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IN THE NEWS:

Economic Upturn May Be Due to Weather

Today [U.S. News & World Report](#) features an op-ed by David Shulman, a senior economist with the UCLA Anderson Forecast, about how positive economic news may be due to the warm winter, which allowed people to work outside, eat out, shop and engage in other economically stimulating activities.

Professor Estimates Bullet Train Will Cost More than Anticipated

The [Fresno Bee](#) reported Wednesday on a new report from Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, professor of urban planning and associate dean of UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs, and peers estimating that California's plans for a high-speed rail will likely create jobs and encourage population growth if orchestrated carefully. Loukaitou-Sideris was quoted.

Hormone Replacement Therapy May Lower Breast Cancer Risk

A [Los Angeles Times](#) blog reported Tuesday on a study co-authored by Dr. Rowan T. Chlebowski, UCLA professor-in-residence of oncology-hematology, about his study on the risks and benefits of hormone-replacement therapy for menopausal women. Chlebowski was quoted.

Lab Accident Charges

On Wednesday a [Los Angeles Times](#) blog reported that plea negotiations are continuing in the case of charges filed against the UC Regents and a UCLA professor as a result of a 2008 laboratory fire on campus that led to the death of a staff research associate.

Fowler 'Pacific Standard Time' Exhibits Conclude

An [L.A. Weekly](#) blog reported Wednesday that a series of exhibitions held at the Fowler Museum at UCLA as part of their "L.A. Xicano" series, which was organized by UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center and explored the contributions of artists of Mexican descent to the Los Angeles art scene since 1945, has concluded. Chon Noriega, director of UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center and a professor at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, was quoted.

Smartphone Sensor Targets E. Coli

The [Daily Mail](#) (U.K.) reports today on the development by Aydogan Ozcan, associate professor of electrical engineering and bioengineering at the UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science and a member of the California NanoSystems Institute, and colleagues of a cell phone-based sensor that can detect the presence of the bacterium *Escherichia coli* in food and water.

Fish Oil Diet Slows Prostate Cancer Growth

Sri Lanka's [Daily News](#) reports today on a study by researchers at UCLA's Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center that found that a low-fat diet with fish oil supplements helped slow the growth of cancer cells in prostate tissue. Dr. William Aronson, UCLA clinical professor of urology and a Jonsson Cancer Center researcher, is quoted.

Obama's Plan for Higher Education

An installment published Tuesday of a [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) series on President Obama's goals for higher education cited findings from the nationwide Freshman Survey conducted by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) explaining what reasons motivate students to attend certain colleges.

Famed Rockers Start Teen Cancer Center at UCLA

The [National Cancer Institute](#) published a feature Tuesday highlighting the Daltrey/Townshend Teen & Young Adult Cancer Program at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, the first such program launched in the U.S. by Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend of the Who.

QUOTABLE:

Dr. Camelia Davtyan

Davtyan, clinical professor of general internal medicine and health services research at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted Wednesday in a [Chicago Tribune](#) article about five medical symptoms that need immediate attention.

Arthur Toga

Toga, professor of neurology and director of the UCLA Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, was quoted Wednesday in a [New York Times](#) article about ways retirees can keep mentally active.

Eugene Volokh

Volokh, the Gary T. Schwartz Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law, was quoted Wednesday in an [Associated Press](#) piece about online witnesses to a young man's suicide being unlikely to face charges for failing to report his death. Volokh was also quoted Tuesday in a [Baltimore Sun](#) article about Maryland state gun control laws being relaxed by a recent federal court decision.
