Income Inequality in America

The Atlantic | READ STORY
The Atlantic synthesizes data derived from the EPI's *State of Working America* report, demonstrating the complexity of the ongoing economic crisis. Key points of the income inequality crisis, the effects of which are felt most saliently by the middle class, are shown through a series of annotated charts.

Rural Medical Workers

Daily Yonder | READ STORY
The Daily Yonder investigates the relation between overspecialization in the United States medical field and inadequate provision of general health services to rural and exurban areas, encouraging increased emphasis on the value of medical generalization.

Happy New Year! As a reminder, the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP), in partnership with the Joint Council of Extension Professionals invites you to submit an abstract to present at the 2013 Galaxy IV Conference, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 16-20, 2013. The deadline is January 10, 2013.

The 2013 Community Development Society Conference will be held July 20-24, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina, USA. The Call for Abstracts provides all the details; the deadline is Feb. 15, 2013.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President
Dietary Health and Consumer Choices
**USDA | READ STORY**
This study by the USDA evaluates the healthfulness of American consumer choices, concluding that, though differences across key demographics are insignificant, all demographics fall short of the levels of healthfulness recommended by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Government Responsibility
**Pew Social Trends | READ STORY**
Nearly six-in-ten Americans (57%) say government has a responsibility to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves. Do these views vary depending on whether the respondent has personally benefited from a
government entitlement program? According to this new report, these data suggest the answer is yes.

The Impact of Climate Change

WRI Insights | READ STORY
This article evaluates the combined import of new analyses by the WRI suggesting the likelihood of a 4 degree Celsius increase in world temperature during the next century, and a recent report by the World Bank examining the possible effects of such a change.

E-book and Print Reading

Pew Internet | READ STORY
The number of Americans age 16 and older who read e-books increased by 7% in the last year, and those in the same demographic reading print books fell by 6%. Pew
Internet analyzes the recent movement away from physical books toward digital reading devices.

E-reading device ownership

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Source: Most recent data from Pew Research Center Internet & American Life Project Library Services survey, October 15-November 10, 2012. *n=2,352 Americans ages 16 and older. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish and on landline and cell phones. Margin of error is +/-2.3 percentage points for the total sample.

Rural areas of the United States evince some of the highest numbers of U.S. uninsured, and many of these would receive significant benefits from expanded Medicaid coverage. This article, from the Daily Yonder, evaluates the impact-potential of gubernatorial decisions concerning federal support for expansion to Medicaid provisions.

Medicaid and Rural Health

Daily Yonder | READ STORY

To Date, 17 States Plan to Expand Medicaid Eligibility, 9 Will Not Expand, and the Remainder Are Undecided

Bridge Crew Responsible for WA Fire
Seattle Times; December 17

Natural Gas/Diesel Plant to Open in LA
New York Times; December 17

Montana News

MT Population Exceeds 1 Mil
Missoulian; December 24

State Wins Dispute Over Coal Tax
Billings Gazette; December 20

Landowners Protest Milk River Ranch Buyout
Billings Gazette; December 20

Ranchers to See Record Cattle Year
Great Falls Tribune; December 20

New Pipeline from TX to WY and MT
Star Tribune; December 19