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**ILLINOIS BUSINESS PUSH IMMIGRATION REFORM
VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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A new group of business leaders wants to recruit 300 CEOs and 1,000 small businesses in Illinois to push for "common sense" bipartisan immigration reform. The Illinois Business Immigration Coalition includes leaders from Peoria-based Caterpillar Inc. as well as Motorola Solutions Inc., the University of Illinois, trade groups and immigration-rights advocates. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel backs the coalition. Caterpillar CEO Douglas Oberhelman spoke at a kickoff event Monday in Chicago. He says the manufacturer has trouble filling both high- and lower-skill jobs and immigration reform could help. The coalition is forming as lawmakers in Washington seek to hammer out details of a potential immigration law overhaul. Business and labor leaders last week agreed on a broad outline. Emanuel says it's "a huge opportunity" that shouldn't be squandered "because of politics".

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**"W" VISAS
PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC
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A new class of visas-W visas-will be created. These are being described by many in the press as visas for guest workers, but labor sources don't like that characterization and would say instead that W visas are an alternative to guest workers. W visas are as follows: Recipients would be allowed to petition for permanent status after completing their term. Recipients are allowed to switch jobs while in the United States. There will be at most 20,000 W visas in the first year, 35,000 in the second year, 55,000 in the third, and 75,000 in the fourth. Starting in the fifth year, the number of W visas will be capped at 200,000, but the actual number will be determined by a new Bureau of Immigration and Labor Market Conditions based on labor market conditions. In terms of allocating the visas, priority will be given to occupations experiencing certified shortages as per the BILMC. If labor market conditions are weak, there could be as few as 20,000 W visas in any given year. Importantly permissible wages for W visa holders will be set to try to ensure no negative impact on U.S.-born workers *in the same occupational category*, which is a fairly tight constraint. Wages will be the greater of the actual wage level paid by the employer to individuals with similar levels of experience or the "prevailing wage" for the occupational category in question.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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In the shadow of a bipartisan Senate group preparing to roll out broad immigration legislation next week, shortly after Congress returns from its holiday break, a bipartisan group of eight House members is readying its own bill. In contrast to the Senate plan - which would provide one clear, if difficult, path to citizenship for the 11 million illegal immigrants already in the country - the House legislation will most likely offer three distinct paths to legal status. Young immigrants in the country without legal papers, who often call themselves "Dreamers," and low-skilled agricultural workers would qualify for an expedited road

to legal status, people familiar with the negotiations said. The Dreamers should not be punished for being brought illegally to the country by their parents, House aides said, and the members agreed that the agricultural workers perform crucial work for the economy.

TPS HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA

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Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano has extended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for eligible nationals of Nicaragua for an additional 18 months, beginning July 6, 2013, and ending Jan. 5, 2015. Current Nicaraguan beneficiaries seeking to extend their TPS status must re-register during the 60-day re-registration period that runs from April 3, 2013, through June 3, 2013. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) encourages beneficiaries to register as soon as possible once the 60-day re-registration period begins. Applications will not be accepted before April 3, 2013.

NEW GEORGIA LAW - HOMEOWNERS GUNS

OMAR GARCIA / NELSON, GEORGIA

PKG 2:02

A small Georgia town on Monday passed a law requiring the head of each household to own a gun as a way to keep crime down. The ordinance, approved unanimously by the City Council in Nelson, is symbolic, however, because there is no penalty for violating it, according to Councilman Duane Cronic, who introduced the measure last month. It serves as an expression of support for gun rights and sends a message to would-be criminals, Cronic said. The measure was passed amid the debate over gun laws in the United States following the December shooting rampage in which a gunman killed 26 people at a Connecticut elementary school.

REPUBLICANS AND IMMIGRATION POLL

PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC

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Who to please? The new ABC News/Washington Post poll on immigration reform asks that basic question of Republicans in Capitol Hill. Does the GOP try to broaden its appeal and support what appears to be a very popular issue in immigration reform, with 57 percent of responders behind the so-called "path to citizenship" for undocumented immigrants. That includes 58 percent of crucial independent voters, which both Democrats and Republicans need nationally. Or do individual Republican members of Congress look at the other number in the poll that shows that their base vehemently rejects allowing 11 million undocumented to come out of the shadows and work their way to citizenship. Republicans oppose it by a whopping 60 percent to 35 percent.

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GUTIERREZ AN DURBIN ON IMMIGRATION

VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Illinois Senator Dick Durbin and Congressman Louis Gutierrez met with community leaders in Chicago to talk about immigration reform. "To think that 11 million are living among us without documentation. We need to do something," Sen. Dick Durbin, (D) said. Senator Durbin hosted the meeting with Congressman Luis Gutierrez at his side. The lawmakers are beginning immigration reform negotiations with Republicans in their respective Capitol Hill chambers.

IMMIGRATION REFORM DISCUSSION FOR THE SUMMER

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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As negotiations on comprehensive immigration reform among key stakeholders enters its last phase, a top American Senator believes that the Senate would be able to vote on a Bill in this regard by this summer. "By this summer, I hope that all members of the Senate will be able to vote for or against comprehensive immigration reform and that each member will take into consideration the significant

process that the Senate Judiciary Committee will have completed," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy said in a letter to the Republican Senator Marco Rubio yesterday.

GUN LAW CONNECTICUT

VO :24

Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy today signed a tough new gun law that, among several key provisions, restricts sales of the sort of high-capacity ammunition clips that a gunman used to massacre 26 people in minutes in a December attack on a school. Lawmakers in the state's Democratic-controlled House approved the measure, which supporters described as one of the toughest such laws in the United States, early on Thursday morning. The Senate approved the measure hours earlier.

MARIJUANA POLL

VO :18

A majority of Americans support legalizing marijuana, a new poll indicates, with the change driven largely by a huge shift in how the baby boom generation feels about the drug of their youth. By 52% to 45%, adult Americans back legalization, according to the survey released Thursday by the Pew Research Center. The finding marks the first time in more than four decades of Pew's polling that a majority has taken that position. As recently as a decade ago, only about one-third of American adults backed making marijuana legal.

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HISTORICAL INDEMNIZATION

PEDRO ULTRERAS / NEW YORK

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Twenty-two Latino victims of unlawful warrantless home raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) obtained a settlement today requiring new national policies for ICE agents conducting warrantless home operations and \$1 million in damages and fees. In addition, eight men and women who were arrested during the raids have received either deferred action or termination of their immigration cases. "Immigrants across the country can stand up and cheer for what has been accomplished by this settlement. No longer will ICE agents have free rein to invade the homes of immigrants, especially Latino immigrants, and be as abusive as they want without any worry that they might be reprimanded," said **Juan Cartagena**, President of LatinoJustice PRLDEF, who, along with the Center for Constitutional Rights and Winston & Strawn, represented the plaintiffs. "The message today is loud and clear. ICE agents have to follow the law."

IMMIGRATION REFORM COSTS

PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC

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Senate Republican staffers estimated Thursday that the annual cost to taxpayers of legalizing illegal immigrants could be in the billions, if they use their status to apply for federal benefits from Medicaid and ObamaCare. The claim, though, was challenged by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a key Republican engaged in immigration bill talks. Republicans on the Senate Budget Committee -- responding to an emerging immigration proposal that includes a path to citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants -- had estimated that the cost could total up to \$40 billion in 2022, "just for Medicaid and ObamaCare."

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

VO :15

Today's jobs report may be a sign that the economy is heading into a weak spring. Even though the unemployment rate slipped from 7.7 percent to 7.6 percent, that's only because more people stopped looking for work. And employers added just 88,000 jobs in March -- less than half the average of the previous six months. The weakness may signal that companies were worried last month about steep government spending cuts that began on March 1.

NY JUDGE RULES ON MORNING AFTER PILL

VO :23

A federal judge has ruled that the United States government must make the most common morning-after pill available over the counter for all ages, instead of requiring a prescription for girls 16 and under. The decision, on a fraught and politically controversial subject, comes after a decade-long fight over who should have access to the pill and under what circumstances, and it counteracts an unprecedented move by the Obama administration's Health and Human Services secretary who in 2011 overruled a recommendation by the Food and Drug Administration to make the pill available for all ages without a prescription.

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**MARCH FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM
GALO ARELLANO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2.08**

On Saturday, thousands of South Floridians marched to "Say Yes" to a new immigration system, one that proponents tout as a real and inclusive path to citizenship for 11 million aspiring Americans. The march was the first of many taking place nationwide and leading up to a Washington, D.C. march on Wednesday. The march began at 12pm in Little Havana's Jose Marti Park and ended at the Torch of Friendship in Bayfront Park. Families who say they've been affected by U.S. immigration policy shared the stage with Miami Archbishop Wenski, City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado, and several faith leaders, elected officials and artists.

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**IMMIGRATION BILL EXPECTED THIS WEEK - US
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A bill to overhaul the U.S. immigration system would likely be completed by the end of this week, two senior U.S. senators said on Sunday. Democratic Senator Charles Schumer of New York said that senators in the bipartisan "Group of Eight" have resolved all major issues in a pending deal and that their staffs are putting the bill into legislative language. All eight members must then review the legislative language, he said. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the biggest U.S. business group, and the AFL-CIO, the largest labor federation, reached an elusive agreement on a guest-worker program late last month, clearing the way for the writing of a full bill.

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**DEFERRED ACTION APPLICATIONS DECLINE
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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Since the Obama administration kicked in a reprieve from deportation in August, the number of undocumented immigrants who are applying for it has been declining. Slightly more than 30,000 immigrants applied in February, the lowest monthly total since the program began. Experts speculate that the anticipation that congress will pass a comprehensive immigration reform bill that would, among other things, offer millions of undocumented immigrants a path to legalization may have lessened the sense of urgency to apply for the reprieve. Another factor in the drop, experts believe, is the \$500 application fee for the program, called deferred action for childhood arrivals.

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GUN CONTROL

WASHINGTON, DC
LOURDES MELUZA, PKG 2:19
VIVIANA AVILA PKG 2:22

Vice President Biden and Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver remarks at the White House to continue calling on Congress to pass common-sense measures to reduce gun violence. The Vice President and Attorney General Holder will be joined by law enforcement officials from across the country and will highlight the importance of proposed gun safety measures to the law enforcement community.

IMMIGRATION RALLY
VIRGINIA

ENRIQUE ACEVEDO, PKG 2:16

Thousands of supporters of immigration are traveling from all over the U.S. to Washington, D.C on Wednesday, calling on lawmakers to support a path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants. A group from Alabama is traveling to the capital on bus to make their voices heard. The ages ranging from under a year to 65 years old.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS
CALIFORNIA

JAIME GARCIA PKG 1:56

On Monday, May 6, 2013, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will implement Customer Identity Verification (CIV) in its field offices. Individuals will now be required to submit biometric data, specifically fingerprints and photographs, when appearing at USCIS offices for interviews or to receive evidence of an immigration benefit. CIV will help to both defend against threats to national security and protect customers from identity fraud by enhancing the agency's ability to verify identity.

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IMMIGRATION RALLY
WASHINGTON, DC

LOURDES MELUZA PKG 2:20, JORGE RAMOS PKG 1:55,
ENRIQUE ACEVEDO PKG 1:33, PABLO SANCHEZ PKG 1:45

Thousands of supporters of immigration reform rallied around the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, calling on lawmakers to support a path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants. Demonstrators waved flags, from the United States and in smaller numbers Latin American countries, and held signs reading "Citizenship for 11 million" and "Basta ya! La deportacion," which translates to "Deportation, enough already."

GUN DEBATE
VO :26

Conservative senators from both parties announced their support for expanding background checks for gun buyers Wednesday, giving a burst of momentum to supporters of stronger restrictions. But big questions remain about whether President Barack Obama can push significant gun controls through Congress. The compromise between Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., boosted the chances that the Senate will agree to broaden required background checks, a step gun control groups laud as an effective way to keep weapons from criminals and the mentally ill. The senators are among the most conservative members of their parties, both have received "A" ratings from the National Rifle Association, and their endorsements could make it easier for hesitant colleagues to back the effort.

OBAMA BUDGET
VO :23

Mixing modest curbs on spending with tax increases reviled by Republicans, President Barack Obama proposed a \$3.8 trillion budget on Wednesday that would raise taxes on smokers and wealthy Americans and trim Social Security benefits for millions. Obama's 2014 blueprint combines a \$242 billion infusion of new spending for road and rail projects, early education and jobs initiatives -- all favored by Democrats --

with longer-term savings from programs including Medicare and the military. It promises at least a start in cutting huge annual federal deficits.

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GUN DEBATE
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
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A day after the Senate voted to begin debate on new gun control measures, the Supreme Court is expected to consider a new appeal aimed at loosening state restrictions on firearms. The justices are meeting in private Friday to discuss adding new cases for the term that begins in the fall. Among them is an appeal of a federal court ruling that upheld New York's strict licensing scheme for carrying concealed weapons in public. The National Rifle Association and 20 states are backing an appeal by five New York residents who claim that the state law violates their constitutional gun rights. The challenge comes nearly five years after a landmark Supreme Court decision in favor of gun rights -- and four months after a gunman killed 20 children and six adults in Newtown, Conn.

FARM WAGES AGREEMENT
VO :24

U.S. senators negotiating an immigration bill have reached agreement on wages for foreign farm laborers working in the United States and a limit on visas for such workers, Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein said on Thursday. Feinstein, of California, refused to provide details on the agreement and added that there were some other issues related to farm workers still to be negotiated.

DEMOCRATS IMMIGRATION PLAN
VO :30

Just days before a bipartisan group of eight senators is expected to present legislation that would make broad changes to the nation's immigration system, a group of Democrats in the House unveiled its own blueprint for an immigration overhaul. The self-described group of moderate and pro-growth Democrats, the New Democrat Coalition, outlined four basic principles at a news conference on Thursday, including changing the country's employment and family-based immigration system to meet the needs of a global economy; ensuring that adequate resources are devoted to securing the border; mandating an efficient employment verification system to prevent immigrants from working illegally; and providing the 11 million immigrants already in the country illegally with "the opportunity to work toward permanent residency with a path to earned citizenship." In a two-page news release, the group said its principles were inspired by the desire for growth, efficiency, fairness and inclusion.

CARS RECALL
VO :21

Toyota said it was recalling 1.7 million cars around the world, including some popular Corolla, Matrix and Camry models. Nissan recalled around 480,000 cars, while Mazda added another 45,000. Honda, which is recalling more than 1.1 million autos, said the recall was necessary to replace passenger front airbag inflators.

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IMMIGRATION REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG: 2:14

A bipartisan immigration bill soon to be introduced in the Senate could exclude hundreds of thousands of immigrants here illegally from ever becoming U.S. citizens, according to a Senate aide with knowledge of the proposals. The bill would bar anyone who arrived in the U.S. after Dec. 31, 2011, from applying for legal status and ultimately citizenship, according to the aide, who was not authorized to discuss the

proposals before they were made public and spoke on condition of anonymity. It also would require applicants to document that they were in the country before Dec. 31, 2011, have a clean criminal record and show enough employment or financial stability that they're likely to stay off welfare.

IMMIGRATION REFORM STEPS TO APPLY

JAIME GARCIA

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Once the legislation is introduced, it will be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday and likely will begin to amend and vote on the bill the week of May 6. From there, the bill would move to the Senate floor. Both in committee and on the floor, the bill could change in unpredictable ways as senators try to amend it from the left and the right. The Gang of Eight -- Schumer, Durbin, and Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Robert Menendez, D-N.J., and Michael Bennet, D-Colo. -- have discussed banding together to defeat amendments that could significantly alter the legislation. This story focus on the steps those who qualify should take. How should they go about applying and what documents will be needed.

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