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12/16/09

OBAMA - DEFICIT

VO: 23

President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans are sharpening their disagreements over deficit spending as the House plans votes on the issue Wednesday. Obama says deficit spending is still needed to create jobs and stimulate the economy. But most Republicans and some moderate Democrats say the deficit is growing too big.

OBAMA SAYS SENATE IS ON BRINK OF PASSING HISTORIC HEALTH CARE

VO: 28

History may be calling but time's running out to act by Christmas, so Senate Democrats are coming to terms with the idea they won't get everything they want from health care overhaul. For the second time in less than two weeks, President Barack Obama cajoled restive Democrats on Tuesday, urging them not to lose perspective amid intense intraparty battles over government's role and reach in health care. The public plan liberals hoped for appeared dead in the Senate, as did a Medicare buy-in scheme offered as a fallback.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CA

PKG 2:20

Hispanic, black, Asian and other House lawmakers backing immigration overhaul called Tuesday for legalizing illegal immigrants in the U.S., despite a weakened economy and joblessness. The coalition of lawmakers said Tuesday immigration reform can protect American workers as well as bring into the mainstream economy productive immigrant workers who have lived in the shadows because of their illegal status.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE DC

VO: 24

After suffering setbacks from California to New York, Maine to New Jersey, same-sex marriage supporters got a victory Tuesday with the City Council's vote to legalize gay marriage in the District of Columbia. Gay couples could begin tying the knot in the district as early as March. The only hurdles left to clear are the city's mayor, who has promised to sign the bill, and Congress, which has final say over laws in the nation's capital. The district's nonvoting delegate to Congress, Eleanor Holmes Norton, said she expects no opposition there.

HEALTH BILL TODAY

VO: 18

History may be calling but time's running out to act by Christmas, so Senate Democrats are trying to come to terms with the idea they won't get everything they want from a

health care overhaul. Should they listen to former Democratic Party chairman Howard Dean, slamming the Senate bill as an insurance industry bailout? Or should they pay attention to President Barack Obama, saying the legislation achieves most of what he wants? With each day that senators churn on, the public's doubts about the legislation only seem to grow, polls indicate.

SWINE FLU RECALL & TEASE

VO: 26

Health officials are recalling hundreds of thousands of doses of swine flu vaccine after tests indicated they may not be potent enough to protect against the virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notified doctors about the recall Tuesday. The recall involves about 800,000 doses made by Sanofi Pasteur. The doses are pre-filled syringes intended for young children, ages 6 months to almost three years. Health officials recommend children those ages get two doses, spaced about a month apart.

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12/17/09

JOB BILL APPROVED BY HOUSE

VO: 23

The House of Representatives Wednesday narrowly approved a \$155 billion measure that seeks to create jobs and blunt the impact of the worst recession since the 1930s. By a vote of 217 to 212, the House approved additional spending for "shovel-ready" construction projects and money to avoid layoffs of teachers, police and other public employees. No Republicans voted for the bill, and 38 Democrats voted against it. The Senate is expected to consider the measure early next year.

CITIGROUP FORECLOSURES

VO: 23

Citigroup will suspend foreclosures and evictions for 30 days. It's a temporary break for about 4,000 borrowers during the holiday season. The New York-based bank will halt foreclosure sales and stop evicting homeowners from properties it has already seized. The company projects it will help 2,000 homeowners with scheduled foreclosure sales and another 2,000 that were due to receive foreclosure notices. The suspension will run from Friday through Jan. 17. It applies only to borrowers whose loans are owned by Citi. Borrowers who make payments to Citi but whose loans are owned by other investors are out of luck. The head of Citi's mortgage division says the company is working on "some long-term fundamental alternatives" to foreclosure, but has declined to be specific.

FEDS REVISING ASYLUM DETENTION POLICIES

VO: 20

The Obama administration said Wednesday it will stop detaining asylum seekers who have a credible fear of persecution in their home countries. To be released into the U.S., the asylum seekers will have to establish the credible fear and their identities and show they are not dangerous or a flight risk, said John Morton, Department of Human Services assistant secretary overseein Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

U.S. STUDY: 1 IN 5 LOST HEALTH INSURANCE IN PAST YEAR

VO: 21

Nearly 20 percent of the U.S. population -- or almost 60 million people -- went without health insurance at some point since January 2008, according to government estimates released Wednesday. The analysis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention comes as Democratic senators wrestle to pass their version of health reform legislation before the end of the year to help make good on President Barack Obama's top domestic goal of overhauling the nation's \$2.5 trillion healthcare system.

PREMATURE BIRTH TIED TO LATER BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

VO: 18

Children who were born prematurely and at a very low weight may have an increased risk of certain behavior problems and symptoms of depression and anxiety, research suggests. As the survival rates of very preterm newborns have improved in recent years, studies have uncovered some of the potential long-term challenges these infants will face -- including lower IQ and higher rates of behavioral problems compared with their peers born at term.

TREATING DEPRESSION HELPS WITH BLOOD SUGAR CONTROL

VO: 21

Treating depression may help people with diabetes get their blood sugar under control. In a study of low-income minorities with poorly controlled diabetes, researchers found that antidepressant therapy was associated with improved long-term blood sugar control and reduced blood pressure.

ANTIDEPRESSANTS MAY HAVE RISKS AFTER MENOPAUSE

VO: 21

Older women who take an antidepressant seem to have a small but noteworthy increased risk of stroke and death compared to older women not on an antidepressant medication, a new study shows. But given that depression itself is a well-established risk factor for early death, heart disease and other ills, the study's author told Reuters Health, women who need to take these medications shouldn't see the new findings as a reason to quit.

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12/18/09

HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL

VO: 23

It's one of the oldest spectator sports in American politics: Democrat vs. Democrat. Welcome to the health care overhaul edition. With just days remaining to prove that they can meet a self-imposed Christmas deadline and pass President Barack Obama's signature initiative through the Senate, Democrats seeking a rendezvous with history instead detoured to an intraparty brawl.

ASYLUM-DOMESTIC ABUSE

VO: 23

The Obama administration says it's crafting regulations to allow victims of domestic violence to seek asylum in the United States. It would apply to those who feel they have no choice but to flee their homelands to protect themselves. If adopted, the regulations

would mark the first time the federal government formally recognized domestic abuse victims as qualifying for political asylum.

CRIB DEATHS

VO: 25

Four years after the recall of Simplicity-manufactured cribs started, officials say the number of reported baby deaths linked to the products has risen to 11 -- a sharp increase from the four deaths reported in earlier recall announcements. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the most recent death was in September when a baby in Kentucky was trapped in the crib after a part of it broke. The agency also says it's aware of 25 other incidents involving drop-side parts detaching from the cribs.

HEART DISEASE TO COST U.S \$503 BILLION IN 2010: GROUP

VO: 21

Cardiovascular disease and stroke will cost the United States an estimated \$503.2 billion in 2010, an increase of nearly 6 percent, and many cases could have been prevented, the American Heart Association said on Thursday. The figure includes both health care costs and lost productivity due to death and disease, according to an update published online in the journal Circulation.

HIGH-DOSE VITAMIN C MAY BOOST WOMEN'S CATARACT RISK

VO: 17

Women who take high-dose vitamin C supplements may be increasing the ir risk of age-related cataracts, hint findings of a Swedish study. Among nearly 24,600 adult women followed for more than 8 years, those who reported regular or occasional vitamin C supplementation of about 1000 milligrams per serving were about 25 percent more likely than those who did not take supplements to have age-related cataracts removed.

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12/21/09

HEALTH CARE LATEST

FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC

INTERVIEW 5:00 MINS.

Landmark health care legislation backed by President Barack Obama has passed its sternest Senate test, overcoming Republican delaying tactics on a 60-40 vote that all but assures its passage by Christmas. The bill would extend coverage to more than 30 million Americans who now lack it, while banning insurance company practices such as denial of benefits on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions. Under Senate rules, Democrats need 60 votes on three separate occasions to pass the measure. Monday morning's vote was the first. The House has already passed legislation, and attempts to work out a compromise are expected to begin in the days after Christmas.

SAFE TOYS FOR CHILDREN

CAROLINA ESCOBAR / ATLANTA, GEORGIA

PKG 1:01

When buying toys for children in this holiday season do not think only in the fun they are going to have, but also in the security. Read the information of boxes with respect to the

recommended minimal age for the toy and consider the abilities of the children. Avoid toys with small pieces that can choke the small ones and cords that could be a risk for the children. Its always recommendable that the parents supervise children when they are playing. If you have any doubts with security of any toy, consult your paediatrician.

US SWINE FLU

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 1:32

U.S. health officials said this week that 100 million doses of H1N1 vaccine were now available or had been delivered and urged everyone to get vaccinated. H1N1 could still peak again and could also mutate into a more dangerous form. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 47 million Americans have been infected with H1N1, nearly 10,000 have been killed by it and more than 200,000 hospitalized. While the severity appears somewhat milder than seasonal flu, which kills an estimated 36,000 people a year, most patients who die or have severe disease from swine flu are children or non-elderly adults.

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12/22/09

BOTOX & HEALTH BILL

VO :22

In the rush to fund a U.S. healthcare overhaul, Botox injections to smooth wrinkles will not be taxed, but visiting a tanning salon will be. Plastic surgeons and Botox maker Allergan Inc ¼AGN.N¾ successfully fought a proposed 5 percent tax on breast implants, face-lifts and other elective cosmetic procedures in Senate Democrats' healthcare legislation.

DIET & ALZHEIMER'S

VO :19

Leptina, is an hormone that suppressive the appetite produced by the greasy cells. The scientists are shortage that the people with majors leptina levels are less prone to develop diseases like alzheimer or dementia. The subjects with greater amount of leptina also presented / displayed a greater cerebral volume at the end of the investigation.

BRAIN & OTHERS PAIN

VO :22

If you've ever thought that you literally feel other people's pain, you may be right. A brain-imaging study suggests that some people have true physical reactions to others' injuries. Using an imaging technique called functional MRI, UK researchers found evidence that people who say they feel vicarious pain do, in fact, have heightened activity in pain-sensing brain regions upon witnessing another person being hurt.

PRENATAL ASPIRIN

VO :21

Baby aspirin taken for high-risk pregnancy complications does not appear to harm brain development among very premature children assessed when 5 years old, according to a

French study. It may actually have some benefit, the study hints. As this was an observational study, Dr. Stephane Marret from Rouen University Hospital, cautioned in an email to Reuters Health, "it is necessary to confirm our data in other studies."

BREAST CANCER MRI

VO :27

As many as 42 percent of women who are at intermediate or high risk of getting breast cancer decide not to get recommended MRI screening, even if it is offered for free, U.S. researchers said on Tuesday. A quarter of the women in the study who were offered the free screening test decided not to get it because they feel claustrophobic in the tunnel-like scanners. But many also said they declined because of costs involved if the test reveals something that needs to be followed up.

PREMATURE SEX CERVICAL CANCER

VO :28

A study shows women are at greater risk from the disease by becoming sexually active at a young age, prompting campaigners to call for the screening age limit to be lowered. The study published in the British Journal of Cancer into why poorer women have a higher risk of the disease found they tended to have sex four years earlier than more affluent women.

CREDIT CARD DEBTS

LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:52

The economic crisis in the country has felt in different aspects from the familiar and personal economy...mainly in the handling of credit cards...Before the lack of work and liquidity it is difficult to control his use...one calculates that the card debt of credit in all the country ascends to almost billions of dollars. liliana escalante in los angeles presents/displays the situation to us of a family and that the experts say to avoid to fall in mas problems during these christmases.

HEALTH REFORM VOTE TODAY

FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC

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The Senate is at work unusually early and voting on health care as Democrats zero in on their goal of passing President Barack Obama's signature issue by Christmas. Three votes were scheduled early Tuesday morning, starting with a procedural motion. The Senate then planned to vote on a nearly 400 page amendment to the health care bill, reflecting the deals Democrats made to shore up support within their ranks for the legislation.

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12/23/09

HEALTHCARE LATEST

FERNANDO PIZARRO - WASHINGTON, DC

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There won't actually be a revised health care law by Christmas but Senate action expected the day before will open the door to final negotiations with the House.

President Barack Obama's health care overhaul cleared its second 60-vote test yesterday with one to go today -- a vote to limit debate on the full bill. Democrats predict the final Senate vote Christmas Eve will result in approval of its plan to overhaul the nation's health care system.

GEITHNER JOB GROWTH

VO: 24

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner says he believes it's reasonable to expect "positive job growth" by spring and that people should have confidence about an improving economic climate. In an interview broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America," Geithner (GYT'-nur) also said he believes many banks around the country still have work ahead of them to regain the public's faith. He said, "They need to work very hard to shore it up" and said he wasn't certain that "all banks get it." Geithner's stewardship of the Treasury has come in for criticism on occasion. He said Wednesday, "I think most people would say the economy actually is strengthening now going into the end of the year," but that the key is to regain lost jobs.

NASAL SWINE FLU VACCINE RECALL

VO: 19

Drugmaker MedImmune is recalling nearly 5 million doses of swine flu vaccine because the nasal spray appears to lose strength over time, federal health officials announced Tuesday. The vaccine recall is the second this month caused by declining potency and comes as public health officials urge millions of Americans to get vaccinated against swine flu. The action affects more than 4.6 million doses, but the vast majority have already been used, according to the Food and Drug Administration. Agency officials said the vaccine was strong enough when it was distributed in October and November.

DIABETES CHOLESTEROL

VO: 23

Diabetes may lower the heart-protective benefits of high-density lipoprotein, or HDL, the so-called "good" cholesterol, but giving diabetics niacin, a drug that raises HDL levels, might restore the benefit, researchers said Tuesday. HDL lowers heart risks because it clears low-density lipoprotein, or LDL cholesterol, away from arteries and back to the liver, where it is passed out of the body. Several recent studies also suggest HDL protects arteries by promoting cell healing and repair.

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12/24/09

HEALTH CARE VOTE LATEST FERNANDO PIZARRO - WASHINGTON, DC LIVE INTRO/ TAG 3:00

U.S. Senate Democrats cleared the second of three 60-vote hurdles on President Barack Obama's healthcare overhaul Tuesday, moving the landmark legislation one step closer to passage by Christmas. For the second consecutive day, Democrats mustered 60 party-line votes to cut off debate on the healthcare reform bill and move toward final passage over unanimous Republican opposition.

GUANTANAMO OBAMA

VO: 21

President Obama has directed the federal government to buy a maximum-security Illinois prison to hold Guantánamo Bay detainees setting off what promises to be a spirited Capitol Hill battle with Republicans. House Minority Leader John Boehner vowed to "not spend one dime to move those prisoners" to the United States. The announcement also prompted questions about the extent to which the federal government has the authority to imprison indefinitely those it does not have the evidence to prosecute but deems too dangerous to release.

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12/25/09

**HEALTH REFORM PASSES SENATE
FERNANDO PIZARRON, WASHINGTON, DC**

PKG 2:27

There's some more compromising to do, before President Barack Obama will have a health care reform package to sign. The one that was approved by the Senate today differs from the House version -- although the White House says they're "95 percent" similar. Democrats in the House and Senate vow to finish their work early in the new year. The Senate passed its version today on a 60-39 vote, following 24 days of floor debate. President Barack Obama is looking forward to signing what he calls "the most important piece of social legislation since Social Security." Obama has been offering congratulations by phone to senators who worked to pass health care reform -- and to Vicki Kennedy, whose late husband Ted had made health care his life's work in the Senate.

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12/28/09

BEEF RECALL

VO :19

An Oklahoma company said it was voluntarily recalling 248,000 lbs (112,000 kg) of beef products in six states following an outbreak of illnesses involving E. coli bacteria. In a recorded telephone message, National Steak and Poultry of Owasso, Oklahoma, said it was recalling various products in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, Michigan, and Washington state.

OVERWEIGHT "EMBARRASSEMENT"

VO :30

The specialist that deals with people with overweight finds that often the obese ones know the benefits of physical exercise, and also knows that they could lose weight by this route, nevertheless they are obstinate. An investigation of the university de washington showed that it they are embarrassed to practice some sport in public, to do them surrounded by people of the other sex, or to use some complicated machines in the gym. According to the study, for them, the negative emotions associated to the sport weigh mas that its knowledge of the benefits to go to a gymnasium.

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12/29/09

JOBS ECONOMY

VO :22

U.S. employers expect to hire more new workers in 2010 than they did in 2009, a sign the U.S. recession may be easing its grip, research showed Tuesday. One-fifth of employers plan to add full-time, permanent employees next year, up from 14 percent in 2009, according to CareerBuilder.com, an online jobs site that surveyed more than 2,700 hiring managers and human resource professionals. Just 9 percent said they plan to cut head count in 2010, down from 16 percent in 2009, according to the nationwide survey.

TYLENOL RECALL

VO :24

A warning for those who use Tylenol arthritis pain caplets. The product is being recalled. It comes in 100-count bottles with those red E-Z open caps. Customers reported an unusual moldy odor that caused nausea and upset stomachs. It's believed to be from a chemical used in packaging. If you have the product, you should stop using it... and contact the company for a refund or replacement.

MAY TAKE A YEAR TO CONQUER H1N1

VO :18

The H1N1 flu pandemic may not be conquered until 2011, the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday. "I think we must remain prudent and observe the evolution of the pandemic in the course of the next six to 12 months before crying victory," WHO Director-General Margaret Chan was quoted as saying in an interview with the Geneva daily Le Temps.

PLANE SECURITY

VILMA TARAZONA, MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:18

Passengers are facing longer lines at checkpoints and less freedom to move around airplanes during flights. Leisure travelers, such as the families that packed airports to return home after the holiday, are likely to put up with the new inconveniences. Alarmed by the prospect of losing their best customers, airlines are already asking federal officials to make any new procedures palatable to passengers.

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12/30/09

US SCREENING

VO :31

High-tech security scanners that might have prevented the Christmas Day attempt to blow up a jetliner have been installed in only a small number of airports around the world, in large part because of privacy concerns over the machines' capability to see through clothing. The body-scanning technology is in at least 19 US airports, while European officials have generally limited it to test runs. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian accused of trying to ignite explosives aboard a Northwest Airlines jet as it was coming in for a landing in Detroit, did not go through such a scan where his flight began,

at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport. The director for defence systems at Rapiscan in Arlington, Virginia, said "there is a very strong likelihood that the screener would have identified a threat," if it had been installed at the airport.

EMPLOYERS HIRING IN 2010
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:00

EMPLOYMENT RISE
VO :19

As well as their money, many have lost jobs. Unemployment stood at 10 percent in November after hitting a recession high of 10.2 percent in October. More than 7 million Americans have become unemployed since the recession began in December 2007. For areas like Wilmington, Ohio, the job losses involved a single major employer. This town of 14,000 was home for two decades to express delivery company Airborne Express. In 2003, Airborne was bought by DHL, a unit of German post office operator Deutsche Post, which was looking to take on America's homegrown package giants FedEx and UPS on their home turf.

TYLENOL RECALL
LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:35

Johnson & Johnson is expanding a voluntary recall of Tylenol Arthritis Caplets due to consumer reports of a moldy smell that can cause nausea and sickness. According to a statement posted to the Food and Drug Administration Web site late Monday, the New Brunswick, N.J., company is now recalling all product lots of the Arthritis Pain Caplet 100 count bottles with the red EZ-Open Cap. Johnson & Johnson had recalled five lots of the product last month after consumers complained of a musty, mildew-like odor that triggered nausea, stomach pain, vomiting and diarrhea.

INFLUENZA H1N1
VO :28

It is too early to declare that the swine flu pandemic has peaked worldwide and many more people could become sick with the virus this winter, the head of the World Health Organization said in an interview published Tuesday. The swine flu outbreak has peaked in the United States, Canada and some other countries in the northern hemisphere, Dr. Margaret Chan, she told the Geneva daily Le Temps. Africa and some poor countries in Asia have not seen a surge in the number of swine flu cases, which could be due to weak reporting or because the full outbreak there may be yet to come, she told the newspaper.

HEART DEVICES
VO :23

Two new studies find shortfalls in the Food and Drug Administration's approval process for heart devices such as pacemakers and stents. Safety targets often weren't clearly spelled out in the research submitted by device makers and important patient information was missing, according to one study conducted by researchers from the FDA and Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. A separate analysis by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, found heart devices frequently got the FDA's blessing based on research done outside the United States in small groups of patients. Many device studies lacked standards most scientists expect: randomization and a clear goal.

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AIRLINE ATTACK BODY SCANS

VO :22

The underwear bomber's brazen waltz past airport metal detectors triggered a push in the U.S. and Europe Monday to step up the use of full-body scanners. President Obama said one of the systemwide reviews he has ordered "will examine all screening policies, technologies and procedures related to air travel." But the Transportation Security Administration was already moving ahead on the new scanners that will put the naked X-ray images of passengers on view, even as privacy advocates complain it is a "virtual strip search."

POLL: DOWNBEAT AMERICA

VO :24

The Associated Press-GfK Poll on looking ahead to 2010 was conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media from Dec. 10-14, 2009. It is based on landline and cell phone telephone interviews with a nationally representative random sample of 1,001 adults. Interviews were conducted with 801 respondents on landline telephones and 200 on cellular phones. Digits in the phone numbers dialed were generated randomly to reach households with unlisted and listed landline and cell phone numbers.

NEW ID REGULATIONS

LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:27

Starting Jan. 1, Florida drivers will have to meet beefed-up identity-verification requirements in order to renew their driver's license or obtain a new one. If you are renewing, you are allowed a "convenience" renewal by mail or via the Internet between office visits. The old driver's license will no longer be accepted as a primary proof of identity. You'll need one of the following: a government-issued birth certificate, a valid U.S. passport, federally issued citizenship or naturalization documents, or consular reports of a birth overseas.

IMMIGRATION BATTLE

JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:13

With the healthcare battle still unfinished, the Obama administration has been laying plans to take up an issue that could prove even more divisive -- a major overhaul of the nation's immigration system. Senior White House aides privately have assured Latino activists that the president will back legislation next year to provide a path to citizenship for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants living in the United States. In a recent conference call with proponents, White House Deputy Chief of Staff Jim Messina, political director Patrick Gaspard and others delivered the message that the White House was committed to seeing a substantial immigration bill pass and wanted to make sure allies were prepared for the fight.

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