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OBAMA ON IRAK SPEECH LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC PKG 2:38

From the Oval Office, where George W. Bush first announced the invasion that would come to define his presidency, Obama addressed millions who were divided over the war in his country and around the world. Fiercely opposed to the war from the start, he said the United States "has paid a huge price" to give Iraqis the chance to shape their future a cost that now includes more than 4,400 troops dead, tens of thousands more wounded and hundreds of billions of dollars spent.

OBAMA US ECONOMY/ROMER VO: 20

Departing White House economist Christina Romer called for further steps to stimulate the U.S. economy, saying that high budget deficits should not be an excuse for allowing the unemployed to suffer. "We have tools that would bring unemployment down without worsening our long-run fiscal outlook, if we can only find the will and the wisdom to use them," Romer said in excerpts from a speech she will deliver later at the National Press Club. The remarks come as a recent raft of data have suggested the U.S. economy has begun to falter after showing signs of a recovery last spring.

SURGERY PREVENTS BREAST CANCERS IN HIGH-RISK WOMEN VO: 18

Women with mutations in the well-known BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes who have their breasts and ovaries removed are much more likely to survive than women who do not get preventive surgery. The study shows the benefits of genetic tests that give women with a family history of cancer the chance to take steps to increase their chances of survival, they said. "This is the first study to prove women survive longer with these preventive surgeries and shows the importance of genetic testing when there is a family history of early breast or ovarian cancer," Dr. Virginia Kaklamani of Northwestern University in Chicago wrote in a commentary about the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION APPEALS STEM CELL INJUNCTION

VO:15

the Obama administration formally challenged a court order prohibiting federal funding of embryonic stem research. Last week, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth issued a temporary injunction on the funding, ruling that it violated a federal law known as the Dickey-Wicker amendment, which bans the use of public funds for research that involves destroying human embryos. On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Justice asked Lamberth to lift the ban, arguing that it would jeopardize millions of dollars intended for projects already under way and prevent "significant additional medical breakthroughs."

PROPOSED DIABETES TEST MISSES MOST CASES:STUDY

VO: 22

A new proposed diabetes test could miss millions of cases of diabetes and pre-diabetes and also over-diagnose black Americans if it was used as a screening tool, suggests a new study. Over 23 million Americans have diabetes - about 8 percent of the population - and another 57 million are at risk for developing diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The annual cost of diabetes in the U.S. recently topped \$200 billion, and the disease is linked to heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney disease. Cases of diabetes have been on the rise, leading doctors to hunt for a quick and easy screening test that can help them catch the disease early as well as identify who is at risk for getting it in the future.

MONKEYPOX RISING IN WAKE OF SMALLPOX ERADICATION

VO: 19

Some thirty years after authorities doled out the last dose of smallpox vaccine, the world faces another multiplying menace: monkeypox. A new study suggests that the monkeypox virus, which the smallpox vaccine also grants immunity against, is now at least 20 times as common as it was shortly after victory over smallpox had been declared.

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9/02/2010

PEW REPORT

VO: 21

Americans are extremely displeased with Congress, and there are already some signs that this could take a toll on the Democrats in the 2010 midterm elections. Currently, 37% express a favorable opinion of Congress, while 52% hold an unfavorable view. Positive opinions of Congress have declined by 13 points since April and are now at one of their lowest points in more than two decades of Pew Research Center surveys. At the same time, intentions to vote Democratic in the next midterm election are markedly lower than they have been over the past four years. Voters are about evenly divided when asked how they would vote if the election for Congress were being held today: 45% say they would vote for a Democratic candidate in their district, or lean Democratic, while 44% say they would vote for a Republican or lean Republican. At about this point four years ago, Democrats led in the generic congressional ballot by 52% to 40% and went on to win a majority of the popular vote and regain control of Congress the following November.

GULF OIL SPILL

VO: 20 Unlike the blast that led to the massive BP spill, the latest oil platform fire in the Gulf of Mexico killed no one and sent no crude gushing into the water. The Mariner Energy-owned platform that erupted in flames Thursday was just 200 miles west of the spill site, but everything from the structures to the operations to the safety devices were different. Yet when word of the latest mishap spread, residents along the coast could think only of the three-month spill that began after the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon exploded on April 20, killing 11 workers.

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09/03/10

ECONOMY REPORT / OBAMA

VO: 24

President Barack Obama on Friday said he would address a package of new measures next week to boost U.S. growth and hiring as he greeted the August job report as positive news.

BONE DRUGS-THROAT CANCER

VO: 34

A new study suggests that people who take bone-strengthening drugs for several years may have a slightly higher risk of throat cancer. The findings

contradict another recent study that used the same database of 80,000 patients. It concluded that there was no link between drugs to prevent or treat osteoporosis and cancer of the esophagus. That study was published last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

TOO LITTLE SLEEP BAD FOR TEENAGERS' DIETS: STUDY

VO: 21

Teenagers who sleep less than eight hours a night on weeknights eat more fatty foods and snacks than those who get more than eight hours of sleep a night, U.S. researchers said on Wednesday. They said getting too little sleep can result in chronic changes in the diet that can increase the risk of obesity, especially in girls. Prior studies have shown that too little sleep can lead to weight gain, but the new findings show where the extra calories come from. Increasing intake of fatty foods, which are typically high in calories, can increase the overall daily caloric intake, and if it happens routinely, it can lead to excess fat. "The demonstration of chronically altered dietary patterns in adolescents with shorter sleep provides insight into why shorter sleep has been associated with obesity in prior experimental and observational studies," said Dr. Susan Redline of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, whose study appears in the journal Sleep.

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09/06/10

OBAMA ECONOMY

VO:22 & INTERVIEW; 3:00

JOSÉ GABILONDO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

President Barack Obama's \$50 billion infrastructure plan would result in construction jobs in 2011, a senior administration official said Monday. Obama was scheduled to unveil the plan for additional spending on road, rail and airport runways later in the day in Milwaukee. A senior official told reporters the plan would mean jobs "in 2011 ... over the course of 2011. This is not a stimulus, immediate-jobs plan," said the official. "This is a six-year reauthorization (of transportation projects) that is front-loaded."

IMMIGRANT POLICY POLL

VO:21

A poll in Sunday's Albuquerque Journal suggests New Mexico voters strongly disapprove of the state's policy of giving driver's licenses to illegal immigrants and a majority of them support Arizona's new immigration law. Fifty-three percent of respondents indicated they favor Arizona's law, while 35 percent said they disapprove. Seven percent expressed mixed feelings while 5 percent answered don't know or wouldn't say. University of New Mexico assistant political science professor Gabriel Sanchez says the poll shows New Mexicans do not favor the Arizona law as much as the rest of the country, but that the state's voters are becoming more disenchanted with illegal immigrants.

OIL SPILL LATEST

VO: 22

Investigators looking into what went wrong in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill are a step closer to answers now that a key piece of evidence is secure aboard a ship. Engineers took 29 1/2 hours to lift the 50-foot, 300-ton blowout preventer from a mile beneath the sea. The five-story high device breached the water's surface at 6:54 p.m. CDT, and looked largely intact with black stains on the yellow metal. They will escort it back to a NASA facility in Louisiana for analysis.

U.S. MEDICAL PROGRAMS MISSING MILLIONS OF KIDS: REPORT

VO:27

An estimated five million uninsured children in the United States were eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) but were not enrolled in either plan, according to a new report. The study published on Friday in the journal "Health Affairs" recommended policy reforms and broader efforts to get uninsured children into government medical programs, including the use of income tax data for automatic enrollment.

EARLY DAY CARE MAY PROMOTE ECZEMA

VO:25

Kids who spend their earliest years in day care may be at higher risk of eczema than kids cared for at home, according to a new study from Germany. Eczema is a collective term for different skin conditions characterized by a scaly, itchy, reddish rash. From 10 percent to 20 percent of infants and children experience some symptoms of the disease, according to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

ANTIDEPRESSANT PATCH DOESN'T HELP SMOKERS QUIT

VO:26

An antidepressant drug delivered through a patch on the skin is no better than placebo for helping smokers kick the habit, new research shows. Eldepryl (generic name selegiline) is used to treat Parkinson's disease, depression, and dementia, in both pill and patch form. Nicotine craving is a major hurdle for smokers trying to abstain, and selegiline can help maintain levels of brain chemicals like dopamine that are reduced in the absence of nicotine.

PROTEIN TEST UPS DIABETES DIAGNOSES IN SOME RACES

VO: 25

Efforts to adopt a more accurate test for diagnosing diabetes may have hit a snag. Comparing the age-old oral glucose tolerance test to the newer hemoglobin A1c test confirms earlier evidence that race may influence test results, Danish researchers report. "The prevalence of diabetes differed considerably according to diagnostic method," they write in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism.

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9/07/10

OBAMA AND ECONOMY

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:10 AND VO :20

President Barack Obama is asking Congress to approve at least \$50 billion in long-term investments in the nation's roads, railways and runways in a pre-election effort to show he's trying to stimulate the sputtering economy. The infrastructure investments are part of a package of targeted proposals the White House announced on Monday. With November's elections for control of Congress approaching, Obama planned to discuss the proposal later Monday at a Labor Day event in Milwaukee. The proposals would require congressional approval, which is highly uncertain at a time when many legislators and voters are worried about adding to federal deficits that are already sky-high. Even if lawmakers could pass a bill in the short window between their return to Capitol Hill in mid-September and the

elections, it's unlikely the spending would give the economy a significant boost by the time voters head to the polls.

HEALTHBEAT-BLOOD PRESSURE

VO :27

It's hard to predict which pills will best lower which patient's high blood pressure, but researchers are hunting ways to better personalize therapy -- perhaps even using a blood test. The work is controversial, challenging today's usual approach to treating the hypertension that plagues nearly one in three U.S. adults. Now a trio of studies shows some drug combinations work better for certain populations -- and raises the possibility that measuring blood levels of a hormone involved in hypertension might help optimize some people's care.

MAGIC MUSHROOMS MAY EASE ANXIETY OF CANCER: STUDY

VO :22

The hallucinogen psilocybin -- known by the street name magic mushrooms -- may help ease the anxiety that often accompanies late-stage cancer, U.S. researchers said on Monday. Cancer patients given a moderate dose of psilocybin -- a hallucinogen with effects similar to LSD -- were measurably less depressed six months after a single dose compared with a placebo. Patients seemed somewhat less anxious, they reported in the Archives of General Psychiatry.

MENTAL ILLNESS ALONE NOT LINKED TO VIOLENCE

VO: 25

Mental illnesses like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder alone do not make people more violent, but the tendency of people with psychiatric problems to abuse drugs or alcohol does, scientists said on Monday. Experts have long sought to understand the link between mental illness and violence and these findings suggest that the widespread public perception that psychiatric disorders alone make people more prone to violent crime is flawed.

STUDY LINKS CHOLESTEROL AND NONSTICK COATING CHEMICAL

VO:13

Chemicals used to make non-stick coatings on cookware and to waterproof fabrics may raise levels of cholesterol in children, U.S. researchers said on Monday. Children in a study with the highest levels of these compounds in their blood had measurably higher levels of total cholesterol and low-

density lipoprotein, or LDL the so-called "bad" cholesterol -- compared with children with lower readings.

FDA CONSIDERS APPROVING GENETICALLY MODIFIED SALMON FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

VO:26

The Food and Drug Administration is poised to approve the first genetically modified animal for human consumption, a highly anticipated decision that is stirring controversy and could mark a turning point in the way American food is produced. FDA scientists gave a boost last week to the Massachusetts company that wants federal approval to market a genetically engineered salmon, declaring that the altered salmon is safe to eat and does not pose a threat to the environment.

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9/8/10

OBAMA ECONOMY PROPOSALS

VO: 26

PKG: 2:15

INTERVIEWS 8:00 APPROXIMATE

HILDA SOLIS / WASHINGTON, DC

MARIO DIAZ BALART/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

President Barack Obama is pitching a trio of economic proposals Wednesday in an effort to show the public he's taking action to spur economic growth. During a trip to Cleveland, the president will outline a \$50 billion infrastructure investment, a permanent expansion of research and development tax credits for companies and new tax breaks that would allow businesses to write off 100 percent of their new capital investments through 2011.

GULF OIL SPILL REPORT

VO: 29

BP Plc's internal investigation blames a series of human and mechanical failures by BP and its contractors, Transocean Ltd and Halliburton Co, for the April 20 blowout at the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico. As the well owner, BP was responsible for the well design.

Transocean owned and operated the rig, which it leased to BP, and Halliburton was the contractor in charge of cement operations.

U.S. JUDGE REFUSES TO LIFT BAN ON GOVERNMENT STEM CELL FUNDS

VO:28

A U.S. judge refused to lift a ban on federal funding of human embryonic stem cell research despite Obama administration warnings it would set back key research and cost more than a thousand jobs. U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth rejected the Obama administration's emergency request to lift his injunction while the government appeals his ruling that barred federal funding. Malpractice liability costs U.S. \$55.6 billion: study.

HEALTH WEIGHT LOSS

VO:26

Long-term weight loss may release into the blood industrial pollutants linked to illnesses like diabetes, hypertension and rheumatoid arthritis, researchers said on Tuesday. These compounds are normally stored in fatty tissues, but when fat breaks down during weight loss, they get into the blood stream, said lead researcher Duk-Hee Lee at the Kyungpook National University in Daegu in South Korea. Magic mushrooms may ease anxiety of cancer.

US FDA DRINKING WARNING

VO: 20

Federal health regulators have issued warnings to the makers of Canada Dry ginger ale and Lipton tea for making unsubstantiated nutritional claims about their green tea-flavored beverages. In a warning letter issued Aug. 30, the Food and Drug Administration takes issue with the labeling of Canada Dry Sparkling Green Tea Ginger Ale. The agency issued a similar letter Aug. 23 to Unilever Inc., over website and product labeling for its Lipton Green Tea. Food processors increasingly have been adding vitamins and nutrients to their products to make them more appealing to health-conscious consumers. But the FDA letter to Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, which makes Canada Dry, states that the agency "does not consider it appropriate to fortify snack foods such as carbonated beverages."

SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

VO: 28

The peanut industry executive whose filthy processing plants were blamed in a salmonella outbreak two years ago that killed nine people and sickened hundreds more is back in the business. Stewart Parnell, former president of the now-bankrupt Peanut Corp. of America, is working as a consultant to peanut companies as the federal government's criminal investigation against him has languished for more than 18 months.

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US IMMIGRATION DROP HOUSE

VO: 29

Authorities say they have rescued more than three dozen immigrants locked inside a boarded-up bedroom in a Southern California drop house. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said Wednesday some of the 37 immigrants from six Latin American countries had been held for weeks in the 10-by-10-foot room in Riverside and had gone several days without food.

USA HEALTHCARE / SPENDING

VO: 22

New U.S. reforms are poised to dramatically shift the nation's healthcare spending, not only curbing Medicare costs but also pumping more money toward the private sector as roughly 32 million people gain coverage. Although the law has little impact on overall healthcare spending, government researchers said they expect sharp changes in the U.S. healthcare sector as the bulk of the recently passed law starts taking effect in 2014.

WHITE HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS HEALTHCARE REFORM BENEFITS FOR LATINOS

INTERVIEW SEGMENT 4:00

LUIS ROSERO / WASHINGTON, DC

The Obama administration on Wednesday announced the launch of the Spanish-language version of its HealthCare.gov insurance portal in an effort to tout the law's benefits for Latinos, a key Democratic constituency. The launch of CuidadoDeSalud.gov by the Department of Health and Human Services. President Obama in which he called the reform law a "crucial turning point for healthcare in the Latino community."

TIRED PILOTS

VO: 23

Aviation officials are on the verge of proposing new rules governing the number of hours airline pilots may work in an effort to prevent tired flight crews from making fatal errors. The Federal Aviation Administration has taken 15 months to propose the rules despite promises of swift action from officials. Final rules are months -- perhaps even a year -- down the road. Administration officials declined to discuss the reasons for the delay. But lawmakers and industry officials say the difficulty has been demonstrating that the safety benefits of stricter rules will outweigh the cost to the airline industry.

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9/10/10

OBAMA & LA ECONOMÍA

LOURDES MELUZÁ/ WASHINGTON, DC

PKG: 2:08

President Barack Obama has chosen Austan Goolsbee as the new head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, U.S. administration officials said Thursday, promoting a longtime adviser from his inner policy circle. The announcement will ensure continuity within Obama's economic team at an important time as the president tries to lift the faltering economy, and as speculation swirls around the future of other senior White House players, particularly the president's chief of staff Rahm Emanuel. Obama is to announce his pick to replace Christina Romer as chair of the CEA at a White House news conference planned for 11:00 a.m. Eastern time Friday.

TERROR REPORT

VO: 34

The U.S. was slow to take seriously the threat posed by homegrown radicals and the government has failed to put systems in place to deal with the growing phenomenon, according to a new report compiled by the former heads of the Sept. 11 Commission. The report says U.S. authorities failed to realize that Somali-American youths traveling from Minnesota to Mogadishu in 2008 to join extremists was not an isolated issue. Instead, the movement was one among several instances of a broader, more diverse threat that has surfaced across the country.

911 HEALTH BILL

VO: 22

Reforms will slightly accelerate the rise in healthcare spending, according to a survey released on Thursday, handing Republicans more ammunition as they attack the Obama administration's legislative victory. The survey, conducted by U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) auditors, said the spending bump is modest, and the more dramatic change is in how money is spent as roughly 32 million Americans gain coverage.

STUDY BACKS PROSTATE SCREENING FOR HIGH RISK MEN

VO: 17

Men who have a certain genetic variations that put them at higher risk of prostate cancer may benefit from regular screening for the disease, a study by British scientists found Friday. The findings suggest that by narrowing the focus of prostate cancer screening to those whose genes put them at most risk, doctors would catch more cancers early as well as reducing the potential for costly and damaging overdiagnosis.

RISKS OF OLD, NEW DIET DRUGS FACE U.S. SCRUTINY

VO: 19

The risks of a potential new diet pill and a 13-year-old weight-loss medicine face U.S. scrutiny next week as medical experts consider if the drugs' benefits outweigh possible side effects. On Thursday, Arena Pharmaceuticals Inc <ARNA.O> goes before an advisory panel that will consider if the pill, lorcaserin or Lorqess, should win approval. The medicine is vital to Arena, a small company with no approved drugs on the market.

FDA CRACKS DOWN ON 5 MAKERS OF E-CIGARETTES

VO: 26

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration sent warnings to five makers of electronic cigarettes for marketing them illegally as stop-smoking aids and said on Thursday it intends to regulate the products as drugs. The move is the latest attempt by the FDA to assert its jurisdiction over electronic or e-cigarettes, battery-powered devices that allow users to inhale a vaporized liquid nicotine solution instead of tobacco smoke.

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POVERTY WOULD INCREASE TO RECORD LEVELS

VO :25

The number of poor people in the United States is on track to set a record increase under the leadership of President Barack Obama, with numbers of poor people of working age levels approaching the 60's, when the government declared war on poverty .Soon to be released the results of Census 2009, demographers expect grim statistics.

TAX CUTS

VO: 24

House Republican leader John Boehner and the White House have been trading barbs over the Bush tax cuts set to expire at the end of the year.Boehner tells CBS's "Face the Nation" that he'd be open to a middle-class tax cut, even if Democrats refuse to extend the cuts for the wealthy. But he's accusing the White House of resorting to"class warfare."President Barack Obama's spokesman, Robert Gibbs, put out a statement saying Boehner's comments about the middle-class tax cut were encouraging. But Gibbs also chided the Ohio Republican for helping lead a party that, as Gibbs put it, "got us into this mess." Then Boehner fired back in early evening with an additional response, saying that raising taxes on anybody in this recession "is the exact wrong thing to do."

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DELAWARE PRIMARY

VO: 19

Elections in Delaware, New Hampshire and NewYork on Tuesday are measuring the strength of the tea party movement against the Republican establishment as the primary season draws to a close. The competition is particularly strong in Delaware and New Hampshire, where GOP senatorial nominations are the prize, and in New York, where Republicans are picking a challenger for an uphill fall campaign for governor. In Delaware, veteran Rep. Mike Castle, a moderate, vied with Christine O'Donnell for the nomination for a Senate seat. O'Donnell had the support of former Alaska

Gov. Sarah Palin as well as tea party activists. New Castle County Executive Chris Coons had no opposition for the Democratic nomination.

OBAMA BACK TO SCHOOL SPEECH

VO: 25

In a pep talk to the nation's students as they settle back into school, President Barack Obama will tell them that nothing is beyond their reach as long as they're willing to dream big, work hard and stay focused on learning. "Nobody gets to write your destiny but you," Obama says in the speech, which the White House released a day early so people could read the president's remarks beforehand and judge the contents for themselves.

OBAMA AND THE DREAM ACT

JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:09

Obama signaled his support for the proposed DREAM Act as part of a comprehensive reform package, but said he was open to discussing pushing it on its own as a "down payment" on reform if the Congressional Hispanic Caucus sees that as a viable strategy. "If in discussions with the Hispanic Caucus there's a sense that there's an opportunity to do this and that it would be helpful to provide a down payment on comprehensive immigration reform, I'm happy to have that conversation. I don't want anyone to think that if we pass the DREAM Act in whatever form, that will solve the problem," Obama stated.

FIRST LADY ASKS RESTAURANTS TO SERVE HEALTHY FOODS

VO: 21

First lady Michelle Obama is prodding the nation's restaurants to add more healthy options to menus, label those items more prominently and market nutritious foods to kids. Speaking to the National Restaurant Association on Monday, Mrs. Obama pleaded with restaurants small and large to take a little butter or cream out of their dishes, use low fat milk and provide apple slices or carrots as a default side dish on the kids' menu. Mrs. Obama said that Americans are spending half their food dollars outside the home and eating a third of meals in restaurants. She asked the restaurants to rethink the food they offer and reformulate their menus to help combat childhood obesity.

ASTHMA DRUG MAY HELP MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS: STUDY

VO: 22

The common asthma drug albuterol can help patients with multiple sclerosis, perhaps by tamping down an overactive immune system, U.S. researchers reported on Monday. The cheap pill, available generically, may enhance the effects of a standard MS treatment called glatiramer, the researchers reported in the Archives of Neurology.

ANTIBIOTICS MESS UP YOUR STOMACH, U.S. STUDY FINDS

VO: 23

Even seemingly gentle antibiotics may severely disrupt the balance of microbes living in the gut, with unforeseen health consequences, U.S. researchers reported on Monday. An intimate study of three women given ciprofloxacin showed the drug suppressed entire populations of beneficial bacteria, and at least one woman took months to recover.

INDUSTRY HAS SWAY OVER FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM: STUDY

VO:30

The food industry is jeopardizing U.S. public health by withholding information from food safety investigators or pressuring regulators to withdraw or alter policy designed to protect consumers, said a survey of government scientists and inspectors. The study released on Monday by the Union of Concerned Scientists found one-in-four of those surveyed have seen corporate interests forcing their agency to withdraw or modify a policy or action designed to protect consumers during the past year.

RESEARCHERS DEVELOP TEST FOR PREGNANCY COMPLICATION

VO: 45

It may be possible to predict which women will develop a dangerous complication of pregnancy called pre-eclampsia weeks before they ever show the first symptoms, an international team of researchers reported Monday. They found a series of 45 different compounds linked with metabolism that were different in the women destined to develop the condition, and said that could form the basis of a test.

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DELAWARE SENATE RESULTS/ODONELL

VO:30

The candidate backed by establishment Republicans as well as former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin has taken the lead over a tea-party favorite in New Hampshire's Republican Senate primary. Former Attorney General Kelly Ayotte (AY'-aht) edged ahead of Ovide Lamontagne (OH'-vihd la-mahn-TAYN') as returns piled up after midnight. Her lead was roughly 1,000 votes with results tallied from three-quarters of the state's precincts. She had trailed early on.

CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION

VICTOR HUGO RODRÍGUEZ / PHOENIX, ARIZONA

PKG: 1:35

The Justice Department Has Asked A Federal Judge In Arizona To Force Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio And His Office To Provide Full And Immediate Access To Records And Facilities For A Civil-Rights Investigation Without Going To Trial.

DREAM ACT LATEST

LOURDES MELUZÁ/ WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:09

INTERVIEW SEGMENT : 3:30 REP. LUIS GUTIÉRREZ

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday he wants to attach an amendment to an upcoming defense policy bill that would help young people in the country illegally become legal U.S. residents. The Nevada Democrat said at a Capitol news conference that the legislation known as the DREAM Act is long overdue. But he wouldn't say whether he has the votes for the amendment. The act allows young people who attend college or join the military to become legal U.S. residents. The young people must have come to the country when they were under 16 years of age and have been in the country five years. Those who join the military must serve at least two years and complete two years of college.

PENSION HEADACHES

VO: 19

State governments trying to balance their budgets have started rolling back pension benefits for public sector employees. Several states have told current workers that their deals won't be as good as originally promised, and others are looking into it. At least three states are trying to reduce annual cost-of-living increases in the pensions of workers who already have retired. In New Jersey, fears of benefit cuts for future retirees may be

one reason for a jump in retirements. Through the first seven months of this year, 48 percent more public sector workers retired or filed papers.

911-ATTACKS-HEALTH

VO: 25

Backers of a bill to provide up to \$7.4 billion in aid to people sickened by World Trade Center dust are renewing their push for the measure as a second House vote nears. First responders, survivors of the Sept. 11 attacks and lawmakers are gathering on Wednesday on Capitol Hill. They are urging passage of the bill to provide free health care and compensation to 9/11 rescue and recovery workers who fell ill after working in the trade center ruins. A vote is expected next week.

HIGH RADIATION RAISES RISK OF SECOND CANCER: STUDY

VO: 24

Atomic bomb blast victims lucky enough to survive one cancer have a high risk of developing a second, U.S. researchers said on Wednesday, in a study that offers new insights about cancer risks from radiation exposure. The findings are important because researchers use information gained from atomic bomb survivors in Japan to predict the risks of radiation exposure from other sources, including cancer risks from medical imaging.

VACCINE DRIVES FACE MULTIBILLION FUNDING SHORTFALLS

VO: 16

A push to protect millions of children against preventable diseases has hit financial trouble, with private donations for vaccines falling short, new figures released on Tuesday showed. In a report launched with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the GAVI Alliance revealed a \$4.3 billion shortfall for its programs that are meant to offer immunization to 110 million children by 2015.

SMOKING CESSATION TREATMENTS COST-EFFECTIVE: U.S. STUDY

VO: 20

Investing in smoking cessation treatments saves lives and it may be sound fiscal policy, U.S. researchers said on Tuesday. They said for every \$1 spent on smoking cessation treatments, states will get back \$1.26, amounting to a 26 percent return on their investment. Mutations seen in 1 in 6 with early-onset Parkinson's

NEW MOMS, DADS SHOW INCREASED DEPRESSION RISK

VO: 20

Depression is fairly common among parents of children younger than 12, with the risk being greatest in their children's first year of life, a new study suggests. The findings, say researchers, bolster evidence that mothers are more vulnerable to developing depression soon after giving birth, versus other periods of their life.

IS HIGH CHOLESTEROL LINKED TO MOM'S SMOKING?**VO: 18**

The notion that small babies are at an increased risk of developing high cholesterol as adults may only hold true for children of moms who smoked during pregnancy, according to a new study. Increasing evidence points to a link between being born small-for-gestational-age (SGA) -- smaller than the norm for the baby's sex and the week of pregnancy during which he or she was born -- and having high cholesterol in adulthood, Xiaozhong Wen of Harvard Medical School, in Boston, told Reuters Health in an email.

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