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OBAMACARE WEB PAGE GOVERMENT DIAGNOSIS

VO: 30

Computer crashes should be giving way to insurance coverage -- if the government's diagnosis of its health care website is correct. The Health and Human Services Department released a progress report Sunday on its effort get the troubled HealthCare.gov website on the mend. Administration officials said the worst of the online glitches, bugs and delays may be over. "The bottom line -- HealthCare.gov on Dec. 1 is night and day from where it was on Oct. 1," said Jeff Zients, the White House's troubleshooter tasked with making the website function properly. Yet officials acknowledged more work remains on the website, which made its national debut two months ago with hundreds of software flaws, inadequate equipment and inefficient management. Federal workers and private contractors have undertaken an intense reworking of the system, but some users might still encounter trouble.

CAFFEINE ENERGY DRINKS 'INTENS

VO :25

Energy drinks packed with caffeine can change the way the heart beats, researchers warn. The team from the University of Bonn in Germany imaged the hearts of 17 people an hour after they had an energy drink. The study showed contractions were more forceful after the drink. The team told the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America that children and people with some health conditions should avoid the drinks. Researcher Dr Jonas Dorner said: "Until now, we haven't known exactly what effect these energy drinks have on the function of the heart. "The amount of caffeine is up to three times higher than in other caffeinated beverages like coffee or cola. There are many side effects known to be associated with a high intake of caffeine, including rapid heart rate, palpitations, rise in blood pressure and, in the most severe cases, seizures or sudden death."

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BARACK OBAMA AND HEALTHCARE FIGHT

VO: 28

Seeking to move past its website woes, the Obama administration is launching a two-pronged health care strategy this month aimed at avoiding enrollment snafus come January while also trying to refocus the public's attention on broader benefits of the sweeping law. President Barack Obama will focus on those benefits at a White House event Tuesday. Flanked by Americans who the White House says have benefited from the overhaul, the president will try to remind Americans that his health law is preventing insurance discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions and is allowing young people to stay on their parents' coverage until age 26. He'll also take aim at Republicans, arguing that the GOP is trying to strip away those benefits without presenting an alternative.

STORE CREDIT CARDS - SMART IDEA?

VO: 33

Just about every major retailer nowadays has an offer for a store credit card for those big-time shoppers. they often offer major perks and discounts - but are they worth it? we have some key tips you need to know before signing on the dotted line. with all the holiday shopping you're doing, you're probably going to hear quite a few store clerks behind the register ask if you might want to open a credit card exclusive to that store. it's tempting isn't it -- to take just a few minutes to sign some quick paperwork and save upwards of fifteen to twenty percent

on that first purchase? but personal finance experts told u.s. news and world report -- buyer beware. so here are a couple of things to keep in mind before taking on that extra credit.

DETROIT BANKRUPTCY RULING EXPECTED TUESDAY

VO : 29

A U.S. judge is expected to decide Tuesday whether Detroit can proceed with its record bankruptcy to shed billions in debt. A ruling that the city can seek court protection from its creditors could open the door for big cuts in payments promised to employees, retirees and investors. Unions and pension funds have argued that Detroit should be denied the protection of the court. They say that regardless of the city's financial troubles, officials did not negotiate with creditors in good faith to reach a deal on Detroit's debts. That is one of the conditions for a city to proceed in bankruptcy court. A ruling by Judge Steven Rhodes that Detroit is not eligible to use bankruptcy court would raise questions about the city's finances going forward. Any ruling is expected to be appealed. The city's unions and pension funds have been fighting proposals to slash benefits owed to employees and retirees.

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MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE OUTBREAK AT UCSB

VO: 25

Roughly 700 students at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will be given a powerful antibiotic to guard against meningitis after coming in contact with four people diagnosed with meningococcal disease, county health officials said Tuesday. The news came as the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department confirmed a fourth student at the university has been diagnosed with meningococcal disease. The four students all became sick with meningococcal disease, which can cause meningitis or blood infections, during a three-week period in November. One of them has become permanently disabled, the Santa Barbara Public Health Department said. The second and third students who fell ill recovered and are back in classes, UCSB spokesman George Foulsham said. The fourth is expected to recover, he said, but the first is still hospitalized. The first three cases were confirmed to be caused by type B bacteria, which is the same bacteria strain causing an outbreak of meningitis at Princeton University. Testing is not complete on the most recent case, county health spokeswoman Susan Klein-Rothschild said in an e-mail. Meningitis is a form of meningococcal disease, but not all four cases at UCSB are meningitis, Klein-Rothschild said.

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12/05/2013

OBAMACARE CHEAPER THAN CELL PHONE BILL

VO: 22

President Obama is enlisting young people to help sell the Affordable Care Act to the demographic critical to the success of his signature law.

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12/06/2013

WAVE OF FROZEN WEATHER STRIKES UNITED STATES

VO: 32

Arctic air, snow and freezing rain was expected across parts of the U.S. Saturday from California to the Northeast, as the winter storm that has killed 11 people continues to wreak havoc. The Weather Channel forecast rain, freezing temperatures and snow in areas from the Golden State into the southern Rockies on Saturday and then a lighter dusting in the Midwest by Sunday -- but the dangerous threat of more freezing rain.

Temperatures as low as 27 degrees were expected in usually mild Las Vegas and surrounding areas, while New England was set to get the tail end by Monday.

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12/09/2013

PLASTIC GUNS

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A Senate vote to renew an expiring ban on plastic firearms capable of evading metal detectors and X-ray machines is shaping up as a bittersweet moment for gun control supporters, days before the anniversary of the deadly mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Monday's vote to extend the prohibition on plastic guns for another decade responds to a growing threat from steadily improving 3-D printers that can produce such weapons. But gun control advocates seem sure to lose an effort to impose additional, tougher restrictions on plastic firearms -- a harsh reminder of their failure to enact any new federal gun curbs in the year since 20 first-graders and six educators were murdered in Newtown, Conn. The slayings last Dec. 14 prompted the newly re-elected President Barack Obama to push gun control to the top of his domestic agenda. But Congress approved nothing, and gun control advocates face the same uphill struggle in 2014, complicated by internal divisions over what their next step should be.

THE PRICE OF EATING HEALTHY

VO :20

A new study from harvard school of public health tells us just how expensive it is to eat a healthy diet. those who buy foods for a nutritional diet spend - on average one dollar and fifty cents more per week. researchers studied food prices from ten countries including the united states. they compared the pries of food items -- per serving and per 200 calories. they found that some food items highlighted the price differences greatly -- like meat, which showed the highest price difference. a healthier cut of meat on average cost 29 cents more. but foods like dairy and grains did not show a great price difference among healthy and not so healthy options.

GAS PRICES INCREASED

VO :20

Gas prices are inching up. Triple-a reports the national average for the price of a regular gallon of gas increased a tenth of a cent today (sunday). That's the third consecutive increase. The average now sits at three dollars and 26-cents. But that's still a penny less than the average a week ago.

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12/10/2013

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:16

A top doctors group with a new warning tonight regarding the prescription pain killers in your medicine chest. it is the danger sitting right there in your medicine cabinet. drug overdoses-largely fueled by the wild rise in prescription pain killers- are now killing more americans per year than car accidents on our highways. accidental overdoses from prescription pain killers have quadrupled in just a decade. one reason--doctors are prescribing more and more percocet, vicodin, oxycontinand we can't seem to stop taking them. in almost all of abused pain meds start as legitimate prescriptions for real pain. then a growing number of addicts buy leftover pills, or just take them from friends' medicine cabinets. today's medical group is the latest calling for tougher rulesand some are comingexpect to get fewer pills per prescription, a mandatory visit to the doctor to get a renewal--no more prescriptions over the phone.

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HEALTHCARE REFORM ENROLLMENT INCREASE

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Media coverage of the Affordable Care Act reached a new high in 2013, as state and federal officials scrambled to move the final pieces of the law into place and health policy analysts struggled to forecast the triumphs and pitfalls of the overhaul. As a result, some ACA-related news stories received far more attention than warranted. In this "Road to Reform," we recount the three most over-hyped health care reform stories of the year. (Check back with "Road to Reform" in January 2014 for the complement to this piece -- a rundown of the most overlooked health care stories of 2013.)

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