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WORKER ID & IMMIGRANT
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:03

As the immigration reform debate begins to heat up again, some observers expect that one of the biggest and most controversial new elements will be a proposed national worker identification card for all Americans. A "forgery-proof" worker ID card, secured with biometric data such as fingerprints, is an idea favored by Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), the new chairman of the immigration subcommittee. Schumer, who will lead the effort to craft the Senate's comprehensive immigration overhaul legislation, called the card the best way to ensure that all workers were authorized.

IMMIGRATION DETENTION
VO :21

The number of U.S. border apprehensions dropped for a third consecutive year, falling to a level not seen since 1973, new government data shows. The U.S. Border Patrol last year had 724,000 apprehensions, falling more than 17 percent from 2007, according to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Immigration Statistics.

HATE CRIME LEGISLATION
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:22

A leading civil rights coalition says there has been an increase in white supremacist activity since the election of the first African-American president. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund reported Tuesday that the economic downturn and fear of immigrants also contributed to the increase. The report comes a week after a white supremacist killed a security guard at the U.S. Holocaust Museum. The coalition reported the country now averages a hate crime nearly every hour of every day. A special concern is the rising number of hate crimes committed against Hispanics and gays.

HEALTH CARE DEBATE
LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:05

The job of writing health care reform legislation began in Congress today with the meeting of the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The Senate Finance Committee begins work Wednesday. Meanwhile a House Oversight subcommittee holds a hearing today into terminations of individual health policies by insurance companies.

VETERAN COLONOSCOPIES
VO :15

A trip to the Veterans Affairs hospital -- may have exposed thousands of veterans to diseases like HIV and Hepatitis B and C. Veterans who went for routine preventive tests, like colonoscopies, have been called back for follow up exams. Six of last week -- six tested positive for HIV. 34 tested positive for Hepatitis C, and 13 tested positive for Hepatitis B. They were victims of the mistakes highlighted in a report released today by the inspector general at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Mistakes like the one at a Florida VA hospital, where a colonoscopy tube that was supposed to be sterilized after "each" use, was only cleaned at the end of the day. Timothy Chisholm is one of the veterans who could have been sickened.

OBAMA FINANCIAL RESCUE
VO :19

Many lawmakers fear President Barack Obama's plan to prevent another financial meltdown might end up turning the Federal Reserve into an all-powerful monster -- a friction that could slow down a major overhaul of banking and market regulations. In a speech on Wednesday, Obama is expected to propose that the Fed take on a role as America's financial supercop. Already the nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve would supervise large financial institutions that are considered so big that their failure could undermine the economy.

CA WHITE HOUSE HELP

VO :21

The White House Tuesday dashed hopes that the federal government would help California overcome a mammoth budget crisis that has brought the state dangerously close to an economic meltdown, saying the state will have to solve the problem on its own. "It's obviously not an easy time for the state of California," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs told a briefing when asked if the administration would provide emergency financing for the state."

MAY HOUSING JUMP

VO : 12

Construction of new homes jumped in May by the largest amount in three months, an encouraging sign that the nation's deep housing recession was beginning to bottom out. The Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction of new homes and apartments jumped 17.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 532,000 units. That was better than the 500,000-unit pace that economists had expected and came after construction fell in April to a record low of 454,000 units.

ZICAM LOSS OF SMELL

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:54

U.S. regulators warned Matrixx Initiatives ¼MTXX.O¾to stop selling intranasal versions of its zinc-containing Zicam cold remedy after more than 130 reports of people losing their sense of smell after using the products, sending Matrixx shares into a tailspin. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration also urged consumers to stop taking the over-the-counter products, agency officials said on a conference call with reporters on Tuesday.

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OBAMA BANKING

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:06

INTERVIEW JOSE GABILONDO / FINANCE EXPERT, FIU

MIAMI, FLORIDA APROX 2:30

President Barack Obama is offering a broad-scale overhaul of the financial system, saying hard times struck largely because a post-Depression era business regulatory scheme couldn't keep up with an increasingly global economy. In remarks readied for the unveiling of new rules to govern business, Obama attributed much of the country's current problem to "a cascade of mistakes and missed opportunities" which happened over several decades. His plan would bestow vast new powers on the Federal Reserve, authorizing it to oversee the entire financial system. It also would create a new consumer protection agency to guard against the types of abuses that played a big role in the current crisis.

FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR GAYS

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:05

President Barack Obama signaled to gay-rights activists Wednesday that he's listening to their desire for greater equality in "a more perfect union." But he didn't give them even close to everything they want, bringing to the surface an anger that's been growing against the president. "We all have to acknowledge this is only one step," Obama said in the Oval Office, where he signed a memorandum extending some benefits, such as visitation or dependent-care rights, to the same-sex partners of gay federal employees.

IMMIGRANT LEGAL AID**JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:07**

A legal aid program designed to protect undocumented workers from deportation was announced at a news conference held by immigration reform advocates.

HATE CRIMES SENTENCE**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA****PKG 2:26**

Two Pennsylvania teens acquitted of the most serious charges in the beating death of an illegal Mexican immigrant will each spend at least six months in prison for lesser charges. A Schuylkill County judge sentenced 17-year-old Brandon Piekarsky and 19-year-old Derrick Donchak on Wednesday on charges related to the fatal beating of Luis Ramirez on July 12, 2008 in Shenandoah. Piekarsky was acquitted of third-degree murder and Donchak acquitted of aggravated assault by an all-white jury last month. Both teens were acquitted of ethnic intimidation.

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6/18/09

MORE POWER ICE AGENTS**LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:05**

The Obama administration ended a years-long turf war between the Justice and Homeland Security departments yesterday, giving more U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents authority to investigate drug crimes. Leaders of ICE and the Drug Enforcement Administration replaced a 1994 agreement that capped the number of customs agents who could investigate federal drug crimes and limited it to those who make seizures at border crossings. When the Department of Homeland Security was created in 2003, ICE's size and national presence were expanded. However, DEA and the Justice Department refused to lift the cap, set at 1,475 agents, citing the potential for poor coordination. ICE has about 5,000 agents overall, and the DEA has about 4,800.

LAPD IMMIGRATION RAIDS**JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:02**

A city can prohibit its police from stopping or arresting people to find out if they are illegal immigrants, a state appeals court ruled Wednesday in a Los Angeles case with implications for San Francisco's sanctuary ordinance. A taxpayer represented by the conservative group Judicial Watch challenged a 30-year-old Los Angeles Police Department rule barring officers from either arresting anyone for entering the United States illegally or taking any action solely to determine someone's immigration status. The suit claimed the policy conflicts with a 1996 federal law that requires state and local governments to let their employees share information about someone's immigration status with federal authorities. If a city bars police from obtaining immigration information from people they arrest, Judicial Watch argued, it frustrates the purpose of the law. But the Second District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles upheld a judge's decision that found no conflict between the local policy and the federal law. The restriction on police conduct during arrests "has no effect on the voluntary flow of immigration information" between local officers and federal authorities, the court said.

MEDICARE FRAUD**LOURDES DEL RIO- MIAMI, FL****PKG 2:08**

Last year, Medicaid reimbursed more than \$1.4 million for oxygen concentrators provided to patients in Miami-Dade County. That figure represents 17 percent of the statewide total of \$8.5 million. But just how much of it was medically necessary? That's what the Agency for Health Care Administration is trying to determine. On Thursday, the agency announced that in recent weeks a team of state investigators conducted site visits at 12 providers and visited more than 120 individuals who received equipment. The agency said investigators found that Medicaid paid for equipment that is missing, unused or never received by the patient. They are now trying to determine if their findings are the result of billing errors, abuse of the system, or outright fraud. Any cases of suspected fraud are turned over to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

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6/19/09

OBAMA HISPANICS-IMMIGRATION REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA/WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:08

President Barack Obama said Friday he is committed to a comprehensive immigration overhaul that includes a way for illegal immigrants to become U.S. citizens. Obama told the Esperanza National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference that U.S. borders must be strengthened to thwart illegal immigration. But he also supports giving the millions of people now in the U.S. illegally the chance to become citizens. He said they must pay a fine and taxes, learn English and "go to the back of the line" of people trying to enter the United States from their home country. "That is the fair, practical, and promising way forward, and that's what I'm committed to passing as president of the United States,"

UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE

LUIS MEGID-SAN FRANCISCO, CA

PKG 1:58

The West reported the highest regional jobless rate for May: 10.1 percent -- the first time in more than 25 years that a region of the United States has suffered double-digit joblessness. In California, the jobless rate jumped to 11.5 percent last month. In Nevada, it rose to 11.3 percent, and in Oregon, to 12.4 percent. The government report showed employment conditions deteriorating in 48 states and the District of Columbia last month. Eight states had record-high jobless rates. Only two -- Nebraska and Vermont -- reported no increases. Nebraska's jobless rate dipped, and Vermont's was flat. The five other states that set new unemployment highs were North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

CASH FOR CLUNKERS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ-NEW YORK

PKG 2:08

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer will call on all New Yorkers to take advantage of the "Cash for Clunkers" program approved by the Senate last night. The program allows New York City drivers to trade in their older, less fuel efficient cars, trucks and SUVs for more fuel efficient vehicles. Schumer said that New York City drivers can save up to \$4,500 cash on the purchase of a new car but they need to move fast because funding for the program is limited and vouchers are given out on a first come, first serve basis. Schumer released a report earlier this year showing that 94,300 cars on the road in New York City would qualify for the "Cash for Clunkers" program.

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LENDERS FAIL TO MODIFY LOANS

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:55

Homeowners who apply for mortgage modifications are finding that banks typically are taking 45 to 60 days to respond to inquiries, according to a report this month by NeighborWorks America, a provider of foreclosure-prevention counseling. Some homeowners who applied for mortgage modifications five months ago still have no answer on whether they will be able to arrange smaller monthly payments, leaving them uncertain whether they'll keep their homes or lose them shortly.

OBAMA CONSUMER PROTECTION

VO:20

Obama is using his weekly radio and Internet address to defend a proposal that would impose and enforce new rules for the nation's embattled financial system. In his address, Obama focuses on a part of the plan intended to appeal to everyday Americans: a new consumer watchdog office that would take over oversight of

mortgages, requiring that lenders give customers the option of "plain vanilla" plans with straightforward and affordable terms, among other changes. Obama calls it "essential," saying the impact of the financial crisis has been felt by "ordinary Americans who rely on credit cards, home loans and other financial instruments."

GOVERNMENT AND PHARMACEUTICAL IND. DEAL

VO: 25

The pharmaceutical industry agreed Saturday to spend \$80 billion over the next decade improving drug benefits for seniors on Medicare and defraying the cost of President Barack Obama's health care legislation, capping secretive negotiations involving key lawmakers and the White House. "This new coverage means affordable prices on prescription drugs when Medicare benefits don't cover the cost of prescriptions," Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said in a statement announcing the accord. The deal marked a major triumph for Baucus as well as the administration. Obama praised the deal.

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LAWMAKER FAVORS DEPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT INMATES

VO:25

An Oklahoma lawmaker who wrote one of the strongest state immigration laws in the nation is continuing his fight against illegal immigration with legislation that authorizes the deportation of illegal immigrant prison inmates. A measure authored by Republican Rep. Randy Terrill authorizes state prison officials to hand over nonviolent illegal immigrants in state prisons who have served at least one-third of their sentences to federal immigration officials for deportation. Terrill said the program, crafted after successful programs in other states, will save the state millions of dollars in incarceration costs and free up prison beds for more violent offenders at a time when the state faces a \$900 million budget shortfall and a prison population that is almost at capacity.

NEW YORK-ANOTHER DEATH H1N1 SWINE FLU

VO: 25

School officials in Buffalo, N.Y., say a middle-schooler has died of swine flu, and a union leader says a second pupil is hospitalized in critical condition. Schools Superintendent Dr. James A. Williams released a statement of sympathy yesterday, but officials would not say more about the student who died. City teachers union president Philip Rumore had said a 15-year-old boy attending Harvey Austin was gravely ill with swine flu. Rumore says a young girl attending the Charles R. Drew Science Magnet School is in critical condition with the virus. Hundreds of children in the state have been hospitalized with the illness, and some children have died.

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6/22/09

OBAMA DRUGS

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:05

President Barack Obama says a pledge by the drug industry to help close a gap in Medicare drug coverage is a step toward an overhaul of the nation's health care system. Obama says the companies have promised to spend \$80 billion over the next decade to help reduce the cost of drugs for seniors and pay for part of Obama's health care plan.

IMMIGRATION FBI CHECKS

VO:20

FBI name checks on people seeking to work or live in the United States or become citizens are getting completed more quickly, slicing through a backlog that had left some petitions pending for more than a year, immigration officials said Monday. The FBI hired more workers, beefed up its training programs and upgraded its technology to handle the average of 6 million to 7 million applications that stream through the agency each

year, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials said.

ECONOMIC CRISIS & CHILD SUPPORT
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:15

Child support payments are falling as parents lose their jobs. States report that more parents are failing to pay and more are going to court to reduce their obligations. Some custodial parents are asking for higher payments because their income is down. And more parents are using unemployment checks to pay child support.

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6/23/09

OBAMA PRESS CONFERENCE
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:37

President Barack Obama held a news conference Tuesday, and opened the afternoon event with remarks on health care reform, energy legislation and Iran's disputed elections.

DREAM ACT CEREMONIES
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:11

A DREAM Act graduation ceremony was celebrated at the Los Angeles City Hall. This is one of several such events in which hundreds of students/youth from all over the country, along with education, faith, business, immigrant and civil rights leaders participated in a National DREAM Graduation ceremony, hosted by Dream Team Los Angeles in support of the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act.

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6/24/09

PREVIEW IMMIGRATION MEETING
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:05

Following the President's remarks on immigration reform Friday, this Thursday's meeting between Members of Congress and the President will move the immigration debate forward and put the spotlight on Congress to begin crafting comprehensive immigration reform legislation. With a Congressional debate looming this fall, leaders from faith, Latino, business, labor, progressive, and immigration reform organizations will preview the White House meeting and preview the coming immigration reform legislative debate. This on-the-record briefing is hosted by the National Immigration Forum.

FEDERAL RESERVE ON RECESSION
VO :22

With signs the economy is improving but still fragile, Federal Reserve policymakers are considering whether some programs intended to drive down rates on mortgages and other consumer debt should be slowed down. Most economists predict that Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues, who resumed meeting Wednesday morning, won't launch any bold new efforts at the end of their two-day gathering.

OBAMA HEALTH CARE
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK
PKG 1:58

President Barack Obama left the door open to a new tax on health care benefits Wednesday, and officials said top lawmakers and the White House were seeking \$150 billion in concessions from the nation's hospitals as they sought support for legislation struggling to emerge in Congress. The chief executive also met with governors and arranged a prime-time, town hall at the White House, the latest in a string of events designed to bend public opinion toward his top domestic initiative to reduce health care costs while making insurance available to the nearly 50 million Americans who lack it.

E-VERIFY ON THE RISE**VO :20**

E-Verify, the federal program that allows employers to quickly check the legal status of potential employees, has seen a rapid growth in use this year, Department of Homeland Security records show. More than 1,000 employers are signing up each week on average, and employment checks are approaching 200,000 a week.

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6/25/09

IMMIGRATION COMPREHENSIVE REFORM MEETING-OBAMA
LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC-LIVE

PKG: 2:24

Launching a fresh effort toward a comprehensive immigration overhaul, President Barack Obama said Thursday that a bipartisan bill on the "sensitive and volatile political issue" will be difficult but must get under way this year. "It's going to require some heavy lifting," Obama said as he hosted a meeting of about 30 lawmakers whose views on immigration span the ideological spectrum. "It's going to require a victory of practicality and common sense and good policy making over short-term politics. That's what I'm committed to doing as president." Much of the debate centered on how to deal with the roughly 12 million illegals already living in the United States. Some believe Republicans are more motivated this time to get on board, as immigration helped energize turnout toward Obama and other Democrats in the 2008 election. Among the attendees Thursday was Obama's opponent in the presidential election, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was a high-profile supporter of immigration reform, a position that cost him support within his own party.

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6/26/09

SOTOMAYOR-HISPANIC CONGRESS SUPPORT
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON DC

PKG:2:04

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J.; House Small Business Chairwoman Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y.; Rep. Charles Gonzalez, D-Texas; hold a news conference with other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to discuss how the caucus will be engaged in the confirmation process for Judge Sonia Sotomayor.

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6/27/09

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW**INFLUENZA-NUMBER INCREASE IN THE US****VO-21**

Swine has infected more than a million Americans, federal health officials said Friday, and is infecting thousands more every week even though the annual season is well over. That total of those who have already been infected is "just a ballpark figure," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of adding, "We know we're not tracking every single one of them." Only a tiny fraction of those million cases have been tested, Dr. Schuchat said. The estimate is based on testing plus telephone surveys in New York City and several other locales where the new flu has hit hard. A survey in New York City, she said, showed that almost 7 percent of those called had had flu symptoms during just three weeks in May when was spreading rapidly through schools. If that percentage of the city has had it, then there have been more than 500,000 cases in the city alone, though most have been mild enough that doctors recommended nothing more than rest and fluids.

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6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

NOTHING TO REPORT

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**SOTOMAYOR-SUPREME COURT FIREFIGHTERS
CRISTINA PUIG, MIAMI, FLORIDA**

PKG: 1:55

Only white firefighters scored well enough on the test to be promoted. No blacks. So New Haven, Conn., threw out the test. In an important reverse discrimination ruling Monday, the Supreme Court rejected that decision, cautioning employers nationwide against changing the rules once the game has begun. New Haven discriminated against its white firefighters by ignoring the results of a promotion exam on which they did well but no African-Americans scored high enough to be promoted to lieutenant or captain, the justices said in a 5-4 ruling. High court nominee Sonia Sotomayor had endorsed the city's position as an appeals court judge -- ammunition for both supporters and foes in her upcoming confirmation hearing.

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6/30/09

**TROOPS WITHDRAWAL
CRISTINA PUIG-MIAMI, FL**

PKG-2:00

President Barack Obama's top security adviser has told U.S. military commanders there are no plans to send more troops to Afghanistan for now and that the focus instead will be on economic development and reconstruction, The Washington Post reported Tuesday. National Security Adviser James Jones delivered that message last week in Afghanistan, where Marine Brigadier General Lawrence Nicholson hinted he could use more "thousands more" troops, the newspaper said. Jones' message seemed designed to cap expectations that more troops might be coming, although the Obama administration has not ruled out additional deployments in the future, the Post said.

**FDA-PRESCRIPTION ADVICE
LUIS MEGID-SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

PKG-1:50

Government experts called for sweeping safety restrictions Tuesday on the most widely used painkiller, including reducing the maximum dose of Tylenol and eliminating prescription drugs such as Vicodin and Percocet. The Food and Drug Administration assembled 37 experts to recommend ways to reduce deadly overdoses with acetaminophen, which is the leading cause of liver failure in the U.S. and sends 56,000 people to the emergency room annually. About 200 die each year. "We're here because there are inadvertent overdoses with this drug that are fatal and this is the one opportunity we have to do something that will have a big impact," said Dr. Judith Kramer of Duke University Medical Center.

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6/01/09

GM BANKRUPTCY

VO: 25

General Motors filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday as part of the Obama administration's plan to shrink the automaker to a sustainable size and give a majority ownership stake to the federal government. GM's bankruptcy filing is the fourth-largest in U.S. history and the largest for an industrial company. The company said it has \$172.81 billion in debt and \$82.29 billion in assets.

CHRYSLER FIAT

VO: 26

A federal bankruptcy judge late Sunday approved the sale of most of Chrysler's assets to Italy's Fiat, moving the American automaker a step closer to its goal of a quick exit from court protection. Judge Arthur Gonzalez said in his ruling that a speedy sale - the centerpiece of a restructuring plan backed by President Barack Obama's automotive task force - was needed to keep the value of Chrysler from deteriorating and would provide a better return for the company's stakeholders than if it had chosen to liquidate.

GAS PRICES

VO: 22

In every region, fuel prices are up compared against the week before Gasoline is increasingly more expensive than diesel fuel per gallon. The national gasoline average is now about a \$1.45 below the price this time last year. Despite the increase in price, diesel fuel is now \$2.35 *below* this time last year.

TEENS WIRED CAFFEINATED WELL

VO: 19

Caffeine-fueled teens are texting, Web-surfing and gaming for hours into the night, which is affecting their alertness and ability to function during the day, a new study in Pediatrics shows. "They're up at night and they're doing a lot less homework than we thought and a lot more multitasking," Dr. Christina J. Calamaro of Drexel University in Philadelphia, the lead researcher on the study, told Reuters Health. She and her colleagues found that the more multitasking a teen did, the more likely he or she was to be dozing off during the day, while the kids who nodded off were also the heaviest caffeine consumers.

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6/02/09

IMMIGRATION PUSH

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CA

PKG 1:59

Immigrant rights advocates on Monday launched the Georgia arm of the national Reform Immigration FOR America campaign. About 25 representatives from labor, faith, business and immigrants' rights community groups attended the launch on the steps of the Capitol. The Georgia effort is part of a national campaign to urge lawmakers to pass comprehensive immigration reform. Similar local launches are scheduled in more than 30 other cities Monday. A 3-day national campaign summit is set to start Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

OBAMA HEALTHCARE

VO: 27

A White House report concludes that fixing the economy goes hand-in-hand with overhauling the U.S. health care system. The report by the White House Council of Economic Advisers says health care costs will rise to 34 percent of the gross domestic product in 30 years if left unchecked. Costs are now about 18 percent of GDP. Administration officials, urgently seeking to build momentum for health care legislation, plan to discuss the report at the White House today with leaders of the key Senate committees drafting bills. Critics were quick

to dismiss the report. House Minority Leader John Boehner says President Barack Obama's administration hasn't offered a credible plan. Obama wants legislation that would hold down costs, guarantee choice and extend coverage to the 50 million Americans who don't have it now.

US SWINE FLU NY

VO: 21

A child has become the fifth person in New York City to die with swine flu. The medical examiner is conducting tests to determine what role the virus played in the child's death. The Health Department has refused to release the victim's name or say what borough the child lived in. However, the Daily News identified the child on Monday as 11-week-old Steven Montanez of the Bronx. The family told the newspaper that the baby had the flu when his aunt found him unconscious Thursday and he died shortly afterward.

WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY, TYPE OF INSURANCE COUNTS

VO:24

People with private health insurance lose more weight after having weight-loss surgery than those covered by the Medicare health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, U.S. researchers said Monday. Medicare patients tend to weigh more before having gastric bypass surgery, they said, and are more likely to be depressed, have high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, cholesterol and sleep apnea.

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6/03/09

IMMIGRATION CAMPAIGN

VO: 21

Leaders playing a central role in promoting immigration reform, including NCLR (National Council of La Raza), will officially launch the Reform Immigration FOR America Campaign. This groundbreaking, momentum-building effort organizes supporters of immigration reform into a stronger, more effective, and politically savvy national campaign which will help support President Obama and ensure that his promises of addressing comprehensive immigration reform become legislative reality.

CA HEALTH & SCHOOLS CUTS

VO: SOT/ ;50

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told a joint session of the Legislature on Tuesday that California's budget crisis will require a transformation in state government. The state faces a \$24.3 billion deficit and a looming cash crisis that jeopardizes its ability to pay its day-to-day bills. The governor said government must become more efficient and learn to provide services for less.

TV EXPOSURE MAY NOT INCREASE BABY'S INTELLIGENCE

VO:26

A 2003 report from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation found that each day, 68 percent of American infants viewed some type of electronic medium: TV programming, DVDs or video tapes, computers or video games. To determine the impact of infant TV watching, the Christakis group recruited parents who agreed to equip their 2- to 24-month-old kids with a wire for one day a month in order to record every sound for a 12- to 16-hour period. Using noise-detection software that analyzed at least one recorded session from each of the 329 youngsters, files were sorted into sounds the kids heard and sounds the kids made. The researchers used a statistical model to determine the association between audible television and the number of words spoken by each adult and each child. They also examined how many meaningful vocal interactions were shared by the child and adult while the TV was on. They found that each hour spent with a TV was associated a significant reduction in a child's own attempts to talk. Likewise, for each hour in front of the tube, the child heard 770 fewer words from an adult. That's 7 percent fewer than the average number of words a child hears in a household when the television is off.

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6/04/09

OBAMA MESSAGE

VO: 28

President Barack Obama's speech in Egypt was aimed at the world's Muslims, but its messages also were carefully tailored to international audiences from Afghanistan to the Middle East and domestic factions in the United States. Obama aimed some of his words at the broader Middle East and South Asia, defending U.S. military action in Afghanistan as necessary but saying it "led us to act contrary to our traditions and our ideals." That was a careful reference to the treatment of prisoners and the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

PUSH FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM
JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CA
PKG 2:05

A national campaign to help President Obama make good on his promise to pass comprehensive immigration reform in 2009 was unveiled at a press conference in Washington today. The event was part of a week-long series of activities across the country to demonstrate broad national support for comprehensive immigration reform and a commitment to win the legislative battle expected later in the year. The campaign announcement comes just days before the President is slated to meet with Congressional leaders at the White House on June 8 to discuss plans to move legislation forward this year.

AUTOMAKERS - CONGRESS**VO: 22**

Top executives from General Motors and Chrysler face tough questions from lawmakers about sweeping plans to close hundreds of car dealerships as the auto companies undergo government-led bankruptcies. The executives will appear before a Senate committee Wednesday to talk about their dealership plans. Lawmakers contend the dealership closings will put thousands of people out of work and offer few savings to GM or Chrysler, which have received billions in federal aid as they attempt to restructure and return to profitability.

GAY MARRIAGE NEW HAMPSHIRE**VO: 18**

The New Hampshire legislature approved revisions to a same-sex marriage bill on Wednesday, and Gov. John Lynch promptly signed the legislation, making the state the sixth to let gay couples wed. The bill had been through several permutations to satisfy Mr. Lynch and certain legislators that it would not force religious organizations that oppose same-sex marriage to participate in ceremonies celebrating it. Some groups had feared they could be sued for refusing to allow same-sex weddings on their property. Mr. Lynch, who previously supported civil unions but not marriage for same-sex couples, said in a statement that he had heard "compelling arguments that a separate system is not an equal system."

PLAYGROUND SAFETY**VO: 23**

Concerns raised by Connecticut are playing a role in the federal government's decision to study whether the use of synthetic turf for playgrounds is harmful. Connecticut asked the Environmental Protection Agency to study the matter shortly after the EPA's Denver regional office raised the issue of using ground-up tires. The EPA is concluding a limited study of air and surface samples at four fake-surface fields and playgrounds that use recycled tires. EPA scientists now have pointed to research suggesting potential hazards from repeated exposure to bits of shredded tire that can contain cancer-causing substances and other chemicals.

TAXING DRINKS**VO: 22**

Groups on both sides of the issue are taking notice of a push for new taxes on soda, beer and wine to help pay for Americans' health care. The Senate Finance Committee considering this so-called "lifestyle tax" says the levies would slow sales of unhealthy products that contribute to rising medical costs. Soft drink and alcohol lobbyists have snapped quietly into action to oppose it. Other industries also are on alert, worried that the idea of "lifestyle taxes" could spread to other products deemed unhealthy. The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group, has been a leading proponent of the taxes.

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CHYSLER - BANKRUPTCY**VO: 23**

S. Judge Robert Gerber approved the automaker's first-day motions, allowing the company to continue its normal business operations while under bankruptcy protection. Gerber also approved GM's access to \$15 billion in government-provided bankruptcy protection financing to fund its operations for the next few weeks. On Friday, GM continued reshaping its future, announcing a tentative deal to sell its Saturn brand to auto racing magnate Roger Penske's dealership chain, Penske Automotive Group Inc.

US ECONOMY EMPLOYMENT**VO: 20**

The May job losses, the lowest since September, indicated a sharp decline in cuts and were lower than the 550,000 some economists expected, reported Forbes, raising the hopes of some analysts. "This tide is turning," Richard Yamarone, an economist at Argus told the Associated Press. "We expect this trend of slower job loss to continue throughout the year." However, unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent up from 8.9 percent in April. There are about 14.5 million unemployed in the United States.

ANTIDEPRESANT CURBS CANCER**VO: 18**

Cancer-related cognitive dysfunction is a common and serious problem that can be alleviated by treatment with a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI), according to results of a National Cancer Institute-supported study reported this week at the American Society of Clinical Oncology's annual meeting in Orlando. "Cancer and its treatment impact important areas of cognitive function such as attention and memory, which are essential to patients' effective psychosocial functioning and quality of life," Dr. Pascal Jean-Pierre, from the University of Rochester, New York, and colleagues point out in a meeting abstract. Prior studies have shown that between 17% and 75% of patients experience cognitive dysfunction during and after cancer treatment.

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6/8/09**OBAMA STIMULUS****VO: 19**

Eager to show action on the ailing economy, President Barack Obama promised Monday to speed federal money into hundreds of public works projects this summer, vowing that 600,000 jobs will be created or saved. Surrounded by his Cabinet, Obama emphasized what has become a dominant issue of public concern - an economy that keeps bleeding jobs - on the day after returning from a week of diplomacy and sightseeing in the Middle East and Europe.

OBAMA HEALTHCARE**VO: 23**

In the president's weekly address, released Saturday while he was in France for the 65th anniversary of D-Day, Mr. Obama focused on health care, citing the crippling effect soaring costs have on the nation's economy as the reason why reform cannot be delayed. "The status quo is broken," he said, while warning that the current system could collapse if nothing is done to control spiraling costs. "[If] we do nothing, everyone's health care will be put in jeopardy."

US WILL LET SOME BANKS REPAY AID**VO: 21**

The Obama administration plans to announce as soon as today that some of the nation's largest banks can repay billions in federal aid, but some officials caution that the show of progress is being underwritten by multiple layers of less visible government support. Through cheap loans, debt guarantees and a promise that big banks will not be allowed to fail, these officials say the government has created an artificial environment in which profits and stock prices have rebounded, helping banks in recent weeks to raise about \$50 billion from private investors. The money allows the strongest banks to return federal aid provided at the peak of the fall financial crisis, but few banks have expressed eagerness for the government to end the other forms of support, creating concern that these programs will be habit-forming and more difficult to terminate.

AP STRESS INDEX CONFIRMS EASING RECESSION**VO: 23**

The recession's grip appears to be loosening as seasonal hiring picked up this spring. That's the conclusion of the Associated Press' monthly analysis of the economic pain in more than 3,100 U.S. counties. The latest results of the AP's Economic Stress Index show the free fall that marked the autumn of 2008 and winter of 2009 gave way in April to a more controlled descent, possibly even a bottom. Still, the analysis found that pain remains high compared with year-ago levels. The AP calculates a score from 1 to 100 based on each county's rate of unemployment, foreclosure and bankruptcy, with lower numbers indicating less economic pain.

DIABETES HEART**VO: 16**

For people with diabetes and stable heart disease drug therapy works just as well as immediate bypass surgery or angioplasty to open clogged arteries a study suggests. The results show that such patients were no more likely to die or to have a heart attack or stroke over a five-year period if they took medications to control blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels than if they underwent prompt bypass surgery or angioplasty with or without stents. But for some patients, immediate bypass surgery may cut the risk of heart attacks, the study shows.

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6/9/09**IMMIGRATION RAID****BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ - NEW YORK****PKG 2:00**

A federal judge has ruled that immigration agents violated the constitutional rights of four illegal immigrants during a series of controversial raids in New Haven in 2007. The sweeps on June 6, 2007, came two days after New Haven approved issuing identification cards to illegal immigrants, and critics have accused Immigration and Customs Enforcement of using the early morning raids as retaliation for the adoption of the ID program -- a charge the agency has denied. Immigration Judge Michael Straus, in a decision last week, said the ICE agents went into the men's apartments without warrants, probable cause or their consent, and he put a stop to deportation proceedings against the four Latino defendants.

OBAMA STIMULUS**VO: 28**

President Obama billed it as an adrenaline jolt -- a \$787-billion stimulus package that not only would put people back to work, but also underwrite construction and energy projects the country had long neglected. But with the economy still sputtering and some experts doubting the program was meeting its goals, Obama vowed Monday to accelerate stimulus spending with the goal of creating or saving 600,000 jobs by summer's end.

CHRYSLER BANKRUPTCY**VO: 24**

Chrysler LLC won court approval on Tuesday to cut a quarter of its U.S. dealerships and the bankruptcy court judge overruled requests to delay the order until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the sale of the company. Judge Arthur Gonzalez said his order, which allows Chrysler to reject 789 dealer contracts, was effective immediately. "No dealer wants to be rejected. We understand that," Chrysler lawyer Kevyn Orr told the judge, adding that the bankruptcy law did give dealerships special protections.

HEALTH OVERHAUL - MINORITIES**VO: 55**

Black, Latino and Asian lawmakers warned Democratic leaders that any health care overhaul that ignores health gaps between whites and minorities will face stiff opposition. The lawmakers said they would be hard-pressed to support a bill without a new program providing access to health care for all Americans. "The public health option has to be there," Rep. Mike Honda, a California Democrat who chairs the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, said at a news conference. "If we don't have a public option, there's no discussion."

AIRLINES INSPECTIONS**VO: 30**

Federal officials said Tuesday they will beef up inspection of pilot training programs at regional airlines in response to safety concerns raised by the crash of a regional airliner in New York in February. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Federal Aviation Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement they will also hold a meeting with the airline industry - both regional and major carriers - next week to seek better pilot training, cockpit discipline and other safety improvements. Babbitt said it was clear from the crash of a regional airliner near Buffalo, N.Y., on Feb. 12 that safety needs to be improved. "My goal is to make sure that the entire industry, from large commercial carriers to smaller regional operators, is meeting our safety standard," Babbitt said in a statement. James May, president of the Air Transport Association, which represents large airlines, called the meeting "an important step." He compared it to a government-industry collaboration two years ago to reduce dangerous runway incidents.

COLLEGE CHOICES

VO: 20

In a survey to be released today, 71 percent of high schools reported that more of their students are forgoing their "dream schools" this year than in previous years. And there is little doubt money is a big reason. "With the exception of one or two students, it was THE determining factor in their decision," one high school official wrote. Said another: "Parents were willing to pay for prestige in the past. This year they wanted prestigious schools IF the financial aid packages would work for them."

FDA - TOBACCO

VO: 23

A key Senate vote Monday put Congress in sight of fulfilling a decade-old quest to put the content and marketing of tobacco products under the control of the federal government. The legislation would for the first time give the Food and Drug Administration legal authority to regulate cigarettes and other tobacco products. The 61-30 Senate vote to move forward on the bill sets up possible passage of the measure this week. Sixty votes were needed to keep the bill on track. The House has already passed a similar bill and resolution of minor differences would send it to President Barack Obama, who supports it.

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6/10/09

OIL PRICES

VO: 19

Oil prices soared above \$71 a barrel Wednesday to reach a 2009 high, as investors poured money into crude markets to protect themselves against the inflation risks posed by a weakening U.S. dollar. Oil, which typically trades inversely to the dollar, has more than doubled in price in three months as traders also cheered news showing the worst of a severe U.S. recession is likely over. They brushed off data -- such as a 9.4 percent U.S. unemployment rate in May -- that suggest crude demand will remain weak. Even growing inventories have not checked oil's stellar rise.

OBAMA IMMIGRATION. Christian Leaders to Call on President Obama to Assert Commitment to Immigration Reform

VO: 26

On Wednesday, June 10th, leading Christian voices will join together to launch Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform's renewed effort for compassionate reform in anticipation of upcoming White House meetings. The call will feature an array of religious leaders and prominent faith spokespersons, including Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, Noel Castellanos, Rev. Dr. Vashti McKenzie, and Rev. Jim Wallis, discussing the growing need for immigration reform and highlighting the launch of a new website and statement of principles as part of faith effort to pass comprehensive immigration legislation.

U.S. TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS POLICY OF DEPORTING WIDOWS OF CITIZENS

VO: 30

The Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday it is temporarily freezing a policy of deporting widows and widowers of U.S. citizens, a sign of the Obama administration's interest in new approaches to immigration. Only a few hundred people were at risk of deportation under the policy, but critics viewed it as one of the most painful consequences of President George W. Bush's immigration crackdown. Under the current interpretation of federal law, some immigrants whose American spouses had died faced possible deportation because their legal status was in limbo.

FDA TOBACCO**VO: 18**

The Senate could vote as early as today on legislation that for the first time would give the FDA powers to regulate the sale, manufacturing and marketing of tobacco products. The House has passed a similar bill. President Barack Obama, who is struggling with his own smoking habit, supports it. The Senate cleared the way for passage when it defeated, 60-36, an alternative offered by North Carolina's two senators. The alternative would have created a new agency, instead of the FDA, to regulate tobacco and would have been more open to development of new, less harmful tobacco products.

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6/11/09

OBAMA HEALTH OVERHAUL**VO: 25**

President Barack Obama, facing challenges to his ambitious health care overhaul from Congress, is visiting supporters outside the capital and turning to them to muster up momentum for one of his top legislative priorities. Obama on Thursday readied to fly to Green Bay, Wis., to talk directly with voters about his proposals to spend \$1.5 trillion over the next decade to cover uninsured Americans. Administration aides said the visit was designed for Obama to build support for a health care overhaul that has eluded Democrats for decades, as well to inject a personal angle into a debate that affects some 50 million Americans without insurance.

FORECLOSURE RATES**VO: 25**

It doesn't signal a quick end to the foreclosure crisis -- but the numbers may be leveling off a bit. According to RealtyTrac, the number of U.S. households on the verge of losing their homes to foreclosure is still rising -- but the year-to-year increase in May was the smallest in nearly three years. From May of last year, foreclosure filings were up nearly 18 percent. And while that may sound like a big gain, it's the smallest since June of 2006.

SCHWARZENEGGER THREATENS TO SHUT DOWN STATE GOVERNMENT**VO: 27**

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vowed Wednesday to let California government come to a "grinding halt" rather than agree to a high-interest loan to keep the state afloat if he and the Legislature do not close the yawning budget gap in coming weeks. At the same time, the governor reversed himself on a proposal to end health insurance for families of police officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty. The proposed cut was tucked away in a list of regulations that would be suspended if Schwarzenegger's latest budget revisions are adopted. It would have saved the state \$1 million in 2009-10. State finance officials say California coffers will be empty in late July unless the projected \$24-billion budget shortfall is resolved quickly. Schwarzenegger said that emergency borrowing would be too expensive and that his threat to block it was necessary to prod lawmakers into swift action.

SWINE FLU PANDEMIC**VO: 26**

The World Health Organization has told its member states it has decided to declare a full pandemic of the new H1N1 swine flu, a U.S. health official confirmed Thursday. Sweden's Health Ministry earlier confirmed that WHO was preparing to go to a pandemic phase 6, meaning the new swine flu virus was spreading in several regions around the world and unlikely to be stoppable.

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6/12/09

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

Starting in the morning and going into the night, TV stations across the U.S. planned to cut their analog signals Friday, ending a six-decade era for the technology and likely stranding more than 1 million unprepared homes without TV service. The Federal Communications Commission put 4,000 operators on standby for calls from

confused viewers, and set up demonstration centers in several cities. Volunteer groups and local government agencies were helping elderly viewers set up digital converter boxes that keep older TVs functioning.

OMS PANDEMIA & FLU VACCINE

VO: 21

A Swiss drug company says it's succeeded in producing a first batch of swine flu vaccine, weeks ahead of expectations. Novartis AG says the vaccine was made in cells, rather than grown in eggs as is usually the case with vaccines. The announcement comes a day after the World Health Organization declared swine flu a pandemic. The move indicates that a global outbreak is under way. The WHO says drugmakers will likely have vaccines approved and ready for sale after September. Novartis says it would use the first batch of vaccine for pre-clinical evaluation and testing. It is also being considered for clinical trials.

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6/15/09

OBAMA HEALTHCARE

VO :26

President Barack Obama travels to Chicago on Monday to promote his health care reform proposals to a very important audience. He'll tout his plan to ensure that all Americans have health insurance before a skeptical American Medical Association. The physicians group is opposed to a public alternative to private insurance, fearing government intervention in medical decisions.

NAPOLITANO BORDER MEXICO

VO: 19

US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano and Mexican Finance Minister Agustín Carstens will announce new areas of bilateral cooperation that increase security along the Southwest border and assist President Calderón efforts to combat drug-related violence in Mexico, on Monday.

STIMULUS - FOOD STAMPS

VO: 16

Food stamps for some people just vanished. When unemployment benefits rose as part of the economic stimulus bill, the change made some Americans ineligible for hundreds of dollars a month in food stamps. Here's the problem: laid-off workers have seen a \$25 weekly bump in their unemployment checks, pushing them above the income limit to receive food stamps. That can amount to hundreds of dollars per month in benefits. And state labor departments are telling jobless recipients they cannot refuse the stimulus increase in order to keep food stamp benefits coming.

INTERVIEW WITH PENNIE OJEDA

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. / APROX. 4 MIN.

Pennie Ojeda talks about the New Arts Endowment Survey. She explains what it is and how it tells us how Hispanics participate in the arts.

JOE ARPAIO IMMIGRATION RAID

ALEJANDRA ESPINOZA / PHOENIX, ARIZONA

PKG: 1:53

The amount of undocumented immigrants that are detained and waiting for deportation in Maricopa, Arizona has grown. This is due to new orders by Sheriff Joe Arpaio. In the wake of desperate families fighting for their loved ones, activists have united to try and avoid the deportations.

OBESITY IN CHILDREN

VO: 27

In a study done, U.S. scientists found the obese 7 year old have high levels of protein linked to heart attacks and cardiac problems. The levels of the "protein C reactive" found in these kids, is 10 times more than the normal amount shown in skinny kids of the same age. The doctors conclusion is that it is necessary to aggressively attend to the extra pounds in kids to try to avoid risks in their adulthood.

FREQUENT VIGOROUS EXERCISE RAISES HEART RISK

VO: 19

Although experts recommend exercise to maintain good health, an investigation done by the New York University revealed that a lot of frequent physical exercise can affect the heart. According to researchers, the cause for this is that the level of exertion when exercising can accelerate the heartbeat to a point where the heart has irregular arrhythmias.

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6/1/09

GM BANKRUPCY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:49

General Motors has filed for bankruptcy protection as part of an Obama administration plan to shrink the automaker to a sustainable size and give a majority ownership stake to the federal government. The fallen icon of American industrial might filed its Chapter 11 petition in New York on Monday. It marks the fourth-largest bankruptcy in U.S. history and the largest for an industrial company. GM's reorganization plan will rely on up to \$30 billion of additional financial assistance from the Treasury Department. That's on top of the \$19.4 billion in taxpayer money GM already has received in the form of low-interest loans.

CHRYSLER CAN SELL TO FIAT

VO :18

There's some fresh pavement on Chrysler's road out of bankruptcy protection. A federal bankruptcy judge late Sunday approved the sale of most of Chrysler's assets to Italy's Fiat. That moves the American automaker a step closer to its goal of a quick exit from court protection. Judge Arthur Gonzalez said in his ruling that a speedy sale is needed to keep the value of Chrysler from deteriorating and would provide a better return for the company's stakeholders.

IMMIGRATION PUSH

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:59

Immigrant rights advocates on Monday launched the Georgia arm of the national Reform Immigration FOR America campaign. About 25 representatives from labor, faith, business and immigrants' rights community groups attended the launch on the steps of the Capitol. The Georgia effort is part of a national campaign to urge lawmakers to pass comprehensive immigration reform. Similar local launches are scheduled in more than 30 other cities Monday. A 3-day national campaign summit is set to start Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

PASSPORT LAW

VO :24

The first day of new border restrictions based on recommendations of the 9/11 Commission has apparently gone off without any major glitches or delays. As of today, U.S. citizens who leave the country have to have a passport or other upgraded form of ID to get back in. For now, however, there are no real penalties. Travelers who don't comply get a warning but are allowed to return after a background check.

H1N1 FIRST DEATH IN LOS ANGELES, CA

VO :20

Los Angeles County health officials have announced the county's first death of a person infected with the flu H1N1, also known as swine flu. The decedent, a middle-age woman with underlying health problems, died in late May, according to Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, the Los Angeles County Health Officer.

6/2/09

CALIFORNIA CUTS

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:09

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told a joint session of the Legislature on Tuesday that California's budget crisis will require a transformation in state government. The state faces a \$24.3 billion deficit and a looming cash

crisis that jeopardizes its ability to pay its day-to-day bills. The governor said government must become more efficient and learn to provide services for less.

PLAN TO SAVE AUTOMAKERS
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:44

General Motors' bankruptcy filing Monday was sold by the company and the U.S. government as a positive: an opportunity for the automaker's expedited rebirth as a smaller, leaner, more consumer-focused corporation. In reality, it's a risky play for the economy. If all goes according to plan, the impact should be confined mostly to the auto industry. If it comes apart, the fallout could drag the economy into a deeper recession. GM became the fourth-largest company to file for bankruptcy protection in U.S. history, following by just 32 days Chrysler's bankruptcy filing. The filing came on a day when Chrysler's bankruptcy judge cleared the way for that company's sale to Italian automaker Fiat.

6/3/09

IMMIGRATION CAMPAIGN
JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:05

A national campaign to help President Obama make good on his promise to pass comprehensive immigration reform in 2009 was unveiled at a press conference in Washington today. The event was part of a week-long series of activities across the country to demonstrate broad national support for comprehensive immigration reform and a commitment to win the legislative battle expected later in the year. The campaign announcement comes just days before the President is slated to meet with Congressional leaders at the White House on June 8 to discuss plans to move legislation forward this year.

AUTOS DEALERS LATEST
LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:07

Top executives from General Motors and Chrysler face tough questions from lawmakers about sweeping plans to close hundreds of car dealerships as the auto companies undergo government-led bankruptcies. The executives will appear before a Senate committee Wednesday to talk about their dealership plans. Lawmakers contend the dealership closings will put thousands of people out of work and offer few savings to GM or Chrysler, which have received billions in federal aid as they attempt to restructure and return to profitability.

6/4/09

WAL-MART WILL CREATE 22,000 NEW JOBS
VO :14

Walmart U.S. announced today that it will create more than 22,000 jobs in 2009 to staff new or expanded stores in the United States. The company is hiring for a number of positions including store management, pharmacists, human resource managers, customer service associates, cashiers and sales associates among others. Last October, Walmart announced plans to open 142 to 157 new or expanded stores during the 2010 fiscal year in the United States. The company will create more than 1,000 jobs in several individual states. For example, the company will create approximately 1,300 jobs in Arizona; 1,000 jobs in California; 1,300 jobs in Florida; 1,500 jobs in Michigan; 1,200 jobs in New Jersey; 1,000 jobs in South Carolina; 1,200 jobs in Utah and 1,100 in Virginia.

6/5/09

UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST

CRISTINA PUIG. MIAMI, FLORIDA**PKG 2:12**

With companies in no mood to hire, the unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent in May, the highest in more than 25 years. But the pace of layoffs eased, with employers cutting 345,000 jobs, the fewest since September. The much smaller-than-expected reduction in payroll jobs, reported by the Labor Department on Friday, adds to evidence that the recession is loosening its hold on the country. It marked the fourth straight month that the pace of layoffs slowed. Still, the increase in the nation's unemployment rate from 8.9 percent in April underscores the difficulties that America's 14.5 million unemployed are having in finding new jobs. Economists had expected the rate to hit 9.2 percent last month.

IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST**JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:09**

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) on Thursday issued the most direct call yet by a Congressional leader for action this year on comprehensive immigration reform. Reid ruled out a gradual approach to overhauling the immigration system. And he said comprehensive reform should happen this year. Any legislation that comes to the Senate floor, Reid said, must address border security, expand the guest worker program so it addresses "more than agriculture," include a pathway to legalization for illegal immigrants and include stronger penalties for companies that employ illegal workers.

6/6/09

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

NOTHING TO REPORT

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6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

REMMITANCES REGULATION**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 1:49**

On Wednesday, U.S. Representative Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL), will hold a hearing to discuss the concept of creating a federal regulator for remittances and to evaluate the need for legislation that would enhance consumer disclosures. Witnesses will also be asked to address the decrease in remittances during the recession. In February I reported on the record \$16.6 billion sent back to Mexico from immigrants here in the U.S., a 24% increase from 2003.

OBAMA PUSHES HEALTHCARE PLAN**VO :24**

The White House, backing away from President Barack Obama's "it's-all-on-the-table" approach initially advocated, prepared to get louder and more involved in the details of a health care overhaul that officials once were content to leave to Congress, administration officials said Saturday. The White House's attention increases as Congress turns to a priority that officials watched in recent weeks drift off what has otherwise been a precise pathway. Even with an Obama-imposed August deadline, many administration aides weren't sure just how much they would be able to accomplish before Congress left for the summer, and Obama has turned to his grassroots supporters to pressure Congress to find a solution.

6/8/09

NEW HAVEN RAID FOLLOW UP

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NUEVA YORK**PKG 2:32**

A federal judge has ruled that immigration agents violated the constitutional rights of four illegal immigrants during a series of controversial raids in New Haven in 2007. The sweeps on June 6, 2007, came two days after New Haven approved issuing identification cards to illegal immigrants, and critics have accused Immigration and Customs Enforcement of using the early morning raids as retaliation for the adoption of the ID program -- a charge the agency has denied. Immigration Judge Michael Straus, in a decision last week, said the ICE agents went into the men's apartments without warrants, probable cause or their consent, and he put a stop to deportation proceedings against the four Latino defendants.

OBAMA'S ECONOMY PLAN**LOURDES DEL RIO / WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:08**

Eager to show action on the ailing economy, President Barack Obama promised Monday to speed federal money into hundreds of public works projects this summer, vowing that 600,000 jobs will be created or saved. Surrounded by his Cabinet, Obama emphasized what has become a dominant issue of public concern -- an economy that keeps bleeding jobs -- on the day after returning from a week of diplomacy and sightseeing in the Middle East and Europe.

KIDS SUMMER CAMPS**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:26**

With the economic crisis, many parents can't afford summer camps for their children. There are some options, most of them government programs, where you can take your children for free or paying a small amount of money.

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION**LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:09**

With only four days to go until the switch to digital TV, the Federal Communications Commission wants to ensure that consumers know what it takes to get ready for the switch on June 12. Here's what consumers should know: Consumers can continue to use their analog TV sets after the transition to DTV is completed on June 12. All they need to do is install a digital-to-analog converter box to each analog TV or connect them to a subscription service, such as cable or satellite TV. Consumers also must have a good antenna with both rabbit ears, or the equivalent for channels 2-13 (VHF) and a loop, bow-tie or equivalent, to get channels 14-51 (UHF).

6/9/09

IMMIGRANT WIDOWS DECISION**VO :18**

The Homeland Security Department is giving a break to widows who have not become legal U.S. residents before their American-citizen spouses die.

The department says it will suspend any actions, including deportations, against such widows and widowers for two years and also will not take action against their young children. The announcement was made Tuesday afternoon.

CHRYSLER DEALERSHIP**VO :19**

The Supreme Court Tuesday cleared the way for the U.S. government-backed sale of Chrysler LLC to a group led by Italian carmaker Fiat SpA, a victory for the bankrupt automaker and the Obama administration. The high court rejected a request from Indiana pension funds and other opponents of the transaction to delay the deal while they challenge Chrysler's sale to a group led by Fiat, a union-aligned trust and the U.S. and Canadian governments.

US BANK REPAYMENT

VO :22

The Treasury Department has approved 10 of the nation's largest banks to repay \$68 billion in government bailout money. The department on Tuesday said the banks, which were not named, will be allowed to repay the money they received from the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program created by Congress last October at the height of the financial crisis. The banks have been eager to get out of the program to escape government restrictions such as caps on executive compensation.

CA BUDGET

LUIS MEGID / SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

The mayors of some of California's largest cities are asking Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger not to undermine local governments in balancing the state budget. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa led a group of mayors from San Diego, Sacramento and Fresno, who came to the Capitol Tuesday to meet with the governor. They said the state should repay cities if it takes any of their tax revenue. Under Schwarzenegger's budget proposal, the state would borrow \$1.9 billion from property tax collections and reduce the local share of the gas tax by \$744 million. It's part of a plan to close a \$24.3 billion deficit.

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6/10/09

THE NEW CHRYSLER

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:55

Chrysler was reborn Wednesday under a new Italian parent, but it can't shake the shadows of its past: It's not selling enough cars, its fleet is tilted to trucks and SUVs, and help is more than a year away. A 42-day stay in bankruptcy court cleansed the company of much of its debt and labor costs, but many analysts say Chrysler's immediate future is bleak. It lost \$8 billion in 2008, and sales are down by almost half for the first five months of this year.

Cars designed by its new owner, Italy's Fiat Group SpA, won't make it to the U.S. until late 2010. And even then there are no guarantees American drivers will want the tiny cars Fiat specializes in.

SUSPENSION OF WIDOWS DEPORTATION

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 2:07

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IMMIGRATION REFORM CAMPAIGN

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:59

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6/11/09

SWINE FLU LATEST
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:56

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6/13/09

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

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VO :19 & SOT: 40

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DIGITAL TV TRANSMISION: A DAY AFTER

VO :24

Most American TV viewers have now gone all digital. But it was a bit confusing for some yesterday when the nation's TV stations shut down their analog transmitters. Nearly 700,000 people called a federal hot line this week. About a third of the calls were about federal coupons to pay for digital converter boxes. Another third were handled by live agents, and 30 percent of those were about how to operate the converter boxes. Over 20 percent of the live calls were about reception issues. The largest volume of calls came from the Chicago area, followed by Dallas-Fort Worth, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

OBAMA HEALTH CARE

VO :21

President Barack Obama says he wants to help pay for his health care overhaul by slowing Medicare and Medicaid spending. He suggests trimming federal payments to hospitals by about \$200 billion over the next 10 years. But hospitals, especially those with many poor patients, say the proposed cuts are unfair and will harm the sick and elderly. Together, Obama's plans would provide \$948 billion over a decade in savings and/or tax increases to help cover the millions of Americans who lack medical insurance and to slow the rate of soaring health care costs.

6/14/09

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

BANKRUPTCY FILINGS

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:51

Consumer and commercial bankruptcy filings are on pace to reach a stunning 1.5 million this year, according to a report from Automated Access to Court Electronic Records. While well below the record 2 million filings in 2005, the number of filings is up sharply from last year's 1.1 million, says Robert Lawless, professor of law at the University of Illinois. Bankruptcy filings took a dramatic nose dive after a 2005 bankruptcy reform measure was signed into law to curb bankruptcy abuse and make it harder to erase debts.

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ALEJANDRAN ESPINOZA. PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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SUPREME COURT BORDER**VO :45**

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to get involved in local Texas governments' fight against hundreds of miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. The court rejected a challenge by El Paso and other counties to a lower court ruling dismissing a lawsuit against Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. The governments argue that Napolitano's predecessor, Michael Chertoff, improperly waived 37 federal laws that could have slowed or blocked construction of fencing along the border that is intended to deter illegal immigrants.

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PICK FINANCIAL ADVISOR**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK****PKG 2:30**

The package gives information on how to pick a financial advisor that can help you with debts. Is recommended to look for experience, credentials, access to experts and fees and commissions.

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6/1/09

GM BANKRUPCY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:49

INTERVIEW TROY CLARKE / PRESIDENT, GM NORTHAMERICA

DETROIT, MICHIGAN APROXIMATELY 3:34

General Motors has filed for bankruptcy protection as part of an Obama administration plan to shrink the automaker to a sustainable size and give a majority ownership stake to the federal government. The fallen icon of American industrial might filed its Chapter 11 petition in New York on Monday. It marks the fourth-largest bankruptcy in U.S. history and the largest for an industrial company. GM's reorganization plan will rely on up to \$30 billion of additional financial assistance from the Treasury Department. That's on top of the \$19.4 billion in taxpayer money GM already has received in the form of low-interest loans.

IMMIGRATION PUSH

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:59

Immigrant rights advocates on Monday launched the Georgia arm of the national Reform Immigration FOR America campaign. About 25 representatives from labor, faith, business and immigrants' rights community groups attended the launch on the steps of the Capitol. The Georgia effort is part of a national campaign to urge lawmakers to pass comprehensive immigration reform. Similar local launches are scheduled in more than 30 other cities Monday. A 3-day national campaign summit is set to start Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

H1N1 FIRST DEATH IN LOS ANGELES, CA

VO :20

Los Angeles County health officials have announced the county's first death of a person infected with the flu H1N1, also known as swine flu. The decedent, a middle-age woman with underlying health problems, died in late May, according to Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, the Los Angeles County Health Officer.

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6/2/09

CALIFORNIA CUTS

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:09

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told a joint session of the Legislature on Tuesday that California's budget crisis will require a transformation in state government. The state faces a \$24.3 billion deficit and a looming cash crisis that jeopardizes its ability to pay its day-to-day bills. The governor said government must become more efficient and learn to provide services for less.

PLAN TO SAVE AUTOMAKERS

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:44

General Motors' bankruptcy filing Monday was sold by the company and the U.S. government as a positive: an opportunity for the automaker's expedited rebirth as a smaller, leaner, more consumer-focused corporation. In reality, it's a risky play for the economy. If all goes according to plan, the impact should be confined mostly to the auto industry. If it comes apart, the fallout could drag the economy into a deeper recession. GM became the fourth-largest company to file for bankruptcy protection in U.S. history, following by just 32 days Chrysler's bankruptcy filing. The filing came on a day when Chrysler's bankruptcy judge cleared the way for that

company's sale to Italian automaker Fiat.

06/03/09

NEW HAMPSHIRE SAME SEX MARRIAGE

VO :23

New Hampshire legislators have approved a measure that would make the state the sixth to allow gay marriage. Gov. John Lynch is expected to sign the legislation Wednesday afternoon. He had promised a veto if the law didn't clearly spell out that churches and religious groups would not be forced to officiate at gay marriages or provide other services. The Senate passed the measure Wednesday, and the House followed later in the day. The House vote was 198-176. Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont and Iowa already allow gay marriage. Maine opponents hope to overturn that state's law with a public vote.

AUTO INDUSTRY LATEST

VO :22

Top executives from General Motors and Chrysler face tough questions from lawmakers about sweeping plans to close hundreds of car dealerships as the auto companies undergo government-led bankruptcies. The executives will appear before a Senate committee Wednesday to talk about their dealership plans. Lawmakers contend the dealership closings will put thousands of people out of work and offer few savings to GM or Chrysler, which have received billions in federal aid as they attempt to restructure and return to profitability.

06/04/09

WAL-MART WILL CREATE 22,000 NEW JOBS

VO :14

Walmart U.S. announced today that it will create more than 22,000 jobs in 2009 to staff new or expanded stores in the United States. The company is hiring for a number of positions including store management, pharmacists, human resource managers, customer service associates, cashiers and sales associates among others. Last October, Walmart announced plans to open 142 to 157 new or expanded stores during the 2010 fiscal year in the United States. The company will create more than 1,000 jobs in several individual states. For example, the company will create approximately 1,300 jobs in Arizona; 1,000 jobs in California; 1,300 jobs in Florida; 1,500 jobs in Michigan; 1,200 jobs in New Jersey; 1,000 jobs in South Carolina; 1,200 jobs in Utah and 1,100 in Virginia.

6/5/09

UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST

VO :26

With companies in no mood to hire, the unemployment rate jumped to 9.4 percent in May, the highest in more than 25 years. But the pace of layoffs eased, with employers cutting 345,000 jobs, the fewest since September. The much smaller-than-expected reduction in payroll jobs, reported by the Labor Department on Friday, adds to evidence that the recession is loosening its hold on the country. It marked the fourth straight month that the pace of layoffs slowed. Still, the increase in the nation's unemployment rate from 8.9 percent in April underscores the difficulties that America's 14.5 million unemployed are having in finding new jobs. Economists had expected the rate to hit 9.2 percent last month.

IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST

VO :30

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) on Thursday issued the most direct call yet by a Congressional leader for action this year on comprehensive immigration reform. Reid ruled out a gradual approach to overhauling the immigration system. And he said comprehensive reform should happen this year. Any

legislation that comes to the Senate floor, Reid said, must address border security, expand the guest worker program so it addresses "more than agriculture," include a pathway to legalization for illegal immigrants and include stronger penalties for companies that employ illegal workers.

6/8/09

NEW HAVEN RAID FOLLOW UP
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NUEVA YORK
PKG 2:32

A federal judge has ruled that immigration agents violated the constitutional rights of four illegal immigrants during a series of controversial raids in New Haven in 2007. The sweeps on June 6, 2007, came two days after New Haven approved issuing identification cards to illegal immigrants, and critics have accused Immigration and Customs Enforcement of using the early morning raids as retaliation for the adoption of the ID program -- a charge the agency has denied. Immigration Judge Michael Straus, in a decision last week, said the ICE agents went into the men's apartments without warrants, probable cause or their consent, and he put a stop to deportation proceedings against the four Latino defendants.

OBAMA'S ECONOMY PLAN
VO :23

Eager to show action on the ailing economy, President Barack Obama promised Monday to speed federal money into hundreds of public works projects this summer, vowing that 600,000 jobs will be created or saved. Surrounded by his Cabinet, Obama emphasized what has become a dominant issue of public concern -- an economy that keeps bleeding jobs -- on the day after returning from a week of diplomacy and sightseeing in the Middle East and Europe.

SUPREME COURT CHRYSLER
VO :22

Chrysler's five weeks of breakneck-speed bankruptcy proceedings came to a screeching -- but possibly temporary -- halt Monday, when a Supreme Court justice delayed its sale of assets to Italy's Fiat. The move could derail the government's ambitious plan for the U.S. automaker to blaze a path to profitability without the burden of many of its debts. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg issued a stay just a week before Chrysler says the government-backed sale must go through. After June 15, Fiat could walk away from the deal and leave the struggling U.S. automaker with little option but to liquidate.

DIGITAL TV TRANSITION
LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:09

With only four days to go until the switch to digital TV, the Federal Communications Commission wants to ensure that consumers know what it takes to get ready for the switch on June 12. Here's what consumers should know: Consumers can continue to use their analog TV sets after the transition to DTV is completed on June 12. All they need to do is install a digital-to-analog converter box to each analog TV or connect them to a subscription service, such as cable or satellite TV. Consumers also must have a good antenna with both rabbit ears, or the equivalent for channels 2-13 (VHF) and a loop, bow-tie or equivalent, to get channels 14-51 (UHF).

6/9/09

CHRYSLER DEALERSHIP
VO :25

The Supreme Court Tuesday cleared the way for the U.S. government-backed sale of Chrysler LLC to a group led by Italian carmaker Fiat SpA, a victory for the bankrupt automaker and the Obama administration. The high court rejected a request from Indiana pension funds and other opponents of the transaction to delay the deal while they challenge Chrysler's sale to a group led by Fiat, a union-aligned trust and the U.S. and Canadian governments.

6/10/09

THE NEW CHRYSLER

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:55

Chrysler was reborn Wednesday under a new Italian parent, but it can't shake the shadows of its past: It's not selling enough cars, its fleet is tilted to trucks and SUVs, and help is more than a year away. A 42-day stay in bankruptcy court cleansed the company of much of its debt and labor costs, but many analysts say Chrysler's immediate future is bleak. It lost \$8 billion in 2008, and sales are down by almost half for the first five months of this year.

Cars designed by its new owner, Italy's Fiat Group SpA, won't make it to the U.S. until late 2010. And even then there are no guarantees American drivers will want the tiny cars Fiat specializes in.

SUSPENSION OF WIDOWS DEPORTATION

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 2:07

The Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday it is temporarily freezing a policy of deporting widows and widowers of U.S. citizens, a sign of the Obama administration's interest in new approaches to immigration.

Only a few hundred people were at risk of deportation under the policy, but critics viewed it as one of the most painful consequences of President George W. Bush's immigration crackdown. Under the current interpretation of federal law, some immigrants whose American spouses had died faced possible deportation because their legal status was in limbo. The rule applied to immigrants who had been married for less than two years or whose green-card process hadn't been completed when their spouses died. The clause, known as the "widow penalty," had resulted in a spate of lawsuits.

IMMIGRATION REFORM CAMPAIGN

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:59

Leading Christian voices joined together to launch Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform's renewed effort for compassionate reform in anticipation of upcoming White House meetings. The call featured an array of religious leaders and prominent faith spokespersons, including Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, Noel Castellanos, Rev. Dr. Vashti McKenzie, and Rev. Jim Wallis, discussing the growing need for immigration reform and highlighting the launch of a new website and statement of principles as part of faith effort to pass comprehensive immigration legislation.

RI MEDICAL MARIJUANA SOLD IN STORES

VO :18

The Rhode Island Senate has passed a bill by a 30-2 margin allowing nonprofit stores in the state to sell marijuana to medical patients. The bill now heads to Governor Donald Carcieri for approval, although he vetoed similar legislation last year. If the bill does indeed become law, it would allow so-called compassion centers to sell marijuana to registered patients with debilitating diseases. So far, 680 patients are registered with the medical marijuana program.

WHO PANDEMIC WARNING

VO :19

The World Health Organization called for an emergency meeting of experts Thursday to discuss the spreading H1N1 flu outbreak, in a sign the U.N. agency may be poised to declare a pandemic

6/11/09

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LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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6/16/09

WORKER ID & IMMIGRANT
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:03

As the immigration reform debate begins to heat up again, some observers expect that one of the biggest and most controversial new elements will be a proposed national worker identification card for all Americans. A "forgery-proof" worker ID card, secured with biometric data such as fingerprints, is an idea favored by Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), the new chairman of the immigration subcommittee. Schumer, who will lead the effort to craft the Senate's comprehensive immigration overhaul legislation, called the card the best way to ensure that all workers were authorized.

HATE CRIME LEGISLATION
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:22

A leading civil rights coalition says there has been an increase in white supremacist activity since the election of the first African-American president. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund reported Tuesday that the economic downturn and fear of immigrants also contributed to the increase. The report comes a week after a white supremacist killed a security guard at the U.S. Holocaust Museum. The coalition reported the country now averages a hate crime nearly every hour of every day. A special concern is the rising number of hate crimes committed against Hispanics and gays.

HEALTH CARE DEBATE
LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:04

The job of writing health care reform legislation began in Congress today with the meeting of the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The Senate Finance Committee begins work Wednesday. Meanwhile a House Oversight subcommittee holds a hearing today into terminations of individual health policies by insurance companies.

OBAMA FINANCIAL RESCUE
VO :20

Many lawmakers fear President Barack Obama's plan to prevent another financial meltdown might end up turning the Federal Reserve into an all-powerful monster -- a friction that could slow down a major overhaul of banking and market regulations. In a speech on Wednesday, Obama is expected to propose that the Fed take on a role as America's financial supercop. Already the nation's central bank, the Federal Reserve would supervise large financial institutions that are considered so big that their failure could undermine the economy.

ZICAM LOSS OF SMELL
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:54

U.S. regulators warned Matrixx Initiatives ¼MTXX.O¾to stop selling intranasal versions of its zinc-containing Zicam cold remedy after more than 130 reports of people losing their sense of smell after using the products, sending Matrixx shares into a tailspin. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration also urged consumers to stop taking the over-the-counter products, agency officials said on a conference call with reporters on Tuesday.

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6/17/09

HATE CRIMES SENTENCE
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

PKG 2:19

INTERVIEW JOHN AMAYA / LAWYER
WASHINGTON, DC APROX. 3:00

Two Pennsylvania teens acquitted of the most serious charges in the beating death of an illegal Mexican immigrant will each spend at least six months in prison for lesser charges. A Schuylkill County judge sentenced 17-year-old Brandon Piekarsky and 19-year-old Derrick Donchak on Wednesday on charges related to the fatal beating of Luis Ramirez on July 12, 2008 in Shenandoah. Piekarsky was acquitted of third-degree murder and Donchak acquitted of aggravated assault by an all-white jury last month. Both teens were acquitted of ethnic intimidation.

OBAMA BANKING
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:06

President Barack Obama is offering a broad-scale overhaul of the financial system, saying hard times struck largely because a post-Depression era business regulatory scheme couldn't keep up with an increasingly global economy. In remarks readied for the unveiling of new rules to govern business, Obama attributed much of the country's current problem to "a cascade of mistakes and missed opportunities" which happened over several decades. His plan would bestow vast new powers on the Federal Reserve, authorizing it to oversee the entire financial system. It also would create a new consumer protection agency to guard against the types of abuses that played a big role in the current crisis.

HOLDER ON IMMIGRATION
VO :22

U.S. immigration agents soon will get expanded powers to fight Mexican drug cartels, Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress on Wednesday. Under a new deal aimed at settling a long-running turf dispute with the Drug Enforcement Administration, more agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement would get authority to investigate drug cases.

KIDS SUE OBAMA ON IMMIGRATION
VO :23

A group of kids and their mothers in South Florida gathered to protest what they say is a violation of their rights. Some of the protestors say they are suing President Barack Obama, asking a court to halt the deportations of their parents until Congress overhauls US immigration laws. The group gathered at the Miami nonprofit American Fraternity to draw attention to their cause, say their constitutional rights are being violated because they will likely have to leave the country if their parents are forced to go. The leader of the organization says she is frustrated that the Obama administration hasn't done more to address immigration reform.

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6/18/09

LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC
MORE POWER ICE AGENTS
PKG:205

The Obama administration ended a years-long turf war between the Justice and Homeland Security departments yesterday, giving more U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents authority to investigate drug crimes. Leaders of ICE and the Drug Enforcement Administration replaced a 1994 agreement that capped the number of customs agents who could investigate federal drug crimes and limited it to those who make seizures at border crossings. When the Department of Homeland Security was created in 2003, ICE's size and national presence were expanded. However, DEA and the Justice Department refused to lift the cap, set at 1,475 agents, citing the potential for poor coordination. ICE has about 5,000 agents overall, and the

DEA has about 4,800.

CA-IMMIGRATION RAIDS

VO:20

A city can prohibit its police from stopping or arresting people to find out if they are illegal immigrants, a state appeals court ruled Wednesday in a Los Angeles case with implications for San Francisco's sanctuary ordinance. A taxpayer represented by the conservative group Judicial Watch challenged a 30-year-old Los Angeles Police Department rule barring officers from either arresting anyone for entering the United States illegally or taking any action solely to determine someone's immigration status. The suit claimed the policy conflicts with a 1996 federal law that requires state and local governments to let their employees share information about someone's immigration status with federal authorities. If a city bars police from obtaining immigration information from people they arrest, Judicial Watch argued, it frustrates the purpose of the law. But the Second District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles upheld a judge's decision that found no conflict between the local policy and the federal law.

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LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC COMPREHENSIVE REFORM

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President Barack Obama said Friday he is committed to a comprehensive immigration overhaul that includes a way for illegal immigrants to become U.S. citizens. Obama told the Esperanza National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference that U.S. borders must be strengthened to thwart illegal immigration. But he also supports giving the millions of people now in the U.S. illegally the chance to become citizens. He said they must pay a fine and taxes, learn English and "go to the back of the line" of people trying to enter the United States from their home country. "That is the fair, practical, and promising way forward, and that's what I'm committed to passing as president of the United States,"

AZ-SHARPTON VS. ARPAIO

VO: 28

The Rev. Al Sharpton called Friday for opponents of an Arizona sheriff who has aggressively cracked down on illegal immigration to videotape alleged racial profiling by the sheriff's office. The civil rights leader said the videos will help the U.S. Department of Justice in an investigation of alleged civil rights abuses by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office. Sharpton was scheduled to meet with Arpaio later Friday.

LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE

PKG: 1:58

The West reported the highest regional jobless rate for May: 10.1 percent -- the first time in more than 25 years that a region of the United States has suffered double-digit joblessness. In California, the jobless rate jumped to 11.5 percent last month. In Nevada, it rose to 11.3 percent, and in Oregon, to 12.4 percent. The government report showed employment conditions deteriorating in 48 states and the District of Columbia last month. Eight states had record-high jobless rates. Only two -- Nebraska and Vermont -- reported no increases. Nebraska's jobless rate dipped, and Vermont's was flat. The five other states that set new unemployment highs were North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK CASH FOR CLUNKERS

PKG: 2:08

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer will call on all New Yorkers to take advantage of the "Cash for Clunkers" program approved by the Senate last night. The program allows New York City drivers to trade in their older, less fuel efficient cars, trucks and SUVs for more fuel efficient vehicles. Schumer said that New York City drivers can save up to \$4,500 cash on the purchase of a new car but they need to move fast because funding

for the program is limited and vouchers are given out on a first come, first serve basis. Schumer released a report earlier this year showing that 94,300 cars on the road in New York City would qualify for the "Cash for Clunkers" program.

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OBAMA TOBACCO BILL

VO :18

President Barack Obama has signed the strongest anti-smoking measure ever, calling it an extraordinary accomplishment that will help keep children from getting hooked on cigarettes. The legislation gives the Food and Drug Administration unprecedented authority to regulate tobacco and cigarette marketing.

OBAMA DRUGS

VILMA TARAZONA / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:40

President Barack Obama says a pledge by the drug industry to help close a gap in Medicare drug coverage is a step toward an overhaul of the nation's health care system. Obama says the companies have promised to spend \$80 billion over the next decade to help reduce the cost of drugs for seniors and pay for part of Obama's health care plan.

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OBAMA PRESS CONFERENCE

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:06

President Barack Obama held a news conference Tuesday, and opened the afternoon event with remarks on health care reform, energy legislation and Iran's disputed elections.

DREAM ACT CEREMONIES

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:57

A DREAM Act graduation ceremony was celebrated at the Los Angeles City Hall. This is one of several such events in which hundreds of students/youth from all over the country, along with education, faith, business, immigrant and civil rights leaders participated in a National DREAM Graduation ceremony, hosted by Dream Team Los Angeles in support of the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act.

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PREVIEW IMMIGRATION MEETING

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:04

Following the President's remarks on immigration reform Friday, this Thursday's meeting between Members of Congress and the President will move the immigration debate forward and put the spotlight on Congress to begin crafting comprehensive immigration reform legislation. With a Congressional debate looming this fall, leaders from faith, Latino, business, labor, progressive, and immigration reform organizations will preview the White House meeting and preview the coming immigration reform legislative debate. This on-the-record briefing is hosted by the National Immigration Forum.

OBAMA HEALTH CARE

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 1:57

President Barack Obama left the door open to a new tax on health care benefits Wednesday, and officials said

top lawmakers and the White House were seeking \$150 billion in concessions from the nation's hospitals as they sought support for legislation struggling to emerge in Congress. The chief executive also met with governors and arranged a prime-time, town hall at the White House, the latest in a string of events designed to bend public opinion toward his top domestic initiative to reduce health care costs while making insurance available to the nearly 50 million Americans who lack it.

E-VERIFY ON THE RISE

VO :17

E-Verify, the federal program that allows employers to quickly check the legal status of potential employees, has seen a rapid growth in use this year, Department of Homeland Security records show. More than 1,000 employers are signing up each week on average, and employment checks are approaching 200,000 a week.

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IMMIGRATION COMPREHENSIVE REFORM MEETING-OBAMA

LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC-LIVE

PKG: 2:24

Launching a fresh effort toward a comprehensive immigration overhaul, President Barack Obama said Thursday that a bipartisan bill on the "sensitive and volatile political issue" will be difficult but must get under way this year. "It's going to require some heavy lifting," Obama said as he hosted a meeting of about 30 lawmakers whose views on immigration span the ideological spectrum. "It's going to require a victory of practicality and common sense and good policy making over short-term politics. That's what I'm committed to doing as president." Much of the debate centered on how to deal with the roughly 12 million illegals already living in the United States. Some believe Republicans are more motivated this time to get on board, as immigration helped energize turnout toward Obama and other Democrats in the 2008 election. Among the attendees Thursday was Obama's opponent in the presidential election, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was a high-profile supporter of immigration reform, a position that cost him support within his own party.

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SOTOMAYOR-HISPANIC CONGRESS SUPPORT

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON DC

PKG:2:04

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J.; House Small Business Chairwoman Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y.; Rep. Charles Gonzalez, D-Texas; hold a news conference with other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to discuss how the caucus will be engaged in the confirmation process for Judge Sonia Sotomayor.

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IRAQ WITHDRAWAL

MARTIN BERLANGA-MIAMI, FL

PKG: 1:37

President Barack Obama's top security adviser has told U.S. military commanders there are no plans to send more troops to Afghanistan for now and that the focus instead will be on economic development and reconstruction, The Washington Post reported Tuesday. National Security Adviser James Jones delivered that message last week in Afghanistan, where Marine Brigadier General Lawrence Nicholson hinted he could use more "thousands more" troops, the newspaper said. Jones' message seemed designed to cap expectations that more troops might be coming, although the Obama administration has not ruled out additional deployments in the future, the Post said.

SOTOMAYOR-SUPREME COURT FIREFIGHTERS**VO:32**

Only white firefighters scored well enough on the test to be promoted. No blacks. So New Haven, Conn., threw out the test. In an important reverse discrimination ruling Monday, the Supreme Court rejected that decision, cautioning employers nationwide against changing the rules once the game has begun. New Haven discriminated against its white firefighters by ignoring the results of a promotion exam on which they did well but no African-Americans scored high enough to be promoted to lieutenant or captain, the justices said in a 5-4 ruling. High court nominee Sonia Sotomayor had endorsed the city's position as an appeals court judge -- ammunition for both supporters and foes in her upcoming confirmation hearing.

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TROOPS WITHDRAWAL**CRISTINA PUIG-MIAMI, FL****PKG-2:22**

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FDA-PRESCRIPTION ADVICE**LUIS MEGID-SAN FRANCISCO, CA****PKG-1:50**

Government experts called for sweeping safety restrictions Tuesday on the most widely used painkiller, including reducing the maximum dose of Tylenol and eliminating prescription drugs such as Vicodin and Percocet. The Food and Drug Administration assembled 37 experts to recommend ways to reduce deadly overdoses with acetaminophen, which is the leading cause of liver failure in the U.S. and sends 56,000 people to the emergency room annually. About 200 die each year. "We're here because there are inadvertent overdoses with this drug that are fatal and this is the one opportunity we have to do something that will have a big impact," said Dr. Judith Kramer of Duke University Medical Center.

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CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS

VO :26

Community activists are calling for neighborhood peace and an end to racial tension between African Americans and Latinos. Jovana Lara tells us, that call comes from the leaders of some of the most prominent civil rights organizations in Southern California.

AIRLINE SAFETY

VO :28

Obama administration officials said they will propose new limits on how many hours airline pilots can fly in an effort to curb pilot fatigue, an issue safety officials have been urging action on for two decades. Randy Babbitt, the head of the Federal Aviation Administration, said he will propose the new rule in the next several months. A former airline pilot who has been at FAA only a few weeks, Babbitt said the issue is complicated because a pilot flying fewer hours with more takeoffs and landings will likely experience more fatigue than a pilot on a longer flight with only one takeoff and one landing.

OBAMA TO PROPOSE STRICT NEW REGULATION OF FINANCIAL INDUSTRY

VO :21

President Obama is expected to unveil a plan that would give the government new powers to seize key companies whose failure jeopardizes the financial system. The plan would give the government new powers to seize key companies whose failure jeopardizes the financial system, as well as creation of a watchdog agency to look out for consumers' interests.

WORKER ID CARDS EXPECTED TO STIR UP IMMIGRATION DEBATE

VO :23

As the immigration reform debate begins to heat up again, some observers expect that one of the biggest and most controversial new elements will be a proposed national worker identification card for all Americans. A "forgery-proof" worker ID card, secured with biometric data such as fingerprints, is an idea favored by Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), the new chairman of the immigration subcommittee. Schumer, who will lead the effort to craft the Senate's comprehensive immigration overhaul legislation, called the card the best way to ensure that all workers were authorized.

COMMON SKIN CANCER DRUG SMOOTHES WRINKLES: STUDY

VO :18

A cream used to treat the early signs of skin cancer may erase wrinkles and leave behind younger-looking skin, U.S. researchers said on Monday. They said Valeant Pharmaceuticals' 1/4VRX.N3/4 cream Efudex, which is used to treat actinic keratoses, a precancerous form of squamous cell carcinoma, improved the appearance of skin, smoothing out rough spots and wrinkles, improving skin color, and erasing brown spots.

OBESITY SURGERY THINS BONES, BUT ENOUGH TO BREAK?

VO :26

Doctors don't yet know how likely patients' bones are to thin enough to break in the years after surgery. But one of the first attempts to tell suggests they might have twice the average person's risk, and be even more likely to break a hand or foot. The Mayo Clinic's finding is surprising, and further research is under way to see if the link is real. But with bariatric surgery booming and even teenagers in their key bone-building years increasingly trying it, specialists say uncovering long-term side effects and how to counter them takes on new urgency. Simply popping today's doses of calcium supplements may not be enough.

GAS PRICES GOING UP

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:46

Gas prices seem to be defying gravity and economic principles. They've gone up again for the 48th straight day. That matches a record for this decade.

According to the auto club AAA and others, pump prices have risen to about \$2.67 a gallon, on average. Compared to a week ago, prices are a nickel higher. Prices are nearly 31 cents higher than a month ago, but remain a \$1.40 lower than a year ago.

BORDER SECURITY

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:59

The U.S. and Mexico formalized an agreement Monday to work together to secure legal travel and trade across the countries' shared border. The agreement is outlined in a letter of intent signed by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Mexico's Finance Minister Agustin Carstens. It expands a 2007 agreement and formalizes plans announced earlier this year to search vehicles at border crossings for bulk weapons and cash being smuggled from the U.S. into Mexico where more than 10,800 people have been killed by drug violence since December 2006.

OBAMA HEALTHCARE

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:09

President Barack Obama has made another strong pitch for overhauling the U.S. health care system, calling it "a ticking bomb for the federal budget."

Obama went before the American Medical Association in Chicago Monday to declare that the existing system leaves too many uninsured and forces "excessive defensive medicine" by doctors worried about malpractice suits. Obama told his audience he is open to requiring all Americans to have health insurance. But he emphasized that the plan he envisions would permit continuing help for those who cannot afford it on their own. Obama said a "health care exchange" would be set up for the uninsured to choose a plan. Without such change, Obama said the U.S. economy could end up in the same shape as the failed General Motors Corporation and Chrysler.

" CONVIÉRTETE EN UN EX " CAMPAIGN TO QUIT SMOKING**INTERVIEW**

LOURDES BAEZCONDE-GARBANATI / WASHINGTON, DC

APPROX. 4:00MIN.

EX is a whole new way to think about quitting smoking - it's about re-learning life without cigarettes. We can help you learn how to do everything you currently do with a cigarette, but without one. The free **EX** plan is based on personal experiences from ex-smokers, as well as the latest scientific research from the experts at Mayo Clinic. Whether this is your first try or your 10th, this plan can help you quit smoking.

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OBAMA GAY BENEFITS**VO: 19**

President Obama will sign a memorandum Wednesday granting health care and other benefits to the same-sex partners of federal employees, two senior administration officials said.

US IMMIGRATION DROP**VO: 24**

The number of U.S. border apprehensions dropped for a third consecutive year, falling to a level not seen since 1973, new government data show. The U.S. Border Patrol last year had 724,000 apprehensions, falling more than 17 percent from 2007, according to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Immigration Statistics. Ninety-seven percent were on the southwest border, and 91 percent of those caught were Mexican.

WORKER ID & IMMIGRATION

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:03

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ZICAM LOSS OF SMELL

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:54

U.S. regulators warned Matrixx Initiatives 1/4MTXX.O3/4to stop selling intranasal versions of its zinc-containing Zicam cold remedy after more than 130

reports of people losing their sense of smell after using the products, sending Matrixx shares into a tailspin. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration also urged consumers to stop taking the over-the-counter products, agency officials said on a conference call with reporters on Tuesday.

NEW FLORIDA LAW REQUIRES DNA IN FELONY CASES

VO: 25

Under a law signed by Gov. Charlie Crist on Tuesday, the DNA of any person accused of a felony in Florida will be added to a state database.

With Crist's signature, Florida became the 20th state to require police to take a DNA sample, such as a mouth swab, from everyone charged with a felony. The state will hold onto that sample even if the felony charge is dismissed. Current law allows taking a DNA sample only after conviction of a felony or specified misdemeanors.

U.S. TV DIGITAL

VO:24

Although the change to digital tv came without problems from the majority of the population, the Federal Communications Commission, the FCC, said taht they recieved some 317 million complaints Friday that the fifth part went without reception to at least one channel. One of the main reasons was that they bought incorrect antennas because many stations changed their signal from the UHF band to the more commonly known VHF band.

VIRTUAL COLONOSCOPY MAY BE AN OPTION, STUDY SHOWS

VO: 18

So-called virtual colonoscopies --done using souped-up x-rays -- detect tumors and precancerous lesions almost as well as standard colonoscopies using a camera threaded through the colon, Italian researchers reported on Tuesday. The virtual procedure, done using computed tomography scans, might offer an alternative for people who are embarrassed or afraid to have a standard colonoscopy and encourage them to be examined, Dr Daniele Regge of the Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment in Turin, Italy, and colleagues said.

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IMMIGRANT RAID REPORT

VO :24

A National Commission investigating immigration enforcement under the Bush administration will release a comprehensive new report documenting the devastation and destruction that immigration raids had on families, workplaces and communities across the country. The report, *Raids on Workers: Destroying Our Rights*, is the culmination of a more than one-year investigation that included regional hearings, on-the-ground interviews with victims and an exhaustive analysis of immigration enforcement tactics under the Bush administration. The report reveals a troubling pattern of systemic abuse of worker rights during enforcement actions.

2010 HEALTH COSTS

VO: 24

A consulting firm estimates employers who offer health insurance coverage could see a 9 percent cost

increase next year. The firm says costs will rise in part because workers worried about losing their jobs are using their health care more while they still have it. The report also says rising unemployment is driving up medical costs.

HEALTH CARE POLL

VO: 21

A new poll finds considerable concern about health care costs -- with nearly half of all Americans worried about paying for future care. Almost one in four people in the survey by the University of Michigan fear losing coverage in the next year.

OBAMA FINANCE REGULATIONS

VO: 20

President Barack Obama says his financial overhaul plan finds the middle ground between the benefits of capitalism -- and its excesses. The proposal is an effort to prevent another economic meltdown. The president's broad set of changes in financial regulation would give the Federal Reserve new authority and create a new agency to protect consumers in their banking transactions. Obama said Wednesday that an absence of oversight over Wall Street resulted in systemic abuse that increased financial risks for both families and large firms. He said his plan is the biggest transformation in financial rules since the Great Depression. The plan will now be considered by Congress

OBAMA GAY BENEFITS

VO: 24

US President Barack Obama signalled to gay-rights activists on Wednesday that he's listening to their desire for greater equality in "a more perfect union" but he didn't give them even close to everything they want, bringing to the surface an anger that's been growing against the president. He signed a memorandum extending some benefits, such as visitation or dependent-care rights, to the same-sex partners of gay federal employees. Obama said he wants to see the Defence of Marriage Act repealed and in its place a law that would give the partners of gay and lesbian federal employees health insurance and survivor benefits, among other things.

CA: BUDGET/GOV SAYS NO TO NEW TAXES

VO: 22

California governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger told Democrat legislators to not even try and propose raising taxes to resolve their state deficit because he will not approve it. One commission of the legislators proposes to raise the price of getting a car license by \$15, which would be the second increase of the year. They have also proposed taxes on the production of petroleum and \$1.50 more to a pack of cigarettes.

STUDY FINDS IMMIGRATION COURTROOMS BACKLOGGED

VO: 23

Nearly three years after the Justice Department found that the nation's courts were seriously overburdened and recommended hiring 40 new judges, only a few hirings have taken place and the case backlog is at its highest point in a decade, according to a study released Wednesday.

The report, by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, a nonpartisan group that analyzes data about federal government performance, found that the shortage of judges had contributed to a 19 percent increase in the backlog of cases since 2006 and a 23 percent increase in the time it takes to resolve them.

JOB LOSSES HURTING CHILD SUPPORT

VO: 25

Child support payments are falling as parents lose their jobs. States report that more parents are failing to pay and more are going to court to reduce their obligations. Some custodial parents are asking for higher payments because their income is down. And more parents are using unemployment checks to pay child support.

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BORDER PATROL ARRESTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

VO :27

Arrests of illegal immigrants by the Border Patrol declined in 2008 to 724,000, the lowest number in 35 years, the Department of Homeland Security reported. Apprehensions by the agency fell from a peak of 1.6 million in 2000, declining by 39 percent in the last three years. Border Patrol arrests are regarded by researchers as a broad-brush indicator of the flow of illegal immigrants. The department's report attributed the decline to high unemployment in the United States and increased border enforcement, among other factors.

NATIONAL HISPANIC PRAYER

VO :19

President Barack Obama says he is committed to a comprehensive immigration overhaul that includes a way that illegal immigrants can become U.S. citizens. Obama told a gathering of Hispanics on Friday that U.S. borders must be strengthened to thwart illegal immigration. He said the millions of people who are now in the U.S. illegally should have the chance to become citizens. He said they must pay a fine and taxes, learn English and "go to the back of the line" of people trying to enter the United States from their home country. He said employers should not be allowed to exploit illegal immigrants to drive down wages. Obama made his remarks at the Esperanza National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast and Conference.

MEDICARE FRAUD

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:57

State officials plan to announce the findings of a Medicaid fraud investigation in Miami-Dade County at a news conference. Officials with Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration and members of a state Medicaid fraud control unit will present the findings Thursday afternoon. Both federal and state governments have recently cracked down on Medicaid and Medicare fraud. In May, the federal government announced a Health Care Fraud

Prevention and Enforcement Action Team, increasing enforcement in Miami and Los Angeles.

CAMPAIGN "PLEASE OFFER A SEAT"

ALEX ROLAND / NEW YORK

PKG 1:35

There is a new subway campaign called "Please Offer A Seat", people are supposed to give up seats for the elderly and disabled, if they do not they can face fines from \$25 to \$50 or 10 days in jail.

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OBAMA TOBACCO LEGISLATION

VO :23

President Obama, Who Has Struggled With Smoking Himself, Will Sign New tobacco Legislation Into Law Today. The Bill Gives The Fda The Authority To regulate The Marketing, Advertising And Manufacturing Of Tobacco Products. The Bill Restricts Advertising To Young People... Forces Cigarette makers To Put Much Larger Warnings On Each Pack... And Bans Flavored cigarettes, Which Critics Say Are Solely Designed To Lure Children. The Bill Also Forbids Cigarette Makers From Using Words Like "Light" Or "mild", Which Could Give The Impression They Are Less Hazardous.

AIRLINES FEES

VO :26

As if charging \$15 to check a bag weren't enough, two airlines are asking for \$5 more beginning this summer if you pay at the check-in counter -- a fee on top of a fee. Of course, you could always pay your baggage fee from home. The airlines "United" and "US Airways" are the ones doing this. It is expected that "United" will receive billions of dollars this year from these charges and others that have been added to the cost of traveling.

OBAMA TO ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT WITH DRUG COMPANIES

VO :23

President Barack Obama will make a formal announcement Monday welcoming the weekend agreement by the pharmaceutical industry to help close a gap in prescription drug coverage under Medicare. The president has invited Barry Rand, head of the senior citizens' advocacy group AARP, to appear with him. The drug

companies have pledged to spend \$80 billion over the next decade to help reduce the cost of drugs for seniors and pay for a portion of Obama's health care legislation. The deal was struck with Sen. Max Baucus, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, as well as the White House.

AMERICANS STRUGGLE TO PAY FOR HEALTHCARE: STUDY

VO : 26

Americans are struggling to pay for healthcare in the ongoing economic recession, with a quarter saying they have had trouble in the past 12 months, according to a survey released on Monday. Baby boomers -- the generation born between 1946 and 1964 -- had the most trouble and were the most likely to put off medical treatments or services, said researchers at Center for Healthcare Improvement, part of the Healthcare business of Thomson Reuters.

STUDENTS WITHOUT DOCUMENTS AWAIT IMMIGRATION REFORM

VO :32

After two cancellations, The White House finally picked next Thursday as the reunion day to initiate debate about the immigration reform that would legalized some 12 million undocumented immigrants. It is expected that one of the central points of debate is the project known as the "Dream Law" that would permit thousands of young undocumented immigrants to obtain residency and continue studying in universities as well as later become citizens.

EMPLOYERS CUTTING BACK 401(K) PLANS, STUDY SHOWS

VO :25

A quarter of U.S. employers have eliminated matching contributions to employee 401(k) retirement plans since September to save money amid the economy's downturn, according to research released Monday. Although the study showed 23 percent of companies have eliminated 401(k) matching contributions, most see the move as temporary, said Steve Anderson, who heads Retirement Plan Services at Charles Schwab, a financial services provider. "Most view that as a temporary step. They don't see that as a long-term approach," he said.

RECOVERY'S MISSING INGREDIENT: NEW JOBS

VO: 27

Despite signs that the recession gripping the nation's economy may be easing, the unemployment rate is projected to continue rising for another year before topping out in double digits, a prospect that threatens to slow growth, increase poverty and further complicate the Obama administration's message of optimism about the economic outlook. The likelihood of severe unemployment extending into the 2010 midterm elections and beyond poses a significant political hurdle to President Obama and congressional Democrats, who are already under fire for what critics label profligate spending.

DEPORTATION OF UNDOCUMENTED PRISONERS

VO: 24

An Oklahoma state legislator prepared a law project that looks to deport convicts that are illegal immigrants. The project by Republican representative Randy Terrill, authorizes prison authorities to send prisoners who have served one third of their sentence to immigration employees so the prisoners can be deported. Since 2006, Terrill has promoted laws that prevent illegal immigrants from receiving states and employment benefits.

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US IMMIGRATION REFORM

VO :29

The white house admitted that the approval of the migratory reform is difficult by the votes that are required to make specific it. Robert Gibbs said that the mathematical ones are difficult mas that the debate from the migratory reformation. gibbs refirio to the 218 votes that are needed in the chamber representatives and the 60 votes required in the senate for their approval. President Barack Obama meets east thursday with legislators of both parties to initiate the conversations on the awaited reformation.

WISCONSIN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT DRIVE

VO :27

A coalition of dairy farmers, police and Latino advocates have gathered in Madison, Wisconsin. The group wants the state to issue a limited-use drivers' card to illegal immigrants in the state. Proponents say it would lower insurance rates since it would require testing to be sure they were safe drivers. They also say in difficult economic times, it would bring in over a million dollars to the state budget and help farmers get workers to the farms. The state House passed the measure as part of a budget bill, but the Senate has stripped it out. The two sides will try to reconcile the bill this week.

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL**VO :24**

House Democrats are pressing on with a partisan health care bill even as a key Senate Democrat looks to achieve an elusive bipartisan compromise on the president's top legislative priority. The action on both sides of the Capitol comes ahead of the Congressional recess, during which most lawmakers will get plenty of questions about plans to overhaul the nation's costly health care system. The House version gets weighed in hearings beginning today, even though there are concerns about its cost and scope. Meanwhile, in the Senate, delays continue. Big concerns there include the public plan competing with private insurance.

OBESITY UNDER 40 RISK PANCREATIC CANCER**VO :25**

Pancreatic cancer is the nation's fourth leading cause of cancer-related death. Difficult to diagnosis, it is most often discovered in its late stages, making it particularly lethal. But new research shows that maintaining a healthy weight, beginning at a young age, is a huge step towards preventing the illness.

PREGNANCY DRINKING**VO :25**

Drinking during pregnancy can seriously harm a baby's brain, yet thousands of mothers-to-be still do. Now scientists have begun testing whether a prenatal nutrient might offer those babies a little protection, part of a growing quest for ways to reverse the damage. The only help today: intense behavioral or educational therapies once children with fetal alcohol-caused disabilities reach preschool or school age, says new research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

OBAMA DRUGS**VILMA TARAZONA / MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 1:58**

President Barack Obama says a pledge by the drug industry to help close a gap in Medicare drug coverage is a step toward an overhaul of the nation's health care system. Obama says the companies have promised to spend \$80 billion over the next decade to help reduce the cost of drugs for seniors and pay for part of Obama's health care plan.

IMMIGRATION REFORM STUDY**MARIA LUISA LUCCHINI / VIRGINIA****PKG 1:56**

The Federation for American Immigration Reform is releasing a study: "The Costs of Illegal Immigration." The study reveals in detail that illegal immigration costs Virginia \$1.7 billion a year in education, incarceration and healthcare. We will have a community reaction.

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US OBAMA - CIGARETTE SMOKING**VO :25**

President Barack Obama, made life more difficult for cigarette producers, and smokers, when he signed a law against tobacco, nevertheless he confessed that he sometimes smokes in secret. Asserting that he does not do it in front of his daughters or family and that he is 95% smoke free. But he admitted, with humor, that sometimes he forgets.

PRESSURE FOR THE DREAM ACT
JAIME GARCIA/LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:47

A DREAM Act graduation ceremony was celebrated at the Los Angeles City Hall. This is one of several such events in which hundreds of students/youth from all over the country, along with education, faith, business, immigrant and civil rights leaders participated in a National DREAM Graduation ceremony, hosted by Dream Team Los Angeles in support of the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act.

4 THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE LAID OFF FROM GM
VO :27

4 thousand of General Motors employees will loose their job at the end of this year. The company notified 27 thousand workers through email that the company will offer unemployment packages and that those who want to retire early will be able to do so. The company, which is under bankruptcy protection, has reduced their labor force in more than 2 thousand positions this year.

OBAMA-COLLEGE AID
VO :31

The 153 questions on the current federal college aid form drives millions of families to just give up. The Obama administration wants to change that. President Barack Obama wants to make the form much more user-friendly. The administration plans to shorten and streamline the online application and create a Web application to use tax data families have already submitted to the IRS. It also plans to ask Congress to pass legislation that removes more than half of the financial questions.

HEALTH CARE SENATE
VO :25

This was in the middle of intense negotiations in the congress where, democratic senators managed to reduce more than 400 billions of dollars of the cost of the health reform plan, that this past week reached 1.6 million dollars. The legislators said that they looked for more cuts the plan. A senator explained that until now the changes of the project include reduction of subsidies to help buy medical insurance to those who do not have it.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. AIZIK WOLF
GAMMA KNIFE
MIAMI, FLORIDA / APROX. 4 MIN.

Gamma Knife is a very precise and effective instrument that uses radiation to treat the brain and is often called radiosurgery. Using this method, doctors are able to focus radiation directly, and very precisely, on the target in the brain without affecting surrounding healthy tissue.

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PREVIEW IMMIGRATION MEETING
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:04

Following the President's remarks on immigration reform Friday, this Thursday's meeting between Members of Congress and the President will move the immigration debate forward and put the spotlight on Congress to begin crafting comprehensive immigration reform legislation. With a Congressional debate looming this fall, leaders from faith, Latino, business, labor, progressive, and immigration reform organizations will preview the White House meeting and preview the coming immigration reform legislative debate. This on-the-record briefing is hosted by the National Immigration Forum.

OBAMA HEALTH CARE
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK
PKG 1:57

President Barack Obama left the door open to a new tax on health care benefits Wednesday, and officials said

top lawmakers and the White House were seeking \$150 billion in concessions from the nation's hospitals as they sought support for legislation struggling to emerge in Congress. The chief executive also met with governors and arranged a prime-time, town hall at the White House, the latest in a string of events designed to bend public opinion toward his top domestic initiative to reduce health care costs while making insurance available to the nearly 50 million Americans who lack it.

OBESITY SURGERY REDUCES CANCER RISK

VO: 24

A report indicates that women who have weight loss surgery reduce their risk of cancer by 40%. But the investigation which was done in Sweden didn't demonstrate the same benefits in men who had surgery to lose weight. Up until now, there was no verification that weight loss by means of diet and exercise cut the risks of cancer in obese people.

BAD TEST RESULTS OFTEN NOT REPORTED TO U.S. PATIENTS

VO: 17

Doctors in the United States fail to tell patients about abnormal test results 7 percent of the time, or a rate of about 1 out of every 14 tests, U.S. researchers said on Monday. They said electronic medical records, touted by President Barack Obama and many experts as a way of reducing errors, did not reduce and, in some cases, slightly increased the chances for these kinds of mistakes, they said.

OBAMA IMMIGRATION DAY

VO :25

Obama back to the White House to huddle with a bipartisan congressional group on an immigration overhaul. Obama has acknowledged the Capitol Hill agenda is too packed and the immigration issue too fraught with politics to get a bill passed this year. But he's hoping to, as he puts it, "start the conversation."

INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR BOB MENENDEZ

IMMIGRATION REFORM

WASHINGTON, DC / APROX. 4 MINS

Senator Bob Menendez was interviewed about the immigration reform. He gave his opinion whether the immigration reform would be enacted. In addition, he spoke about the role of hispanics in the U.S.

INTERVIEW WITH ARNOLDO TORRES, POLITICAL ANALYST

IMMIGRATION REFORM

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA / APROX. 4 MINS

Arnoldo Torres was asked to pronosticate the future of the immigration reform. He also analyzed Obama's position towards the reform.

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IMMIGRATION REFORM

VO :15 / SOT :23

President Barack Obama met in the White House with about 30 senators and congressmen of both parties who will decide if to suspend or execute the migratory reformation. Although he did not transmit total pesimism, the executive chief admitted that there is "no" consensus about when nor how the reform will be enacted. Nevertheless, some were satisfied with his response.

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CALIFORNIA WATER SALAZAR

VO :24

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar came to Fresno, California Sunday (6/ 28) with the goal of helping farmers and their workers through this water crisis. Four of the local congressional delegation told Salazar that

people are tired of talking and want to see action. Comedian and water advocate, Paul Rodriguez says what's happening to farmers simply is not fair. The federal government plans to take a deeper look into the bay delta conservation plan and explore the possibility of installing the "two gates project." That would allow water to flow through the valley while also protecting fish from getting sucked in by the delta's pumps. Salazar is putting his deputy secretary, David Hayes, in charge of the issue.

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US WARNS TRAVEL TO HONDURAS

VO :22

The State Department on Monday warned U.S. citizens to avoid all nonessential travel to Honduras due to the "current unstable political and security situation" there. Noting the ouster on Sunday by the Honduran military of President Manuel Zelaya, the department in a statement late Monday also recommended that American citizens residing in and visiting Honduras remain close to their homes or hotels "unless their travel is of a life or death nature," or for a scheduled departure from Honduras. It urged U.S. citizens to restrict travel within the country to necessary trips.

It said the U.S. Embassy has restricted the travel of its staff within Honduras to necessary trips.

VOLUNTEERS FOR BORDER

VO :20

The Obama administration is developing plans to seek up to 1,500 National Guard volunteers to step up the military's counter-drug efforts along the Mexican border, senior administration officials said Monday. The plan is a stopgap measure being worked out between the Defense Department and the Homeland Security Department, and comes despite Pentagon concerns about committing more troops to the border, a move some officials worry will be seen as militarizing the region.

TYLENOL SAFETY FDA

VO :32

Government experts are scheduled to vote Tuesday on whether Nyquil and other combination cold medications should be pulled from the market to help curb deadly overdoses. The Food and Drug Administration has assembled more than 35 experts for a two-day meeting to discuss and vote on ways to prevent overdose with acetaminophen, the pain-relieving, fever-reducing ingredient in Tylenol and dozens of other prescription and over-the-counter medications. The FDA says that despite years of educational campaigns and other federal actions, acetaminophen remains the leading cause of liver failure in the U.S., sending 56,000 people to the emergency room annually. There are about 200 acetaminophen-related deaths each year.

INTERVIEW WITH MARISA RAMIREZ DE ARELLANDO, DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION

KATHLEEN HALEY, SPEAKER OF HP

OMAR CANCIO, WINNER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARD

HISPANIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION

MIAMI, FL/ AROX. 4 MINS

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation identifies, inspires, prepares and positions Latino leaders in the classroom, community and workforce. The Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards were founded in 1998 to identify and promote the next generation of Hispanic leaders and role models by celebrating their accomplishments in the classroom and community. Having honored more over 1,500 students and awarded more than \$3,000,000 in educational grants, this national leadership program annually identifies and honors young role models from 12 regions who apply for awards in various categories of focus.

FIREFIGHTER LAWSUIT

VO :26

The Supreme Court has just ruled in a case that involved Judge Sonia Sotomayor and both opponents and supporters of her nomination to the high court have something to say about it. The court ruled 5-4 in favor of white New Haven firefighters who said they were victims of reverse discrimination. The majority agreed the firefighters were denied promotions unfairly because of their race. The decision reversed a decision that

Sotomayor endorsed as a federal appeals court judge, and it comes two weeks before her confirmation hearing.

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