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WHITE RICE AND DIABETES

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A new study, published in the British Medical Journal, shows white rice increases the risk of type two diabetes if eaten regularly. The authors of the study, from Harvard School of Public Health, wanted to determine whether the risk was dependent on the amount of rice consumed and if the Asian population was more at risk, because it tends to eat more white rice. After looking at the results from four studies--from China, Japan, the U-S and Australia, the researchers found a significant trend: the more white rice eaten, the higher the risk of type two diabetes. The authors estimated the risk of type two diabetes increased 10-percent with each increased serving of white rice. And though the risk applies to both Asian and Western cultures, scientists thought the Asian countries were at a higher risk since more rice is eaten there. The study authors recommended bigger studies and eating whole grains, which include brown rice, instead of refined carbs like white rice, in order to help slow down the global diabetes epidemic.

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SOUTH CAROLINA IMMIGRATION LAW

VO :24

A loophole in South Carolina's immigration law exempts farmworkers and private maids and nannies from a mandatory immigration status check. The law went into effect January 1 and requires all private employers in South Carolina to use the federal E-Verify database to check newly hired employees' immigration status. But the State newspaper reports Sunday that a little-known loophole provides exceptions for agriculture laborers, domestic workers in a private residence, ministers and fishermen working on small crews.

EXERCISE SAME EFFECT AS SEX

VO :26

A new study finds women can have an orgasm just by working out. Researchers from Indiana University found that women experienced orgasms or sexual pleasure when performing certain exercises. Particularly, those that used the abdominal muscles -- from weight lifting to yoga. The study is based on an online survey. About 40 percent of the women who'd had the experiences said they'd done so on more than 10 occasions.

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03/20/12

LOS ANGELES EDUCATION BUDGET CUTS

LILIANA ESCALANTE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 1:45

The Los Angeles Board of Education is expected to vote Tuesday on a worst-case \$6-billion budget that would eliminate thousands of jobs, close all of the district's adult schools and eliminate some after-school and arts programs, among a slew of other reductions. The budget plan could change, and even if it is approved by the school board, a final version of the budget most likely is months away. But the nation's second-largest school system is under pressure to pare more than \$390 million from the budget for next year. Supporters of the programs up for elimination are expected to rally outside of Los Angeles Unified School District's downtown headquarters ahead of the afternoon meeting.

NEW YORK DREAM ACT LATEST

VO/SOT: 45

While GOP Presidential hopefuls keep tripping over each other to show who is the most rabidly anti-immigrant, hundreds of New Yorkers are in Albany today advocating for the

New York DREAM Act. Why the Republican politicians believe their extremism in immigration matters - a sure-fire way to alienate Latino voters - will help them become President is a mystery. After all, poll after poll confirms that the majority of the American people favors a reasonable solution to the immigration crisis.

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OBAMA HEALTHCARE AND LATINOS

VO: 20 SOT :15

At an Iowa town hall last summer, an audience member prodded President Obama for failing to pass a single-payer health care system in 2010's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The president admitted that his health reform law wasn't everything he wanted, but he defended it. As Friday marks the second anniversary of the law's passage, the White House is reminding Americans that the legislation has already expanded access. "We know that 2.5 million young adults have gained coverage on their parents' plan because of the Affordable Care Act -- and that includes 410,000 African Americans within that number," Cecilia Munoz, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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03/26/12

SUPREME COURT HEALTH REFORM

PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:51

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday appeared prepared to decide the fate of President Barack Obama's sweeping healthcare law rather than delaying for years a review of the mandate that Americans buy insurance or pay a penalty. During the first of three days of historic arguments, the justices voiced doubt that a U.S. tax law requiring that people pay first and litigate later should delay the legal challenge to the president's signature domestic legislative achievement.

GA IMMIGRATION LAW

VO:22

A bill making its way through the Georgia Legislature could prevent illegal immigrants from being able to get a marriage license or access to water and sewage service in the state. The bill sponsored by Sen. Barry Loudermilk, R-Cassville, has gotten a lot of attention because it would also bar illegal immigrants from the state's public colleges, universities and technical schools. But another provision that's generated very little discussion removes foreign passports from a list of identification documents that government agencies can accept for certain transactions. To be acceptable, foreign passports would have to be accompanied by federal immigration documentation proving someone is in the country legally.

NEW PROOF OF RESIDENCY AZ

VO-SOT-VO :29

Parents of school children in Arizona will be required to fill out new forms showing proof of residency for the upcoming school year. The forms meet new Arizona Department of Education requirements for determining whether a student lives in the state with a qualified parent or guardian, the Arizona Daily Star reported. The department says the forms were distributed to public schools in the fall and are based on a new law passed by the Legislature during the past session.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION TEXAS

VO :21

Local officials in a Dallas suburb say they plan to continue pushing for a ban on undocumented immigrants renting property within the city limits a measure that has cost the city \$5 million and remains unenforceable due to court challenges. The fight has pushed Farmers Branch, a quiet collection of bedroom communities and office parks, into the national debate about illegal immigration. Local Latinos say it also has made U.S. citizens and immigrants feel unwelcome in the city, where the Latino population has fallen in recent years.

SANCTUARY BALTIMORE

VO :22

Common sense about the nation's immigration policy vanishes from the room whenever someone asks, "What part of illegal don't you understand?" It's a real conversation killer, that line. People who use it aren't interested in a discussion. They think law enforcement agencies should round up the estimated 11.5 million men, women and children who aren't authorized to live in the U.S. and deport them. People fixated on the notion of illegality - the crossing of a border without papers - aren't interested in knowing why these immigrants might have come here, what hardships they experienced.

US DIABETES CURE

VO :20

New research in the US gives clear proof that weight-loss surgery can reverse and possibly cure diabetes, and doctors say it should be offered sooner to more people with the disease - not just as a last resort. The two studies, released on Monday, are the first to compare stomach-reducing operations to medicines alone for "diabesity" - Type 2 diabetes brought on by obesity. Millions of Americans have this and cannot make enough insulin or use what they do make to process sugar from food. Both studies found that surgery helped far more patients achieve normal blood-sugar levels than medicines alone did. The results were dramatic.

BMW RECALL

VO :24

German luxury-car maker BMW said on Monday that it is recalling about 1.3 million vehicles world-wide for repair due to potential problems with a battery-cable cover, one of the German luxury car maker's largest recalls in recent years."In some remote cases, the battery cable cover inside the boot [trunk] of these vehicles may be incorrectly mounted," BMW said. "This can result in the electrical system malfunctioning, the vehicle failing to start and, in some cases, to charring or fire."The recall covers all BMW 5 and 6 Series models built between 2003 and 2010. The company said it isn't aware of any accident or injury that was triggered through the technical fault.

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HEALTHCARE REFORM

VO :21

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday appeared closely divided along ideological lines over whether Congress had the power to require most people in the United States to buy medical insurance, with conservative justices asking skeptical questions about President Barack Obama's healthcare law and liberals defending it. During a dramatic two hours of arguments, pivotal justices on the nine-member Supreme Court suggested they would uphold the so-called individual mandate regarding obtaining insurance only if they believed they were not giving Congress new power over people's lives.

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SUPREME COURT HEALTH REFORM

VO :20

The Obama administration's top courtroom lawyer made an impassioned plea on Wednesday for the Supreme Court to save President Barack Obama's healthcare law, capping three days of historic arguments that left it unclear how the nine justices would rule. Having peppered lawyers for and against the law with questions for more than six hours over the three days, the justices withdrew to their chambers to begin up to three months of deliberation expected to yield a decision by late June

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US TO INCREASE NONIMMIGRANT VISA FEE

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The U.S. Department of State has announced it will increase non-immigrant visa processing fees in most categories starting from April 13. Under the new schedule of fees, applicants for all visas that are not petition-based, including tourist and business visitor (B1/B2) visas and all student and exchange visitor (F, M and J) visas, will pay a fee of \$160 instead of \$140.

DEPORTATIONS SUSPENDED

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The Obama administration is temporarily suspending immigration court dockets in four cities while authorities review thousands of cases as part of a plan to indefinitely delay deportation proceedings for many non-criminal illegal immigrants. The dockets in Detroit, New Orleans, Orlando, and Seattle will be suspended during the review cases involving illegal immigrants not held in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody, the Department of Homeland Security said Thursday. ICE previously reviewed 11,682 in Baltimore and Denver. Officials recommended suspending more than 1,600 cases in those two cities. The reviews are part of an Obama administration pledge to focus deportation resources on criminal immigrants and those who pose a national security or public safety threat.

SCHOOL ABUSE VICTIMS

VILMA TARAZONA. SATELLITE ROOM

PKG 2:00

In Modesto, a secondary master presented his resignation to the school, left his wife and moved with his girlfriend, an 18-year-old student. As the young man was already of age when began the relationship (according to the couple) teacher could not denounce it. In the case of Professor pederast, Mark Berndt of the primary Miramonte, the district had to spend \$300,000 in legal proceedings to dismiss him. And all because there are still not clear for this kind of cases rules. Now, lawmakers are hoping to change that to two Bill were presented this week. The first comes from Modesto, Assemblyman Republican Kristin Olsen, and would make this kind of relationship between teachers and students a felony, even if the student is of legal age. In addition it would deprive these masters of his pension and once health care retired in case if found guilty. The proposal also criminalizaría communication seductive, including flirtatious text messages.

BILINGUAL BRAIN

VO :20

Speak two or more languages can protect older adults against cognitive impairment that leads to dementia, says a new research. Scientists at the University of York in Toronto, Canada and school of education of the University of Harvard, in United States, carried out a review of studies on the cognitive effects of communication in two or more languages. They discovered that although bilingualism does not seem to offer too many cognitive benefits during middle age, Yes can have a major impact among older people. The study, which appears published in Trends of Cognitive Sciences, (trends in

cognitive sciences), found that older adults who speak two or more languages seem to have better mental health that protects the appearance of Alzheimer's disease.

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SECURITY BREACH CARD PROCESSORS

VILMA TARAZONA. SATELLITE ROOM

PKG 2:00

The U.S. Secret Service is investigating a major cyber intrusion at an Atlanta-based payment processor that could expose millions of MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover cardholders to fraudulent charges. Processor Global Payments Inc said on Friday it had found "unauthorized access" into its system early in March and notified law enforcement and financial institutions. Payment network operators MasterCard Inc, Visa Inc , American Express Co and Discover Financial Services confirmed they were affected, along with banks and other franchises that issue cards bearing their logos. A spokesman for the Secret Service said the agency is leading investigations into the case but declined to give any details.

USCIS IMMIGRATION WAIVER

LILIANA ESCALANTE. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today posted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register that would reduce the time U.S. citizens are separated from their spouses, children, and parents (i.e. immediate relatives) who must obtain an immigrant visa abroad to become lawful permanent residents of the United States. This rule would allow certain immediate relatives of U.S. citizens to apply for a provisional waiver of the unlawful presence ground of inadmissibility while still in the United States if they can demonstrate that being separated from their U.S. citizen spouse or parent would cause that U.S. citizen relative extreme hardship.

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