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12/01/09

UNEMPLOYED WITHOUT HEALTH CARE

VO: 21

Millions of long-term unemployed Americans and their families are at risk of losing their health insurance, as their eligibility for a 9-month health-premium subsidy expires.

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12/02/09

BREAST CANCER SCREENING HEARING

VO: 21

There could be just as many fireworks at the House Energy and Commerce's health subcommittee as Chairman **Frank Pallone** (D., N.J.) questions top members of the task force that recommended scaling back screenings for breast cancer. While the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has said it didn't consider cost in its review, that question is certain to come up today.

CANCER BREAST IMAGING

VO: 26

Breast ultrasounds found 100 percent of suspicious cancers in women under 40 who found lumps or other suspicious areas of the breast, offering a cheaper, less-invasive alternative to surgery or biopsies, U.S. researchers said Wednesday.

PATIENTS AT INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

VO: 20

Half of all patients in intensive care units around the world have infections, and more than 70 percent are being given antibiotics -- a trend that could help more drug-resistant superbugs emerge, researchers reported on Tuesday. Patients who had infections were more likely to die, especially of bloodborne infections known as sepsis, the survey of more than 13,000 patients found.

CONSTIPATION

VO: 20

People with a history of constipation may be at increased risk of developing Parkinson's disease down the road, research hints. In a study, Dr. Walter A. Rocca at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and colleagues found a history of constipation about two times more frequent in a group of men and women with Parkinson's disease than in an age-matched group of men and women who did not have the disease.

EXCERCISE PREVENTS AGING

VO: 20

scientists are finding that physical activity has an anti-aging effect on our body's cells that could keep our circulation system healthier, and us living longer. In a study in this week's issue of "circulation: journal of the american heart association" researchers did blood tests on two groups of professional athletes and two groups who were healthy non-smokers, but not regular exercisers.

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12/03/09

OBAMA-ECONOMY**VO: 21**

Under pressure from Republicans and an impatient public to fix the sputtering economic recovery, President Barack Obama is refocusing on this politically potent issue by talking job creation with business and labor leaders at the White House.

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL**VO:23**

Votes are scheduled for tomorrow in the Senate on elements of the health care overhaul. Lawmakers will decide whether to back \$460 billion in Medicare cuts to help pay for the landmark revamp of the health care system. The AARP supports the measure, saying the cuts Democrats are recommending would merely eliminate waste and inefficiency.

DEBATE OVER MAMMOGRAMS**VO:16**

Republicans argued on Wednesday that recommendations advising against routine mammograms for women in their 40s could be used to ration healthcare under reform legislation before Congress, a charge Democrats denied. The guidelines, issued on November 16 by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a federal scientific advisory panel, said women in their 40s with an average risk for breast cancer did not need annual mammograms to screen for the disease.

FATTY ACIDS IN DIET AFFECT ULCERATIVE COLITIS RISK**VO: 17**

People who eat lots of red meat, cook with certain types of oil, and use some kinds of polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA)-heavy margarines may be increasing their risk of a painful inflammatory bowel disease, a study in more than 200,000 Europeans shows. These foods are high in linoleic acid and the study have found that people who were the heaviest consumers of this omega-6 PUFA were more than twice as likely to develop ulcerative colitis as those who consumed the least.

WATCHING TUMORS ON CTS CAN PREDICT LUNG CANCER**VO:18**

Small or slow-growing nodules discovered on a lung scan are unlikely to develop into tumors over the next two years, researchers reported on Wednesday. The findings, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, could help doctors decide when to do more aggressive testing for lung cancer.

NUMBER OF KIDS IN DAYCARE MAY AFFECT ASTHMA RISK

VO: 17

The more other children toddlers are exposed to at day care, up to a certain point, the lower their risk of developing asthma, new research shows.

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12/04/09

STUDY FINDS NO BRAIN TUMOR LINK WITH MOBILE PHONES

VO:20

A very large, 30-year study of just about everyone in Scandinavia shows no link between cellphone use and brain tumors, researchers reported on Thursday. Even though mobile telephone use soared in the 1990s and afterward, brain tumors did not become any more common during this time, the researchers reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

MORE VOTES PLANNED TODAY, AS DEMS HOPE FOR COMPROMISE

VO:23

This isn't the end of the work week for senators considering a proposed \$1 trillion, 10-year health care overhaul. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid wants to get the measure passed in the next few weeks. So he's keeping the chamber in session this weekend. Democrats have won the first votes this week. Those include defeating a Republican effort to restore \$460 billion in Medicare cuts. Democrats say the cuts are needed to help pay for the overhaul.

OBAMA-ECONOMY

VO:20

President Barack Obama's options for spurring job growth may be limited by out-of-control budget deficits, but he is warming to moves by his congressional allies for a jobs-boosting bill.

KIDS AND HEART PROBLEMS

VO:20

new evidence that more children than thought could be going around with serious undetected heart problems. Right now, doctors in Houston are running screening tests on sixth graders-- and the results are alarming researchers. As ABC's Ryan Owens reports, the tests are revealing cases of extensive heart damage and disease.

SWINE FLU

VO: 26

Some people get the H-1-N-1 virus and recover with little or no problem. Others become extremely ill and need hospitalization -- especially young children. A pediatrician in Cleveland offers warning signs parents can look for when their children are sick with swine flu.

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12/07/09

BEEF RECALL

VO :23

A company based in California is recalling some of its beef products because of concerns about possible salmonella contamination. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service says Fresno-based Beef Packers Inc. is pulling about 22,723 pounds of ground beef that may be linked to salmonellosis. The products were produced Sept. 23 and bear the establishment number "EST. 31913" printed on case code labels. Because the beef was sent to a distribution center in Arizona, officials say consumers should check with local retailers to determine whether they may have purchased any of the recalled beef. Food safety officials say the ground beef has been linked to two illnesses. Beef Packers spokesman Mark Klein says the company initiated the recall voluntarily and is "taking the matter seriously."

SWINE FLU ADS**VO :24**

Pushing Americans to receive swine flu vaccinations, the Obama administration on Monday released a new slate of television and radio ads to counter an illness that already has infected millions. The public service announcements target children and their parents, young adults and those in high-risk groups, such as people with asthma. The ads in English and Spanish come as a shortage of the vaccine is easing, with another 10 million doses expected to become available this week. The messages also are a shift from earlier efforts to teach Americans how to avoid spreading the illness, known also as H1N1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 22 million people have been infected with swine flu and 3,900 have died. Government tallies also include 98,000 swine flu-related hospitalizations.

MEDICARE FRAUD RUNS RAMPANT IN MIAMI-DADE

A new report says Miami-Dade County received about half a billion dollars in Medicare payments intended for the nation's sickest patients to get in-home care in 2008. That's more than the rest of the country combined. Miami accounted for a little more than half the country's claims even though only 2 percent of patients receiving home health live here. That's according to a report released Monday by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

THE FDA LOOKS TO CONTROL THE ABUSE OF ANALGESIC**VO :25**

The managers of several chemist laboratories decided measures to prevent the abuse of analgesics that are sold by medical prescription, pressed by the federal regulators, that try to avoid hundreds of fatal overdoses that they happen every year. After several months of discussions, the laboratories decided to propose specific instructions to the doctors, in response to communications that the administration of foods and medicines sent, demanding to them plans of control of risks for their drugs.

MOTHERS WHO GIVE THE CHEST IMPROVE THEIR CARDIAC HEALTH**VO :21**

Breast milk not only constitutes an enormous benefit babies, is had also help mothers. An investigation published in the specialized magazine, reveals that women whom they had fed his children per periods of more than twelve months will decrease in a 10 percent the probability of developing cardiovascular diseases.

ZHU ZHU PET SAFETY CONTROVERSY**VO :27**

The makers of "Mister Squiggles," one of the hottest-selling toys this holiday season, is defending its product after a consumer Web site questioned its safety. California-based Goodguide claimed the light-brown version of the Zhu Zhu hamsters had unsafe levels of antimony, which is used in textiles, plastics and paints. But the toy's manufacturer, Cepia LLC, says all of its products are subjected to several levels of rigorous safety testing by internal teams, the world's leading independent quality assurance testing organization and by independent labs engaged by their retail partners. Cepia CEO Russ Hornsby says the results of every test prove that their products are in compliance with all government and industry safety standards.

INTERNET AND YOUNG PEOPLE

VO :20

the addict young people to internet have major tendency to become damage to themselves. and they do since it? according to a study chino-australiano, they strike themselves, tweak themselves, the hair are thrown and until they burn themselves to themselves. the addiction to internet has been classified like a problem of mental health from mid years 90 with symptoms similar to other addictions.

MARCH / IMMIGRATION REFORM & HUMAN RIGHTS

FLAVIO LACAYO / SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:45

A march in San Jose for human rights including, comprehensive Immigration Reform Immediate stop of deportations, which cause family separation. Respect towards civil, labor and human rights.

INTENSIVE HOLIDAY DRUNK & IMPAIRED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

JOSE ALBERTO UCLES / WASHINGTON, DC

INTERVIEW 5:00 APPROX.

The "Over the Limit. Under Arrest" national drunk and impaired driving crackdown involving thousands of law enforcement agencies during this holiday season was kicked off today by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who also announced new data showing states with the best and worst improvement over the last year in addressing drunk-driving behavior.

12/8/09

BAILOUT COSTS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 1:57

The Obama administration will lose \$200 billion less than expected from the federal bailout program and is looking at using part of the savings to fund new job creation efforts. A Treasury official said that the administration now believes the cost of the financial rescue program will be at least \$200 billion below the \$341 billion estimate it made in August.

OBAMA AND ECONOMY

JOSE GABILONDO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

INTERVIEW 5:00 APPROX.

President Barack Obama says staggering job losses mean the country must continue to "spend our way out of this recession" with a round of new incentives for hiring. In a speech at the Brookings Institution, Obama proposed a package intended to stimulate job creation and bring down the country's 10 percent unemployment rate. The measures include more money for infrastructure projects, tax cuts and credit access for small businesses. It also includes rebates to consumers who make their homes more energy efficient.

12/9/09

HEALTH CARE - TENTATIVE DEAL

VO: 21

After agreeing tentatively to jettison a key liberal priority -- a full-blown government-run insurance option -- Democrats say they are getting close to pushing President Barack Obama's health care bill through the Senate. "We've overcome a real problem that we had," Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said in announcing what he called a "broad agreement" Tuesday night.

HEALTH CARE-ABORTION

VO: 17

Democratic senators say they have a tentative deal to drop a government-run insurance option from health care legislation. No further details were immediately available. But liberals and moderates have been discussing an alternative, including a private insurance arrangement to be supervised by the federal agency that oversees the system through which lawmakers purchase coverage. Additionally, talks centered on opening up Medicare to uninsured Americans beginning at age 55, a significant expansion of the large government health care program that currently serves the over-65 population.

CENSUS STATE ESTIMATES

VO: 21

A steady flow of new immigrants is giving a population boost to cities that had been seeing serious declines, including Chicago, Miami, New York and Los Angeles. That's according to an analysis by the Brookings Institution. The study suggests that foreign migrants are cushioning the blow of population losses that came as native-born Americans moved to the U.S. interior in search of jobs, wider spaces and affordable housing before the recession.

WHO SMOKING REPORT

VO: 26

Tobacco use kills at least 5 million people every year, a figure that could rise if countries don't take stronger measures to combat smoking, the World Health Organization said Wednesday. In a new report on tobacco use and control, the U.N. agency said nearly 95 percent of the global population is unprotected by laws banning smoking. WHO said secondhand smoking kills about 600,000 people every year. The report describes countries' various strategies to curb smoking, including protecting people from smoke, enforcing bans on tobacco advertising, and raising taxes on tobacco products. Those

were included in a package of six strategies WHO unveiled last year, but less than 10 percent of the world's population is covered by any single measure.

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12/10/09

FORECLOSURE RATES

VO: 18

U.S. foreclosure activity fell in November for the fourth month running, but improvement from July's record high came from loan modification programs that may fail to permanently remedy many failing mortgages, real estate data company RealyTrac said on Thursday. Foreclosure filings -- including notices of default, auction and bank repossession -- dropped 8 percent last month and were down 15 percent from the July peak. till, filings were reported on more than 300,000 homes for the ninth straight month, having never been that high in any month before this year, and were 18 percent higher than a year ago.

SF LAW ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT YOUTH TO TAKE EFFECT

VO: 22

A controversial measure that dictates how San Francisco police deal with underage illegal immigrants goes into effect Thursday. The law, approved by the city's Board of Supervisors in October, prohibits law enforcement from turning over minors to federal authorities unless they are felons. Mayor Gavin Newsom vetoed the legislation last month, saying it violates federal law. But the supervisors overrode his veto. Proponents say the measure preserves the minors' right to due process. The law replaces a policy Newsom's administration abandoned in 2008, when the city was accused of protecting from deportation young offenders who went on to commit other crimes.

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12/11/09

YOUNG HISPANICS

VO: 24

A new study suggests young Hispanics born in the U.S. are less likely to drop out of school and live in poverty than their immigrant counterparts. But, the Pew Hispanic Center report says they have more exposure to gangs and violence. The survey of more than 2,000 Hispanics and analysis of census data found that the high school dropout rate among all Hispanic youths was 17 percent, roughly three times higher than white youths and close to double the rate for blacks. But, when broken down by second-generation Hispanics, the dropout rate falls to 8.5 percent.

AUTO DEALERS

VO: 26

The House has approved a compromise plan to give General Motors and Chrysler dealers an appeals process to keep their showrooms open.

The provision is contained in a \$1.1 trillion spending bill approved yesterday. It gives the 789 Chrysler dealers closed in June and more than 1,350 GM dealers expected to be shut down next year a chance to challenge the automakers' decisions. GM and Chrysler have attempted to shed dealerships as part of their government-led

bankruptcies. But the moves have riled up members of Congress, who have received numerous complaints from dealers being shut down.

ABOUT 1 IN 6 AMERICANS HAVE HAD SWINE FLU

VO: 26

Swine flu has sickened about 50 million Americans, and killed about 10,000, according to new estimates released by federal health officials on Thursday. That means about 1 in 6 Americans have had the illness, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The estimates are for the first seven months of the pandemic, from April through mid-November. The new numbers are a big jump from previous estimates, which said swine flu had sickened 22 million Americans and killed about 4,000 through mid-October.

OSTEOPOROSIS MEDS MAY CUT BREAST CANCER RISK: STUDY

VO: 18

Women who took a commonly used class of osteoporosis drugs called bisphosphonates had significantly fewer invasive breast cancers than women not using the bone-strengthening pills, according to a new analysis of data from the Women's Health Initiative (WHI). The analysis from a segment of the more than 150,000 generally healthy post-menopausal women in the WHI study found that those taking Merck & Co's $\frac{1}{4}$ MRK.N $\frac{3}{4}$ Fosamax, or other bisphosphonates, had 32 percent fewer cases of invasive breast cancer than women who did not use the osteoporosis medicines, researchers found.

ALCOHOL MAY RAISE CHANCES OF BREAST CANCER RETURN

VO: 22

Post-menopausal women who have three to four alcoholic beverages a week of any sort have a significantly higher risk that their breast cancer will come back, U.S. researchers said Thursday. They said women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer should consider limiting alcohol consumption to less than three drinks a week, especially if they are overweight or obese.

COMMON HEART RHYTHM PROBLEM ON THE RISE IN THE U.S.

VO: 14

About 3 million Americans suffer from the most common type of abnormal heart rhythm, atrial fibrillation, and that number is likely to double by 2035, new research shows. Atrial fibrillation occurs when the two upper chambers of the heart, the atria, stop contracting in a coordinated, steady fashion and instead begin to quiver. People may experience brief bouts of atrial fibrillation, or it can be a permanent condition.

BIRTH WEIGHT, EARLY WEIGHT GAIN MAY HASTEN PUBERTY

VO: 17

A relatively low birth weight and early-age weight gain may increase the likelihood of early puberty, hint findings from a German study. Earlier onset of puberty has been linked to certain cancers, high blood sugar and obesity. The study, in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, suggests the onset of puberty may occur from 4 to 7 months earlier among boys and girls who weighed less than normal at birth and among those who rapidly gained weight from birth through the age of 2.

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12/14/09

OBAMA BANKS MEETING

VO :25

President Barack Obama will speak with banks executive about the crisis and a greater commitment to surpass it. Especially the order of the president concentrates the acceleration of loans and in greater credit for the small businesses.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

RODOLFO SANCHEZ

PKG 1:45

Hispanic, black, Asian and other House lawmakers backing immigration overhaul called for legalizing illegal immigrants in the U.S., despite a weakened economy and joblessness. The coalition of lawmakers said 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.

JOB MARKET WORSENS FOR RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES

VO :23

In spite of the recent improvements in the job market, the young people just graduated from university and they are taking the worse part of the crisis. Although the percentage of unemployment at national level is of a 10 percent, for the young people between 20 and 24 years it was of a 10,6 percent in the third trimester of the year.

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12/15/09

ACTIVIST CONCERNS WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:56

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) has sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano expressing deep concerns about the Department's recently announced decision to send I-9 audit notices to 1,000 additional employers-notices that are off target because they will result in the dismissal of thousands of workers but will let the worst employers off the hook.

HEALTH CARE-MEDICARE

VO :23

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is still optimistic about winning passage of sweeping health care legislation, despite sharp policy differences within his own party caucus. After a closed-door meeting with colleagues, Reid proclaimed that "Democrats aren't going to let the American people down." He said he was confident the bill will be on the way to final passage by next week. Reid and other Democratic leaders have been shooting for a deal by Christmas on the health care system remake -- President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

OBAMA TO WORK TO SOLIDIFY SUPPORT FOR HEALTH BILL

VO :21

President Barack Obama is inviting Senate Democrats to the White House today to discuss ways to pass a health care overhaul by Christmas. As it stands, the bill lacks the government-run insurance program that liberals have long sought. It may also have to do without a proposed expansion of Medicare. That provision has drawn opposition from Sen. Joe Lieberman, among others. Disputes over abortion funding and importing prescription drugs are also among simmering issues.

OBAMA TO VISIT VIRGINIA HOME DEPOT TO PUSH ENERGY-EFFICIENCY**VO :20**

President Barack Obama makes a push today for Congress to pass energy efficiency incentives. The president plans to visit a Home Depot in northern Virginia this morning to make the case that making homes more energy-efficient will create jobs and save people money on their energy bills. Last week, Obama proposed a new spending plan that would give tax breaks for energy-efficient retrofits in homes. The White House hopes the appeal of the program -- which some administration officials have dubbed Cash for Caulkers -- will be similar to the now-expired Cash for Clunkers program.

IMMIGRATION REFORM INTERVIEW**LUIS GUTIERREZ / WASHINGTON, DC****5:00 MINS. APPROX. & VO :29**

Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) will introduce new legislation, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act of 2009 (CIR ASAP), to the U.S. House of Representatives. Gutierrez will be joined by members of many different faiths and backgrounds, including the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Black Caucus, Asian Pacific American Caucus and Progressive Caucus.

BLINDS RECALL**VO :26**

The government and the window covering industry are recalling more than 50 million Roman-style shades and roll-up blinds because of the risk children may be strangled by the cords. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says five deaths and 16 near-strangulations from Roman shades have been reported since 2006, while three deaths connected to roll-up blinds have been reported since 2001. The commission and the industry urge parents to examine all shades and blinds in the home and make sure they have no accessible cords. Cordless window coverings are recommended for all homes where children live or visit.

RADIATION FROM CT SCANS MAY RAISE CANCER RISKS**VO :21**

Radiation from CT scans done in 2007 will cause 29,000 cancers and kill nearly 15,000 Americans, researchers said on Monday. The findings, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, add to mounting evidence that Americans are overexposed to radiation from diagnostic tests, especially from a specialized kind of X-ray called a computed tomography, or CT, scan.

PROSTATE CANCER DIAGNOSIS MAY BRING SUICIDE, HEART RISKS**VO :33**

A collaboration including researchers from Harvard University and the Karolinska Institute in Sweden looked at data for more than 4 million men in Sweden above the age of 30 and found that the diagnosis of prostate cancer (something that occurred in over

160,000 of those men) increased the relative risks for fatal heart problems 11 times and suicide by eight times in the week after diagnosis.

US TEEN DRUGS

VO :24

A decade-long decline in teens' use of pot has stalled and some teen attitudes on how harmful marijuana can be may be softening, according to a federal survey on teen drug use released Monday. The findings were based on a survey of roughly 47,000 eighth, 10th and 12th-graders conducted by the University of Michigan for the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The national debate over medical use of marijuana could be making the drugs seem safer to teenagers, researchers said.

AMERICANS MAY LIVE LONGER AND COST MORE: STUDY

VO :18

Americans may live significantly longer in the future than current U.S. government projections, and that could mean sharply higher costs than anticipated for Medicare and other programs, researchers reported on Monday. The researchers say that by 2050 Americans may live as much as eight years longer than government forecasts and that spending by Medicare and Social Security could rise by \$3.2 trillion to \$8.3 trillion above current projections.

MORE EVIDENCE COFFEE, TEA COULD PREVENT DIABETES

VO :21

Coffee, tea, or decaf-no matter what your choice, drinking any of these beverages may reduce your risk of diabetes, according to a new analysis of 18 studies including hundreds of thousands of people. A 2005 research review concluded that people who drank the most coffee were one-third less likely to develop diabetes than those who drank the least, Dr. Rachel Huxley of The University of Sydney, Australia, and colleagues note. In the years since then, they add, the amount of research on coffee and diabetes risk "has more than doubled," while other studies have suggested that tea and decaf coffee may also be preventive.

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