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Immigrants made up one-quarter of Americans who lacked health insurance in 2003, up from one-fifth a decade earlier, the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute reported Monday.

Among all immigrants, more than 11-million, or 38 percent, lacked health insurance. The report did not make a distinction between immigrants who entered the country legally or illegally.

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Among the entire U.S. population under age 65, the number of uninsured has increased from 36.5-million in 1994, or 15.9 percent, to 44.7-million in 2003, or 17.7 percent.

The report found that more than 60 percent of immigrants without insurance reside in the four largest states: California, 27 percent; Texas, 15 percent; New York, 10 percent; and Florida, 9 percent (with 1-million uninsured immigrants).

Pentagon analyst

accused of leaking data

WASHINGTON - A Pentagon analyst has been indicted on charges that he leaked classified military information to employees of a pro-Israel lobbying organization and an Israeli official, federal authorities said Monday.

The six-count indictment charges that Lawrence A. Franklin conspired to disclose national defense and classified information to people not entitled to receive it, including information about potential attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq.

Franklin, 58, an Air Force Reserve colonel, pleaded innocent to all counts Monday in Alexandria, Va. Trial was set for Sept. 6.

Passport requirement

for Canada likely to fall

WASHINGTON - Canada's ambassador predicted Monday that the United States would drop a controversial proposal that would require all travelers to show passports in order to cross the long border between the neighboring nations.

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Discussions with the Bush administration, which introduced guidelines to crack down on potential terrorist travel across borders, indicates that "passports will not be the ultimate requirements," Canadian Ambassador Frank McKenna said.

Currently, U.S. and Canadian travelers need only driver's licenses to cross the border, although passports are often shown.

Mandating passports or other secure documents was a requirement of the intelligence overhaul bill signed by President Bush in December. Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said the department was "looking at alternative documents that could be used to enhance security while meeting the intentions of the law."

Schwarzenegger calls

for special election

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday called for a special election in November to change the way California spends money, picks its politicians and hires its teachers.

The most controversial of Schwarzenegger's three proposals is a spending cap that would impose automatic cuts if revenue fell below projected income.

He also wants legislative and congressional districts to be drawn by a panel of retired judges. And he wants to extend from two years to five the amount of time teachers would have to work to get tenure.

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