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11/1/05 U.S. FLU STRATEGY

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON D.C.

PKG: 1:55 United States president, George Bush went over his \$7.1 billion plan today to battle the possible pandemic of the bird flu in the U.S. Part of Bush's plan is to have sufficient vaccine for 20 million Americans against the disease, stockpile medication to lessen the symptoms and assist state and local governments with preparation against this possible tragedy.

There is no telling when and even if the U.S. will be faced with the bird flu which began in Asia and has already spread through Europe. Preparation is the key in this situation especially because time is relatively available. The strategy Bush has created is to better access the technologies to quickly create a vaccine against the bird flu and immunize every American against the disease.

TOM DELAY JUDGE

VO: :19

District Judge Tom Perkins was removed from the conspiracy case of Tom Delay. The attorney's that represent Delay argued that Perkins would possibly be impartial in the case because of his donations to Democratic candidates. Perkins was forced from the case as he initially declined to withdraw.

A new judge is going to be appointed to the case.

ONE WEEK OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:03

California governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger is selectively campaigning his agenda for the next week's special elections. Support for Schwarzenegger has dwindled, therefore he is targeting the loyal Republicans to vote in his favor. Getting GOP supporters have also become critical to the campaign.

Schwarzenegger's ads are airing in selected cities where the majority of the population is conservative.

The governor is spending most of his \$40 million dollar campaign fun on ads.

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11/02/05

ILLEGAL HIRES

PKG 1:45

JAIME GARCIA/LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Controversy in southern California... Where local activists are trying to "out" employers who hire illegal

immigrants. They're taking their pictures.. and posting them on the internet in a "hall of shame". Reporter bob banfield says the group behind that website is affiliated with the minutemen.

The web site has been in existence for a year, according to arne chandler,

Members of a group affiliated with the minutemen. The group takes pictures of companies and individuals hiring daily workers from the streets of many southern california cities. The hall of shame idea was designed to inform citizens of the degree of what they see as a growing problem.

CIA JAILS

VO :39

The government isn't owning up to the existence of a secret prison reportedly set up by the C-I-A for its most important al-Qaida captives. But a senior administration

official says if such a prison existed, President Bush's directive banning the torture of terror suspects would apply there as well.

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11/03/05

KATRINA HEARING

VO :20

Winners of some of the largest Hurricane Katrina contracts defended their deals before a House panel today. They told skeptical lawmakers the costs, including a 236 (m)

million-dollar deal to use cruise ships as temporary housing, are justified.

ANTI BUSH PROTEST

VO :20

The World Can't Wait organized protesters for a national day of resistance called "Drive Out the Bush Regime." A rally was scheduled for 5 p.m. Westwood Federal Building - protesters gathered along several streets. Van Nuys High School was placed on lockdown today after a group of students left to participate in a walk-out and protest against the Bush administration.

SECURE BORDER

PKG 1:58

ENRIQUE TEUTELO/ SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff on Wednesday (11/2) addressed security issues for the southwest border.

During a luncheon forum in Houston, Texas Chertoff outlined what is being

done to secure U-S borders. Chertoff toured the southwest border in El Paso, Texas late Tuesday (11/1) night.

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11/04/05

VIOXX LITIGATION

VO :22

It was a case believed only by one juror. Merck has beat back a lawsuit filed by a New Jersey man who claimed the Vioxx painkiller was responsible for his heart attack. A jury found that Merck properly warned consumers about Vioxx's

risks and isn't liable for Mike Humeston's heart attack in 2001. Just one juror said Merck didn't give enough warnings to doctors about Vioxx's link to increased heart problems. But another juror said stress and Humeston's other medical problems were to blame -- saying his medical records "were

riddled" with other medications. It's the first win for Merck in a case involving Vioxx, after it lost one in Texas. The drugmaker faces thousands of similar suits.

STEROIDS GAO

VO :44

According to a congressional report, the Internet is making it easy for teens to get steroids. The Government Accountability Office says anybody with a computer and an e-mail address can get anabolic steroids. Investigators found hundreds of Web sites offering anabolic steroids, and received shipments from outside the U.S after placing several online orders. Rep. Tom Davis released the findings of the report today on Capitol Hill. It was Davis' committee that called athletes to testify about steroid use in professional sports.

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11/05/05

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CONFERENCE

JULIO CESAR ORTIZ, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

PKG 2:06

The Southwest Conference on Illegal Immigration, Border Security and Crime will be held at the Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center in Scottsdale from November 4 through November 5. The conference, Thomas said, will be "perhaps the nation's most comprehensive public-policy forum to date devoted to America's illegal immigration crisis.", this event will be open to the public and the press, and will feature

diverse panels of speakers with a wide array of viewpoints. "We need new ideas for the fight against illegal immigration," Thomas noted. "This conference will offer a robust debate and exchange of views which I believe will generate important new ideas and initiatives for securing our border." Pro-immigrant groups and activists are worried that since this conference will bring the most extremist members of Congress (Tancredo) and others like Fair the anti-immigrant feeling will be strengthened and worst laws against immigrants will be passed. Security will be high.

LOWEST POLL NUMBERS FOR BUSH

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 1:57

President Bush's public support has eroded to its lowest level yet, with the Iraq war dragging on, a top White House aide facing felony charges and the White House rushing to replace a failed Supreme Court nominee. Concerned that the president has lost his footing, some Republicans have suggested Bush should shake up his staff. A new AP-Ipsos poll found the president's approval rating was at 37 percent, compared with 39 percent a month ago. About 59 percent of those surveyed said they disapproved. the intensity of disapproval is the strongest to date, with 42

percent now saying they "strongly disapprove" of how Bush is handling his job -- twice as many as the 20 percent who said they "strongly approve."

CUTS MEDICARE & MEDICAID

LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:55

A battle over cuts to popular federal programs like Medicaid and food stamps promises to intensify next week in the House despite relatively smooth sailing in the Senate. A measure the Senate passed Thursday calls for mild cuts in the health care programs for the elderly, poor and disabled, while leaving the food stamp program untouched. A House plan approved by a key committee Thursday cuts more deeply across a broader range of social programs. Republican moderates who don't like the cuts say it makes even less sense to vote on them if it's clear the Senate won't go along. To ease passage next week, House GOP leaders may drop a provision that would allow drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, with the intention of revisiting it in final compromise talks with the Senate.

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11/06/05

IMMIGRANTS' AIRPORT BADGES

VO: 19

Three illegal immigrants recently obtained airport security badges at atlanta's hartsfield-jackson international airport. These badges would allow them to enter secured areas of the airport.

FLU SHORTAGE

LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:35

It seems we may be having another flu shot shortage this year. Flu clinics everywhere are being canceled because doctors and hospitals can't get the vaccine. Chiron, the manufacturer responsible for last year's shortage, recently announced it will have about 10 million less doses available than previously thought... and the effect is starting to trickle down.

TEXAS ESCAPED CONVICT LATEST

VO: 21

Jurors and victims' relatives fear they might be targets of a death row inmate who freed himself from handcuffs and walked out of a county jail in civilian clothes. Convicted killer Charles Victor Thompson remained at large Saturday, authorities said. Thompson, 35, fooled at least four jail

employees when he walked out of the Harris County Jail on Thursday. Thompson was condemned in 1999 for the shooting deaths a year

earlier of Hayslip, 39, and Darren Keith Cain, 30. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ordered he be resentenced and on Oct. 28 a new

jury again recommended the death penalty. Thompson was being held in the county jail pending his transfer back to prison. On Thursday, Thompson claimed he had an appointment with his lawyer and was taken to a meeting room. However, the visitor was not Thompson's attorney. Martin said investigators were questioning the visitor but wouldn't give details.

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11/07/05

KATRINA POWER

VO: 21

The bankrupt utility that supplies power and gas to New Orleans has not set a timetable for restoring service to the city's storm-ravaged eastern

neighborhoods and the Lower Ninth Ward, the company's chief executive told an angry crowd of residents Saturday. Entergy New Orleans, a subsidiary of Entergy Corp., needs a \$450 million federal bailout to replace equipment destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and finance operations over the next year, Chief Executive Dan Packer said. Entergy has restored electric service to only about 24 percent of its pre-storm levels in New Orleans and is having to repair and replace more than half of its substations after they were swamped with flood water, he said.

KATRINA WASTE

VO: 17

The state of Louisiana says hurricane Katrina generated some 22-million tons of waste – most of it in the New Orleans area. Everybody agrees it needs to be hauled away. But some are arguing about where it should go. And if loading up an old city dump is going to create a future environmental hazard.

BUSH

VO: 22

The personnel of the White House will have to participate the next week of presentations on ethics and treatment of information classified, after being accused an important civil employee in an investigation by a filtration in the company, said Saturday The Washington Post.

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11/08/05

MIDWEST KILLING TORNADOES

ANGEL ZAYON, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:22

Steps lead to nowhere. Concrete foundations stand bare. Stop signs bend parallel to the ground. But right next to obliterated houses stands a home barely touched. Such is the tangled aftermath of a tornado that killed at least 22 people early Sunday as it followed an erratic path across the countryside of western Kentucky and southwestern Indiana. With winds of at least 150 mph, the storm inflicted its worst damage on the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park in Evansville, where splintered trees were filled with a tangled mess of insulation and aluminum siding.

PLANE CRASH HOUSTON

VO: 23

For the second time in two days, a plane has crashed near a Houston airport. A plane has reportedly crashed, hitting a car on Spring Stuebner near Highway 290. The accident is close to Hooks Airport in northwest Harris County. Witnesses say the plane clipped some power lines, and then skipped off the top of a vehicle. The small plane then ended up in some woods next to Hooks Airport. Both the plane and the car are reportedly on fire.

Sheriff's deputies have closed the roads to traffic. Two people have reportedly been killed. Officials are saying the victims were a male adult and a child. One female from inside the car was transported to Woodlands Memorial with minor injuries.

MEXICANS AT SUMMIT

LILIANA ESCALANTE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:13

Mexico and the Central American countries wrote down a triumph in a Summit of the Américas in Mar del Plata, Argentina, when obtaining that a statute of protection for the immigrants was included in the final declaration, in spite of the strong resistance of the United States. The 34 participant countries obtained consensus so that the rights of the workers are recognized without concerning their migratory condition. Now its total application will depend on when it starts up the American Government.

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11/09/05

DEATH ROW CAPTURED

VO: 20

A death row inmate who slipped out of a Texas jail wearing street clothes was captured Sunday in Shreveport, La., the U.S. Marshals Service said. Marianne Matus, a Marshals spokeswoman in Houston, confirmed convicted killer Charles Victor Thompson was in custody. No other

details were immediately available.

TX EVACUEES HOMES

VO: 20

Many victims of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina Saturday (11/5) are applying to purchase a home at cost with a zero interest loan. Habitat for Humanity is providing the opportunity for all hurricane victims in the Houston, Texas area. Selected buyers will be required to contribute 300 hours of "sweat equity" by working on their own home and must have a minimum income of 1500-dollars a month.

MIDWEST TORNADO

MARTIN BERLANGA, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:30

The number of dead from a weekend tornado in southwest Indiana stands at 22, after a body was found in a large retention pond today. No details about the latest victim have been released. But authorities say the body was found shortly after workers began draining a six-foot-deep retention pond near a devastated mobile home park in Evansville. Chief Deputy Sheriff Eric Williams says the pond is being drained because it's the one spot that wasn't "thoroughly searched." The pond should be fully drained by this evening.

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11/10/05

ARIZONA KIDS IMMIGRATION

VO:20 & SOT: 21

A Guatemalan Mother paid a Smuggler to bring her two daughters 9 and 7 Years old. He abandoned them at the border. It had been a week since she had paid for her transport and she just found out that they were detained by Immigration Authorities. Since the mother is ndocumented she cannot go and visit them at the facility. Both girls are scheduled to be deported in 48 hours.

HONDURAN MURDER

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 1:53

The Supreme Court agreed Monday to consider the appeal of a Honduran national convicted of killing a Virginia teen with a baseball bat. The man was never told of his right to seek legal help from the Honduran consulate, and his new lawyers are trying to win another trial. The court is jumping back into the issue of the rights of foreigners who face criminal charges. Justices considered another case involving a Mexican national on death row in Texas, but dismissed the case without a ruling in May after President Bush ordered a new state court hearing for the man.

Under the Vienna Convention, foreigners arrested in the United States are to be told they have a right to get help from their home country. Americans are entitled to the same rights in other countries that signed the treaty. In the Virginia case, Mario Bustillo is serving a 30-year prison

sentence in the 1997 slaying of 18-year-old James Merry outside a Popeyes Restaurant in Springfield, Va.

SCOTUS-GUANTANAMO

VO: 34

The Supreme Court is giving no free passes to the commander in chief. Pressed by the Bush administration to stay out of a wartime powers case, the court jumped in anyway. The justices will decide if the president overstepped his authority by ordering military tribunals for terror suspects held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, resurrecting a type of trial last used during World War II. The case the justices will hear next spring involves Osama bin Laden's former driver.

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11/11/05

CUBAN MIGRANT DEATH

VO: 16

A speedboat carrying 37 suspected migrants capsized off Key West, killing two Cuban women whose bodies were found trapped under the boat, the U.S. Coast Guard said Sunday. After the boat was spotted Saturday, a Coast Guard rescue boat was sent out and took about 15 people off the speedboat, leaving life jackets for the rest. It was returning for the others when the speedboat capsized, Petty Officer Dana Warr said. Twenty-two people were dumped in the water. All but the two women found under the boat with lifejackets on were rescued and taken to a Coast Guard cutter. One suspected smuggler was among the group, Warr said. The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement was investigating.

CYBER-SUICIDE

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:16

A bubbly 19-year-old with loving parents and good friends, she was also a strong student and earned a science scholarship for college.

But everything changed one spring day two years ago, Alone in a Florida hotel room, just miles from her college apartment, Suzanne methodically prepared and swallowed a 4 In doing so, she joined the roughly 4,000 people between the ages of 15 and 24 who commit suicide each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicide is now the third leading cause of death among young people, the CDC reports. But Suzanne's case has an unusual twist. She frequented an Internet newsgroup called called ASH, short for Alt.Suicide.Holiday. Members of this news group trade advice on how to commit suicide, using code words like 'transitioning' and 'exiting' and 'catching the bus.' Suzanne found this group nine weeks before she died, posting nearly one hundred messages detailing her plans. Suzanne's dad believes one of those messages taught her how to illegally obtain and use cyanide to end her life. And he was horrified to learn that an older ASH member who goes by the alias "River" may have helped her.

BUSH POLL & VETERANS DAY

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 1:58

President Bush explains his decision to invade Iraq during a speech today in Pennsylvania. It comes as a new A-P-Ipsos poll indicates nearly six in ten Americans don't think he's honest. The same number also don't think his administration has high ethical standards. President Bush charged Friday that Democratic critics of the Iraq war were trying to rewrite history by accusing the White House of manipulating intelligence to gain support for the war. Bush, in a Veterans Day speech at an Army depot, fired back at Democrats who have been escalating accusations that Bush misused intelligence to justify an increasingly unpopular war. Bush said he respected his opponents' right to disagree with him about the decision to go to war against Iraq and that as president he accepted responsibility for what has taken place there under his watch. But, he added, "It is deeply irresponsible to rewrite the history of how that war began." Bush also opened fire at one critic in particular,

Massachusetts Democratic Sen. John Kerry, whom Bush defeated in the presidential election a year ago.

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11/12/05

WARNING ISSUED FOR BIRTH-CONTROL PATCH

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG 1:59

The makers of a popular birth-control patch warned millions of women Thursday that the patch exposes them to significantly higher doses of hormones and may put them at greater risk for blood clots and other serious side effects than previously disclosed. New studies show that women absorb about 50% more estrogen with the Ortho Evra patch than with the pill. AFP file photo The warning from Johnson and Johnson subsidiary Ortho McNeil, makers of Ortho Evra, says women using the patch will be exposed to about 60% more estrogen than those using typical birth-control pills because hormones from patches get into the bloodstream and are removed from the body differently than those from pills. Thursday's warning comes four months after The Associated Press reported that patch users die and suffer blood clots at a rate three times higher than women taking the pill.

EMBRACING UNDOCUMENTED

LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:42

Thousands of immigrants have made reality the famous American dream of own a house. But the fight and the push of the undocumented people bother groups anti-immigrants. The second part of the serie "Poder Adquisitivo" explains that by more attempts than they become, the advance of the undocumented people does not have return back.

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11/13/05

NEW ORLEANS LEVEES NOT READY

VO: 24

Engineers may not have time to rebuild all 350 miles of battered levees in the New Orleans area before the next hurricane season, but they plan to shore up the structures enough to withstand another storm. The Army Corps of Engineers expects to stabilize any weak areas in the levee system before the 2006 hurricane season begins in June. "Construction might continue past June ... but it will be capable of protecting from a hurricane," said Walter Baumy, chief engineer for the agency's New Orleans district. The task of restoring levees goes far beyond patching up several dozen breaches of various sizes. The Corps has "sent out teams to investigate the entire system, not just areas where there were

breaches

SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE

VO: 22

A state agent was stopped after the authorities accused it to receive thousands of dollars of Hispanic motorists, in exchange for not imposing transit fines to them. Stephen A Watts, 28 years old, was accused Friday of bad conduct, after receiving 40 dollars of a motorist to whom stopped by a supposed infraction of transit on October 30 in the county of Lexington, according to the arrest order.

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11/14/05

NEW YORK FLIGHT MEMORIAL

VO: 19

Scores of families gathered in a seaside neighborhood Saturday to observe the fourth anniversary of one of the nation's deadliest airline disasters. The crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on a quiet residential block in the Belle Harbor section of Queens killed 265 people --

including five on the ground -- on Nov. 12, 2001, at a time when the city was still reeling from the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Mayor Michael Bloomberg told the hundreds gathered on a chilly morning that the city hopes to pick a design soon for a \$2 million

memorial to the victims. Officials hope to have a monument in place next fall.

OBESITY ENZYME

VO: 18

Just in time for the holidays, the University of Florida researchers have found a way to keep the body's metabolism running and help keep the pounds off during this holiday season. Researchers successfully blocked an enzyme that normally turns off Leptin sensitivity in obese people. Leptin is a hormone that burns fat and regulates the body's metabolism. When Leptin stops working weight gain occurs. Experts conducted a study on rats using a compound called Vanadium. This compound increased the Leptin system to burn more calories

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11/15/05

MEDICARE CONFUSION

LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:55

In a few days is going to begin the period of inscription of the new plan of medicine cover by Medicare, the education's campaigns by the companies that will provide the service and the questions of the people who describe have increased. The program initiates january first , but the users must register since november 15. In order to avoid to pay a fine, the interested ones must register until May 15, 2006 to fill the request.

MIDWEST TORNADO

VO: 17

Some Iowa residents are returning home today to find their houses ruined and their belongings scattered. At least ten towns in Iowa were hit by tornadoes yesterday. Hardest hit were Woodward, where up to 40 homes were destroyed, and Stratford, where an elderly woman was killed and some 32 homes leveled.

GA TERROR DRILL

VO:

Calm, cool sunday morning in midtown atlanta is interrupted by explosions, Gun fire, and sirens. Atlanta transit authorities, and other agencies hired a production company Specializing in disaster scenes to help put the city's first responders through The drill.

NY SUBWAY ARREST

VO:

Starting tomorrow, some New York subway riders won't just be getting their bags searched. They also might be getting them swabbed. The city is trotting out a new anti-terrorism tool designed to detect traces of explosives. Instead of searching inside a bag, officers will swab the outside.

A New York police spokesman says the method is fast and less intrusive. Results are ready in a few seconds.

HUMAN SMUGGLERS ARRESTED

VO:

On Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. the Santa Ana Police Department responded to a call of a kidnapping for ransom. The calling party reported that three of his family members were being held against their will at an unknown location and the suspects were demanding a \$5,400 ransom. The victims, a 25-year-old male, and two females, ages 25 and 16, had hired the suspect to illegally transport them into the U.S. from Mexico.

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11/16/05

MIDWEST STORMS

SERGIO URQUIDI / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

Nearly three dozen tornadoes ripped through the Midwest, part of a huge line of thunderstorms that destroyed homes and killed at least two people.

Meteorologists said a cold front moving rapidly east collided with warm, unstable air from the south on Tuesday to produce the thunderstorms that stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, spawning funnel clouds and tornadoes in parts of Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee.

SENATE APPROVES PENSION OVERHAUL PLAN

VO: 40

Hoping to reverse the deterioration of pension plans covering 44 million Americans, the Senate voted Wednesday to force companies to make up underfunding estimated at \$450 billion and live up to promises made to employees.

The action came a day after the federal agency that insures such plans reported massive liabilities and predicted a troubled future.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUIRES PIT BULL STERILIZATION

VO :40

San Francisco's city legislature approved a measure Tuesday requiring all pit bulls to be sterilized.

The measure, passed 10-0 by the city's Board of Supervisors, sets fines of up to \$1,000 for owners who fail to spay or neuter their pit bulls, although some exceptions apply.

HARBORING ILLEGALS

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, D.C.

TRT 2:00

There is outrage over a new law passed by congress that actually protects religious institutions from prosecution if they shelter illegal alien volunteers.

The author of the law says it protects the church from liability.

Opponents say it allows churches, synagogues mosques and other religious institutions to harbor illegal aliens, without the risk of prosecution for doing so.

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11/17/05

US-MEXICAN BORDER FENCE/IMMIGRATION HEARING

ENRIQUE TEUTALO, EEUU - MEXICO BORDER

PKG 2:08

A once-radical idea to build a 2,000-mile steel-and-wire fence on the U.S.-Mexican border is gaining momentum amid warnings that terrorists can easily sneak into the country. In Congress, a powerful Republican lawmaker this week proposed building such a fence across the entire border and two dozen other lawmakers signed on.

WAR DEBATE HEATS UP

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 1:50

A leading pro-defense Democrat in the House of Representatives Thursday urged the Bush administration to start the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. "The U.S. cannot accomplish anything further in Iraq militarily. It is time to bring them home," said Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, a senior Democrat on the subcommittee that oversees military spending. Murtha's remarks followed attacks from the Bush

administration on critics of its Iraq war policy and its handling of intelligence that led to the war.

PENNSYLVANIA ILLEGAL ALIENS

VO: 22

Federal agents dropped in on a distribution center that is under construction in Schuylkill County Thursday morning to round up workers who

are allegedly in this country illegally. Agents from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration, state police and members of the Schuylkill County Sheriff's office arrived at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center that is going up in the High Ridge Business Park near Minersville, Pennsylvania.

The workers were placed on three white buses brought in by the federal agents. Those taken into custody were expected to be taken to a processing area; their status was undetermined after that. The name of the construction company that hired the workers has not been

released. Investigators say the company will probably be questioned by the agents as to how the undocumented workers got their jobs.

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11/18/05

FL GIRL LATEST

VO: 21

A 39-year-old father of three daughters faces a possible death sentence... For The abduction, rape and murder of an eleven year-old girl.

Carlie brucia's kidnapping was caught on chilling surveillance video almost two Years ago. And today (thursday)...a jury in florida convicted the man seen on that Videotape, Joseph smith.

IMMIGRATION SALVADORANS

VO: 20

The Bush administration proposed ending protections for illegal immigrants newly arrived from El Salvador, arguing the safeguards interfere with new border control policies. Immigration rights attorneys and activists said Thursday the so-called Orantes injunction that gave Salvadoran immigrants special rights nearly two decades ago still was needed. The protections were mandated by a federal judge as a result of a class-action suit by Salvadoran immigrants who fled their country's bloody civil war and claimed the U.S. government tried to coerce them into going back.

HONDURAS CRIME

VICTOR HUGO SAAVEDRA, TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

PKG 2:00

A Honduras man accused of helping kidnap and kill one of President Ricardo Maduro's sons in 1997 was deported Thursday from the United

States, where he had been a fugitive, Honduran police said. Santos Adonay Bustillo was in police custody in Tegucigalpa and expected to face trial, said police spokesman Gustavo Fajardo. Bustillo was arrested in the United States by Interpol under an international arrest warrant.

He escaped in 1998 from a jail in San Pedro Sula in northern Honduras, where he was charged in the kidnapping and death of businessman Ricardo Ernesto Maduro, son of the current president who took office in 2002.

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11/19/05

IMMIGRATION SALVADORANS

SALVADOR CASTELLANOS, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

PKG 1:56

Reactions to the Bush administration proposal of ending protections for illegal immigrants newly arrived from El Salvador, arguing the safeguards interfere with new border control policies. Immigration rights attorneys and activists said Thursday the so-called Orantes injunction that gave Salvadoran immigrants special rights nearly two decades ago still was needed. The protections were mandated by a federal judge as a result of a class-action suit by Salvadoran immigrants who fled their country's bloody civil war and claimed the U.S. government tried to coerce them into going back.

BUS DRIVER RELEASED

VO: 29 & SOT: 20

The Mexican driver of the bus in which some seniors died, near Dallas, Texas, today enjoys his first complete day in freedom. The authorities released Juan Robles yesterday after two investigations exonerated him of fault. The accident took place when it transported from Houston seniors evacuees by Hurricane Rita.

TROPICAL STORM GAMMA

VO: 27

Tropical Storm Gamma, a record 24th cyclone in an Atlantic hurricane season that has barely paused for breath, formed off the coast of Honduras Friday and was expected to curve toward south Florida by the beginning of next week. Gamma, named like its two predecessors Alpha and Beta from the Greek alphabet after the official list of 2005 storm names was exhausted, was 40 miles north of Limon, Honduras,

and 190 miles east-southeast of Belize City, Belize, by 4 p.m. EST, the National Hurricane Center said. The poorly defined storm had top sustained winds of 40 mph, and was moving erratically toward the west-northwest at 5 mph.

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11/20/05

TROPICAL STORM GAMMA LATEST

VO: 14

Tropical Storm Gamma lashed Central America with heavy rain Saturday, killing at least nine people and cutting off part of the Honduran coast as the 24th major storm in a record Atlantic hurricane season cut an erratic course toward Cuba. Slow-moving Gamma was expected to bypass Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, still recovering from a battering by Hurricane Wilma three weeks ago, and forecasters revised an earlier prediction to say that it probably would not directly hit southern Florida, where Wilma also wreaked havoc. The storm was expected to reach Cuba Monday but forecasters said it probably would not gain strength.

CALIFORNIA FIRES

LILIANA ESCALANTE, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:06

Firefighters say calming winds have helped them contain about 30 percent of a 37-hundred-acre wildwire in southern California. The blaze began early yesterday about 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles, and eventually grew to four-thousand acres. The flames were fanned by fierce Santa Ana winds and at one point threatened 200 homes, prompting a voluntary evacuation. A spokesman with the Ventura County fire department says no structures have been lost or damaged by the fire. The National Weather Service has canceled a wind advisory, but

forecasters say winds will continue in the area through early tomorrow, with isolated gusts near 35 miles per hour.

WALMART IMMIGRANTS

VO: 24

Federal authorities say 125 illegal immigrants arrested at a Wal-Mart construction site in eastern Pennsylvania will all be deported. Search warrants were executed Thursday at six companies on the job site outside Pottsville, about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia. The illegal workers were from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. Officials say some of them used fake documents to obtain employment. Federal officials say the arrests should serve as a warning to employers. Any who knowingly hire illegal aliens or workers with

false documents face administrative and criminal charges.

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IMMIGRATION RALLY

VO: 21

Groups of immigrants supported today in Chicago, Illinois, an initiative of governor Rod Blagojevich, to create an office to help the new immigrants to integrate in that state. The initiative is considered like first of its type in the country. The plan has untied protests between groups anti-immigrantes, such as project "minuteman" and the federation for a migratory reformation.

IRAK PRESSURE RETURN

VO: 21

President bush says america will stay in iraq until troops achieve victory...And so does secretary of defense donald rumsfeld. Rumsfeld says democratic congressman john murtha's recent call for a speedy troop withdrawal has done little to change the bush administration's plans. Rumsfeld also defended the number of troops stationed in iraq on c-n-n's "late edition with wolf blitzer."

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11/22/05

TEXAS WRONGLY ACCUSED

NORBERTO HERNANDEZ, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

PKG 1:50

A decade after Ruben Cantu was executed for capital murder, the only witness to the crime is recanting and his co-defendant says Cantu, then 17, wasn't even with him that night. The victim was shot nine times with a rifle during an attempted robbery before the gunman unloaded more rounds into the only witness. That witness, Juan Moreno, told the Houston Chronicle for its Sunday editions that Cantu wasn't the killer. Moreno said he only identified him at the 1985 trial because he felt pressured and was afraid of authorities. The doubts now being raised come too late for Cantu. He had long professed his innocence but was executed in Texas on Aug. 24, 1993, at the age of 26.

MALL SHOOTING LATEST

EDNA SCHMIDT, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:02

A gunman opened fire inside a busy shopping mall Sunday, wounding at least six people and taking three others hostage in a music store before a SWAT team arrested him, authorities said. Witnesses described seeing a man walking backward through the mall, firing a rifle. At least six people were injured, one critically, as shoppers and store clerks scrambled for cover. Tacoma Police spokesman Mark Fulghum said the suspect was a young man, but he had no other details or possible motives. A SWAT team arrested him without firing a shot, and police were

interviewing the victims and hostages to determine what happened during the nearly four hours he was inside

ATLANTA AQUARIUM

VO: 18

Atlanta is being turned into Atlantis. It feels like you are stepping into an underwater paradise nose to nose with more than 500 species. From tiny golden travelley's to massive beluga whales the creatures swim at you from every direction. Hammer heads, sting rays even bottom feeders swoop down from above. This is the largest aquarium in the world and jaws are dropping.

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11/23/05

DALLAS POLICE DISCRIMINATION

ENRIQUE TEUTALO, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

PKG 1:55

Dallas County Sheriff's Department might be specifically targeting Hispanics and Mexican nationals during their enforcement of our state's DWI laws. The national latino peace officers association is demanding an investigation about this situation. The DWI Task Force selectively worked -- and continues to work -- in a specific pattern in areas frequented by Hispanics and Mexican Nationals on the weekends, mainly I-35 and Manana. The DWI Task Force has been monitored for several months, and the numbers seem to support racial profiling of both Hispanics and Mexican nationals. The DWI "Safe and Sober" program is an excellent measure to save lives, but it has not been applied in a fair and equal manner. The national latino peace officers association complaint is not that officers are arresting Hispanics and Mexican nationals who break the law, is that members of this department seem to be specifically targeting Hispanics and Mexican nationals.

BRIGADES CUT IN 2006

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 2:02

Barring any major surprises in Iraq, the Pentagon tentatively plans to reduce the number of U.S. forces there early next year by as many as three combat brigades, from 18 now, but to keep at least one brigade "on call" in Kuwait in case more troops are needed quickly, several senior military officers said. Pentagon authorities also have set a series of "decision points" during 2006 to consider further force cuts that, under a "moderately optimistic" scenario, would drop the total number of troops from more than 150,000 now to fewer than 100,000, including 10 combat brigades, by the end of the year, the officers said.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG 1:50

Millions of Americans hit the road, lined up at airports and headed for bus and train stations Wednesday to get home in time for Thanksgiving turkey on what's historically the biggest travel day of the year. AAA said more than 37 million people will be traveling during the holiday weekend, undeterred by snow and more expensive gasoline, rental cars and hotel rooms. Although snow was already falling Wednesday morning across parts of Michigan and Indiana, The Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines, predicted 21.7 million people would fly on U.S. airlines from Nov. 19 to Nov. 29, slightly more than the record number a year ago. Snow threatened to create messy travel conditions across the

Great Lakes states and south into the central Appalachians.

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11/24/05

GEORGE W. BUSH AND SOLDIERS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG 1:52

US troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan celebrated the North American holiday of Thanksgiving on Thursday. Soldiers in the high security district known as the "Green Zone" in central Baghdad feasted on the traditional turkey dinner. Zalmay Khalilzad, the US ambassador to Iraq, attended the dinner and told the troops they were making a great sacrifice by being away from family and friends on Thanksgiving. US troops patiently queued outside the canteen in Bagram airbase, the main military base in Afghanistan, in anticipation of their turkey dinner. Once inside, they feasted on turkey and all the traditional trimmings. The thoughts of many of the soldiers were with their families back home and several sent personal greetings to their loved ones.

President Bush said Thursday that he's thankful for troops serving in a time of war as he made Thanksgiving Day phone calls to 10 members of the U.S. military services stationed around the world. From his ranch here, Bush called troops serving in the Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Army early Thursday morning before sitting down for dinner with his family.

CHICAGO TRAIN ACCIDENT LATEST

CRISTINA PUIG, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 1:59

A group of cars hit by a commuter train at a busy suburban Chicago crossing had 54 seconds from the time the gates were activated until the train came barreling through, an official with the National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday. The crossing gates appeared to be working, but traffic was backed up during the evening rush Wednesday and several cars became trapped between the gates, acting NTSB chairman Mark Rosenker

said. "The cars were in a place they shouldn't have been at the time," Rosenker said. The train hit them because they had nowhere to go, he said. Sixteen people were injured when the train slammed into the trapped cars and started a chain reaction in the heavy traffic. Three remained hospitalized Thursday, Rosenker said. Investigators are now looking into whether the traffic signals at the long diagonal intersection gave vehicles enough time to clear the tracks. They also planned to interview the train's crew members on Friday, and were investigating human error and other possible reasons for the crash.

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11/25/05

ILLINOIS TRAIN ACCIDENTE

VO: 18

Three people were injured when two freight trains collided in Momence, Illinois this morning (11/24). Several tanker cars from each train derailed and overturned, and one leaked denatured alcohol. Dozens of residents living downwind of the area were evacuated while the leak was contained by hazardous material teams. Those injured in the accident were crew on board one of the trains. Their injuries are described as minor. One of the trains was an eastbound 90-car Norfolk Southern train, and the other was a southbound Union Pacific train headed to Little Rock, Arkansas. An investigation is under way. It could take several days to clean up the scene.

NEW YORK PARADE ACCIDENT

VO: 18

A giant balloon at the Macy's Thanksgiving parade snared a street light Thursday (11/24/05) near Times Square and caused part of it to fall into

the crowd, injuring at least two people, according to police and eyewitness accounts. New York's Mayor said the injuries were not serious. Part of the damaged light fixture crashed to the ground on a traffic island after being struck by the balloon, shaped like an M&M. One the injured included a child who had traveled with a family from Albany, New York.

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11/26/05

SHOPPING MADNESS

PAOLA REYES, MIAMI, FLORIDA

LIVE & PKG 1:43

Don't cut in line at a Wal-Mart on the day after Thanksgiving. An Orlando T-V station is reporting that security guards wrestled a man to the ground this morning after he cut in line to get a laptop computer that was on sale. The T-V station (W-F-T-V) reports that the man argued with other customers, then fought with the guards. One man told reporters that the laptops were being thrown into the air and people rushed toward them. The discounted computers also caused a frenzy at a Wal-Mart in Renton, Washington. Extra police were called out to help control

the crowd that pushed its way toward the electronics department and then pushed counters out of position as they tried to get those

laptop computers.

WISCONSIN ICE TRAGEDY

VO: 21

Wisconsin officials say they've recovered two bodies from an icy pond north of Milwaukee. The sheriff's department says a man was skating with two daughters in Cedar Grove, when his nine-year-old fell through the ice. The man apparently fell in while trying to rescue her. Officials say the man's six-year-old daughter ran to get help. The Sheboygan County sheriff's department says the ice is about three inches thick and the water eight-to-ten feet deep.

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11/27/05

CINDY SHEEHAN IS BACK TO TEXAS

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 1:53

Anti-war campaigner cindy sheehan arrived in Crawford, Texas Thursday to join her fellow activists. More than a hundred protesters gathered to eat a Thanksgiving meal about a mile from the president's ranch...Where he enjoyed his own feast. The demonstrators shared a traditional Iraqi meal including salmon, lentils, and rice with almonds. This was the first time the group had come together near the ranch since their 26-day vigil back in August--an effort brought on by the death of Sheehan's 24-year-old son in Iraq last year. A solitary Bush supporter camped out just a few miles down the road--he posted signs that read "a noble cause."

LIQUOR STORE VANDALS

VO: 22

Police in Oakland, California are still in pursuit of a gang of young men that vandalized two liquor stores just before midnight Wednesday. The men in the group were all decked out in dark suits and bow ties. They reportedly walked into the liquor stores and told clerks "stop poisoning our neighborhoods."

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11/28/05

BUSH RADIO ADDRESS

VO: 21

President Bush is mourning the growing number of troops being killed on foreign soil, but is pledging to keep fighting for what he calls "freedom's cause." In a Thanksgiving weekend radio address to Americans, Bush thanked U-S service members and military families "who are making great sacrifices." The president says families who have lost loved ones "can know that we will honor that sacrifice by completing the noble mission for which their loved ones gave their lives." Bush also asked Americans to donate to victims from last month's earthquake in Asia. He quoted from the Bible to encourage charity.

WAR PROTEST

VO: 21

Three months after the mother of a fallen soldier led a 26-day anti-war vigil near President Bush's ranch, peace activists and Bush supporters converged again Saturday for dueling rallies that drew much smaller crowds. Cindy Sheehan, whose 24-year-old Casey died in Iraq, called for

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RALLY PRO-BUSH

VO: 19

Dozens of Bush supporters gathered Saturday (11/26) in Crawford, Texas to make sure those who support the war in Iraq are heard.

The group is being lead by Gary Qualls, whose son died in Iraq last fall. Qualls helped create a pro-Bush camp in downtown Crawford when he felt war protestors were disrespecting the names of fallen soldiers. Supporters are hoping to counter the anti-war protest began by Cindy

Sheehan, who also lost a son in the war.

CASUALTY RUIZ

VO: 20

A funeral was held for a 20-year-old Marine killed in Iraq on Friday (11/26). Lance Corporal David Mendez Ruiz of Cleveland, who came to the United States from Guatemala when he was six, was killed on November 12 by a homemade bomb. Another Marine was killed along with him while they conducted combat operations in Al Amiriyah, Iraq. Ruiz was buried at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman. He is survived by his parents and seven siblings.

CASUALTY REYES

VO: 19

A Colorado National Guard soldier recently killed in the Middle East was buried Saturday (11/26) at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado. 26-year-old Sergeant Luis Reyes was a member of the Colorado National Guard for eight years. He was in Kuwait for two weeks when he was killed in a bus accident. Reyes leaves behind his wife, a 4-year-old daughter, and a 6-month-old son.

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11/29/05

JAIL INMATES ESCAPE

VO: 22

Authorities in Yakima (YA'-kih-muh), Washington, say they have captured two of the four remaining inmates who escaped yesterday from the county jail. Corrections Department spokesman Ken Rink says one of the men is 20-year-old Santos Luera, who is awaiting trial on a charge of

fatally shooting his half-brother during an argument. Rink says the other inmate has been identified as 25-year-old Terry Moser, charged with assault. Luera and Moser were found in the attic of Luera's sister's home after police got a tip. The other two have not been captured yet. One of them is hispanic. The inmates escaped yesterday, using a rope made of bedsheets to slide off the roof. Five others were quickly recaptured before they could leave the jail grounds.

IMMIGRANTS HUMAN RIGHTS

ANGELICA ATONDO, TUCSON, ARIZONA

PKG 1:42

A group of women began two years ago to watch the women and latin immigrants rights to be respected in the state of Arizona. The group is called "promotional of the human rights". This group began only with 10 women, but nowadays they have 3 groups in three different cities of Arizona: Sonora, Tucson, Nogales and Wilcox.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL BACK HOME

VO: 19

So many americans are trying to get home after a long holiday weekend.. you're looking at pictures of

Travelers at reagan national airport outside washington, d-c. The estimated 31-million people who went someplace for thanksgiving, are headed back home..in planes, trains and automobiles today.

GREYHOUND BUS ACCIDENT

VO: 21

Authorities say a Greyhound bus has overturned in Santa Maria, California, killing two people and injuring dozens of others. Santa Barbara County Fire Captain Keith Cullom says seven people are seriously hurt, while four others have moderate injuries, and 31 have minor injuries.

Rescuers are using helicopters to airlift the injured to hospitals. The accident occurred on Highway 101 in Santa Maria, which is located about 75 miles north of Santa Barbara. Battalion Chief Eric Peterson says the bus was traveling from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

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11/30/05

CHICAGO SATANIC ARRESTED

VO: 24

Officials in Chicago say a self-described Satanist kidnapped two children and tried to carve a pentagram into the chest of a 6-year-old girl. 18 year-old David Rodriguez was charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping on Saturday (11/26) and is being held on 500 thousand dollars bail. Officials say Rodriguez committed the crime and planned to carve the girl in order to win back an ex-girlfriend. Prosecutors say Rodriguez and a 15-year-old boy dragged the girl and her 8-year-old brother from in front of a library on the city's South Side on Friday afternoon (11/25). The children were waiting for their mother to pick them up. Officials say Rodriguez let the boy go and took the girl through streets and alleys to his home. The boy called police who then began searching the neighborhood. Police say they found the girl and the 15 year-old sitting outside Rodriguez's house.

ARIZONA VAN ACCIDENT

VO: 12

Two people were killed on an arizona highway after a van lost control and rolled. Officers in phoenix said the accident ejected several people onto the road before the vehicle ended up in the median. Besides the two fatalities, police say several were taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

BORDER PATROL UNIFORMS

VO: 29

The head of a union representing U-S Border Patrol agents says it's embarrassing that their olive-green uniforms have labels reading "Made in Mexico". And a Texas congressman says there could be a security issue. He says if the uniforms are made in Mexico, what's to stop someone

from wearing it across the border? Customs officials say they haven't detected any security breaches or misuse of the uniforms. But two congressmen say they plan to introduce a measure that would require the uniforms to be made in the U-S.

BAGHDAD CONGRESSMEN ACCIDENT

VO: 22

A Pennsylvania congressman is among three representatives injured when their military vehicle overturned during a trip to Iraq. Republican Tim Murphy of Mount Lebanon was airlifted to a military hospital in Germany for tests. He was riding with two other representatives, from Georgia and Missouri, when the accident happened. Democrats Ike Skelton of Missouri and Jim Marshall of Georgia both received minor injuries. An embassy spokesman in Iraq says the congressmen were in a military convoy and an oncoming truck refused to yield. The driver of the congressmen's vehicle was forced to slam on the brakes. The visit had taken the delegation into Afghanistan for Thanksgiving dinner with US troops, then on to Baghdad.

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