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US IMMIGRATION AUDITS

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An obscure federal document called the I-9 form has emerged as a contentious element in the national immigration debate since the Obama administration vowed to go after employers who hire undocumented workers. Employers must fill out and sign the form, which requires them to acknowledge, under penalty of perjury, that they examined documents that allow an employee to work. The Obama administration a year ago announced plans to ramp up I-9 audits -- a shift from the notorious work site raids common under the Bush administration.

YOUNG VOTERS SAY THEY FEEL ABANDONED

VO: 27

This was not what Generation O expected Mr. Obama won two years ago with 66 percent of the 18- to 29-year-old vote, a historic proportion. Americans under 30 also worked on campaigns at a greater rate than the general population did for the first time since 1952, or possibly even earlier, according to the National Election Studies. Now, however, former Obama volunteers nationwide say that they and their former colleagues are less involved and more ambivalent. Experts say the usual midterm effect, in which young voters are especially likely to disengage, has combined with an unexpected distance that has arisen between Mr. Obama and many young constituents. While most of them still view him more favorably than their parents or grandparents do, various polls show that the youthful passion that led to action has not been sustained.

WHITE HOUSE WEIGHS RESPONSE TO MAIL BOMB PLOT

VO:26

Teams of U.S. anti-terrorism and security experts are headed to Yemen to help search for suspects in the mail bomb plot and to train cargo screeners at the San'a airport. The White House's top counterterrorism official, deputy national security adviser John Brennan, told Yemen's president on Sunday

that his country has the lead in responding to the terrorists, according to a top Yemeni official.

ALCOHOL MORE HARMFUL THAN HEROIN, CRACK COCAINE: STUDY

VO:20

Alcohol is a more dangerous drug than both crack and heroin when the combined harms to the user and to others are assessed, British scientists said on Monday. Presenting a new scale of drug harm that rates the damage to users themselves and to wider society, the scientists rated alcohol the most harmful overall and almost three times as harmful as cocaine or tobacco. According to the scale, devised by a group of scientists including Britain's Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs (ISCD) and an expert adviser to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), heroin and crack cocaine rank as the second and third most harmful drugs. Ecstasy is only an eighth as harmful as alcohol, according to the scientists' analysis.

STRESS MAY HAVE ONLY SMALL IMPACT ON WEIGHT

VO: 22

Despite the common belief that stress causes people to pack on the pounds, a new research review finds that, on average, stress has little long-term effect on weight. The results are surprising, researchers say, given the widespread notion that stress - by causing people to reach for junk food or skimp on exercise, for example is an important factor in weight gain.

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OBAMA PLANS LOW PROFILE ELECTION DAY

VO: 23

President Barack Obama plans to be in the White House and maintain a low profile this election day. Although he will do some radio interviews for this decisive day to encourage people to vote. The president has said that voting is a choice between the failed policies repair and seeking damages. However, the surveys suggest that many voters liable to Obama for the problems of the economy.

ELECTIONS-CONGRESS

VO: 18

Between The Decisions Taken Today's Who Voters Will Have Control Of Congress. The Republicans expect to win more than "40" Seats in the House Of Representatives to regain control .Ten seats needs to win the domain of the Senate, but Democrats are expected to keep the domain there .

GOVERNORS-GOP

VO: 19

The republicans expected to win at least twelve of them.Democrats hope to snatch the opposition, four governments and save other five .The governorships are especially important in this election because who won will have a featured role in the presidential campaign of 2012 .

US POLLS

VO:20

Two years after the Obama President arrived in the White House with a large majority congressional democrats voters are disappointed, will give republicans control over the house of representatives and advances in the senate.Surveys show that over fourteen million americans involved in the early voting with great enthusiasm among republican voters, but also a great asset the democrats to get votes.

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11/04/10

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

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Mid-term elections tipped the Congressional balance of power toward the GOP, as Republicans swept up the majority of seats in U.S. House of Representatives. Democrats held on to a tenuous lead in the U.S. Senate, with Harry Reid (D-Nevada) maintaining his position as Majority Leader after a bruising battle and close call against Tea Party opponent, Sharon Angle. As of 6:30 a.m. with most precincts reporting, Republicans increased their presence to 239 seats, while Democrats fell to 183. Thirteen seats have yet to be called. Nancy Pelosi (D-California) will step aside as the first woman Speaker of the House, most likely for John Boehner (R-Ohio). The GOP now will have committee control as well as

subpoena power over special investigations-a practice that has bogged down and distracted government away from pressing issues (e.g. the rash of terrorist attacks in the 1990s that were precursors to 9/11).

THE LATINO VOTE

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Last night, the country saw a demonstration of political power from an emerging electoral force: the Latino and immigrant electorate. In the Latino vote provided the winning edge for key allies of the immigrant reform movement. Nevada Senator Harry Reid won a tough re-election battle against a harshly anti-immigrant candidate based on his performance with the Latino community which he won with 90%. The Senate Majority Leader emerged at his Las Vegas victory party greeted by chants of "Si Se Puede!" Andrea Mitchell of NBC put it best when she said "Harry Reid owes the Latino community big time."

FLIGHT DELAYS

VO :25

A new government report criticizes attempts to reduce airport chaos in New York, saying scheduling rules continue to put too many planes in line when weather is the worst, disrupting air travel across the United States. The limits imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration at John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark airports in 2008 are too generous and are based on good weather conditions, resulting in a glut of flights when the weather turns ugly, according to the report by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of the Inspector General. To maintain safety, air traffic controllers must hold flights on the ground or add spacing between planes.

STUDY SHOWS ALZHEIMER'S HITS WOMEN HARDEST (file)

VO :22

new study on Alzheimer's disease shows that women end up bearing most of the burden - as caregivers, advocates for those with the disease and as victims of the disease itself. The report asks Congress to pass a comprehensive strategy to manage this growing US epidemic. But the epidemic is not limited to western countries. Every seven seconds, a new case of dementia is diagnosed somewhere in the world, according to the Alzheimer's Association. A new report takes a look at Alzheimer's, a disease expected to triple in 40 years because it's associated with aging,

and people the world over are living longer. The report was produced by the Alzheimer's Foundation and Maria Shriver, California's First Lady. Shriver's life has been touched by Alzheimer's. Her father was diagnosed with the disease in 2003.

RETINAL IMPLANT TRIAL HELPS BLIND PEOPLE SEE SHAPES

VO :32

Scientists have developed an eye implant that allowed three blind patients to see shapes and objects within days of treatment in a trial and say the device could become routine for some kinds of blindness in five years. Experts described the study results as phenomenal and said the device, developed by German researchers, could eventually change the lives of up to 200,000 people worldwide who suffer from blindness due to a degenerative eye disease called retinitis pigmentosa.

NEW RULES FOR TRUCK DRIVERS RETURNING AFTER STROKE

(file)

VO :24

Commercial truck and bus drivers who suffer a stroke should wait at least a year and be able to pass a driving test and a series of health assessments before getting in front of a wheel again, according to a U.S. expert panel. The panel, appointed by the Department of Transportation, also recommends annual check-ups on health and driving records as a requirement for continued driving.

NO LINK SEEN BETWEEN HIGH-CARB DIET, COLON CANCER

VO :21

Chinese women who eat a traditional diet rich in white rice and other starchy foods that spur a surge in blood sugar do not seem to have an elevated risk of colon cancer, a new study suggests. The findings, reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, add to the conflicting body of evidence as to whether foods with a high "glycemic index" are related to an increased risk of colon cancer.

NEW STUDY WARNS AGAINST EATING PEANUTS DURING PREGNANCY

VO :20

Boiled peanuts are a Southern tradition and beloved in Huntsville. They're delicious and a great source of antioxidants. Unfortunately, you may want to avoid this delicacy when you're pregnant. A new study warns pregnant

women against eating peanuts during pregnancy. Eating peanuts during pregnancy may increase your baby's risk of developing a peanut allergy later in life. Researchers looked at blood samples of 503 infants, between 3 months and 15 months old, with suspected egg or milk allergies. None of the babies had a peanut allergy, but researchers theorized that these infants were more likely to develop allergic reactions to peanuts.

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11/05/10

ECONOMY REPORT

VO :30

The employment snapshot due out today isn't expected to contain much to crow about. It could also serve as a reminder to newly elected members of Congress of the economic challenges they face in January. The jobs report for October is expected to show hiring weak and unemployment still high. The outlook for 2011 isn't much better. Economists expect the Labor Department to report that employers added just 60,000 jobs in October, fewer than the 100,000 needed to keep pace with population growth. It's also far fewer than the 200,000 needed to start returning the 15 million unemployed Americans to work.

CANCER-LUNG/SCREENING

VO :27

A major study shows giving heavy smokers special CT scans can detect lung cancer early enough to modestly lower their risk of death -- the first clear evidence that a screening test may help fight the nation's top cancer killer. Now the hurdle is deciding who should get these spiral CT scans and how often, because the tests carry their own risks, including repeated radiation exposure and a lot of false alarms that trigger unnecessary repeat testing and even surgery.

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11/08/10

OBAMA ECONOMY

VO: 21

President Barack Obama has sidestepped a question of whether the Federal Reserve may have weakened the value of the dollar by purchasing \$600 billion worth of government bonds to aid the economy. Obama noted at a news conference in New Delhi that the Fed "doesn't take orders from the White House," saying it would be inappropriate for him to comment directly on the action. The move last week aimed at making loans cheaper and getting consumers to spend more. The president said the worst scenario for America would be to "end up being stuck with no growth or very limited growth."

PANEL TO HEAR RESULTS OF ITS PROBE INTO GULF SPILL

VO: 26

The independent investigators looking into the causes of the massive Gulf oil spill will lay out their initial findings as a two-day hearing gets under way Monday. Representatives of the three companies most involved in the April incident will be on hand as well. The seven-member commission has a Jan. 11 deadline to report their findings to President Barack Obama, outlining what caused the disaster and what needs to be done to prevent another one. The president's commission is the first independent body to weigh in on the spill that dumped 200 million gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico

GAS PRICES

VO: 16

A new survey finds the average price of regular gasoline is remaining steady in the United States, with regular grade retailing at an average of \$2.83. The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday says the price of a gallon of regular has fluctuated less than half a cent over the last two weeks. Analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price for a gallon of mid-grade was \$2.97, and premium was at \$3.08. Memphis, Tenn., had the lowest average price among cities surveyed, at \$2.58 a gallon for regular. San Francisco was highest among surveyed cities at \$3.16. Diesel remained steady at \$3.13.

IMMIGRATION RAIDS AND HEARTACHE AT THE CENTER OF A MO SUPREME COURT CASE

VO: 27

The Missouri Supreme Court is set to hear arguments in the case of a Guatemalan woman who says she never consented to the adoption of her son by a Missouri couple, while incarcerated for violating immigration

law.Encarnacion M. Bail Romero was arrested in May 2007 for immigration violations during a sweep at the poultry plant where she worked. In 2008, while the mother was still incarcerated, Carthage, Missouri parents Seth and Melinda Moser adopted her son, though Romero says she never agreed to the adoption. The Moser's countered that they stepped in to take care of the infant when no provisions were made for him when the mother was put into immigration detention. Now having served her sentence, Romero is seeking custody.

MAIL BOMBS

VO: 31

EU interior ministers met Monday to consider a plan to tighten air cargo security that would include blacklisting high-risk airports that are deemed to have inadequate security measures. German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere says his five-point plan also calls for "special controls" on suspect parcels "like technical material from Yemen destined for a Jewish organization in Europe or the United States."The ministers are expected to set up a panel Monday to review the proposed measures.Last month, authorities intercepted two package bombs in Britain and Dubai that had been sent from Yemen. The addresses on the packages were outdated locations for two Chicago synagogues. The terror group al-Qaida in the Arabian peninsula has claimed responsibility.

INTERVIEW CLAUDIA GONZALEZ -NUTRITIONIST

TIME 4:00

How well is the effort to improve fast food and offer healthier alternatives to kids really working? A new study by Yale University is raising that question. It says that while healthy options for kids are available, restaurant servers rarely mention them to parents. Of more than 3000 possible combinations of children meals at eight different fast food restaurants only 12 met nutrition criteria set by Yale for preschoolers and only 15 for older children.

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11/09/10

IMMIGRATION BILL

VO: 27

State Rep. Debbie Riddle camped out and endured "creepy" noises inside the cold, empty Capitol to be first in line Monday morning to file legislation targeting illegal immigration and ballot security. The Tomball Republican said she remained outside the House chamber for two days because of the importance of getting priority bill numbers assigned to the two hot-button issues. House Bill 16 would require voters to present photo identification or two forms of non-photo identification before they are allowed to cast ballots. House Bill 17 is similar to Arizona's controversial immigration law. It would allow law enforcement officers to charge an immigrant who lacks proper documentation and already is detained on another charge with criminal trespass a Class B misdemeanor that carries a fine of up to \$2,000 and maximum jail time of six months.

AGING DRIVERS

VO:30

Baby boomers begin turning 65 in January, and experts say keeping those drivers safe and mobile is a challenge with profound implications. The National Transportation Safety Board says more than one in five licensed drivers will soon be 65 or older. Many are likely to have medical conditions that can affect their driving. Smarter cars and better roads may help them stay behind the wheel longer. But eventually most people will outlive their driving ability. And since fewer Americans relocate when they retire, many of them will continue to live in suburban homes.

TEENS TEXTING

VO:25

There's a provocative new study that suggests that teens who text 120 times a day or more, are more likely to have had sex or used alcohol and drugs than kids who don't send as many messages. The study's authors say they're not suggesting that "hyper-texting" leads to risky behavior, but say it's startling to see the apparent link. Dr. Scott Frank, the study's lead author, says that instead, the study concludes that a significant number of teens are very susceptible to peer pressure and also have permissive or absent parents.

US UN US HUMAN RIGHTS

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The United States has dismissed international calls to abolish the death penalty. U.S. State Department legal adviser Harold Koh told the Geneva-based U.N. Human Rights Council on Tuesday that capital punishment is

permitted under international law. Dozens of countries have urged the U.S. to halt or abolish the death penalty during the first comprehensive review of Washington's human rights record before the 47-nation body. Koh also described some recommendations by countries like Iran and Cuba as "political provocations." But he said the U.S. was committed to rooting out injustices such as racial profiling and would seriously consider signing a U.N. declaration on the rights of indigenous people

RESPIRATORY DISEASE

VO:28

Respiratory infections such as influenza and other causes of pneumonia kill 4.25 million people every year, many of them young children, according to a report released Tuesday. These infections account for 6 percent of all deaths globally, the World Lung Foundation said in releasing its Acute Respiratory Infections Atlas. "We know that at least 4 million people die from acute respiratory infections, yet the global health community does not even recognize them as a distinct disease group," said Peter Baldini, chief executive officer of the World Lung Foundation.

WOMEN PREFER SILICONE TO SALINE AFTER MASTECTOMY

VO: 38

Women who have breast reconstruction after cancer surgery tend to be happier with the cosmetic results of silicone implants than with saline-filled ones, a study published Monday suggests. Silicone breast implants have had a troubled history. In 1992, the U.S. put limits on their use, over concerns that the devices could leak and potentially contribute to cancer or autoimmune disorders such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. But studies since then, including a report from the Institute of Medicine, an advisory panel to the U.S. government, have concluded that there is no clear link between silicone implants and those diseases.

CANCER PATIENTS PICK ANTIDEPRESSANT FOR HOT FLASHES

VO:21

Breast cancer survivors who struggle with hot flashes may find respite in an antidepressant, according to a new study that suggests the medication should be the go-to drug when the overheating is severe. Most women get hot flashes when their estrogen levels start to plummet in menopause, but the symptoms may be especially taxing for breast cancer patients who've received chemotherapy or estrogen-blocking drugs.

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**ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
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In 2008, the Bush administration announced an ambitious new program to help federal officials detain and deport illegal immigrants held on criminal charges by using fingerprints collected by local police departments. But two years later, as the program is being put into effect state by state, confusion abounds in New York and elsewhere, among officials and immigrant advocates alike, about how it works and whether local participation is required. Several counties around the nation have voted to opt out of the program, called Secure Communities because of concerns that it could ensnare immigrants who have committed low-level offenses or chill crime-fighting cooperation between immigrants and the police. As recently as last week, the spokesman for New York State's criminal justice agency maintained that the program was optional for local governments. But federal officials now say that participation was never voluntary. The program, they say, will be up and running nationwide by 2013.

**MORE FEDERAL WORKERS' PAY TOPS \$150,000'B7
VO :36**

The number of federal workers earning \$150,000 or more a year has soared tenfold in the past five years and doubled since President Obama took office, a USA TODAY analysis finds. The fast-growing pay of federal employees has captured the attention of fiscally conservative Republicans who won control of the U.S. House of Representatives in last week's elections. Already, some lawmakers are planning to use the lame-duck session that starts Monday to challenge the president's plan to give a 1.4% across-the-board pay raise to 2.1 million federal workers.

**CONGRESS CHILD NUTRITION
VO :27**

First lady Michelle Obama's campaign for healthier school lunches could be revived in Congress after two key Democrats said they will drop opposition to using funding from food stamps to pay for it. Reps. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut and Jim McGovern of Massachusetts have said they will support House passage of a \$4.5 billion child nutrition bill that passed the

Senate earlier this year. Backed by some anti-hunger groups, the two lawmakers led opposition to passage of that version before the election because it is partially paid for with \$2.2 billion taken from future funding for food stamp programs.

TEENS WITH HEALTH INSURANCE ABSENT IN THE DOCTORS' OFFICES

VO :21

Teens Absent in Yearly Checkups, New Study Says. The teen years are filled with growing pains, with changes in hormones, moods and emotions. With such transformation, many would think that all teens, like Bertoli, fit an annual physical exam into their regular routine. But a new study from the HealthPartners Research Foundation found that this is not the case for many adolescents.

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SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSAL

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The chairman of the Senate Budget Committee says the nation faces the real possibility of becoming a "second tier economic power" if it fails to address the trillion-dollar-plus deficit. He says changes to Social Security and Medicare are imperative. Democrat Kent Conrad of North Dakota on Thursday faced questions about the divisive proposals from the chairmen of President Barack Obama's deficit commission. They include an end to popular tax breaks, raising the retirement age and cuts in Social Security and Medicare.

US UNVEILS GRAPHIC TOBACCO WARNINGS

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Diseased lungs, dead bodies, a man on a ventilator and mothers blowing smoke in their children's faces are among the images U.S. health officials are considering in their effort to revamp tobacco warning labels. The "graphic health warnings," unveiled Wednesday, aim to depict the negative effects of smoking, and they will be required on all cigarette packages and advertisements as of October 2012. The FDA will accept comments on its

proposed warnings until Jan. 9. In June, the agency will choose nine graphic images from the 36 it as proposed. More prominent warnings on cigarette packages, including larger text labels, were mandated in a June 2009 law putting the multibillion-dollar tobacco industry under the control of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

IS ADHD TIED TO ADULTHOOD OBESITY?

VO :21

Young adults with a history of symptoms of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) may be more likely than their peers to be obese, a new study suggests. The findings, from a study of more than 11,000 young U.S. adults followed since adolescence, do not prove that ADHD by itself raises the risk of obesity. But they are in line with a number of smaller, previous studies finding that both children and adults with ADHD have a higher obesity rate than those without the disorder.

SPECIAL FORMULA MAY HELP PREVENT CHILDHOOD DIABETES

VO :18

Researchers said on Wednesday they found some evidence that keeping babies off cow's milk may help prevent the development of type 1 diabetes in children with an inherited risk of the disease. The children will have to be followed for years to be sure, but the Finnish researchers found indirect evidence that giving the babies a special formula may have helped.

OMEGA-3'S LINKED TO A LOWER RISK OF GUM DISEASE

VO :33

People who consume a good amount of omega-3's -- the fatty acids predominantly found in oily fish -- may have a lower risk of developing gum disease, suggests a new study. However, the researchers are hesitant to give omega-3's full credit just yet, as other factors might be involved, too. Advanced gum disease, known as periodontitis, is a chronic inflammation caused by the accumulation of bacteria at the gum line. The condition can lead to bone and tooth loss.

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DURHAM MATRICULA CONSULAR

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Hispanic advocacy groups in durham are pushing for the plan.. But, emails from both sides of the debate have filled council member Inboxes--most are opposed to the idea. This person accuses durham leaders of pandering to criminals. Another fears the card could be used by terrorists. This man writes it's a slap in the face to bonafide citizens.

"DREAM ACT"

VO :34

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wants to push for a vote during the lame-duck session on a bill that would legalize young, undocumented immigrants if they attend college or serve in the military, according to Democratic sources familiar with a leadership conference call Wednesday. A vote on the bill, known as the DREAM Act, could come as early as next week, the sources said. Pelosi asked Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) and Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.) to assess the mood of the caucus, according to one source. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) had previously announced that he plans to bring up the DREAM Act during the lame duck session. His spokesman said Wednesday that Reid still hopes to call a vote.

NISSAN RECALL

VO :24

Nissan Motor Co. says it is recalling more than 600,000 vehicles in North and South America and Africa due to steering or battery cable problems. The Japanese automaker said Thursday that the steering recall affects 303,000 Frontier pickup trucks and 283,000 Xterra sport utility vehicles. The company says the lower steering column joint can corrode and limit steering movement. Nissan also is recalling 18,500 Sentra sedans because of a battery cable terminal connector problem that can make the cars difficult to start or stall at low speeds. The company says no injuries or accidents have been reported because of either issue. About 240,000 Frontiers, 261,000 Xterras and 14,000 Sentras are affected in the U.S.

STUDY ON ACNE SUICIDE RISK FUELS DEBATE OVER DRUGS

VO :25

People with severe acne are at increased risk of attempting suicide, scientists said on Friday in a study which fuels a debate about whether

acne drugs such as Roche's. Accutane prompt suicidal thoughts. Swedish scientists found patients had an additional suicide risk for up to a year after treatment with isotretinoin, the generic version of Accutane, which is commonly prescribed for people with severe acne.

FLU SHOTS SAFE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, STUDY FINDS

VO :22

Adding to evidence that the flu shot is safe during pregnancy, a U.S. government study found no unusual complications among pregnant women who've received the vaccine in the past 20 years.

Researchers found that between 1990 and 2009, there were 175 reports of possibly vaccine-related medical complications among pregnant women submitted to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.

DESPITE LABELS, SOME VAGINAL LUBRICANTS HARM SPERM

VO :22

Some vaginal lubricants labeled as "no spermicidal" may not be so harmless to sperm, and could actually thwart their egg-bound journey, suggests a new Swiss study. Researchers studied four gels in the lab, of which only one -- Pre-Seed -- appeared not to be toxic to sperm.

BONE LOSS MORE COMMON IN HIV

VO :17

People with HIV are much more likely to develop bone disease, or be on their way to developing it, a new study shows. In a group of people with HIV, researchers found eight in 10 had either osteoporosis, the brittle-bone disease that raises the risk of fractures, or osteopenia, abnormally low bone mass that could progress to osteoporosis.

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11/15/10

CONGRESS-LAME DUCK

VO: 29

Hobbled Democrats and invigorated Republicans return today to Capitol Hill. More than 100 mainly Republican freshmen arrive to be schooled on the jobs they'll assume when the next Congress convenes in January. For Democrats, New York Rep. Charles Rangel goes on trial on ethics charges. He's the former chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means

Committee .Among the items they must act on are the expiring Bush-era tax cuts to protect millions of people from significant tax increases.Lawmakers failed to pass even a single annual spending bill this year. They'll need to to keep federal agencies financed and avoid a government shutdown. Meanwhile doctors face a crippling cut in Medicare reimbursements.

FORTHOOD SHOOTING

VO:23

A hearing to determine whether an Army psychiatrist should stand trial in the worst mass shooting on a U.S. military base was to resume -- and wrap up -- Monday. More than two dozen soldiers wounded in last year's shooting rampage at Fort Hood were among those who testified in October. But the hearing was then delayed for three weeks, in part because the defense didn't want it going on during the anniversary of the Nov.5, 2009, rampage that killed 12 soldiers and one civilian. Maj. Nidal Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder in their deaths, along with 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

USA FORECLOSURES

VO: 20

Banks under fire over their foreclosure practices face twin hearings in Congress this week, at which they will come under renewed pressure to find ways to keep borrowers in their homes. The hearings on Tuesday and Thursday will include the first appearances by executives from major lenders like Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase since the furor over sloppy foreclosure paperwork erupted in September.Banks are accused of having used "robo-signers" to sign hundreds of foreclosure documents a day, a fiasco that has reignited public anger with banks that received billions of dollars in taxpayer aid during the financial crisis.

RANGEL ETHNICS TRIAL

VO: 26

Rep. Charles Rangel of New York headed the House's tax-writing committee but acknowledged shortchanging the Internal Revenue Service on his own tax bill. Now, a House ethics panel will judge whether filing an amended tax return and belatedly paying his taxes and other financial and fundraising practices violated the congressional rule book. A rare ethics trial begins Monday for the representative from Harlem. Rangel's career peaked in 2007 when he became chairman of the Ways and Means

Committee. It took a dive last March, when he relinquished that post after his corporate-funded travel was criticized in a separate ethics case.

AIRPORT SECURITY

VO: 27

Officials are defending new anti-terrorism security procedures at the nation's airports that some travelers complain are overly invasive and intimate. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says in a USA Today opinion piece that body scanners used at many airports are safe and the images viewed in private. She says pat-downs have been used for years at airports and measures are in place to protect travelers' privacy.

REPUBLICANS ARE SPOILING FOR A HEALTHCARE FIGHT

VO: 25

AdvertisementWith their eyes on the 2012 election, Republicans are preparing to maximize conflict with Democrats over healthcare in the new Congress and minimize potential compromises, according to GOP strategists, lawmakers and lobbyists. That strategy is setting the stage for a bitter stalemate on Capitol Hill over the next two years as the president and senior congressional Democrats dig in to defend their signature achievement. But Republican leaders and strategists think a renewed battle over healthcare will help the party expand its electoral gains and drive President Obama from the White House.

HEART DISEASE

VO: 29

The death of a spouse or child can trigger potentially harmful rapid increases in heart rate and changes in heart-rhythm regularity, but a study showed the measures revert back to normal ranges within six months, researchers said on Sunday. "While the focus at the time of bereavement is naturally directed toward the deceased person, the health and welfare of bereaved survivors should also be of concern to medical professionals, as well as family and friends," said Thomas Buckley, acting director of postgraduate studies at the University of Sydney Nursing School in Sydney, Australia. Less salt for teens means healthier adults

BYPASS PATIENTS CAN BENEFIT FROM A FEW DRINKS: STUDY

VO: 20

Men who underwent heart bypass surgery and consumed about two drinks a day afterward had fewer subsequent cardiovascular procedures than

those who abstained, according to a study released Sunday. Light alcohol consumption was associated with a 25 percent reduction in additional heart procedures, heart attacks or strokes in the study by Italian researchers, presented at the annual meeting of the American Heart Association in Chicago.

PFIZER HEART-FAILURE DRUG HELPS Milder PATIENTS: STUDY VO: 22

People with mild heart failure lived longer and fared better by adding Pfizer's drug Inspra to standard medications, a finding that could widely expand use of such drugs in healthier patients, researchers said on Sunday. In an ironic twist, another study presented at the American Heart Association meeting showed Johnson & Johnson's Natrecor heart failure drug -- which is not widely used because of long-standing safety concerns is in fact safe, but provides little benefit.

LESS SALT FOR TEENS MEANS HEALTHIER ADULTS VO:22

If teens could reduce their daily salt consumption by 3,000 milligrams, they would cut their risk for heart disease and stroke significantly in adulthood, researchers said on Sunday. Based on results of a computer modeling analysis, researchers projected that a 3,000-milligram reduction in sodium by teenagers could reduce hypertension by 30 percent to 43 percent when they become adults

VACCINE RESTRICTIONS VO: 19

More Than 10-Thousand People Turn Out For Free Meningococcal Vaccines At Csu . Now, Complaints That Some People Were Turned Away.. The Vaccination Clinics Followed Several Cases Of The Disease In Larimer County. 5 People Have Died From It Since June. Health Officials Say The "Free Vaccine" Was For People most At Risk.

INTERVIEW GABY PACHECO-ACTIVIST OF THE DREAM ACT TIME 3:00

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) pledged to bring up the DREAM Act during the lame duck session and this week Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi threw her support behind the Senator and also called for a vote on the measure. The bill, which would provide legal status to young people who graduate from high school and pursue college or military

service, failed to reach a vote in September when Senate Republicans blocked the Defense Authorization Act. At the time the DAA carried the DREAM Act as an amendment.

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