

=====06/03/2011

===== EUROPE: E COLI OUTBREAK

A DEADLY OUTBREAK OF E. COLI HAS KILLED 16 PEOPLE AND SICKENED MORE THAN 1,600 OTHERS ACROSS 10 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE EU IS NOW GRAPPLING WITH POTENTIAL DIPLOMATIC FALLOUT FROM THE OUTBREAK, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS, AS FINGERS ARE POINTED ON WHO IS TO BLAME AND BANS ON VEGETABLE IMPORTS ARE IMPOSED. HERE'S A LOOK AT HOW THE OUTBREAK HAS DEVELOPED.

=====06/06/2011

===== SKIN CANCER/NEW DRUGS (25 SECS)

THERE MAY BE A DRAMATIC NEW BREAKTHROUGH FOR SKIN CANCER PATIENTS. RESEARCH PRESENTED AT A CANCER CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO ON SUNDAY SAYS FOR THE FIRST TIME, PATIENTS WITH THE DEADLIEST FORM OF MELANOMA HAVE TWO NEW TREATMENT OPTIONS. BOTH DRUGS CAUSE TUMORS TO SHRINK AND CAN SIGNIFICANTLY PROLONG SURVIVAL RATES. ONE OF THE DRUGS IS DIRECTED AT A SPECIFIC MUTATION INVOLVED IN THE FORMATION OF SKIN TUMORS. THE OTHER STIMULATES THE IMMUNE SYSTEM TO FIGHT OFF TUMORS

=====CA-PARALYZED TODDLER IMPROVEMENT (:20)

THIS IS NEW VIDEO OF BABY IZAIHA WALLIS,-- DOING SOMETHING HE HASN'T DONE SINCE HIS ACCIDENT. IN THE VIDEO, TAKEN LAST WEEK, YOU SEE HIM LIFT HIS HIP. AND HERE HE'S MOVING HIS FEET ON HIS OWN. WHAT' LOOKS LIKE A MINOR IMPROVEMENT DOCTORS SAY, IT'S ALMOST MIRACULOUS.

DR. DENNIS MANESS, FOUNDER OF THE BRAINTEK INSTITUTE-COULDN'T HOLD BACK HIS EMOTIONS. THINKING OF THE PROGRESS IZAIHA HAS MADE IN THE TWO WEEKS SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL. THE BABY DIDN'T GET AN OPTION WHEN HE GOT RUN OVER AND AT ONE POINT THEY WERE CONSIDERING CALLING IN HOSPICE. AND TO SEE THE BABY MAKE THIS KIND OF TURN-AROUND IT IS SO EXCITING. IZAIHA, WHO NEEDS 24-HOUR CARE, NOW HAS A HOSPITAL BILL WHICH STANDS AT AROUND \$3.5 MILLION. BUT, DR. MANESS AND HIS TEAM ARE PROVIDING CARE TO IZAIHA FOR FREE.

===== DATE: 06/14/11 - TUESDAY

=====FDA INTRODUCES NEW SUNSCREEN LABELS (:20)

IT WILL SOON BE EASIER TO CHOOSE THE BEST SUNSCREEN FOR YOU. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL DEVELOP NEW LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUNSCREEN PRODUCTS. THE NEW LABELS WILL SHOW IF A PRODUCT IS "BROAD SPECTRUM," MEANING IT PROTECTS AGAINST BOTH ULTRAVIOLET RAYS A AND B. THEY WILL ALSO TELL HOW LONG A SUNSCREEN IS "WATER RESISTANT" WHILE EITHER SWIMMING OR SWEATING. A FEW WORDS WILL BE BANNED: WATERPROOF, SWEATPROOF AND SUNBLOCK. ALSO, S-P-F RATINGS ABOVE 50 WILL BE OBSOLETE, INSTEAD LABELS WILL SAY "50-PLUS".

=====06/21/2011

=====NEW CIGARRETTE WARNING LABELING

IN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO U.S. CIGARETTE PACKS IN 25 YEARS, THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION RELEASED **NINE NEW WARNING LABELS THAT DEPICT IN GRAPHIC DETAIL THE NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE.** AMONG THE IMAGES RELEASED ARE **ROTTING AND DISEASED TEETH AND GUMS AND A MAN WITH A TRACHEOTOMY**

SMOKING. THE LABELS WILL TAKE UP THE TOP HALF OF A PACK OF CIGARETTE PACKS. WARNING LABELS ALSO MUST APPEAR IN ADVERTISEMENTS AND CONSTITUTE 20 PERCENT OF AN AD. CIGARETTE MAKERS HAVE UNTIL THE FALL OF 2012 TO COMPLY. MANDATES TO INTRODUCE NEW GRAPHIC WARNING LABELS WERE PART OF A LAW PASSED IN 2009 THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, GAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO REGULATE TOBACCO, INCLUDING SETTING GUIDELINES FOR MARKETING AND LABELING, BANNING CERTAIN PRODUCTS AND LIMITING NICOTINE.

=====06/24/2011

=====TV AND SLEEP IN KIDS (23 SEC)

A NEW STUDY FOUND THAT SLEEP PROBLEMS ARE MORE COMMON IN 3- TO 5-YEAR-OLDS WHO WATCH TELEVISION AFTER 7 P.M. WATCHING SHOWS WITH VIOLENCE -- INCLUDING KIDS' CARTOONS -- WAS ALSO TIED TO SLEEPING TROUBLE. PROBLEMS INCLUDED DIFFICULTY FALLING ASLEEP, NIGHTMARES AND DAYTIME SLEEPINESS. VIEWING NONVIOLENT SHOWS DURING THE DAY DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH SLEEP PROBLEMS IN THE MORE THAN 600 YOUNGSTERS STUDIED. THE STUDY BUILDS ON PREVIOUS RESEARCH LINKING MEDIA USE WITH KIDS' SLEEP PROBLEMS, AND ALSO BOLSTERS ARGUMENTS FOR LIMITING SCREEN TIME FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN.

=====06/29/2011

===== PA-BOY BURNS FEET AT PLAYGROUND (0:23)

A TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY IS RECOVERING FROM SERIOUS BURNS AFTER A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE AT A PENNSYLVANIA PLAYGROUND.

PLAYGROUNDS CAN BE A CONDUCTOR OF FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME BUT IT CAN DEFINITELY CAN GET VERY HOT, ESPECIALLY ON THE BLACK RUBBER SURFACES. THE KIDS FEET GOT BURNT RIGHT AWAY THEY WERE ALL WHITE, STARTED BUBBLING AND FEET STARTED SWELLING UP.

THE BETHLEHEM HOUSING AUTHORITY WHO RUNS THE PLAYGROUND SAYS IT HASN'T RECEIVED A COMPLAINT BEFORE. BUT KIDS GETTING BURNED ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ACROSS THE COUNTRY ISN'T NEW. FIGUEROA QUESTIONS THE NOW-BLACK RECYCLED RUBBER FLOORS OFTEN USED. NEIGHBOR HEATHER ORTIZ IS A MOTHER OF TWO.

ON A HOT DAY IF A KID FALLS, EVEN FOR JUST A SECOND, FIGUEROA SAYS SHE'S SPOOKED THAT ANOTHER CHILD WILL GET HURT.

STANDUP -- LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL SAYS THEY'RE NOT SEEING A LOT OF CASES LIKE LITTLE ALEX, BUT WHAT THEY ARE SEEING? KIDS BURNING THEIR FEET WHILE WALKING ACROSS METAL BASEMENT DOORS.

PARAMEDICS SAY HUMAN SKIN BEGINS TO BURN AT 124 DEGREES. BLACK RUBBER MATS HAVE BEEN TESTED AS HIGH AS 160 DEGREES.

NATS

IT'S NOT KNOWN HOW HOT IT WAS ON THE PLAYGROUND SURFACE THAT BURNED LITTLE ALEX.

DOESN'T SURPRISE ME THAT IT WOULD BURN, BUT SECOND DEGREE BURNS DOES SURPRISE ME.

FIGUEROA WANTS THE SURFACE OF THE PARK CHANGED AND WARNING SIGNS PUT UP; IN THE MEANTIME BANDAGES AND GAUZE ARE THE FOOTWEAR FOR LITTLE ALEX.

===== MAMMOGRAMS STUDY (0:19)

REGULAR MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENINGS REDUCE A WOMAN'S RISK OF DYING FROM BREAST CANCER. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY INVOLVING MORE THAN 133-THOUSAND WOMEN OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS. IT COMPARED WOMEN WHO WERE GIVEN REGULAR MAMMOGRAMS TO THOSE WHO WEREN'T. THESE FINDINGS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO

CHANGE THE U-S PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION THAT WOMEN GET SCREENED AT THE AGE OF 50 AND BEYOND, ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS. THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DISAGREES, SAYING ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS SHOULD START AT AGE 40.