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A second person denied transplant coverage by Arizona under a state budget cut has died, with this death "most likely" resulting from the coverage reduction, a Tucson hospital said Wednesday. University Medical Center spokeswoman Jo Marie Gellerman said the patient died Dec. 28 at another medical facility after earlier being removed from UMC's list for a liver transplant needed because of hepatitis C.

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IS CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER. LAWYERS WILL GO OVER HIS CASE AFTER EIGHT THIS MORNING. BUDGET CUTS, AFFECTING ORGAN TRANSPLANT PATIENTS. THE STATE REDUCED MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR TRANSPLANT PATIENTS IN OCTOBER, TO HELP BALANCE THE BUDGET. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER IN TUCSON, SAYS THE PATIENT DIED AT ANOTHER MEDICAL FACILITY AFTER BEING REMOVED FROM THEIR LIST FOR A LIVER TRANSPLANT. HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY THE PATIENT'S DEATH "MOST LIKELY" IS A RESULT OF THESE CUTS. THE TRIAL OF SUSAN BROCK WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND THE MEDIA. BROCK IS THE WIFE OF SUPERVISOR FULTON BROCK. SHE IS ACCUSED OF HAVING A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A 14 YEAR OLD BOY. BROCK PLED NOT GUILTY TO SEVERAL CHARGES INCLUDING SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR AND MOLESTATION OF A CHILD. HER TRIAL DUE TO START NEXT MONTH. POLICE SAY HER DAUGHTER, RACHEL ALSO MOLESTED THE SAME BOY. PROSECUTORS IN PINAL COUNTY WILL DECIDE WHETHER SHE FACES CHARGES. A BIG MISTAKE IN PITTSBURGH ANDRE HALL CAME BACK FROM THE HOLIDAYS TO FIND THE HOUSE HE BOUGHT HAD BEEN DEMOLISHED. HALL HAD BEGUN THE PROCESS OF FIXING UP THE HOME FOR HIM, HIS GIRLFRIEND AND THEIR KIDS TO LIVE IN. HE HAS ALL THE PROPER PAPER WORK FROM THE CITY, INCLUDING A LETTER FROM THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR TELLING THE CONTRACTOR "NOT" TO DEMOLISH THE HOUSE. THE CITY IS BLAMING THE CONTRACTOR AND THEY SAY THEY WILL NO LONGER BE ISSUING CONTRACTS TO THAT COMPANY. HISTORY QUIZ. OH, THE EXCITEMENT, THE THRILL, OF ROM GREAT BRITAIN. THOSE WERE HEADY DAYS IN PHILADELPHIA IN THE SUMMER OF 1776. AND THEN CAME THE MIGHT OF THE BRITISH ARMY, AND THE RAG TAG GROUP OF FIGHTERS WERE ASSEMBLED WEREN'T MUCH OF A MATCH IN THOSE FIRST FEW BATTLES. BUT THEN TO THE RESCUE COMES GEORGE WASHINGTON. HE KNEW HE HAD TO MOVE HIS TROOPS SOMEWHERE TO REGROUP THAT FIRST WINTER, THAT FIRST COLD JANUARY, SO WE WENT TO VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA, RIGHT? WRONG! THAT WAS THE NEXT WINTER. THAT FIRST WINTER, THEY CAMPED AT MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY, I KNOW, IT'S MOSTLY JUST A BUNCH OF CONDOS OVERLOOKING MANHATTAN NOWADAYS. BUT BACK THEN IT WAS A PLACE HE COULD KEEP AN EYE ON THE BRITS ACROSS THE HUDSON, AND STILL WHIP HIS T UP ON THIS FROZEN DAY IN 1777.

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walking is good for us, but how fast we walk may make a difference in the benefits we receive from the exercise. Here's Ninette Sosa with today's Health Minute. WALKING CAN KEEP YOU FIT, BUT A NEW STUDY OUT OF THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FINDS THAT WALKING FASTER, ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER ADULTS, CAN INCREASE LIFE SPANS. RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LOOKED AT MORE THAN 34-THOUSAND PEOPLE IN NINE STUDIES THAT FOCUSED ON THE BENEFITS OF WALKING. EXAMINING GAIT SPEED AND SURVIVAL IN THE ELDERLY, INVESTIGATORS FOUND THE MORE AGILE THE GAIT OF THE PERSON AND THE QUICKER THEY WALKED, THE LONGER THEIR SURVIVAL, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 75. THE STUDY'S AUTHORS SUGGEST THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY GAIT SPEED MAY HELP PEOPLE LIVE LONGER. WALKING FASTER, THEY NOTED, REQUIRES ENERGY, MOVEMENT CONTROL, AND SUPPORT. IT ALSO HELPS KEEP ORGANS HEALTHY. THE SLOWER SOMEONE WALKS MAY already INDICATE DAMAGE TO THE BODY AND CUT DOWN ON THE BENEFITS OF WALKING AS A WAY TO STAY FIT. SIMPLY PUT, IT MAY MEAN OLDER PEOPLE WHO WALK FASTER ARE MORE FIT IN THE FIRST PLACE. FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M NINETTE SOSA. ONE OF THE ISSUES ON THE DOCKET FOR MISSOURI LAWMAKERS THIS YEAR, EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION N. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ADVOCATES SAY WOMEN

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Gellerman cited medical privacy requirements in declining to release any information about the
patient.

Arizona reduced Medicaid coverage for transplants Oct. 1 as part of a package of cuts to help close a shortfall in the state budget enacted last spring.

It's impossible to say with 100% certainty whether the patient would have died anyway, Gellerman said, "but we do know that his condition had gotten more severe since he was taken off the list." The patient's worsening condition would have elevated his place on the list, she said.

A Phoenix-area man, Mark Price, died Nov. 28 of complications from preparation for a bone marrow transplant that was to be privately funded. That funding was provided anonymously after the Associated Press and other news outlets reported that he was notified of two possible donors the day the coverage was reduced.

The second person's death was reported by KOLD-TV in Tucson and the Arizona Guardian.

Democrats and other critics have slammed Republican Gov. Jan Brewer and the Republican-led Legislature for the transplant coverage reduction, and incoming state Senate Minority Leader David Schapira called on them to restore the approximately $1.4 million in funding.

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