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1-2-2012

Take that, corporate America for trying to nickel and dime us to make an extra '2' bucks. Verizon wireless is dropping that redonkulous two dollar fee.. Because it just didn't make 'cents'. Verizon backtracked the day after announcing plans to charge customers who make one-time payments online or by phone. Peeps protested online and the feds warned they would check to see if it was even legal. So Verizon quickly "hung it up."

Here's a political quickie. Mitt Romney and Ron Paul are both locked in a battle for the top in Iowa heading into tomorrow's caucuses. Coming up in third to take them over.. Rick Santorum?? 24-percent of Iowa voters say they would support Romney and 22 percent are backing Paul. 15-percent are checking the box for Rick Santorum.

1-3-2012

In a bizarre work force trend... Men are claiming more jobs than women! and it's flipping the switch on a long-running trend that came within a whisker of giving the U-s its first-ever female-majority workforce. About 1.3 million men have landed jobs in the last year compared to 600 thousand women. And most of the gigs going to men are in retail and manufacturing as the construction biz bottoms out.

YOU MAY WANT TO BE CONSERVATIVE WITH YOUR MEDS IF YOU SUFFER FROM A-D-H-D. MANUFACTURERS FOR THE DRUGS, ADERALL AND RITALIN SAY THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH DEMANDS FOR THE MEDS AND SEVERAL ORDERS REMAIN UNFILLED. MANY ARE BLAMING THE d-e-a FOR SETTING SUCH STRICT QUOTAS TO CURB DRUG ABUSE.

DEMAND FOR ADDERALL IS REACHING ALL-TIME HIGHS. IN 2010 MORE THAN 18-MILLION PRESCRIPTIONS WERE WRITTEN... THAT'S UP 13-PERCENT FROM 200

1-4-2012

Bring on the tears....

Because your FAVORITE LEGAL CRACK WILL COST YOU MORE.

WE'RE TALKING COFFEE. STARBUCKS SPECIFICALLY.

THEY'LL BE JACKING UP THEIR PRICES AN AVERAGE OF 1 PERCENT IN PARTS OF THE U.S. LIKE NEW YORK, BOSTON, DC, ATLANTA, DALLAS AND ALBUQUERQUE.

THE suits SAY ITS BECAUSE OF HIGHer PRICES for COFFEE AND MILK ALONG WITH increased COMPETITION.

GET THIS, IF YOU BUY A \$4 LATTE A DAY, AFTER 10 YEARS, YOU CAN BUY A BRAND NEW CAR!

1-5-2012

if you plan on doing any traveling this year? If so, where are you going? We want to show how you can save some cash this year to go on a great vacay...

- Take a road trip
- Fly in to alternate cities
- Use the Internet
- Use social media to re-connect

1-6-2012

THAT CRAZY IPHONE 4-S WITH THE "HEY, I'M LONELY AND I WANT TO TALK TO A ROBOT" PERSONAL ASSISTANT "SIRI"

IS EATING UP MORE OF YOUR CELL PHONE DATA PLAN. NOW, MOBILE DATA USAGE HAS SKYROCKETED SINCE APPLE GAVE US THE ORIGINAL IPHONE IN 2007. DATA NETWORKS ARE DOUBLING EACH YEAR. THAT MEANS YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BILL IF YOU'RE ON 3 OR 4-G, BUT ITS COOL IF YOU'RE USING WIFI

THE RENT IS TOO DAMN HIGH AND IT'S ABOUT TO GET HIGHER.

THAT'S THE WORD FROM A RESEARCH FIRM WHO TOLD U-S-A TODAY 'RENTS' ARE EXPECTED TO JUMP MORE THAN FIVE-PERCENT THIS YEAR... MAKING IT THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW THAT IT'S INCREASED.

EXPERTS SAY THE HIKE COMES AS THE U-S CREATES MORE JOBS AND DEMAND FOR RENTAL HOUSING GROWS.

1-9-2012

IT'S STUDY HALL TIME, WHERE WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE STRANGE STUDIES MAKING NEWS.

LIKE THIS ONE THAT SAYS FAST FOOD DOESN'T JUST DAMAGE YOUR WAIST LINE... IT SCARS YOUR BRAIN!

THE STUDY from THE THE JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION reveals THAT HIGH-FAT FOODS DAMAGE THE AREA OF THE BRAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING HUNGER AND THIRST IN RODENTS... And does so in AS LITTLE AS THREE DAYS!

NO WONDER YOU CAN'T PUT THE POTATO CHIPS DOWN

NOW DOCTORS WANT TO KNOW IF WE CAN RE-WIRE OUR BRAINS TO LOSE WEIGHT.

1-10-2012

Houston is a mess this morning, after getting hit with serious weather! torrential rain flooded streets and homes leaving thousands without power.

More than four inches of rain fell setting a new record... The national weather service is investigating possible tornado touchdowns!

Emergency crews responded to at least 30 high-water rescues!

1-11-2012

OK, this makes me feel old. Because wasn't it just a couple years ago that the "fancy" new cars came with a CD player? Now word is, CD players as standard equipment will soon go the way of the dinosaur.

According to Automotive News, the prevalence of smartphones and onboard computing power are making C-D players increasingly irrelevant. And given that they are also expensive for manufacturers, many 2013 models have already nixed 'em.

1-12-2012

The f-d-a has cleared Canadian oranges for consumption!

however... oranges from Brazil and Mexico are still on their list.

o-j shipped into the U-s is being tested for a fungicide called carbendazim. It's a chemical that's illegal for U.S. citrus but commonly used in Brazil to fight mold on trees.

More test results will be released tomorrow.

WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER...

WELL IT TURNS OUT WHAT MIGHT KILL YOU IS IN YOUR LIVING ROOM AND DRIVEWAY!
ACCORDING TO A NEW SWEDISH STUDY PEOPLE WHO OWN A TV AND A CAR ARE 27-PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER A HEART ATTACK.

RESEARCHERS SAY BOTH CARS AND TV'S PROMOTE sitting around on your butt WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY RAISES THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE.

THE GOOD NEWS... IF YOU OWN BOTH, HITTING THE GYM FOR MODERATE OR STRENUOUS EXERCISE WILL HELP REVERSE THE AFFECTS.

1-13-2012

The jobs pendulum is swinging back to the bad side.

NEW JOBLESS CLAIMS are CLIMBing.

U-S-A TODAY SAYS 24-THOUSAND MORE PEOPLE FILED FOR unemployment BENEFITS.

LAST MONTH'S numbers set a THREE-YEAR LOW IN CLAIMS.

ANALYSTS SAY it was probably because you NORMALy SEE A JUMP AFTER THE HOLIDAYS AND EXPECT MORE JOBS TO BE ADDED THIS YEAR

HOW OFTEN DO YOU FLOSS? IF THE ANSWER IS NEVER, YOUR DENTIST WOULD NOT APPROVE. BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DO BESIDES THE USUAL ORAL HYGIENE ROUTINE TO KEEP YOUR TEETH HEALTHY.

Hit the gym.

- people who maintain a healthy weight and exercise ARE LESS LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER dental problems.

Stress less

-Increased levels of stress, can intensify the destruction of the gums and bone.

Kick the habit.

-Smoking increases the chance of developing dental problems and the success of treatments.

1-16-2012

There's just one mini problem with your turbocharged "coop".... It can catch fire.

B-M-W is recalling select Mini Cooper, Cooper S and Clubman models after 12 reports engine fires -- 8 of which occurred while the golf cart-- er, I mean car was parked with the engine off.

The electronic circuit board of the auxiliary water pump that cools the turbocharger is the culprit, and needs to be replaced.

1-17-2012

MORE AIRLINES ARE KEEPING YOU CONNECTED IN THE SKIES BY INSTALLING WI-FI TO MORE OF THEIR AIRCRAFT AND IT COSTS THEM MILLIONS.

FLYERS CAN COUGH UP TO 15 BUCKS TO USE IT, HOWEVER, MOST DON'T WANT TO PAY THAT MUCH. GOGO, A MAJOR WIFI FLIGHT PROVIDER IS LOSING MONEY ON IT, LIKE 26 POINT 5 MILLION IN NINE MONTHS.

STILL, JUST LIKE WHEN PHONES WERE INSTALLED, THE FIRST SENTENCE IN EVERY INSTANT MESSENGER SENT FROM A PLANE IS

"YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE WHERE I'M MESSAGING YOU FROM"

"in travel news"....

the t-s-a WILL NOW EXAMINE AGENTS at about a hundred airports FOR POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO RADIATION FROM THOSE SCANNERS.

REMEMBER, AGENTS -ARE- HANGING AROUND X-RAY MACHINES ALL DAY. THEY HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH RADIATION IS BEING EXPOSED AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TEST PASSENGERS, THOUGH THEY HAVE NO IDEA THE LEVELS ARE FOR THEM EITHER. LET'S HOPE THAT T-S-A AGENT'S WANDS STILL WORK GOD FORBID THEY DO TEST POSITIVE.

1-18-2012

If you are thinking of having kids or have a few youngins running around, where to raise them is always a concern.

24-7 wall street put together a list of the top cities to raise kids based on having large public outdoor spaces, lots of playgrounds, top hospitals and strong schools.

5. Lincoln, NB
4. Irvine, CA
3. Raleigh, NC
2. Virginia Beach, VA
1. Madison, WI

1-19-2012

BECAUSE THEY CAN, AT&T WILL RAISE THEIR RATES FOR SMARTPHONES AND TABLET DATA PLANS THIS SUNDAY.

CALM DOWN, CURRENT CUSTOMERS ARE GRANDFATHERED IN AND ONLY NEW SUBSCRIBERS WILL FORK UP THE CASH. IT'LL COST YOU \$20 PER MONTH, THAT'S UP

FROM \$15 BUT NOW YOU CAN GET 300 MEGABYTES PER MONTH, UP FROM 250 MEGABYTES. THAT'S ALSO 248 MORE BITES ANDY TAKES WITH A SUBWAY SANDWICH.

1-20-2012

Today we are talking things you may not want to do.... First up... New research shows if you are already shackled up, you may not want to get married.

it won't make you happier.

The study showed people living together and married couples were both happier than single people.. but, it was the people living together that showed greater overall gains in happiness and self-esteem.

Married people did have better health gains, probably because of being able to share health care plans.

So, ladies... Live in sin if you want to!

1-23-2012

Now to the "aftermath" of the south carolina primary....

Tomorrow we'll get all up in Mitt Romney tax goodies.

He had planned to release them in april, but that got pushed up "under pressure" and after he got spanked in south carolina.

The former Massachusetts governor called the 'tax return' issue a "distraction" that helped contribute to his second-place finish over the weekend.

1-24-2012

Kia -- the automobile company, not the co-host -- is re-calling almost 146-thousand vehicles! 2006 through 2008 Optimas and 2007 through 2008 Rondos need to head back to the dealer starting in March because of potentially faulty driver airbags. Kia says they're not aware of any injuries or airbags not deploying because of the issue, but they just want to be sure.

1-25-2012

"now to the health beat"....

you may not want to fry up that bacon in the pan this morning.

a study published today by the journal of american medical association says some chemicals used in non-stick cookware and stain-resistant coatings can make kids resistant to some vaccines.

It also says children can be exposed to those chemicals while they're still in the womb.

Too much exposure reduced their vaccine absorbency by as much as 37-percent.

1-26-2012

Newt and Mitt. They're both Republicans. Both have 4 letters in their first name. And both have virtually the same poll numbers in Florida.

But it will be their differences that the 2 front-runners, along with those 2 other guys, will try to highlight in tonight's debate in Jacksonville - the last before Tuesday's crucial winner-take-all primary.

1-27-2012

IT'S A GOOD WEEK FOR HEALTHY EATERS.
MCDONALD'S IS CAVING TO PRESSURE FROM T-V CHEF JAMIE OLIVER AND CHANGING THE RECIPE FOR its HAMBURGERS.
OLIVER has BEEN campaigning FOR MONTHS AGAINST PINK SLIME... A PROCESS OF ADDING AMMONIA HYDROXIDE TO CHEAP MEAT TO MAKE IT EDIBLE.
BURGER KING AND TACO BELL HAVE ALREADY REMOVED THE INGREDIENT.
NO WORD WHAT MICKEY D'S BURGERS WILL BE MADE OF NEXT.

1-30-2012

This baby lotion may be calming and comfort... But it's causing a commotion.
Johnson and Johnson has recalled thousands of its Aveeno Baby Calming Comfort Lotion after a sample contained too much bacteria.
The product was sold across nine states in the southeast, but no babies have been hurt.
More details on the recall on the rebuzz tab of our website.

1-31-2012

Florida Republicans head to the polls today - that is, those who aren't among the 600-some thousand who've cast their votes early.
Mitt Romney's chest is as puffy as his war chest, with polls predicting a win over Newt Gingrich, who's vowing to march into March. Officials expect a record-setting 2 million primary votes.
Romney's been fighting with negative ads. Newt's been fighting with Chuck Norris. ...No, really.

2-1-2012

The early bird isn't getting the worm when it comes to a refund check from uncle same.
if you filed your federal tax return early this year.. Before January 26th... You'll have to wait a week longer than at first thought.
The delay was caused by new safeguards installed in IRS computer systems to prevent refund fraud.
People who filed after the 26th won't be affected.

2-2-2012

Oklahoma is outting Taco Bell!
State officials tagged "the bell" as the source of a salmonella outbreak last fall that made 68 people sick across 10 states.
The c-d-c refused to give up the chain in accordance with its policies, but state officials trumped 'em!
While Taco Bell "reps" issued a statement making it clear the outbreak was their "suppliers" fault not theirs, it was the third tainted-food woe linked to Taco Bell since 2006!

2-3-2012

MINIMUM WAGE COULD GO UP SOON!

U-S-A TODAY REPORTS lawmakers in 17 STATES ARE THINKING ABOUT RAISING THEIR BASE WAGES TO KEEP WITH INFLATION.

Bills were introduced this week to increase the wage from 7-25 to 8-50 in New York and from 8-25 to 9-75 in CONNECTICUT.

PRESIDENT OBAMA BACKS RAISING THE NATIONAL RATE TO 9-50 AN HOUR.

2-6-2012

here comes four dollar a gallon gas!

so say ANALYSTS quoted by U-S-A TODAY who BELIEVE IT WILL SPIKE 60-CENTS OR MORE BY MAY. MAJOR CITIES WOULD REALLY FEEL THE PINCH WITH REGULAR GAS AVERAGING ABOUT FOUR--60 A GALLON. SEASONAL CHANGES TO GAS MIXTURES AND TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE THE MAIN CAUSES OF THE PRICE SPIKE.

2-7-2012

WATCH OUT NETFLIX!

VERIZON AND REDBOX ARE TEAMING UP to take you down!!!

THE L-A TIMES SAYS verizon and redbox pARTNERED UP TO PROVIDE VIDEO STREAMING UNDER THE REDBOX NAME.

PRICES AND MOVIE TITLES haven't been released BUT YOU CAN EXPECT IT TO KICK IN LATER THIS YEAR.

2-8-2012

Will Prop 8 make it to the Supreme 9?

That's the burning question this morning after yesterday's decision by the 9th Circuit Court in California that struck down the voter approved gay marriage ban. Legal eagles say the decision was purposefully narrow to discourage the Supreme Court from overturning it. But if the Supremes do take the case, Justice Anthony Kennedy will likely be the crucial swing vote.

2-9-2012

the ladies may be one step closer to heading the front lines.

it took a few years.. But the pentagon will announce today more than 14-thousand jobs across the services will now be open to women.

but that does not mean they will be in direct combat roles.. yet.

Since women can already serve in most jobs in the Air Force and the Navy, most of these new positions will be in the Army and Marine Corps.

2-10-2012

Those naughty "unnamed sources" say the third month on 2012 could bring the iPad 3!

Loose lips say Apple will unveil its latest tablet the first week in March in San Francisco. Despite some recent competition from Amazon's cheaper Kindle Fire, iPads still dominate the market.

2-13-2012

A big budget battle looms on capitol hill as president obama sends his plan to congress today to reduce the deficit by four trillion dollars over the next decade.

it reduces spending and raises taxes on the rich.

more money would be shifted for transportation, education and other areas.. To strengthen the economy.

But the gop says it doesn't do enough to cut costs in medicare.

the budget shows the deficit would decrease to 575 billion in 2018.

2-14-2012

it's a big win for gay marriage in washington state and new jersey.

the governor of washington has signed a bill legalizing gay marriage and the new jersey senate voted in favor of a similar bill. But, just like in california, there are opponents of the bills that want to keep them from ever going into effect. Both bills could end up on ballots in their respective states.

2-15-2012

before you go applying your favorite shade to your lips this morning, listen up ladies.

the f-d-a found traces of lead in four hundred shades of popular lipsticks.

Five lipsticks made by L'Oreal and Maybelline were found to be the most contaminated.

The feds say there's no big risk since we don't "eat" our lipstick, but consumer safety groups are calling for more regulation.

For a complete list of the lipsticks, go to our website, daily buzz nation dot com.

2-16-2012

you're gonna have to figure out another way to get your king sized satisfaction.

The "biggie" snickers and twix candy bars are going away.

candymaker, mars says it's trying to "sell responsibly."

So, it's put a calorie limit of 250 calories on its packs.

And if you eat the entire king-size Snickers bar, you're downing 540-calories.

stock up now... The king sizes will be gone by 20-14.

2-17-2012

You might want to keep an eye out in organic aisle ... For arsenic.

High levels of the chemical -- which is linked to cancer, chronic diseases and developmental disorders -- were found by Dartmouth University researchers in foods that contain organic brown rice syrup. Organic cereal bars, infant formulas and energy shots were among the products that had between 2 and 17 times the allowable level of arsenic in drinking water.

2-20-2012

let's kick off this president's day news quickie on a high note.

A high gas prices note.

the national average right now.... 3-53 a gallon.

That's up 25 cents since Jan. 1.

And experts say prices could reach a record \$4.25 a gallon by late April.
Highest gas prices for a president's day weekend ever.

2-21-2012

POWER CREWS ARE HUSTLING TODAY TO RESTORE ELECTRICITY TO THE SOUTHERN STATES hit by a massive winter storm.
MORE THAN 32-THOUSAND HOMES AND BUSINESSes ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER IN VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY.
MEANWHILE, POWER IS FLOWING AGAIN IN NORTH CAROLINA AFTER ABOUT ONE-THOUSAND OUTAGES YESTERDAY.
OFFICIALS WARN DRIVING TODAY WILL tricky as motorist dodge ICE ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

2-22-2012

in what could turn out to be a momentous case, the supreme court has decided to consider the issue of race in university admissions.
The appeal was brought by a white student who was denied admission to the university of texas because of an affirmative action policy.
Back in 2003, the court endorsed race as a factor in freshman admissions, but with a more conservative court seated now, that decision could be over turned.

2-23-2012

while georgia lawmakers debate abortion rights for women... They're also taking aim at men!
House Democrats introduced their own reproductive rights plan for men... No more vasectomies that leave "thousands of children ... deprived of birth."
The anti-vasectomy bill was in response to a bill that would punish abortions performed after the 20th week of pregnancy with prison sentences between one and 10 years.

2-24-2012

maryland is on it's way to legalizing gay marriage
the state Senate voted yesterday to green-light same-sex marriage. The governor plans to sign it into law.
The Maryland vote comes less than two weeks after Washington state lawmakers voted in favor of it.
Six states already issue same-sex marriage licenses -- and five states allow civil unions.

2-27-2012

With 24 hours before the polls open in the arizona and michigan....
The g-o-p candidates are making a final push, some stumping in the motor city trying to show they're just like us.
<I drive a Mustang and a Chevy pickup truck. Ann drives a couple of Cadillacs, actually. And I used to have a Dodge truck, so I used to have all three covered.>
The latest polls puts 'the mittens' and 'sweater vest' in a virtual tie in both states... With Romney getting a small boost from arizona's top dog.
More on that in a minute.
But if Romney loses his home-state of michigan to santorum, it could be devastating.

2-28-2012

Good news, ominous news on the housing front.

Pending sales of existing homes have climbed 2% to their highest level in nearly 2 years. But... The avalanche of foreclosures continues to push down prices. Plus, the Pending Home Sales indicator here is a bit of counting your chickens before they've hatched, as stricter lending standards had 33% of realtors reporting contract failures in January, up from 9% the previous year.

2-29-2012

13 thousand. It's a number not seen on Wall Street in a long time.

But yesterday, the Dow closed above that mark, at 13-thousand-5, for the first time since May of 2008. Strong consumer confidence has, for the time being, outweighed lingering concerns over climbing oil prices and public debt, both at home and abroad.

3-1-2012

The Senate today will vote on a repeal of President Obama's controversial birth-control mandate. The amendment says employers and health insurers may be exempt from covering services based on "religious belief or moral conviction." Republicans say it's about religious freedom. Dems say the mandate provides access to contraception, and the amendment is too dangerously broad. Or basically, that a broad needs contraception whenever she goes out on a man date.

3-2-2012

Here's an update on the so called birth control bill.

the Senate killed the g-o-p backed plan that would have allowed employers to opt out of providing health care coverage they disagree with on religious grounds.

Opponents of the plan say it would have given employers too much power to deny coverage.

3-5-2012

are you reminiscing about the good old days....

when gas stations were stylish and prices were affordable? Well keep dreaming because gas prices topped 3-76 a gallon on sunday... Day 26 of gas prices on the rise!

you can thank soaring oil prices, which have surged 10 percent over the past month amid fears that tensions with Iran will lead to an all-out war and a disruption in oil supplies.

3-6-2012

"ALL HANDS" on deck FOR an s-u-i checkpoint!

THE NEW YORK TIMES says the navy will test all sailors FOR ALCOHOL BEFORE THEY board the ship.

MARINES WILL ALSO be subjected to THE same "checkpoint" LATER THIS YEAR.

Start up costs for "operation breathalyzer"... EIGHT-MILLION bucks... AND Another TWO-MILLION a year to maintain.

3-7-2012

ah, anticipation is in the air....

Because we are just hours away from finding out what the next iPad will offer!

apple c-e-o tim cook is expected to unveil apple's latest "bite" in san francisco at 1 p-m eastern!
So what will the likely upgrades be? A lightening fast processor... a u-s-b port... Higher screen resolution... longer battery life... And 3-D. And It will be called "iPad H-D" to highlight it's new killer feature!

No word on whether siri will be a part of this package!

3-8-2012

now for some news by the numbers....

toyota is recalling another 700 thousand cars and trucks for steering and electrical problems
495 thousand 2005-to-2009 Tacoma pickup trucks need a part replaced in the steering wheel.
And about 70-thousand Camrys and 100-thousand Venzas... model years 2009 to 2011... Need a new lamp switch.

Both fixes will take about 30 minutes and toyota will notify owners when parts are available.

3-9-2012

not a tuition hike, but a student loan interest hike might make going to college more expensive next fall.

The fixed interest rate on Stafford loans is set to double July first... Unless congress stops it.
President Obama has asked lawmakers to block the hike... But bills to permanently keep it at 3-point-4 percent haven't gotten anywhere.

If the rate does double, students would pay an extra five-grand over 10 years if they borrow the max of 23-thousand dollars.

3-12-2012

The price at the pump has millions of Americans driving down the road singing...

The gassy gal, Trilby Lundberg, says a gallon of regular has gone up 12 cents in the past two weeks.

Denver might be a mile high, but has the lowest pump price at 3-36 for the cheap stuff.

Sky high is L-A at 4-35.

By the way, in 19-77.... the year this song was released, a gallon of gas cost about 70 cents.

3-13-2012

Ford Taurus and Mercury Sables are under the microscope for sticky accelerators that could affect two million cars.

The initial investigation covered 360 thousand cars built between 2001 to 2006, but was expanded yesterday by the national highway traffic safety admin!

The agency has received 14 complaints of Taurus sedans accelerating on their own but so far no crashes.

3-14-2012

IN SAY WHAT NEWS.
WEINERS AREN'T GOOD FOR YOUR BUTT.
THAT'S THE MESSAGE THAT HAS THE HOT DOG INDUSTRY SIZZLING THIS MORNING.
A CHICAGO BILLBOARD FROM THE PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE
"HOT DOGS CAUSE BUTT CANCER" AND URGES PEOPLE TO LAY OFF PROCESSED
MEATS. BUT THE HOT DOG AND SAUSAGE COUNCIL... YES YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT...
IS CALLING BUNK, SAYING THE GROUP IS PRO ANIMAL RIGHTS AND TRYING
TO TURN PEOPLE INTO VEGANS.

3-15-2012

if your grammy is flying to see you, she WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO TAKE her SHOES OFF
AT SOME T-S-A CHECKPOINTS.
STARTING NEXT WEEK, FOUR AIRPORTS IN CHICAGO, DENVER, ORLANDO AND
PORTLAND WILL TEST THE NEW STRATEGY.
PASSENGERS MUST BE AT LEAST 75-YEARS-OLD TO QUALIFY but they will still be getting
scanned and patted down.
T-S-A REPS SAY THE PLAN IS TO FOCUS ON "RISKIER" PASSENGERS.

3-16-2012

taking birth control to prevent pregnancy "could" become a fire-able offense in Arizona!
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC REPORTS wording to protect women taking birth control was
removed from the REPUBLICAN-LED BILL that the state senate passed.
The bill allows employers to refuse contraception coverage based on religious beliefs.

3-19-2012

OK, I realize... these stories reminding you what you already know -- that gas prices are insanely
high -- are depressing. So I'm going to accompany this report with a positive visual image of
another way you might perhaps get to work. Anyhoo...
Gas prices rose for a 9th straight day, with the national average for the cheap stuff up to 3-84 a
gallon. That's now only about 6.7% below the record high of 4-11 back in July of '08.

3-20-2012

SECURITY IS TIGHT AT JEWISH SITES IN THE U-S TODAY AFTER A deadly ATTACK ON A
JEWISH SCHOOL in France.
THE N-Y-P-D STEPPED UP PATROLS AT MORE THAN 50 LOCATIONS around the city.
Police COMMISH RAY KELLY SAYS THERE ISN'T A SPECIFIC THREAT BUT WANTED TO
BE ON THE SAFE SIDE.
COPS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND D-C ARE ALSO ON HIGH-ALERT.
THE GUNMAN WHO KILLED A RABBI AND THREE SCHOOL KIDS IN France is still on the
loose.

3-21-2012

A daily dose of aspirin may cut your risk of cancer.. So says new research. despite the new findings... doctors say there's no reason for everyone to start taking it. In three studies released yesterday... British researchers took results from more than 50 studies and found that those who took daily aspirin for at least three years were less likely to develop cancer -- and if they did, it tended to be less advanced.

3-22-2012

Let's kick off some stories that are all about the benjamins baby. you can save some major benjamins by buying your next home... Instead of renting it. a new study findS buying is more affordable in 98 out of the country's 100 largest metro areas... Even new york, I-a, and beantown. The nation's median rent stands at \$712 per month... well above the average monthly mortgage cost of \$647.

3-23-2012

T-MOBILE IS DROPPING 19-HUNDRED PEOPLE FROM THE PAYROLL. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL SAYS THE phone PROVIDER IS MAKING THE MOVE TO CUT COSTS AND REMAIN COMPETITIVE IT'S ALSO scaling back ITS CALL CENTERS FROM 24 TO 17. THE LAYOFFS COUNT FOR HALF OF THE WORKERS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT t-mobile CALL CENTERS.

3-26-2012

the highest court in the land tops headlines as the u-s supreme court hears appeals to the health care reform. oral arguments kick off today on whether the law is constitutional. Here are the four key issues. the constitutionality of the individual mandate... A-k-a the "minimum coverage" requirement. Whether the individual mandate is a "tax". Whether other parts of the law can survive if the mandate is struck down. And expanding Medicaid. A ruling isn't expected until the fall.

3-27-2012

HERE'S A YUMMY SOLUTION TO YOUR WEIGHT PROBLEM... MORE CHOCOLATE. A recent study discovered a connection between DAILY CHOCOLATE CHOW-DOWNS and A LOWER BODY MASS INDEX. BUT DON'T GO ON A CHOCOLATE BINGE JUST YET. CRITICS QUESTION THE RESULTS, claiming OVERWEIGHT PARTICIPANTS in the study TENDED TO FUDGE THEIR FOOD INTAKE.

3-28-2012

it's a buyers market... Even on sesame street!

home prices have hit a ten-year low... Dropping steadily since january.

For those of you keeping tabs on your mortgage and house values... Prices have fallen 36 percent since their peak in july of 2006.

Eight cities including Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Las Vegas, New York, Portland, Seattle and Tampa have all hit new lows.

3-29-2012

If you break a man date, can the rest of your plans stand? Sounds like a Kim Kardashian dilemma,

But it was in fact the heart of the third and final day of the Supreme Court's public debate on Obamacare.

Here's the supreme dilemma.... Can they rule the controversial provision requiring most americans to have health coverage unconstitutional, while allowing the rest of the bill to stand? The deliberations are expected to take awhile!

3-30-2012

Apparently everything is bigger in texas... including the people!

Yep, the fattest city in america is... MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION, TEXAS!

a GALLUP-HEALTHWAYS index finds the town's OBESITY RATE is NEARLY 39-PERCENT AND the RELATED health COSTS TOTAL ABOUT 411-MILLION.

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK AND HUNTINGTON-ASHLAND, WEST VIRGINIA ROUND OUT THE TOP THREE.

THE C-D-C SAYS MORE THAN a-THIRD OF ADULTS in america ARE CONSIDERED OBESE AND HEALTH-CARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH it hovers around 147-BILLION A YEAR.