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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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More than 1.3 million laid-off workers won't get their unemployment benefits reinstated before Congress goes on a weeklong break for Independence Day. And hundreds of thousands more will lose their benefits in the coming weeks. The House voted 270-153 Thursday to extend jobless benefits for people who have been laid off for long stretches, but the gesture was made futile by the Senate's inability to pass the bill. For the third time in as many weeks, Republicans in the Senate successfully filibustered a similar measure Wednesday night before senators adjourned for vacation.

HEALTH OVERHAUL-PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

VO: 27

President Barack Obama's new health coverage for uninsured Americans with health problems won't be cheap - premiums averaging \$300 to \$600 a month in the largest states, according to a government website that went live Thursday. From cheaper to most expensive, premiums will range from a \$140 a month to as much as \$900, Richard Popper, deputy director of a new insurance office at the federal Health and Human Services department, said Wednesday.

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FROZEN BLOOD A SOURCE OF STEM CELLS, STUDY FINDS

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Frozen blood from stored samples can be used to make cells resembling stem cells, researchers - opening a potential new and easier source for the valued cells. They used cells from blood to make induced pluripotent stem cells or iPS cells - lab-made cells that closely resemble human embryonic stem cells but are made from ordinary tissue.

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BRAIN DISEASES LINKED TO NERVE CELL JUNCTION DEFECTS

VO :25

More than 135 brain diseases including autism, chronic pain, schizophrenia and dementia are linked to defects in proteins in the junctions between nerve cells, scientists have found. Researchers have been able for the first time to map the protein structure of human synapses, the junctions between nerve cells responsible for transmitting information, offering scientists a new way of looking at diseases that affect millions of people around the world.

DO VIDEO GAMES CAUSE ATTENTION PROBLEMS IN KIDS?

VO :21

Long hours in front of the television, whether channel surfing or gaming, could make it difficult for kids to concentrate in school, psychologists said Monday. While researchers are still divided on the issue, the findings jibe with most earlier work on the effects of television watching in kids, they said.

MERCURY EXPECTED TO CLIMB PAST 100

VO :18

Forecasters say the summer sizzle could be in full swing today in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures inched into at least the 90s over the extended Fourth of July weekend. Meteorologists say temperatures could reach as high as 102 degrees today.

POSTAL RATES

VO :20

The post office is announcing a new rate increase in an effort to reduce massive losses. The amount of the increase and likely date for it begin are

being announced by postal officials Tuesday. The plan will still have to be reviewed by the independent Postal Rate Commission. The post office also has proposed ending Saturday delivery to save money. Congress will have to approve that if it is to happen. The current first-class rate of 44 cents took effect in 2009.

HISPANICS AND REAL ESTATE CRISIS

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A recent study reveals that one of each five hispanics could lose its casa of here to the 2012. to thus it demonstrates this out of proportion amount it of hispanic that are losing their house in the last three years. This is not good news for south of california, that is in the epicenter of the real estate crisis as a result of the abuse of the calls mortgages sweepings.

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OBAMA HEALTHCARE

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President Barack Obama bypassed the Senate Wednesday and appointed Dr. Donald Berwick, a Harvard professor and patient care specialist, to run Medicare and Medicaid. The decision to use a so-called recess appointment to install Berwick as administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services drew immediate fire from the GOP. Republicans have raised concerns about Berwick's views on rationing of care and other matters and said it was wrong for Obama to go around the normal Senate confirmation process. That view was echoed by a key Democratic committee chairman, although the recess appointment is a tool used by presidents of both parties.

CANCER-SCREENING/USA

VO: 20

At least 10,000 people and possibly far more die in the United States each year because they have Not been screened for colon or breast cancer, according to a government report released on Tuesday. But more people are being screened than ever before, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in the first of a series of new reports on health statistics.

BLOOD PRESSURE GOALS FOR DIABETICS -- TOO TOUGH?

VO: 26

Aggressively controlling blood pressure in diabetics with heart disease may do little to reduce their risks of dying early and may even be dangerous, U.S. researchers said on Tuesday. They found that using a combination of drugs to keep diabetic patients' top blood pressure readings below 130 offered no benefit over those whose top reading was below 140 -- the cutoff point for high blood pressure.

MANY AMERICANS CLUELESS OF HOW MANY CALORIES THEY DO OR SHOULD EAT

VO: 26

EATMost people don't know their own number. That is, they don't know how many calories they should consume in a day to maintain their current weight, a nationally representative online survey of 1,024 people shows. In fact, 63% can't accurately estimate the number, 25% won't even venture a guess and only 12% can nail it. "People need to know their numbers," says registered dietitian Wendy Reinhardt Kapsak of the International Food Information Council Foundation, an education group supported by the food, beverage and agricultural industries. The foundation paid for the survey. Having some frame of reference could be an important first step in tackling your weight, she says. "There is confusion on all sides of the calorie equation. People don't know how many calories they should consume in a day, and even more are unclear how many they burn."

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POLL: FEWER OPPORTUNITIES SEEN FOR MINORITY KIDS

VO: 21

Minority children have fewer opportunities than their white peers to gain access to high-quality health care, education, safe neighborhoods and adequate support from the communities where they live, according to a nationwide survey of professionals who work with young people. Of the professionals surveyed, 59 percent said young white children in their communities have "lots of opportunity" to play in violence-free homes and neighborhoods, while only 36 percent said the same about Hispanic children, 37 percent about African-American children and 42 percent about

Native American children. The survey refers to young children as 8 and under. Fifty-five percent of respondents viewed young white children as having good access to high-quality health care, while 41 percent said the same of Hispanic, Arab American and American Indian/Alaska Native children and 45 percent said the same for African-American and Asian-American/Pacific Islander children.

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ANTIBODIES AND HIV

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Scientists have discovered three previously unknown human antibodies that neutralize HIV, two of which target a broad range of HIV strains. The findings, reported online July 8 in two *Science* papers, come less than a year after another team of researchers discovered two other antibodies that bind to and neutralize HIV. The discoveries may jump-start AIDS vaccine research. Nearly everyone infected with HIV makes some antibodies to it. But while HIV antibodies have been detected since the mid-1990s, none has had the properties to serve as a cornerstone around which to build a vaccine. The newer antibodies might be made of tougher stuff. One in particular, called VRC01, displays potency and broad coverage across HIV strains, says Peter Kwong, a structural biologist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md., who coauthored both new reports.

STRESS CAN FIGHT CANCER

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New research shows stress is better than relaxation in fighting cancer. Scientists studies mice injected with melanoma, letting the tumors grow and watching the progress of those with more mice than usual in a large cage. Others were kept in regular cages and left to relax. Nearly half of the mice in the bigger cages with more animals had their tumors shrink by 77-percent in six weeks, with tumors going away in 17-percent of the mice. By comparison, the tumors kept growing in the mice who were kept away from stress. Despite cancer growing differently for mice than it does for people, scientists believe they may have found new links for human treatment. The lead researcher said he believes a "pathway" to may have been found to

treating cancer in people by operating on the brain and, "introducing a gene to activate this pathway." The study is published in the journal "Cell."

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BP OIL SPILL LATEST

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BP says it's ahead of schedule as underwater robots steadily assemble heavy metal pieces in what could be the most significant progress yet toward containing the Gulf oil spill. BP is aiming for completion today of a new, tighter cap it hopes will allow the containment of all the gushing crude until relief wells are complete. BP says the operation is still expected to last up to six more days as engineers evaluate the latest effort. Meanwhile, the oil company says the cost of dealing with the oil spill has risen to \$3.5 billion.

CREDIT SCORES NEW LOWS

VO :18

New figures show millions more Americans have credit scores that could prevent them from getting credit cards, auto loans or mortgages under the tighter lending standards banks now use. Figures provided by FICO Inc. show that 25.5 percent of consumers nearly 43.4 million people now have a credit score of 599 or below, marking them as poor risks. Restricted access to credit is one reason for the slow economic recovery.

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OBAMA AIDS USA

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President Barack Obama released a domestic AIDS strategy on Monday that aims to cut the infection rate by 25 percent, test 90 percent of those infected and get 85 percent of patients treated right away. The new plan, to be formally released on Tuesday, also has modest aims to get 20 percent more of the most at-risk groups such as gay and bisexual men and blacks treated with drugs to control their infections.

HOW VITAMINS E, D MAY HELP THE BRAIN

VO :26

Older adults who get plenty of vitamin E in their diets may have a somewhat lower risk of developing dementia than those who consume less of the nutrient, a study published Monday suggests. Also, older people with low levels of vitamin D appear more likely to have problems with memory, learning and thinking, suggesting low vitamin D could give an early warning for dementia risk, scientists said on Monday.

OILL SPILL CAP

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A new cap has been installed on the leaking well in the Gulf of Mexico, offering hope of containing the gusher for the first time since BP's deepwater rig exploded in April. BP officials said Monday evening the cap was mounted on the well after two days of preparing the site and a day of slowly lowering it into place. The company plans to run tests starting Tuesday to see if the cap can withstand pressure. The old cap, removed Saturday, did not have a tight fit and allowed crude to escape. The new cap will enable BP to capture all the oil and funnel it up to ships. BP is drilling two relief wells so it can pump mud and cement into the leaking well for a permanent fix.

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GULF OIL SPILL / START OF TESTING DELAYED

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BP is delaying critical tests on a new well cap designed to finally stop the flow of oil in the Gulf of Mexico after government officials said more analysis was needed on the plan. BP engineers were scheduled to start slowly shutting off valves in the 75-ton metal stack of pipes and valves, aiming to stop the flow of oil for the first time in three months. A series of preliminary steps were completed, including mapping the seafloor. National Incident Commander Thad Allen said in a statement Tuesday night the process "may benefit from additional analysis" that would be performed overnight and Wednesday. He did not say when the tests would start. The

decision was reached after Allen met with federal officials, scientists and geologists.

FINANCIAL OVERHAUL BILL VOTE COULD BE THURSDAY

VO: 24

One of the administration's top legislative priorities now appears to have smooth sailing in the Senate. Democrats have cobbled together the 60 votes they need to overcome a Republican filibuster, setting the stage for senate approval in the next day or two of a huge overhaul of the nation's financial regulations. Senate Majority leader Harry Reid says the measure will fix what he called the greed on Wall Street: Most Republicans warn the bill will perpetuate too big to fail. They also believe it will make lending more expensive. Reid made a point of thanking three Republicans who broke with their party to support the measure and give Democrats the votes they needed.

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OIL SPILL LATEST

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BP finally choked off the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday -- 85 days and up to 184 million gallons after the crisis unfolded -- then began a tense 48 hours of watching to see whether the capped well would hold or blow a new leak. To the relief of millions of people along the Gulf Coast, the big, billowing brown cloud of crude at the bottom of the sea disappeared from the underwater video feed for the first time since the disaster began in April, as BP closed the last of three openings in the 75-ton cap lowered onto the well earlier this week. "Finally!" said Renee Brown, a school guidance counselor visiting Pensacola Beach, Fla., from London, Ky. "Honestly, I'm surprised that they haven't been able to do something sooner, though."

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