In the Media

'Dr. Oz Show'

The New Pesticides Farmers Are Using

Kenneth S. Ramos, MD, PhD, PharmB, associate vice-president of precision health sciences at the Arizona Health Sciences Center, was featured on the “Dr. Oz Show” to share his insights on herbicide use and their effects on health.

Dr. Ramos is a committee member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies and has contributed his expertise in a congressionally mandated series, led by the IOM, to review the evidence on the health effects of herbicides and a type of dioxin, TCDD, which contaminated some of the defoliants. Read more

Cronkite News

Age-old Age Myth: Alzheimer’s Not Inevitable with Age, Expert Says

“Fifty years ago, the prevailing view of old age was that if you live long enough you will eventually get a dementing disease,” said Carol Barnes, PhD, a University of Arizona gerontology professor, in a recent briefing for a Congressional caucus. “But today we know that not all of us are going to get Alzheimer’s.”

Dr. Barnes’ decades of research on the aging process and its effects on the brain earned her an invitation from the Coalition of Life Sciences to speak at a recent Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus briefing.

Carol Barnes, PhD, is director and endowed chair of the UA’s Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute, Regents Professor of psychology and neurology, director of the ARL Division of...
Arizona Republic

**Elastic Benefits of Altruism**

Medical residents in family medicine, as well as students in public health, pre-med and pre-dental programs, are part of delivering health services in a mobile clinic.

"It has a profound impact on students," says Tammie Bassford, MD, head of the UA Department of Family and Community Medicine, which houses the mobile clinic.

Martha Ortiz and her late husband, Augusto Ortiz, MD, launched this enterprise. They drove that old bus-turned-clinic all over Southern Arizona, delivering health care to the underserved. The late Sen. Andy Nichols, MD, who was professor of family and community medicine and head of the UA Rural Health Office, wrote the grants to get the program started. Read more

Tucson News Now

**UA Researcher to Study Possible Link Between Job Loss and Obesity**

A University of Arizona researcher, Patricia Haynes, PhD, wants to see if job loss might be behind some of the obesity epidemic, and what can be done about it.

"We know from very well-controlled studies that how much you sleep can connect to certain biomarkers, like appetite suppressant hormones and hormones that have to do with satiety, but we haven't seen how this really plays out in the natural world," Dr. Haynes says.

*Patricia Haynes, PhD, is a UA assistant professor of psychiatry and a clinical psychologist at the University of Arizona Medical Center.* Read more
9 Tucson Girl Scouts Give Gifts to Children in Hospital

Lots of lifted spirits at Diamond Children's after a Girl Scout troop dropped off toys and games. Nine seventh graders from Troop 172 carried in baskets full of gift bags for sick children.

Where did the money come from? Cookie sales. They used $550 — a third of the money the troop raised. The girls say they wanted to donate the toys to help make the kids' time in the hospital less frightening. Read more

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