

=====DATE: 02/1/12 - WEDNESDAY

=====1 MILLION BIRTH CONTROL PILL RECALL (PKG) :48

PFIZER IS RECALLING SOME ONE-MILLION PACKS OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES... AFTER DISCOVERING A PROBLEM THAT COULD CAUSE WOMEN TO TAKE AN INCORRECT DAILY DOSAGE---AND INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTAL PREGNANCY. THE RECALL INVOLVES LO/OVRAL-28 TABLETS... AND A GENERIC VERSION OF THE BIRTH CONTROL PILLS. THE COMPANY SAYS THE PROBLEM WAS IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTED -- AND THEY'VE HAD NO REPORTS OF ANY ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS.

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=====DATE: 02/02/12 - THURSDAY

=====ME-GIRL GETS 6 ORGAN TRANSPLANT (:20)

A LITTLE GIRL FROM MAINE WAS RELEASED FROM A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN BOSTON TODAY -- THREE MONTHS AFTER GETTING A RARE, SIX-ORGAN TRANSPLANT.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TRANSPLANT SURGERY OF 6 ORGANS AT ONE TIME IS A FIRST IN NEW ENGLAND. IT WAS A 14 HOUR SURGERY. THE ONLY WAY TO TAKE OUT THIS TUMOR WAS TO REMOVE ALL THE ORGANS THAT WERE INVOLVED, THIS INCLUDED THE ESOPHAGUS, THE STOMACH, LIVER, INTESTINES AND THE SPLEEN. SHE HAD NO OTHER OPTIONS THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY SHE WAS GOING TO SURVIVE. THE ANONYMOUS CHILD DONOR A GODSEND FOR THE FAMILY.

=====HEROIN VACCINE PATENTS (pkg 1:16)

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MEXICO PATENTED THE FIRST VACCINE AGAINST HEROIN THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THIS VACCINE BE USED TO COMBAT AND PREVENT ADDICTION IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. THE VACCINE WILL NOT BE THE SOLUTION TO ADDICTION, IS ONE OF THE WAYS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY IN THE TREATMENT FIELD. HOPEFULLY, BY VACCINATING, PEOPLE WILL LOWER THE INTENSITY OF CONSUMING THE DRUG, BECAUSE THE DOSE THAT BLOCKS PART OF PLEASURE. OBVIOUSLY, IT REQUIRES THE USER WANTS TO STOP USING AND HAVE OTHER PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC SUPPORT.

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=====SPANKING CAUSES LONG-TERM DAMAGE (23 SEC)

SPANKING YOUR KIDS COULD LEAD TO PROBLEMS LATER IN LIFE. AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNAL REVEALED HOW RESEARCHERS ANALYZED SEVERAL STUDIES ON THE TOPIC AND FOUND WHO WERE PHYSICALLY PUNISHED HAD MORE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND SLOWER COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT. RESEARCHERS SAY THE FINDINGS SHOW PARENTS SHOULD FIND CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS TO DISCIPLINE THEIR KIDS.

=====02/08/2012

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=====02/09/2012

=====SODA CONSUMPTION LINKED TO  
ASTHMA/RESPIRATORY DISEASE (18 sec)

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCHERS SAY DRINKING SOFT DRINKS COULD PUT YOU AT HIGHER RISK FOR ASTHMA AND LUNG DISEASE. RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT NEARLY 17-THOUSAND PEOPLE 16-YEARS-OLD AND OLDER LIVING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA. THEY FOUND THAT MORE THAN 13 PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS WITH ASTHMA REPORTED CONSUMING MORE THAN 16 OUNCES OF SODA A DAY. NEARLY 16 PERCENT OF THOSE WITH CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE REPORTED DRINKING THAT AS WELL. RESEARCHERS SAY THE FINDINGS SHOW THERE IS AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN DRINKING SOFT DRINKS AND GETTING ASTHMA OR LUNG DISEASE

=====02/10/2012

=====CANCER DRUG ERASES ALZHEIMER'S SYMPTOMS  
(22 SEC)

SCIENTISTS SAY THEY "SERENDIPITOUSLY" DISCOVERED THAT A DRUG USED TO TREAT A TYPE OF CANCER QUICKLY REVERSED ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN MICE. IN THE STUDY, RESEARCHERS AT CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GAVE MICE MEGA-DOSES OF BEXAROTENE, A DRUG USED TO TREAT A TYPE OF SKIN CANCER CALLED CUTANEOUS T-CELL LYMPHOMA. WITHIN 72 HOURS, THE MICE SHOWED DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENTS IN MEMORY AND MORE THAN 50% OF AMYLOID PLAQUE -- A HALLMARK OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE -- HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BRAIN. THE STUDY WAS PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL SCIENCE. PATHOLOGY TESTS ON THE MICE SHOWED BEXAROTENE LOWERED THE LEVELS OF AMYLOID BETA AND RAISED THE LEVELS OF APOLIPOPROTEIN E, WHICH HELPS KEEP AMYLOID BETA LEVELS LOW. RESEARCHERS TESTED THE MEMORIES OF MICE WITH ALZHEIMER'S BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER GIVING THEM BEXAROTENE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ALZHEIMER'S MICE WALKED RIGHT INTO A CAGE WHERE THEY'D PREVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN A PAINFUL ELECTRICAL SHOCK, BUT AFTER TREATMENT WITH BEXAROTENE, THE MICE REMEMBERED THE SHOCK AND REFUSED TO ENTER THE CAGE. IN ANOTHER TEST, THE SCIENTISTS PUT TISSUE PAPER IN A CAGE. NORMAL MICE INSTINCTIVELY USE TISSUES IN THEIR CAGE TO MAKE A NEST, BUT MICE WITH ALZHEIMER'S CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE TISSUES. AFTER TREATMENT WITH THE DRUG, THE ALZHEIMER'S MICE MADE A NEST WITH THE PAPER. CARRILLO SAID ONE OF THE MAJOR ADVANTAGES OF BEXAROTENE IS THAT IT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR USE IN HUMANS, WHICH MEANS THE RESEARCHERS CAN MOVE INTO HUMAN TRIALS SOONER THAN IF IT WERE A COMPLETELY NEW DRUG.

=====02/13/2012

=====DESSERT FOR BREAKFAST MAY HELP YOU  
LOSE (22 SEC)

A SURPRISING DISCOVERY BY RESEARCHERS, WHO FOUND THAT EATING DESSERT FOR BREAKFAST COULD ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE TO WEIGHT LOSS! SCIENTISTS WITH TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY DIVIDED 193 OBESE ADULTS INTO TWO DIET GROUPS--ONE GROUP HAD A LOW-CARB 300 CALORIE BREAKFAST, WHILE THE SECOND HAD A 600 CALORIE BREAKFAST HIGH IN PROTEIN, CARBOHYDRATES, AND INCLUDING A DESSERT ITEM. OVER 32 WEEKS, BOTH GROUPS INITIALLY LOST WEIGHT ON THE LOW-CALORIE DIET, BUT RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT EVENTUALLY, THE GROUP THAT DIDN'T HAVE DESSERT FOR BREAKFAST REGAINED THE WEIGHT, WHILE THE DESSERT GROUP KEPT LOSING WEIGHT. OVERALL, THE DESSERT GROUP LOST AN AVERAGE OF 40 POUNDS MORE THAN THE NON-DESSERT GROUP. RESEARCHERS NOTED THE NON-DESSERT GROUP DIDN'T FEEL FULL AND EVENTUALLY CHEATED ON THE DIET PLAN, WHILE THE DESSERT GROUP HAD FEWER CRAVINGS LATER IN THE DAY. THE SCIENTISTS NOTED THE KEY IS TO INDULGE IN THE MORNING WHEN THE BODY'S METABOLISM IS MORE ACTIVE.

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=====Sex-changing treatment for kids on the rise (24 sec)

MEDICAL REPORTS SAY TRANSGENDER TEENS AND EVEN YOUNGER KIDS ARE GETTING SEX-CHANGING TREATMENT AT SOME U.S. CLINICS. THE NUMBERS ARE SMALL BUT ON THE RISE. THESE ARE CHILDREN WHO ARE CERTAIN THEY WERE BORN THE WRONG SEX. WITH THEIR PARENTS' APPROVAL, THEY'RE GETTING DRUGS TO STOP PUBERTY, FOLLOWED BY SEX-CHANGING HORMONES THEY MUST TAKE FOR LIFE. ONE BOSTON HOSPITAL TREATS ABOUT 19 SUCH KIDS A YEAR AND HAS SEEN A FOUR-FOLD INCREASE IN PATIENTS SINCE 1998.

=====02/21/2012

=====TESTOSTERONE / MALE MENOPAUSE (pkg 2:34)

OUR MEDICAL REPORTER CECILIA RAMIREZ HARRIS HAD A STORY ON MENOPAUSE AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND HOW TO ADDRESS THAT STAGE OF LIFE IN WOMEN, BUT SELDOM IS IT SPOKEN OR HEARD ABOUT THE ANDROPAUSE... AND HOW THAT AFFECTS MEN!

=====02/22/2012

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=====02/23/2012 THURSDAY

=====NEW WEIGHT LOSS PILL

MAJOR NEWS TONIGHT ABOUT THE FIRST NEW PRESCRIPTION DIET PILL IN 13 YEARS. LAST WEEK, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PRESCRIPTION PILL QNEXA.. WHICH SUPPRESSES APPETITE. LATE TODAY...A PANEL OF MEDICAL EXPERTS VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHICH MEANS THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HERE IS ABC'S DOCTOR RICHARD BESSER. REJECTED JUST 2 YEARS AGO BY THE FDA FOR SAFETY CONCERNS, TODAY'S PANEL SAID FOR OBESE PEOPLE THE BENEFITS OF QNEXA OUTWEIGH THE RISKS THAT INCLUDE INCREASED MEMORY LOSS, CONFUSION, INCREASED HEART RATE,

EVEN BIRTH DEFECTS OPPONENTS AREN'T SHY ABOUT THEIR SKEPTICISM.

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=====02/24/2012 FRIDAY

=====BRAIN CANCER VACCINE TRIAL

BRAIN CANCER VACCINE. **FUENTES.** A TEAM OF SURGEONS AND ONCOLOGISTS AT SYLVESTER COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER, PART OF UHEALTH - UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HEALTH SYSTEM, HAVE TREATED THE FIRST PATIENT ENROLLED IN A CLINICAL TRIAL USING A VACCINE TO TARGET GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME - THE MOST COMMON AND AGGRESSIVE FORM OF BRAIN TUMOR. UHEALTH IS ONE OF ONLY EIGHT MEDICAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE ONLY ONE IN FLORIDA, TO OFFER THIS TREATMENT OPTION. THE TRIAL, A PHASE II MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL STUDY, USES A HEAT SHOCK PROTEIN VACCINE (HSPPC-96) FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE NEWLY DIAGNOSED WITH GLIOBLASTOMA MULTIFORME, USING THE PATIENT'S OWN TUMOR CELLS TO DEVELOP THE VACCINE.

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=====OHIO SCHOOL SHOOTING LATEST ( 1' 37")

THE 17-YEAR-OLD BOY HELD IN A SHOOTING RAMPAGE AT AN OHIO HIGH SCHOOL HAS CONFESSED TO OPENING FIRE ON FELLOW STUDENTS HE PICKED AT RANDOM, PROSECUTORS SAID, AS TWO MORE TEENAGERS DIED, BRINGING THE DEATH TOLL TO THREE. PROSECUTORS IDENTIFIED THE SHOOTER AS T.J. LANE AND SAID HE HAS ADMITTED TO TAKING A KNIFE AND A .22-CALIBER PISTOL INTO THE CAFETERIA AT CHARDON HIGH SCHOOL IN A TOWN 35 MILES (56 KM) EAST OF CLEVELAND ON MONDAY AND FIRING 10 ROUNDS.

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