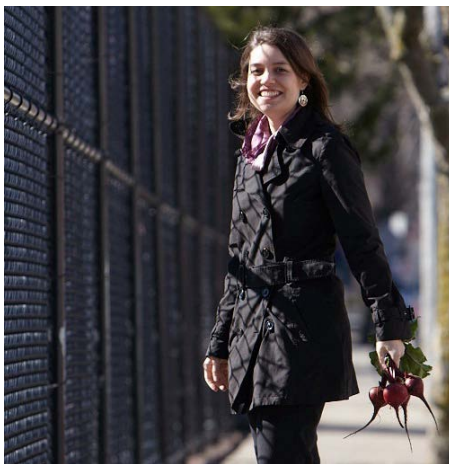


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Can neighborhoods hurt our health?

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Pyramid scrapped for imperfect plate



The US government has scrapped the much-maligned food pyramid icon and replaced it with a fruit- and vegetable-rich plate, seeking a simpler way to show Americans how to eat right. While it's a major improvement, the new icon still falls short on giving people the nutrition advice they need to choose the healthiest diets, according to HSPH researchers writing on the Nutrition Source. [Read more](#)

Support for Massachusetts landmark health reform law rises in 2011

A new poll by the Harvard School of Public Health and *The Boston Globe* finds 63% of Massachusetts residents support the health care reform legislation enacted in 2006, 21% oppose it while 6% are not sure and 9% have not heard or read about the law. The percentage of residents supporting the law has increased since a 2009 poll (53%). Support for the law varied by party affiliation, with 77% of Democrats, 60% of Independents, and 40% of Republicans saying they support the legislation. [Read more](#)

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