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E-COLI AFFECTING MORE PEOPLE

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At least nine people in the saint louis area have been hospitalized after contracting e-coli. The cause isn't known, but as teresa woodward explains, a local supermarket may be involved. The missouri health department now reports 35 E Coli cases suspected in the state; 28 confirmed. Schnucks salad bars are common among some of the victims but not all. Trained investigators continue in-depth interviews with infected people.

CELL PHONE COMPANIES SELLING PERSONAL DATA

VO :28

Your phone company knows where you live, what websites you visit, what apps you download, what videos you like to watch, and even where you are. Now, some have begun selling that valuable information to the highest bidder. In mid-october, verizon wireless changed its privacy policy to allow the company to record customers' location data and web browsing history, combine it with other personal information like age and gender, aggregate it with millions of other customers' data, and sell it on an anonymized basis.

I PADS FOR AUTISTIC KIDS

VO :26

A local organization is raising money to put I-pads in the hands of children with autism. The organization is called *I-TALK* research has shown that the I-pad has the ability to engage autistic children and help their language skills. Through apps they are able to count.

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US AIRWAYS CREATES JOBS

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U-S airways is making a big change. It's moving most of its call centers back to the United States. The airline is bringing the customer service jobs to Arizona, Nevada and North Carolina as part of a deal with its unions. It took effect tuesday. That means about 400 jobs to the communities. The call center was recently in the Philippines. International calls will be handled out of a center in England.

BANK OF AMERICA WON'T CHARGE FEE

VO :25

The consumer finally wins! In a classic showdown of big business versus the little guy, the bank of america backed down in the face of customer outrage. The bank will not charge a five-dollar debit card fee. The company is abandoning its plan to charge customers five-dollars a month for making purchases with their debit cards.

SUBPOENA OF IMMIGRATION DATA

VO :25

House Republicans are moving to subpoena a list of all immigrants whom the Obama administration has flagged under its secure communities program but failed to arrest for deportation, after the homeland security department missed a congressionally imposed deadline to produce the information this week. Judiciary Chairman Lamar, Texas Republican, said he wants the data so he can see who is among the 300,000 people the has deemed too low a priority to detain under new deportation guidelines. He has scheduled a meeting for wednesday for the immigration subcommittee to vote to authorize the subpoena.

UNITED STATES WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM IRAQ

VO :25

Us troops began leaving Iraq on Wednesday in the first stage of their withdrawal from the country that will continue until the end of the year. Soldiers at Assad military base in Anbar province, west of Baghdad, waited with packed belongings before being taken by bus to an airstrip and flown out of the country. Senior Airman Jasamin Serret said she was glad to know her contribution in Iraq had been "part of history" and that she will leave the country more stable than she found it. The US decision to pull out of Iraq fully by January will effectively end more than eight years of involvement in the Iraq war, despite ongoing concerns about the country's security forces and the potential for instability.

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PERRY DENIES ALLEGATIONS

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Texas Gov. Rick Perry says his campaign didn't provide the media with information about sexual harassment allegations against his GOP presidential rival Herman Cain. In an interview with the conservative blog RedState on Wednesday, Perry said he and his campaign learned about the allegations in a Politico story published Sunday. Perry says his campaign "had absolutely nothing to do with it." That story said at least two National Restaurant Association employees had filed complaints against Cain, who led the trade association in the 1990s. A third employee since has told The Associated Press that Cain expressed unwanted behavior toward her, but she did not file a formal complaint.

US RETAIL SALES

VO: 23

October is becoming an increasingly important month for retailers, as the industry tries to spur shoppers to begin their holiday shopping earlier in the year, according to Joel Bines, a managing director at consultancy AlixPartners. "Consumers aren't there yet," Bines said. He expects shoppers will eventually get on board, however, because that has been "the natural progression" in the past. Traditionally, October has been the third-

smallest month for sales in the retail calendar. The month comes on the heels of the back-to-school shopping season, and ahead of the frenzied shopping of the winter holiday season. But retailers are coaxing consumers to buy more in October in the hope that they will ultimately spend more over the course of the holiday season. In the latest batch of October retail sales reports, most companies fell short of analysts' estimates because Wall Street got a little ahead of the reality, Bines said. Still, it was a solid performance, especially given the current economic situation.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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BANK PROTEST

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Thousands of people across the U.S. on Saturday closed their accounts at large, corporate owned banks and switched to credit unions and smaller not-for-profit institutions. People," Marsh said. The group "Occupy Austin" started the march at city hall with a clear message: to move money out of large banks and to put them into local credit unions where it will benefit the local community. Outside a branch of Wells Fargo bank, police kept close watch on several hundred protesters. Many in the crowd were former customers of Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and other major banks.

OCCUPY ATLANTA

VO :28

Occupy Atlanta is pressing on despite more than a dozen arrests over the weekend. 20 protesters were locked up Saturday night. Police say they didn't leave a city park at closing time. 19 of those arrested were released and some of them joined another rally held tonight. Organizers of the protest earlier filed a federal lawsuit against the city. They say not being allowed to stay at the park is unconstitutional.

OBAMA VETERAN'S PLAN

VO :25

Obama will make the announcement at noon in the White House Rose Garden, where he will be joined by leading veterans' associations to pressure lawmakers to pass two tax credits the president proposed in his jobs bill. Unemployment among veterans is well above the national average of 9 percent and more are expected to enter the labor force after Obama decided to pull out the remaining 40,000 U.S. troops in Iraq by the end of the year. The Returning Heroes Tax Credit provides firms that hire unemployed veterans with a maximum credit of \$5,600 per veteran. The Wounded Warriors Tax Credit offers firms that hire veterans with service-connected disabilities with a maximum credit of \$9,600 per veteran. Congressional Republicans have balked at passing Democrat Obama's \$447 billion jobs package in its entirety because it is paid for by raising taxes on wealthier Americans.

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OBAMA IN PENNSYLVANIA

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On the trip to the election battleground state of Pennsylvania, Obama will unveil changes to Head Start, an early childhood education program that aims to better prepare poor children to start kindergarten. An administration official said Obama will announce changes to the program that would require lower performing Head Start programs to compete for federal funding rather than automatically receiving it. The change is part of a series of executive actions Obama is rolling out under his "we can't

wait" campaign. By taking actions on the economy and domestic issues that do not require congressional approval, Obama wants to pressure Republican lawmakers over their resistance to his \$447 billion jobs package.

ERIC HOLDER AND "FAST AND FURIOUS"

VO: 25

Attorney General Eric Holder says an investigation of arms traffickers called Operation Fast and Furious was flawed in concept as well as in execution, never should have happened and. Facing tough questioning by Senate Republicans, the attorney general said in remarks prepared for a hearing Tuesday that he wants to know why and how firearms that should have been under surveillance could wind up in the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

BANK OF AMERICA SETTLEMENT

VO: 25

A federal judge in Miami approved a \$410 million settlement in a lawsuit claiming Bank of America charged excessive overdraft fees. The decision Monday by Senior U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King affects more than 13 million current and former bank customers who used debit cards over the past decade. Most will get only a fraction of the overdraft fees they paid. The class-action lawsuit claimed that Bank of America processed its debit card and check payments in a way that triggered more overdrafts and therefore more fees. The bank insists the system was proper despite the settlement. The settlement includes an estimated \$123 million in legal fees for plaintiff's lawyers.

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ARIZONA PEARCE DEFEATED

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Some immigration advocates are celebrating the ouster last night of Arizona Sen. Russell Pearce, author of the state's controversial immigration law. Pearce, president of the Arizona Senate, conceded defeat late Tuesday to fellow Republican Jerry Lewis. Early and provisional ballots must be counted, but Pearce trailed Lewis when all precincts had reported

U.S. APPEALS | OBAMA HEALTHCARE

VO :25

A conservative-leaning panel of US appellate judges on Tuesday upheld President Barack Obama's health care law as constitutional, helping set up a Supreme Court fight. A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Washington issued a split opinion upholding the lower court's ruling that found Congress did not overstep its authority in requiring people to buy health insurance or pay a penalty on their taxes, beginning in 2014. The requirement is the most controversial requirement of Obama's signature domestic legislative achievement and the focus of conflicting opinions from judges across the country. The Supreme Court is expected to decide soon, perhaps within days, whether to accept appeals from some of those earlier rulings.

MISSISSIPI ABORTION

VO :35

A constitutional amendment that would have defined a fertilized egg as a person failed on the ballot in Mississippi on Tuesday, dealing the so-called "personhood" movement another blow. The state votes on the "personhood" amendment, which would designate a fertilized egg as a person. Mississippi would have become the first state to define a fertilized egg as a person, a measure which was aimed at outlawing abortion in the state but, opponents contended, would have led to all kinds of unintended consequences. In the end, those concerns won out in a strongly anti-abortion state. The amendment trailed 59 percent to 41 percent with more than half of precincts reporting. The Associated Press has said it will fail.

STRESS JAMA

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Physicians who billed for both technical and professional fees more frequently ordered cardiac stress tests for patients who underwent revascularization compared with

physicians who only interpreted the tests or with physicians who didn't bill for any part of the tests, based on a study published Nov. 9 in the *Journal of the American Medical*

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CALIFORNIA COUNTY TO CHARGE PRISONERS FOR THEIR JAIL STAY

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In the latest case of government belt-tightening, a Southern California county is charging prisoners for the daily cost of their stay. The Riverside County board of supervisors approved a measure on Tuesday that allows the county to charge prisoners \$142.42 per day. County supervisor Jeff Stone proposed the idea because he believes the county could save between \$3 million and \$5 million annually by charging at least some of the 60,000 prisoners that pass through Riverside's jails every year. But he added that his estimate of up to \$5 million in savings is a conservative one, recognizing that not everyone who can afford to pay will pay.

CHRISTMAS TREE TAX PUT ON HOLD

VO :24

The Agriculture Department had proposed a new 15-cent tax on fresh-cut Christmas trees. But after people got outraged, now the proposed tax has been put on hold. The Obama administration said the tax was requested by the National Christmas Tree Association. The money was to be used to fund a new board to promote fresh-cut trees. Sales of artificial trees have grown in recent years.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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The number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week fell to the lowest level since April, which suggests employers could be stepping up hiring. The

Labor Department says applications for unemployment benefits dropped to a seasonally adjusted 390,000, the third decline in four weeks. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to 400,000, also the lowest point since April. The downward trend in unemployment benefit applications suggests businesses are laying off fewer workers. Still, applications need to consistently drop below 375,000 to signal sustained job gains. They haven't been at that level since February.

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ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW

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The Justice Department asked that the Supreme Court stay away from the Arizona immigration law. Lower courts in the state already blocked tough provisions towards immigrants that are illegally living in the country. Arizona state law is a challenge to the federal law and is designed to establish its own immigration policy. The state argues that the law is in efforts to cooperate with the federal government. The law demands that while police officers are enforcing other laws they may question the immigration status of a person if they are suspicious. Governor Jan Brewer is seeking to overturn the judge's decision and wants the Supreme Court to review the case. Brewer argues that the subject is of nationwide importance. The Justice Department disagrees claiming that various states have recently adopted new laws on immigration and that the matter is not of such importance that the Supreme Court would need to review it. The Arizona law has been followed by other states such as Alabama where legislators enacted a requirement for schools to check children's immigration status. That provision has been temporarily blocked. The Justice Department, approximately 30 organizations dedicated to defending civil rights and prominent church leaders are challenging Alabama's law. But law enforcement's ability to check a person's status while enforcing any other laws is still standing.

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MEDICARE FRAUD

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Contractors paid tens of millions of taxpayer dollars to detect fraudulent Medicare claims are using inaccurate and inconsistent data that makes it extremely difficult to catch bogus bills submitted by crooks, according to an inspector general's report released Monday. Medicare's contractor system has morphed into a complicated labyrinth, with one set of contractors paying claims and another combing through those claims in an effort to stop an estimated \$60 billion a year in fraud. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services inspector general's report -- obtained by The Associated Press before its official release -- found repeated problems among the fraud contractors over a decade and systemic failures by federal health officials to adequately supervise them. Investigators found that health officials did not consistently evaluate key measures such as how many investigations were initiated by contractors. Investigators examined two contractors in charge of fraud hot spots in Florida and Texas during a nine-month period.

OBAMA IN APEC

VO: 26

Defending his efforts to contain Iran's nuclear ambitions, President Barack Obama said Sunday that economic sanctions against Tehran have had "enormous bite," and that he will consult with other nations on additional steps to ensure that Iran does not acquire a nuclear weapon. Obama expressed confidence that Russia and China in particular understood the threat a nuclear-armed Iran would pose and said their leaders agreed that Iran cannot weaponise its nuclear power and trigger a nuclear arms race in the region. "

DEPORTATION ISSUES

VO :27

The new politic of the Obama administration of reducing undocumented aliens deportation that do not have a criminal background resulted inconsistent and confusing. According to activist and lawyers, have been witnessing the deportation of illegal immigrants that qualify to stay in the United States but have been deported regardless.

STUDY ABOUT DIABETES

VO: 27

The number of people living with diabetes is on the rise. That's coming from a new report by the International Diabetes Federation. It says right now, 366-million people worldwide have diabetes. They expect that number to jump to 552-million by 2030. The report says that's one in 10 adults... and three new cases every 10 seconds. The report was released in honor of World Diabetes Day.

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HATE CRIME STATISTICS

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Today, the federal bureau of investigation released hate crime statistics, 2010 based on information submitted by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. These data indicate that 6,628 criminal incidents involving 7,699 offenses were reported in 2010 as a result of bias toward a particular race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin, or physical or mental disability.

THANKSGIVING PROTEST

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Hispanic mothers from los angeles, california said that in thanksgiving day, they would hold a protest, due to the immigrants that have been deported and did not have any criminal background.

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