Ebinger, a professor of regional tectonics and applied geophysics at the University of Rochester.

13WHAM-TV (January 28)
A Melting Pot of Squash
You’ve probably heard the sound of a squash game being played before, but chances are you’ve never heard it like the University of Rochester’s Squash team plays it. The Yellowjackets have players hailing from near and far - 11 countries, four different continents, all brought together by one common sport.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (January 31)
MAG dresses up for exotic kimono exhibit
Vintage kimonos wear their art on their sleeve in the Memorial Art Gallery’s latest exhibit. Japan’s familiar one-piece robe gets a jolt of modernity in this touring Swiss collection. (Also Reported in: 13WHAM-TV, WXXI, YNN, Art Daily, 8WROC-TV)

Philadelphia Inquirer (January 26)
The JACK Quartet, experimental and then some
The quartet, named for the first initials of its members, has a repertoire that makes the better-known Kronos and Arditti Quartets look traditional. The group emerged (from the Eastman School of Music) as perhaps the single most intrepidly experimental quartet on the horizon.
Guardian (January 6)
Pamuk, Le Clézio and Bolaño battle for translation prize
The prize, set up in 2007 to combat the lack of translated titles on “best of the year” lists, is run by the international literature website Three Percent, part of New York’s University of Rochester.

WXXI (January 8)
Excerpt from “Need to Know” interview with Dr. Brad Berk
Dr. Brad Berk, CEO-on-leave from the University of Rochester Medical Center, talks one-on-one with host Julie Philipp. Dr. Berk talks candidly about his spinal cord injury and how it has affected him both personally and professionally.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (January 20)
Dr. Bradford Berk to return to full-time duties at URMC
Seven months after suffering a serious spinal cord injury, Dr. Bradford Berk is beginning to use a walker, finally can brush his own teeth and will be ready to return full time as chief executive officer of the University of Rochester Medical Center March 1. Acting CEO Dr. Mark B. Taubman will become the 10th dean of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry rather than return to the chairmanship of the department of medicine, the medical center’s largest department. (Also Reported in: Rochester Business Journal, MPNNow.com, WHAM AM 1180, 13WHAM-TV, 10WHEC-TV, 8WROC-TV, WXXI, YNN)

YNN (January 31)
Eastman Alumni Earn Grammy Nominations, Wins
The University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music was well-represented at Sunday night’s 52nd Annual Grammy Awards as the award show highlighted the best of the best in music. Ten Eastman alumni earned Grammy nominations and three of those grads are winners. (Also Reported in: Rochester Democrat and Chronicle)

Rochester Business Journal (January 20)
UR grows jobs despite economy, Seligman says
As economic conditions have eased constraints on the University of Rochester, it has been able to grow jobs and has plans to end a wage freeze, President Joel Seligman told the faculty senate in an address this week. (Also Reported in: 13WHAM-TV)

I3WHAM-TV (January 14)
Boxing His Way to a Scholarship
A young man from Newark, Wayne County, leaves little doubt in anyone’s mind that a $40,000 scholarship to the University of Rochester is money well spent. With a dedicated and smooth skill, 20-year-old Jonathan Vazquez works the ring.

U.S. News & World Report (January 3)
For Baby and Mom Alike, Breast-Feeding May Be Best
Breast milk also contains the amino acid taurine, considered important for neurological development, said Dr. Ruth Lawrence, who chairs the American Academy of Pediatrics’ section on breast-feeding and is a professor of pediatrics and obstetrics-gynecology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in New York. (Also Reported in: Forbes.com, MSN, ABC News, BusinessWeek, and others)

WXXI (January 19)
Flutist Catherine Branch learns a new instrument: herself
Heads swivel when Eastman graduate student, Catherine Branch, saunters down the street. She’s curvy, confident, and gorgeous, with curly brown hair, and an unusual walk. Someone recently told her it’s like she has her own kind of dance. Branch says, “I have cerebral palsy, spastic diplegic CP.”

UPI (January 28)
Diamonds made even stronger by pressure
Scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the University of Rochester and the University of California-Berkeley noted that most natural diamonds result from the compression of carbon-containing minerals under high-temperature conditions at depths of 87 to 120 miles over periods ranging from 1 billion to 3.3 billion years.

Boston Globe (January 11)
Even in blind patients, light worsens migraines
In another study, researchers at the University of Rochester and the University of California-Davis analyzed the medical records of more than 15,000 adults who participated in a government-run health survey from 1988 through 1994. By the end of 2000, 933 had died of cardiovascular causes.
**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (January 17)**

Top-shelf Rochester: Colleges make imprint near, far

The University of Rochester's main campus, with the stately Rush Rhees Library overlooking a quadrangle lined by ivy-covered brick buildings, gives a clear sense that this is the home of a major university.

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**13WHAM-TV (January 15)**

**UR Awarded For Next Generation Lighting Systems**

The University of Rochester received over $1 million in awards for research on green energy programs. (Also Reported in: Rochester Business Journal, Times Union, All American Patriots)

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**Rochester Business Journal (January 14)**

**Study finds decline in biomedical research funding**

U.S. funding for biomedical research is dwindling, a new study by a researcher at the University of Rochester Medical Center has found. Neurologist Ray Dorsey is lead author of the paper. Published in the Jan. 13 edition of the Journal of American Medicine, the study tracks U.S. biomedical research spending over the past few years. (Also Reported in: Pharma-Times, U.S. News & World Report, BusinessWeek, ABC News, Yahoo! News, MSN, Medbroadcast, and others)

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**Popular Science (January 6)**

**The Year 2020, As Seen By the Scientists Who Will Take Us There**

“Like the inventors of 1960, we are probably still underestimating the full potential and impact of lasers,” say Thomas M. Baer of Stanford and Nicholas P. Bigelow of the University of Rochester.

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**Reuters (January 7)**

**Inducing labor may lead to more C-sections**

Dr. J. Christopher Glantz at the University of Rochester School of Medicine found that inducing labor introduces a risk of 1 to 2 cesareans per 25 inductions that might have been avoided by waiting for spontaneous labor to begin. (Also Reported in: ABC News, Yahoo! News, National Post)

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**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (January 26)**

**Drug studied in Rochester helps MS patients**

Ampyra (am-PEER-ah), which hits the market in March, has been studied locally over the past decade by Dr. Andrew Goodman, a University of Rochester Medical Center neurologist and colleagues.

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**Rochester Democrat and Chronicle (January 14)**

**Rochester-area residents, relatives reach out to Haiti earthquake survivors**

The inadequacy of Haiti's roads, bridges, transportation networks and communication capabilities has magnified the disaster, said Joseph Inikori, a global economic historian at the University of Rochester. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, the professor said.

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**American Medical News (January 4)**

**Autism increase may reflect greater awareness**

Experts said autism might still be underdiagnosed. Early detection of autism spectrum disorders can be challenging for physicians. This is due to insufficient time to adequately assess children during visits, and difficulty in differentiating among the range of normalcy for common behaviors, said Susan Hyman, MD, division chief of neurodevelopmental and behavioral pediatrics at University of Rochester (N.Y.) Medical Center.