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HEALTH OVERHAUL-REPUBLICANS

VO: 25

Senate Republicans want to repeal the health care law that President Barack Obama signed with a flourish a year ago. The Senate's top Democrat says they can forget about it. A quick showdown looms as lawmakers maneuver on an issue that has been controversial since Obama proposed it on Inauguration Day two years ago. The bill's supporters and critics agree on one point: The Supreme Court rather than politicians will ultimately decide the law's fate. Two federal judges have already ruled it partially or wholly unconstitutional, but two others have upheld it.

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02/03/2011

CENSUS-2010 POPULATION

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The U.S. Census Bureau today released more detailed 2010 Census population totals and demographic characteristics to state leaders in Virginia. These data provide the first look at population counts for small areas and race, Hispanic origin, voting age and housing unit data released from the 2010 Census. The official 2010 Census Redistricting Data Summary File can be used to redraw federal, state and local legislative districts under Public Law 94-171. The census data are used by state officials to realign congressional and state legislative districts in their states, taking into account population shifts since the 2000 Census. Data for Virginia show that the five most populous incorporated places and their 2010 Census counts are Virginia Beach, 437,994; Norfolk, 242,803; Chesapeake, 222,209; Richmond, 204,214; and Newport News, 180,719. Virginia Beach grew by 3.0 percent since the 2000 Census. Norfolk grew by 3.6 percent, Chesapeake grew by 11.6 percent, Richmond grew by 3.2 percent and Newport News grew by 0.3 percent.

HEALTHCARE REFORM VOTE

VO: 24

After decades of failed attempts by a string of Democratic presidents and a year of bitter partisan combat, President Obama signed legislation on March 23, 2010, to overhaul the nation's health care system and guarantee access to medical insurance for tens of millions of Americans. It was the largest single legislative achievement of his first two years in office, and the most controversial. Not a single Republican voted for the final version, and Republicans across the country campaigned on a promise to repeal the bill. After they took control of the House and expanded their ranks in the Senate in the November elections, action on health care was at the top of their agenda.

BELL SALARIES - RECALL

VO: 27

With most of the City Council that turned this nondescript Los Angeles suburb into a national symbol of municipal corruption facing a recall election next month, many of those who led the fight to boot them from office have lined up to replace them. Seventeen people, most of them prominent leaders of last summer's recall drive, are running for five seats on the City Council in next month's election. They began making their case for their candidacies this week at a pair of candidate forums in this working-class city of 40,000 people. The recall was launched after the Los Angeles Times reported that four of the city's five council members were paying themselves about \$100,000 a year for their part-time service to a city where one in six people live in poverty. The Times also revealed that former City Manager Robert Rizzo had an annual compensation package of \$1.5 million and that several other top officials were drawing huge salaries.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE EXPECTED

VO: 16

Companies are adding jobs, but the unemployment rate isn't expected to reflect it, according to Bloomberg. U.S. companies increased employment by 187,000 workers in January, according to figures released by Automatic Data Processing Inc. (ADP) Employer Services. That follows a 247,000 gain in December. A U.S. Department of Labor report on Friday is forecast to show that companies added 140,000 jobs in January, while the unemployment rate will rise to 9.5 percent, up from 9.4 percent."The labor

market remains on a slow healing path," said Neil Dutta, economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research, in an interview with Bloomberg. "The labor market is recovering, but that recovery is not strong enough to bring down unemployment in a meaningful way." A Challenger, Gray & Christmas report showed that employers cut 38,519 jobs in January, which is the lowest number for any January since record-keeping began in 1993. It was 46 percent lower than the number of job cuts in January 2010. The ADP report predicts an increase of 21,000 workers in goods-producing industries, which includes manufacturing and construction. It predicts an addition of 166,000 workers in service industries. Iowa's unemployment rate dropped to 6.3 percent in December from 6.6 percent in November.

WORLD OBESITY

VO: 24

It's not just Americans whose waist is getting thicker. Three new studies say obesity rates across the world have doubled during the last three decades, even as blood pressure and cholesterol levels have dropped. Among developed countries, Americans are the fattest and Japanese are the thinnest. But even people like the American Samoa in the Pacific Island and people in Latin America are getting chunkier. "Being obese is no longer just a Western problem," said Majid Ezzati, a professor of public health at Imperial College London, one of the study's authors. In 1980, about 5 percent of men and 8 percent of women worldwide were obese. By 2008, the rates were nearly 10 percent for men and 14 percent for women. That means 205 million men and 297 million women weighed in as obese. Another 1.5 billion adults were overweight, according to the obesity study.

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BELL HEARING TODAY AT COURT

VO: 34

Bell could have problems paying its bills as early as May and has been unable to make budget cuts to stave off insolvency because City Council members who face criminal charges repeatedly have failed to show up for meetings. Now, Bell's interim city administrator, Pedro Carrillo, says he is prepared to make deep budget cuts to preserve cash. The city faces a potential deficit of \$3.5 million to \$4.5 million, Carrillo said, and has defaulted on a \$35-million bond. The scandal-plagued city southeast of

downtown Los Angeles has struggled to deal with its financial crisis in part because the council has met only three times in the last five months. Carrillo had hoped that the council would approve budget cuts last week, but that meeting was canceled when Oscar Hernandez and Teresa Jacobo called in sick. Since then, Carrillo and interim City Atty. Jamie Casso have determined that Carrillo has the authority to trim the budget if the council is idle. Carrillo's goal would be to reduce expenses enough to keep the city going until the March elections, when a new council will be chosen. "I can't scream any louder," Carrillo said. "You all have to make some tough choices and get moving. The city attorney and I have an emergency plan to deal with our shortcomings if the council does not take action."

OBAMA TODAY AT US CHAMBER COMMERCE

VO: 21

President Barack Obama is starting his week with a speech Monday to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a group he has had sharp differences with the last two years. Obama and the Chamber have disagreed over health care and financial regulations. But both sides are searching for common ground on job creation. Obama has stressed his new economic agenda, featuring competitiveness, innovation, energy and entrepreneurship. His policies are no longer the targets of big-dollar advertising campaigns by the Chamber now that midterm elections are over.

ECONOMY JOBS

VO: 19

The U.S. labor force has been split into two groups: the relieved and the desperate. If you have a job, you can exhale; you're less likely to lose it than at any point in at least 14 years. If you're unemployed? Good luck. Finding a job remains a struggle 20 months after the recession technically ended. Employers won't likely step up hiring until they feel more confident about the economy. A result is that people who are unemployed are staying so for longer periods. Of the 13.9 million Americans the government says were unemployed last month, about 1.8 million had been without work for at least 99 weeks -- essentially two years. That's nearly double the number in January 2010.

AP POLL-WEATHER AND ROMANCE

VO: 18

Does winter weather give you the blues? Or are you the type who gets a little frisky when there's a chill in the air? Either way, you're not alone.

Four in 10 Americans say the weather affects their mood, and winter by far is the season most likely to leave them feeling down. Still, there are pleasures to be had amid the snow and ice. Given the choice between grabbing an extra blanket or cozying up with someone special when it's cold, most people choose snuggling over a Snuggie. And some folks take things a whole lot further: 15 percent of Americans who were cooped up by the weather reported having more sex than usual. (Two-thirds reported no romantic uptick while trapped inside, and 15 percent reported having less sex than usual.)

AOL - HUFFTINGTON POST

VO:25

AOL Inc will buy The Huffington Post for \$315 million, relying on the high-profile liberal pundit and onetime candidate for governor of California who co-founded the influential website to rescue it from the dustbin of Internet history. The move, which pushed AOL shares up 5 percent in premarket trade before falling 2.5 percent in opening trade Monday, will create a media group that will have a combined base of 117 million visitors a month in the United States, and reach 270 million people globally, AOL said in a statement.

WHITE HOUSE DELAYS GUN REPORTING REQUIREMENT ALONG MEXICAN BORDER

VO: 27

White House budget officials dealt federal firearms investigators a setback Friday when they rejected an emergency request for a rule meant to help catch gunrunners to Mexico. The decision delays for at least two months a proposed requirement that gun dealers along the Mexican border report anyone who buys two or more assault weapons in five days. White House officials said the delay will give the public more time - until Feb. 14 - to comment on the proposal. Meg Reilly, spokeswoman for the Office of Management and Budget, said the decision follows President Obama directive to curb excessive regulation and "is consistent with the president's call for more transparency and opportunities for public participation in his recent executive order." The delay marks the second time that the rule, which is strongly opposed by the gun industry and the National Rifle Association, has been put on hold.

GAS PRICES

VO: 20

A new survey says the average price of regular gasoline in the United States has jumped 1.49 cents per gallon in the last two weeks. The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday says the average national price of a gallon of regular is \$3.12. Analyst Trilby Lundberg found in the survey completed Friday that the average price for mid-grade is \$3.26, and premium was at \$3.37.

STARTING SOLID FOODS EARLIER LINKED TO OBESITY RISK

VO: 25

Babies raised on formula who start eating solid foods before they are 4 months old may be more likely to become obese than those who start later, suggests a new study. The findings support U.S. guidelines that say parents should wait until babies are between 4 and 6 months old to start feeding them solid foods, said Dr. Susanna Huh, one of the study's lead authors from Children's Hospital Boston.

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TOYOTA RECALL

VO: 33

The Obama administration is completing a 10-month investigation into runaway Toyotas, preparing a review that could address whether faulty electronics played a role in the Japanese automaker's safety recalls. The Transportation Department said it would issue on Tuesday the findings of its study, which has examined whether electronics or electromagnetic interference played a factor in Toyota Motor Corp. vehicles accelerating unintentionally.

FORECLOSURES RAISE US ECONOMIC STRESS

VO: 22

The nation's economic stress inched up in December because higher foreclosures outweighed lower unemployment, according to The Associated Press' monthly analysis. Bankruptcy levels remained largely unchanged from November. But the depressed housing market took a toll. Foreclosure rates rose in 33 states, most sharply in Utah, New Jersey, Nevada and Arizona. Most analysts expect the economy to gain momentum this year, in part because of a tax-cut package that lowers workers' Social Security taxes and puts more money in their paychecks.

But two straight months of higher stress to end 2010 marked a setback after the nation's economic pain had eased since the start of last year, the AP Economic Stress Index showed.

PATRIOT ACT

VO: 23

The House is expected to vote today on extending certain provisions of the Patriot Act. Three provisions of the act are set to expire at the end of the month. They deal with access to business records or anything else related to a terror investigation, such as getting roving wiretaps and being able to keep tabs on so-called lone wolf terrorists. The house bill would extend the provisions to December. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy has proposed the provisions be extended, with some modifications, until 2013 -- a date supported by Attorney General Eric Holder. That means lawmakers will have to strike a compromise if the provisions are to be extended.

US DISTRICT GUNS

VO: 20

Police data shows that since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Washington's handgun ban more than 2 1/2 years ago, hundreds of residents in the District's safest and wealthiest areas have registered handguns -- more than those in poor areas with higher crime. The Washington Post reports that since the 2008 ruling, records show more than 1,400 firearms have been registered with police. Among those, nearly 300 are in the high-income, low-crime Georgetown, Palisades and Chevy Chase areas.

BELL HEARING

NORMA ROQUE- BELL, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Preliminary hearings for eight current and former Bell city officials charged with corruption, including misappropriating more than \$5.5 million.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS TAKE ON INSURANCE EXCHANGES

VO: 33

As Republican governors take on the U.S. healthcare reform law in courts, they are also challenging it on the administrative side, with 21 registering their discontent for insurance exchanges in a letter to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Monday. The reform act,

which President Barack Obama signed into law last March, "is seriously flawed, favors dependency over personal responsibility, and will ultimately destroy the private insurance market," the governors wrote in the letter.

HEALTHBEAT-END OF LIFE

VO: 22

A medical profession that earns more from attacking tumors than from lengthy, emotional discussions about when it's time to stop is beginning an unusually strong push for planning end-of-life care. The American Society of Clinical Oncology says too often, patients aren't told about options like comfort care or even that their chemo has become futile until the bitter end. The group developed an easy-to-read booklet about those choices, from standard care to symptom relief, and advice about the right questions to ask.

BREASTFEEDING LINKED TO FEWER SEIZURES IN KIDS

VO:20

Babies that are breastfed may have fewer seizures after they're a year old, according to a recent study in Denmark. And the longer babies are breastfed, the better, the researchers found. Babies who had mom's milk for more than 9 months had fewer seizures than babies who had breast milk for a shorter time, report the authors in the Journal of Pediatrics.

HEART FAILURE THERAPY TWICE AS EFFECTIVE IN WOMEN

VO: 18

Women derive twice the benefit from a device to treat heart failure as men, U.S. researchers said on Monday, underscoring the different ways in which men and women experience heart disease. Women treated with a combination pacemaker and defibrillator device had a 70 percent reduction in heart failure compared with a 35 percent decline in men, they said.

SUN EXPOSURE, VITAMIN D LINKED TO MS RISK: STUDY

VO: 24

People who have spent more time in the sun and those with higher vitamin D levels may be less likely to develop multiple sclerosis, according to an Australian study. Previous studies have shown that people living close to the equator are less likely to get multiple sclerosis (MS) than those at higher latitudes, a difference that may be explained by more sun exposure and higher vitamin D levels.

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HEARING SET FOR SANDSTROM IMMIGRATION BILL

VO: 33

The high-profile enforcement-only immigration bill carried by Rep. Stephen Sandstrom gets its first official trial when it comes up for debate Wednesday before a House Committee. Sandstrom's bill, HB70, has been the subject of local and national scrutiny and the lawmaker has been traveling the state making changes to distance it from Arizona's enforcement-only law - parts of which were enjoined by a federal judge. Opposition is already lining up for the hearing before the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee, which is slated to hear the bill at 4 p.m.

US BELL SALARIES

VO: 26

The six current and former officials facing charges of looting the working-class suburb of Bell were actually highly paid puppets of the Los Angeles suburb's disgraced city manager, according to the testimony of the lone member of the city council not facing criminal charges. Lorenzo Velez told Superior Court Judge Henry Hall on Tuesday that it was former City Manager Robert Rizzo who decided what matters the council would consider and who told members how to vote on virtually every issue that came before them.

U.S. TO RELEASE PLAN FOR FANNIE AND FREDDIE

VO: 21

The Obama administration will issue a proposal later this week recommending the gradual elimination of government-sponsored mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, a White House official said Wednesday. The highly-anticipated "white paper," which is expected to be released Friday, will include three different options, the official said. Fannie and Freddie were rescued by the federal government in 2008, as the subprime crisis roiled the housing market and crippled the banking system. The proposal is expected to spark a lengthy debate in Washington, and any phasing out of Fannie and Freddie will likely happen over a period of years. The development was first reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, and subsequently confirmed by CNN's senior White House correspondent Ed

Henry. According to the Journal, the most conservative of the three options would involve no government role in the mortgage market beyond existing federal agencies, such as the Federal Housing Administration.

OBAMA TO HOST HOUSE GOP LEADERS FOR LUNCH

VO: 28

President Barack Obama is reaching out to Republicans today with a lunch for GOP leaders. It's something Obama acknowledged he needed to do after Republican gains in the November midterm elections. The president will meet with House Speaker John Boehner(BAY'-nuhr), Majority Leader Eric Cantor and Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy. It's the first such meeting since Republicans assumed control of the House in January.

HOUSE SEEN BLOCKING HEALTHCARE FUNDS

VO: 26

The U.S. House of Representatives is likely to vote to block funding for President Barack Obama's signature healthcare overhaul when it takes up a budget plan next week, House Republican Leader Eric Cantor said on Tuesday. "I expect to see one way or other the product coming out of the House to speak to that and to preclude any funding to be used for that," Cantor said at a news conference, referring to an effort to block implementation of the health-care law.

LYMPH NODE REMOVAL NOT NEEDED FOR SOME BREAST CANCER

VO: 23

Women with early breast cancer may not need to have surgery to remove cancerous lymph nodes under the armpit, U.S. researchers said on Tuesday. The finding may spare many women the pain and years of side effects related to this long-standing procedure.

GENE TEST MAY CUT NEED FOR PROSTATE CANCER SURGERY

VO: 22

A genetic pattern could predict how aggressive prostate cancer is, potentially saving many men with less threatening tumors from undergoing unnecessary and life changing surgery, scientists said on Wednesday. Prostate tumors can range from relatively harmless ones that grow very slowly and are unlikely ever to cause a problem, to ones that are far more aggressive and need swift treatment. At present doctors have few effective tools to differentiate between varying types.

CAN MONEY MOTIVATE WEIGHT LOSS? PERHAPS AT FIRST

VO: 22

Obese people may be more likely to slim down if they have money riding on their success through financial incentives -- but the weight might creep back once the monetary carrot is gone, according to a U.S. study. A program in which people stood to lose cash if they failed to lose weight appeared to motivate them, but the motivation didn't last, the study -- published in the Journal of General Internal Medicine -- found.

PROGRAM HELPS OBESE KIDS KEEP WEIGHT OFF LONG-TERM

VO: 23

Kids in an intensive obesity program were able to slim down and maintain a healthier weight a year after it ended, according to a new study. Obesity programs aimed at youth have generally not shown much long-term success, both in keeping kids involved during the program and still motivated afterwards.

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FORECLOSURE RATES

VO: 24

FORECLOSURES SLOWING: New figures show fewer U.S. homes entered the foreclosure process in January than in any month in more than three years, while scheduled foreclosure auctions fell to the lowest level in two years. **PROCESSING DELAYS:** The decline comes as many lenders take longer to move against homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgage payments. Lenders have had to revisit thousands of foreclosure cases following foreclosure documentation problems that surfaced last fall. **REPOSSESSIONS RISE:** Lenders took back more homes in January than in the previous month, however. That's a trend that's expected to continue this year.

PANEL BACK IND. IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN BILL

VO: 35

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during a four-hour public hearing as opening the door for legitimizing racial profiling. Dozens of people lined up to testify on the bill, just hours after Indiana's Republican attorney general said he had reservations about the state inserting itself into what is a federal responsibility. The bill proposed by Sen. Mike Delph, R-Carmel, would require police to ask for proof of citizenship or immigration status if they had a reasonable suspicion that a person is illegally in the country. Delph told the committee that the bill was aimed at putting teeth into existing laws. "We say 'no more' to illegal immigration," he said. "We want the rule of law restored, period." Sen. Mike Young, R-Indianapolis, said he didn't believe any committee members wanted to harm anyone's rights, but that legislators had a duty to uphold the laws that are in place and protect residents. "I just think it is the right thing to do at this time," he said.

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**DIET SODA STROKE LINK
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The beverage findings should be "a wakeup call to pay attention to diet sodas," said Dr. Steven Greenberg. He is a Harvard Medical School neurologist and vice chairman of the International Stroke Conference in California, where the research was presented on Wednesday. A simple solution, health experts say, is to drink water instead. Doctors have no chemical or biological explanation for why diet soda may be risky. It could be that people who drink lots of it also fail to exercise, weigh more, drink more alcohol or have other risk factors like high blood pressure and smoking. However, the researchers took these and many other factors into account and didn't see a change in the trend.

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IMPULSAN EL 'E-VERIFY' OBLIGATORIO

VO: 23

The new Republican majority in the House of Representatives yesterday began another effort to expand throughout the country and enforce the use of the "E-Verify" that supposedly makes it difficult to recruit workers who are undocumented immigrants. The program, established in 1997, has processed millions of requests for verification by employers, and more than 90 percent of the cases have served to confirm that potential employees were authorized to work in the United States.

PEDIRÁ 'GREEN CARD' PARA SALVADOREÑOS

VO: 23

The president of El Salvador, Mauricio Funes, confirmed yesterday that request U.S. colleague, Barack Obama, permanent residence for Salvadorans sheltered by immigration benefits Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in that country. Funes said yesterday at the Channel 12 local television during Obama's visit to El Salvador, in March, asked "that the Salvadoran TPS beneficiaries may enjoy and permanent residence." U.S. extended until next March 9, 2012 217 000 TPS for Salvadorans living in the country. The Salvadoran president said, however, that internal debate "in the U.S. and the handling that Obama can give this issue" at his own party and against the Republicans "are those that have an impact on obtaining a favorable resolution the request of the Government of El Salvador.

ONU-MED OMS-ALCOHOLISM

VO: 30

Alcohol abuse is killing 2.5 million people each year and governments must do more to prevent it, the World Health Organization said Friday. Some 4

percent of all deaths worldwide are attributable to alcohol, the U.N. body said. The main causes of alcohol-related deaths are injuries incurred when drunk, cancer, liver cirrhosis, heart disease and strokes. "It's a killer and it's not good from a public health point of view," Melvin Freeman of South African's Ministry of Health and a contributor to the report, told reporters in Geneva.

BREAST-FEEDING SUPPLIES DEDUCTIBLE IRS RULES

VO: 31

Breast pumps and other lactation supplies are now tax deductible as medical expenses, the Internal Revenue Service said on Thursday, reversing a long-held position. The new ruling means that families can use pre-tax funds from their flexible spending accounts and health savings accounts for these supplies. Breast pumps typically cost more than \$200 and, along with supplies, can run as high as \$1,000 in the first year of a baby's life. Last year, the American Academy of Pediatrics asked the IRS to allow this deduction, but the agency initially refused. "The IRS didn't really figure this would be a medical need versus a social or cosmetic need," Dr. Richard Schanler, head of the physician group's breast-feeding committee that has been lobbying for years for the deduction.

STROKE RISK AMONG MEXICAN AMERICANS COULD RISE DRAMATICALLY IN COMING YEARS

VO: 25

Mexican Americans may be at increasing risk for stroke in the coming decades, finds a new study presented at the American Stroke Assn.'s International Stroke Conference in Los Angeles this week. By 2050, strokes (from bleeding and blood clots) among Mexican Americans could increase by 350%, from 26,000 cases in 2010 to more than 120,000 in 2050. Researchers used data from the Brain Attack Surveillance in Corpus Christi Project from 2010 to 2008 and information from the U.S. census to predict figures for future years. The BASIC Project is an ongoing Texas study looking at stroke rates among Mexican Americans and non-Latino whites.

MORNING AFTER PILL FACES ANOTHER TEST OVER ACCESS

VO: 25

The maker of the Plan B morning-after pill is gearing up for another round with the Food and Drug Administration over whether the emergency contraceptive can be sold without a prescription for younger women and girls. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd earlier this week said it had

asked the FDA for permission to sell the drug without any age limits, the latest salvo in an decade-long battle over the pill. Only those 17 and older can buy it now without a doctor's order.

TESTICULAR CANCER DEATHS DOUBLE WITH AFTER 40 DIAGNOSIS

VO: 22

Men diagnosed with testicular cancer at 40 years of age or older have twice the risk of dying from the disease as younger patients, according to a study of nearly 28,000 men. This was true even when initial treatment and the extent of the disease were taken into account, according to findings published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. "This study comprehensively documents, for the first time, to our knowledge, the effect of age on TC-specific mortality, while taking into account disease characteristics, treatment factors and socio-demographic variables," wrote Lois Travis, of the University of Rochester Medical Center, New York, along with colleagues from Oslo, Norway. The research is based on data from the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results program, a source for U.S. cancer statistics at the U.S. National Cancer Institute. Travis and her team calculated hazard ratios for 10-year testicular cancer mortality

FRUIT SALAD AND BLOOD SUGAR METERS DON'T MIX

VO: 23

Listen up, diabetics: invisible bits of fruit on your hands can mess up your finger-prick blood tests, making your blood sugar level look higher than it really is. That's because sugars from fruit will stay on your fingers until you wash them with tap water, a new study shows. Even alcohol swabs don't solve the problem. The researchers say that peeling fruit right before you use a blood sugar meter, or eating some juicy fruit with your hands, could lead to an inaccurate reading even if you rub your finger with alcohol first. Blood sugar meters work by taking a drop of blood from the tip of the finger and testing the sample for how much sugar is in the blood. Many people with diabetes have to use these meters a few times a day to monitor their blood sugar levels and determine how much insulin to take. Close to 20 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For the new study, published in the journal *Diabetes Care*, Dr. Takahisa Hirose of the Juntendo University Graduate School of Medicine in Tokyo, Japan and colleagues found ten healthy volunteers. None of the volunteers had diabetes; they all had normal blood sugar levels.

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OBAMA BUDGET

VO: 27 & INTERVIEW KATHERINE VARGAS -NATIONAL INMIGRATION FORUM 3:00

President Barack Obama's budget director says the more than \$3.5 trillion proposed spending package for 2012 to be submitted today shows that the administration is willing to make tough choices. The plan promises \$1.1 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade by freezing many domestic programs for five years, trimming military spending and limiting tax deductions for the wealthy. Republicans rejected budget chief Jacob Lew's appraisal, criticizing Obama for proposals that will boost spending in education, public works and research, and charging that spending cuts are not deep enough.

BILL DENYING BIRTHRIGHT CITIZEN VOTE

VO:25

Sen. Ron Gould, R-Lake Havasu City, and chairman judiciary committee, calls to order a hearing as Arizona lawmakers give their first hearing to a bill that challenges automatic U.S. citizenship for children of illegal immigrants, the state's latest foray into the national debate over illegal immigration at the Arizona Capitol in Phoenix. An Arizona bill that would put a stop to automatic U.S. citizenship for children of illegal immigrants could come to a vote next week, according to an Arizona lawmaker intent on pushing the legislation forward, even if the measure is defeated. Republican Sen. Ron Gould said Tuesday he called off a previously expected vote by the Senate Judiciary Committee <

SEN HATCH IMM BILL

VO: 19

Speaking to members of the Heritage Foundation today, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) previewed the bill he will be introducing in the Senate early next week to address key immigration problems that are being ignored or overlooked by the Obama administration. Hatch said his bill, The Strengthening our Commitment to Legal Immigration and America's Security Act, would address some of the "residual effects" resulting from

flood of illegal immigrants pouring over our nation's porous southwest border.

CLOTHING PRICES

VO:23

The era of falling clothing prices is ending. Clothing prices have dropped for a decade as tame inflation and cheap overseas labor helped hold down costs. Retailers and clothing makers cut frills and experimented with fabric blends to cut prices during the recession. But as the world economy recovers and demand for goods rises, a surge in labor and raw materials costs is squeezing retailers and manufacturers who have run out of ways to pare costs. Cotton has more than doubled in price over the past year, hitting all-time highs. The price of other synthetic fabrics has jumped roughly 50 percent as demand for alternatives and blends has risen.

HEALTH AT BIRTH TIED TO ADHD RISK

VO: 26

A baby's health in the first minutes after birth may be linked to his or her risk of developing attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) later on, a new study suggests. The findings, reported in the Journal of Pediatrics, suggest that the so-called Apgar score assigned to all newborns in the first five minutes of life may give some hint of a child's future risk of ADHD, a condition that involves attention problems and impulsive behavior.

MISCARRIAGE TIED TO FAMILY HEART DISEASE HISTORY

VO: 18

New findings suggest there could be a link between parents' heart disease and their grown-up daughter's risk of having miscarriages. Researchers in the UK found that women who miscarried twice before having their first child had a higher than average risk of having parents with heart disease. This risk was even higher in women who'd miscarried three times before giving birth, said Dr. Gordon Smith of Cambridge University and his colleagues.

SECOND-HAND SMOKE UPS RISK OF ABNORMAL PAP TEST

VO: 16

Another reason second-hand smoke is bad: there's a chance it can damage the tissues in a woman's cervix, putting her at higher risk for cervical cancer, a new study suggests. Women smokers have a higher-than-average risk of cervical cancer. The new research did not show that

women who inhale other people's smoke are also more likely to end up with that cancer -- but it did show they have a higher risk of having damaged cells in their cervix.

AT-HOME STROKE THERAPY AS GOOD AS HIGH-TECH REHAB

VO: 21

Stroke patients who get intensive physical therapy at home walk just as well after a year as patients who train on fancy, high-tech treadmills that support their weight, U.S. researchers said on Friday. And patients who start physical therapy even six months after a stroke or other injury can still improve their walking ability, contradicting previous assumptions that such improvement is limited to the first half year, they said.

ENERGY DRINKS

VO: 26

A new report says energy drinks are under-studied, overused and can be dangerous for children and teens. Doctors writing in the medical journal Pediatrics say the dangers include heart palpitations, seizures, strokes and even sudden death. The ill effects are caused mostly by too much caffeine or similar ingredients. Some cans have four to five times more caffeine than soda. The authors want pediatricians to routinely ask patients and their parents about energy drink use and to advise against drinking them. The report says energy drinks often contain ingredients that can enhance the jittery effects of caffeine or that can have other side effects including nausea and diarrhea. It says they should be regulated as stringently as tobacco, alcohol and prescription medicines.

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OBAMA BUDGET

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Big pharmaceutical companies could face increased competition from generic drugmakers under two proposals put forth by the Obama administration on Monday despite earlier savings extracted from drugmakers as part of last year's healthcare law. President Barack Obama, as part of his 2012 budget proposal, called for cutting the number of years

drugmakers could exclusively market brand-name biologic Drugs to 7 years from 12.

ILLEGAL ALIENS AND HOSPITALS

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arizona lawmakers held a public hearing Monday about a proposed bill that would force hospitals in the state to ask patients about their citizenship status. Under the measure's provisions, hospital staff must inquire if a person is in the country legally before admitting them for non-emergency care. If it turns out that the individual is an illegal immigrant, the hospital would be required to notify federal immigration officers about their status. In emergency situations, hospitals would be allowed to treat illegal immigrants first and ask questions later. Still, they ultimately have to inform immigration officials should the patient be in the country illegally. Any hospital refusing to comply with the law, should it be passed, could be sued by the state. Opponents of Senate Bill 1045 say the measure will scare people into not seeking medical attention if they know they can be deported.

MORE WOMEN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

VO: 24

According to figures from the National Migration Institute (INM) the percentage of female migrants who come to the border with the intention of crossing into the United States experienced an increase of 100 percent in the last year in regard to women Mexican, while the figures for foreign migrants the number stood at 16 percent of total seizures. In recent days north of Ciudad Juarez reported that following the illegal killing occurred in Tamaulipas in recent months, the migratory flow through this city has increased by nearly 30 percent, an increase of 30 to 35 percent in the composition on the number of women, according to figures from the Human Rights Center of the Casa del Migrante, A. C., and researcher of the Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Colef), Rodolfo Rubio.

INTERVIEW SILVIA MENDEZ MEDAL OF HONOR

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An Orange County woman will soon be honored with the country's highest civilian honor. As a young girl Sylvia Mendez was at the center of a lawsuit that ended school segregation in where Mexican-American children lived next door to an all-white school but were denied entrance. Black and white photos are proudly displayed in Mendez's Orange County home. It is a

reminder of her family's struggle that changed history. "They were fighting to show I was equal to everyone else," said Mendez. In 1945, when Sylvia was 8-years-old, her parents Felicitas and Gonzalo filed a lawsuit after their children were turned away from an all-white school in Westminster. Her father, a businessman, became furious learning his children would be forced to attend a Mexican school.

WOMEN ON BONE DRUGS HAVE LESS COLON CANCER: STUDY VO: 18

Women taking certain bone drugs after menopause appear less likely to develop colon cancer, Israeli and U.S. researchers said Monday. The finding has them excited about the prospect of using the drugs -- called bisphosphonates -- to help prevent cancer in healthy people, but other experts are less enthusiastic.

HIGH FIBER DIET MAY INCREASE LIFESPAN VO: 24

There's even more reason to fill up on fiber! A new study shows that a diet high in fiber-- particularly from whole grains-- may reduce your risk of death caused by heart and respiratory diseases. The findings are published online in the Archives of Internal Medicine. It also shows the most effective type of fiber comes from *grains -- not other sources of fiber like fruits and vegetables. Researchers note, however, that it could be that people who eat more fiber are healthier overall-- and are therefore less likely to get heart and respiratory diseases.

OVERWEIGHT WOMEN SHOW LOWER GLAUCOMA RISK VO: 22

Overweight older women may be less likely than their thinner peers to develop the potentially blinding eye disease glaucoma, a study published Monday suggests. Researchers found that of nearly 4,000 older Dutch adults followed for a decade, heavier women were less likely to be diagnosed with so-called open-angle glaucoma. There was no clear link, however, between weight and glaucoma risk among men.

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