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Reports & Resources

Cancer Deaths to Rise 60% by 2030 The Guardian | READ STORY
Two reports have warned of an explosion in cancer deaths among women, with a toll, mainly from breast cancer, of around 5.5 million a year by 2030 – roughly the population of Denmark. This represented a near 60% increase in less than two decades as described by the American Cancer Society (ACS) at the recent World Cancer Congress in Paris.

World's $152 Trillion Debt Pile Bloomberg | READ STORY

President's Corner

The MACDEP Annual Business Meeting took place Oct. 26, and I’m happy to announce the election of the 2017 Officers of the Association: Abbie Phillip, President; Jennifer Anderson, Vice-President; Katie Weaver, Secretary; Pat McGlynn, Treasurer who will take office Jan. 1, 2017. It’s been my honor and privilege to serve as your MACDEP President for the last 8 years; thank you for your trust and the opportunity. I’ll work with Abbie on her transition as your new MACDEP President.

The Call for Proposals for the 2017 CDS-NACDEP Conference are due Nov. 18. More information is available at our website www.2017CDS-NACDEP.org or via the Community Development Society and National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals websites.

2016 NACDEP Nominations Close on November 9; Don’t miss the opportunity to nominate
Eight years after the financial crisis, the world is suffering from a debt hangover of unprecedented proportions. Gross debt in the non-financial sector has more than doubled in nominal terms since the turn of the century, reaching $152 trillion last year, and it’s still rising, the International Monetary Fund said.

We Will Close the Gender Pay Gap...in 170 Years?

A new report put out by the World Economic Forum (WEF) estimates that it could take 170 years to close the pay gap between men and women. Last year the WEF forecasted that it would take roughly 118 years for women to catch up. This year, they pushed the expected arrival date up to 2186.

Many Say Citizens Can Influence Government

Signs of political discontent are increasingly common in many Western nations, with anti-
establishment parties and candidates drawing significant attention and support across the European Union and in the United States. Meanwhile, as previous Pew Research Center surveys have shown, in emerging and developing economies there is widespread dissatisfaction with the way the political system is working.

One in Seven Children Suffer from High Air Pollution

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Ultrafine, airborne pollutants, caused primarily by smoke and fumes, can more easily enter and irritate children’s lungs, causing and exacerbating life-threatening disease. Studies show these tiny particles can also cross the blood-brain barrier, which is less resistant in children, causing inflammation, damaging brain tissue, and permanently impairing cognitive development. They even can cross the placental barrier, injuring the developing fetus when the mother is exposed to toxic pollutants.
Green Tariffs Take Off in the US

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WRI's updated issue brief, *Emerging Green Tariffs in US Regulated Electricity Markets*, shows that as of September 2016, traditional utilities in the United States have created 10 green tariff options, twice the number that existed at the end of 2015. Utilities offering these large-scale renewable energy purchasing programs include some of the country’s largest shareholder-owned utilities, like Xcel Energy and Duke Energy.