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IN THE NEWS:

Gay Marriage and the Economy

A **CNN** report on Saturday about the Obama administration urging the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage in California, cited research by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law showing that the legalization of gay marriage would help boost states' economies.

Demographer Looks at LGBT America

The **Washington Post** on Sunday highlighted demographic research on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities by Gary Gates, a senior research fellow with the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law. Gates was quoted.

Debate Over Medi-Cal Expansion in State

An editorial in today's **Los Angeles Times** about the expansion of health care coverage in California under the Affordable Care Act highlights a study by researchers at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and colleagues estimating the number of state residents that will become insured when the law's provisions are implemented in 2014.

Language, Culture and the Affordable Care Act

An Associated Press article published today about the cultural and linguistic challenges of implementing provisions of the Affordable Care Act in California cited a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research estimating the number of people of color and the number of individuals with limited English proficiency in California that will be eligible for federal health insurance subsidies.

Zapping Zits With 'Friendly' Bacteria

CBS News.com and **Investor's Business Daily** reported Friday, and **Jezebel** reported Sunday, on research led by Huiying Li, assistant professor of molecular and medical pharmacology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a member of UCLA's Crump Institute for Molecular Imaging, showing that acne bacteria contain "bad" strains associated with pimples and "good" strains that may actually protect the skin against blemishes. Li was quoted in the coverage.

Bacteria Is Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

io9 reported Sunday on a study by Dr. Robert Modlin, chief of dermatology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics, and Rosane Teles, a researcher in the dermatology division at the Geffen School of Medicine, showing that certain bacteria can pretend to be viruses when infecting humans, allowing them to hijack the body's immune response and to hide out, unhindered, inside our cells.

Dangers of Childhood Obesity

Natural News reports today on a study led by Dr. Neal Halfon, professor of pediatrics, public health and public policy and director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities, that found that obese children are at far greater risk for a variety of other immediate health problems than was previously thought. Halfon was quoted.

Forecasting Space Weather

An article in today's **Space Daily** about research on space weather highlights the work of the NASA-funded THEMIS mission, led by UCLA professor of Earth and space sciences Vassilis Angelopoulos. Angelopoulos and Drew Turner, an assistant researcher at UCLA's Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, were quoted in the

article.

Women's Brains More Efficient

Britain's [Sunday Times](#) reported on a study by UCLA neuroscientists and colleagues showing that in women's brains, the hippocampus, which plays a central role in memory, intelligence and emotion, consumes less energy and uses fewer brain cells on a given task than the same brain area in men.

Oscars Snub Latina Icon

Friday's [Huffington Post](#) featured an op-ed by Chon Noreiga, director of UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center and a professor at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, criticizing the Oscars for not including a mention of late Latina actress Lupe Ontiveros in its "in memoriam" tribute.

Democracy, Italian Style

Friday's [Huffington Post](#) featured an op-ed co-written Daniel Oppenheimer, associate professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, analyzing the results of the recent election in Italy.

Restoring Hidden Mural at UCLA

[KNBC-Channel 4](#) reported Sunday on a student-led effort to restore a 40-year-old mural in UCLA's Ackerman Union that depicts African American activism and history and that has been covered by a wall since renovations in the early 1990s. Roy Champawat, director of the ASUCLA Student union, was interviewed.

Life, Legacy of George Aratani

Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, UCLA's George and Sakaye Aratani Professor of the Japanese American Internment, Redress and Community, was interviewed Saturday on [KABC-Channel 7](#) about the passing of philanthropist and longtime UCLA supporter George Aratani.

Mayor Says L.A. to Be Coal-Free by 2025

The [Gas to Power Journal](#) and the [Penn Energy](#) website report today that Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, speaking at a recent event organized by UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, announced the city would stop using coal energy by 2025.

Animal Rights Memorial Staged

[KTLA-Channel 5](#) and the [Los Angeles Times](#) reported Saturday on a memorial held in Santa Monica by anti-animal research activists.

QUOTABLE:

Suzanne Bianchi

Bianchi, UCLA professor of sociology, was quoted Friday in a [USA Today](#) article about research showing that an increasing number of wives in the U.S. are earning more than their husbands.

Dr. Yvonne Bryson

Bryson, professor of pediatrics and chief of the division of pediatric infectious diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted Sunday in a [New York Times](#) article about a young girl who doctors say has been "functionally cured" of HIV infection.

Dr. Jim Hu

Hu, associate professor of urology and director of minimally invasive surgery in the urology department at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was quoted Saturday in a [Monterey County Herald](#) article about cutting-edge robotic surgery.

L.S. Kim

Kim, visiting assistant professor at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, was quoted Sunday in a [Contra Costa Times](#) article about female antiheroes on television.

Dr. Karin Nielsen

Nielsen, clinical professor of pediatrics in the division of infectious diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute, is quoted today in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about a young girl who doctors say has been "functionally cured" of HIV infection.

John Rogers

Rogers, director of UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education and Access and an associate professor of education, was quoted Saturday in a [Los Angeles Times](#) article about the Los Angeles mayoral candidates' views on education reform.

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