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**10/1/12**

**CA GAY CONVERSION BAN**

**VO :19**

California's governor signed the bill into law ... though the ban on so-called "reparative therapy" doesn't kick in until January 1st. Governor Jerry Brown tweeted that this kind of therapy has driven young people to depression and suicide. And according to the American Psychiatric Association, reparative therapy's risks include anxiety and self-destructive behavior. But the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality denounces the ban.

**DRIVERS LICENSES FOR DREAMERS**

**LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:03**

Governor Brown signed Assemblymember Gilbert Cedillo's (D-Los Angeles) AB 2189, which will allow dream students who are granted deferred action to apply for a California Drivers' License. The bill states that any document received by a person granted deferred action will be accepted as proof of legal presence for the purpose of applying for a California Drivers' License.

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**10/2/12**

**PENN VOTERS ID**

**LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:06**

A Pennsylvania judge on Tuesday halted for the Nov. 6 U.S. general election a controversial requirement that voters in the state provide photo identification at the polls, a decision expected to influence Election Day turnout in the battleground state. The ruling by Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson comes exactly five weeks before the presidential election and puts on hold the law requiring all voters to show either a state driver's license, government employee ID or a state non-driver ID card in order to vote.

**ROMNEY ON VISAS**

**LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:09**

Mitt Romney says he would not deport young illegal immigrants who were allowed to stay in the United States through an executive order signed by President Obama.

"The people who have received the special visa that the president has put in place, which is a two-year visa, should expect that visa would continue to be valid," Romney told *The Denver Post* in an interview published today. "I'm not going to take something that they've purchased." The GOP presidential nominee vowed to enact a "full immigration plan" that he has proposed before those visas expire. In June, Obama announced a new program that would allow up to 1.7 million illegal immigrants to receive two-year deferments on deportation.

**DEPORTATIONS BY AIR**

**VO :19**

The U.S. government has begun flying deported Mexican migrants to Mexico City. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says the pilot program began Tuesday with the departure of 131 Mexicans. The flights are scheduled to run twice a week through Nov. 29 from El Paso, Texas. The flights are not

voluntary, unlike a previous effort to deport Mexicans arrested by the Border Patrol during Arizona's summer heat.

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## **FAST AND FURIOUS**

**GERARDO REYES. SATELLITE ROOM**

**PKG 2:00**

The Fast and Furious operation rightly focused on a U.S. government project that led to bloody massacres in Mexico, but the network stopped short by not directly tying the program to Obama and Holder. The investigators failed to focus on Holder's contempt of Congress charge for refusing to hand over 70 - 80,000 documents requested by the House Oversight Committee. They didn't call out President Obama's blatant move to protect his Attorney General by declaring Executive Privilege on the same day! The one-hour special also ignored top officials laying out their goals for a gun walking operation in 2009. The March 24, 2009 press conference which introduced the administration's comprehensive plan to "take the fight to the drug cartels" was the genesis of the ratcheted up body count in Mexico. Why would the hard-hitting Univision report leave that out?

## **US BIRTHS DOWN**

**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:00**

Experts say the weak economy has a lot to do with the latest drop in the annual U.S. birth rate, dampening enthusiasm for starting or adding to the family. The government says births fell for the fourth year in a row but the decline in 2011 was just 1 percent. It was 2 to 3 percent in other recent years. A demographer in Washington says this could suggest that "the effect of the recession is slowly coming to an end." Most striking in the new report were steep declines in Hispanic birth rates and a new low in teen births. Experts say Hispanics have been disproportionately affected by the flagging economy and teen birth rates have been falling for 20 years.

## **SUPPLEMENT LABELS**

**VO :22**

It is a \$20 billion industry...but dozens of weight loss and immune system supplements have illegal labels and lack scientific evidence to back up their health claims. This according to a government report out today. The report, released by the Department of Health and Human Services, found that 20 percent of the 127 weight loss and immune-boosting supplements investigators purchased online and in retail stores across the country carried labels that made illegal and unsubstantiated claims to cure or treat disease.

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10/04/12

## **MENINGITIS OUTBREAK**

**VO :20**

U.S. health officials ramped up warnings Thursday about a Massachusetts specialty pharmacy linked to a widening outbreak of a rare kind of meningitis, urging doctors and hospitals not to use any products from the company. Investigators this week found contamination in a sealed vial of the steroid at the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, Mass., according to Food and Drug Administration officials. Tests are under way to determine if it is the same fungus blamed in the outbreak that has sickened 35 people in six states. Five of them have died. All received steroid shots for back pain. The company recalled the steroid medication last week and has shut down operations. The recalled steroid had been shipped to facilities in 23 states since July. The type of fungal meningitis involved is not contagious like the more common forms. It is caused by a fungus often found in leaf mold. Health officials suspect it may have been in the steroid.

## **MEDICARE FRAUD**

**VO :20**

A federal strike force has charged 91 people, including doctors and nurses, in seven cities with Medicare fraud schemes involving \$429 million in false billings. At a news conference, Attorney General Eric Holder says the case reveals an alarming trend of criminal attempts to steal billions of taxpayer dollars for personal gain. Holder called Thursday's action against Medicare fraud one of the largest of its kind. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius says that in addition to the newly announced charges, her agency used new authority under the federal health care law to stop future payments to many of the health care providers suspected of fraud. The law enforcement effort targeted fraudulent Medicare schemes in Baton Rouge, La.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Chicago; Dallas; Houston; Los Angeles and Miami.

#### **CARD DELINQUENCIES**

**VO :20**

Credit card users are being more responsible about paying bills than we've seen in a decade. A report by the American Bankers Association finds delinquencies on credit cards dropped to their lowest level since 2001 earlier this year. Less than three percent of all bank card accounts were 30 days or more overdue -- two-point-nine-three percent, to be exact. That's down from the 15-year average of three-point-nine-one percent. The A-B-A says consumers are saving more and borrowing less while working to pay down debt.

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**10/05/12**

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT**

**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:00**

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits rose to a seasonally adjusted 367,000, a level consistent with only modest hiring. Weekly applications increased last week by 4,000 from the previous week's level of 363,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The previous week was revised higher from an initial reading of 359,000. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, was unchanged at 375,000. Unemployment benefit applications are a measure of the pace of layoffs. When they consistently fall below 375,000, it typically indicates that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate. Applications have mostly stayed near or above that level since the spring, coinciding with a weak stretch of hiring. The government reports Friday on September hiring and unemployment.

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**10/06/12**

#### **MI PUEBLO MARKETS CAME UNDER U.S. IMMIGRATION AUDIT, COMPANY SAYS**

**VO :30**

Federal immigration agents launched an audit of the 21-store Mi Pueblo supermarket chain in mid-August after hearing complaints about suspected illegal immigrant workers, the company announced Friday. The audit of I-9 forms, known as a "silent raid," was the reason the San Jose-based grocer voluntarily joined the federal E-Verify system a short time later to check the immigration status of all new hires. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has audited more than 6,500 worksites nationwide since 2009, but "most companies choose not to talk about it because it is confidential," said company lawyer Julie Case. She led a press conference Friday to dispel rumors she said were spreading fear and division. The announcement comes days before a threatened boycott is to begin at noon Monday, led by a union trying to organize Mi Pueblo's more than 3,000 workers and demanding that the company stop using E-Verify.

#### **LAPD WON'T TURN OVER IMMIGRATION**

**JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:59**

The Los Angeles Police Department will refuse to turn over some arrestees to federal immigration authorities under a new policy announced Thursday by Chief Charlie Beck. Beck said the LAPD won't

honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement "detainer" requests for most undocumented immigrants arrested for public nuisance offenses or low-grade misdemeanors. It will still honor the requests, Beck said, for people charged with felonies, drunken driving or crimes of violence, as well as those suspected of gang membership and those with prior felony records.

#### **DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

**GALO ARELLANO. MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 1:41**

There are only four days left to register to vote. Registration deadline is Tuesday Oct. 9. Registration forms are available on Lorain County Board of Elections' and at the office on North Ridge Road in Lorain. If you have recently changed your name, address or any other information, you may need to update your voter registration. If you are a college student who registered to vote in your college town, visit the Board of Elections to make sure you are still registered at home. Be advised that the Board of Elections office will be closed on Monday Oct. 8 in observance of Columbus Day. The Obama headquarters across from Midway Mall in Elyria also has registration forms available. Also, remember to bring a valid photo ID to the polls if you plan to vote in person on Nov. 6.

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**10/07/12**

#### **MENINGITIS CASES**

**VO :28**

Health officials say they have now confirmed more than 90 cases of a rare fungal meningitis that has been linked to a steroid commonly used to ease back pain. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted updated figures to its website Sunday. The death toll stood at 7, the same number as a day earlier. The outbreak is spread across nine states, the same states reported Saturday: Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia.

#### **CA GAS PRICES**

**JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:40**

Gasoline prices in California rose to another all-time high on Sunday after passing a four-year high a day earlier, according to AAA. The four-cent-per-gallon jump Sunday was even bigger than Saturday's jump, which was just a fraction of a penny. AAA reported in its latest update on Sunday that the statewide average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is \$4.655. Saturday's average of \$4.6140 was the highest since June 19, 2008, when it was \$4.6096.

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**10/08/12**

#### **GAS PRICES**

**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:03**

State air pollution regulators said Monday that California's air quality is not expected to worsen appreciably after the governor ordered the release of a dirtier blend of gasoline to help slash record-high pump prices. The California Air Resources Board issued a regulatory advisory a day earlier after Gov. Jerry Brown ordered them to allow so-called "winter-blend" gasoline to be sold in California earlier than usual to increase supply.

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**10/09/12**

#### **HOMEOWNERS INITIATIVE**

**VO :25**

Federal investigators have charged 530 people for allegedly defrauding more than 73,000 desperate homeowners around the country who fell behind on mortgage payments, leaving them vulnerable to con artists offering to help them avoid foreclosure. At a news conference discussing the results of a yearlong probe, Attorney General Eric Holder and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan estimated that homeowners lost more than \$1 billion in the fraud schemes.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

**VO :17**

Social Security benefits will increase next year, but not by much. The American Institute for Economic Research estimates recipients can expect a bump of one-point-five to one-point-seven percent in their benefits. That's less than half of the three-point-six-percent cost of living increase recipients received earlier this year when inflation was higher.

## **MENINGITIS LATEST**

**LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:07**

The number of people sickened by a deadly meningitis outbreak has now reached 119 cases, including 11 deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated the count on Tuesday. New Jersey is the 10th state to report at least one illness. The other states involved in the outbreak are Tennessee, Michigan, Virginia, Indiana, Florida, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina and Ohio.

## **TOMATOES REDUCE STROKE**

**VO :19**

A plate of pasta with your favorite tomato sauce could help reduce your risk of stroke. According to a new study published in the journal Neurology, eating tomatoes a few times a week could reduce your risk by up to 55-percent. That's because tomatoes contain a powerful antioxidant called lycopene that's good for brain health. Scientists found that those with the highest levels of lycopene in their blood were less likely to have a stroke.

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**10/10/12**

## **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SUPREME COURT**

**FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:01**

U.S. Supreme Court justices vigorously challenged a University of Texas admissions program that favors some African-American and Hispanic applicants on Wednesday in a case that could determine how universities use affirmative action at campuses nationwide. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito pressed the university's lawyer on the details of the admissions scheme and when race breaks a tie between similar applicants.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER PHOTO ID**

**VO :20**

A new South Carolina law that generally requires voters to show photo identification does not discriminate against racial minorities but cannot go into effect until the start of next year, a federal court ruled on Wednesday. The U.S. District Court three-judge panel said too little time remains before the Nov. 6 general election for state officials to implement the law this year. The decision was unanimous.

## **DEPRESSION RATES**

**LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 1:57**

Depression affects more people than any other mental disorder and is also one of the world's leading causes of disability. Although it is a treatable disease, six out of every ten people who have depression in Latin America and the Caribbean do not seek or do not receive the treatment they need. On World Mental Health Day, which is held annually on the 10th of October, the Pan American Health Organization/World

Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) joins with the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to increase awareness about this disorder that affects more than 350 million people of all ages around the world.

## **COUNTERFIT AIRBAGS**

**VO :20**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is expected to issue a warning Wednesday that consumers whose vehicle airbags were replaced after an accident may have counterfeit systems that won't function properly, people familiar with the agency's plans said. Less than one-tenth of 1% of the vehicles on the road could be affected by the advisory, according to a U.S. Transportation Department official. That equates to less than 240,000 cars and trucks.

## **TOYOTA WINDOW RECALL**

**VO :18**

Toyota is announcing another giant recall. This time, it's 7.43 million vehicles in the U.S., Japan, Europe and elsewhere for a faulty power-window switch. The recall affects more than a dozen models produced from 2005 through 2010. Toyota says the switch on the driver's side didn't have grease applied evenly during production, causing friction and sometimes smoke. No crashes or injuries have been reported

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**10/11/12**

## **MISSISSIPPI DEFERRED ACTION**

**VO :20**

Mississippi joined a lawsuit against the Obama administration's policy to stop deporting many young undocumented immigrants. An amended complaint filed yesterday in Dallas federal court adds Mississippi to a group of 10 plaintiffs, all U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees, who sued Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano in August. Napolitano's June 15 directive granting temporary reprieve from deportation to some young illegal immigrants requires ICE employees to break federal law, according to the complaint. Napolitano and other named defendants have not formally answered the suit.

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**10/12/2012**

## **NOTHING TO REPORT**

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**10/13/2012**

## **MENINGITIS OUTBREAK**

**VO :20**

Another person has died from fungal meningitis linked to possibly tainted vials of a steroid medication, bringing the death toll in an unprecedented outbreak to 15, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Saturday. The new victim was in Indiana, which now has reported two deaths from the rare form of meningitis. The number of people stricken with meningitis in the outbreak reached 197 on Saturday, up 13 from Friday. In addition, there is one case of an infection after an injection in an ankle that has not been confirmed as meningitis, the CDC said.

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**10/14/2012**

## **ID CARDS FOR IMMIGRANTS**

**JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:00**

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is pushing a plan to create an official city photo identification card that could double as a prepaid ATM card and help immigrants get access to banking services. The initiative could reduce crime because fewer people would have to carry cash, but critics say it's another ill-advised City Hall effort to accommodate undocumented immigrants. The idea for the city ID card originated in his office, the mayor said, as part of previous efforts to help immigrants open bank accounts so they wouldn't become targets of crime. Councilman Richard Alarcon recently introduced a more limited proposal to create a new library card that could also serve as a debit card. But Villaraigosa said he wants to go farther and have the city begin offering full-fledged photo IDs.

**SB1070****VO :20**

The state heads back to court this coming week over SB 1070, this time to defend a provision aimed at day laborers. The fight is over a provision in the 2010 law which makes it a crime for someone to enter a car stopped on the street to go to work elsewhere. That same law also criminalizes driver who stop to pick up laborers. Proponents have never denied the language, part of the much broader bill aimed at illegal immigrants, is designed to attack the practice of day laborers to hang around home improvement stores and solicit work. But state Rep. John Kavanagh said it's not discriminatory because it addresses a legitimate need to keep traffic flowing. And he said existing laws are insufficient because they deal only with those who intentionally block traffic.

**NEW YORK HOMELESS****ULTRERAS. NEW YORK****PKG 2:00**

With a grand entryway of ornate white stonework, the elegant building seems to blend right into this Manhattan neighborhood of multimillion-dollar brownstones. It's the crowd of people who loiter on the stoop at all hours - under the constant eye of a surveillance camera - that gives it away as a homeless shelter. Faced with unprecedented overcrowding in New York City's homeless shelters, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has cut through the bureaucracy to open up new shelters across the city, pushing some into wealthy areas where residents fear their new neighbors will bring in crime and drugs. Bloomberg has opened 10 new homeless shelters in recent months in response to the escalating crisis. At last count, more than 46,000 people sought shelter every night in New York, the highest number ever recorded. A recent census report found the city harbors a disproportionate 14 percent of the nation's homeless, with Los Angeles a distant second at 3 percent. The crisis stems from a lack of affordable housing and the city's ever-growing gap between the rich and the poor, one of the widest in the U.S. and comparable to that found in sub-Saharan Africa.

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10/15/12

**MENINGITIS OUTBREAK****LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 2:06**

Nine more people have been diagnosed with fungal meningitis linked to possibly tainted vials of a steroid medication, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Monday, bringing the total number of cases to 212. The CDC said there were two additional cases of infection in joints after a steroid injection but these were not confirmed as meningitis, bringing the total number of infections nationwide to 214. The death toll from the unprecedented outbreak was unchanged at 15, the CDC said.

**SALMONELLA OUTBREAK****LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 1:40**

A New Mexico food company that produced the peanut butter linked to an outbreak of salmonella poisoning has expanded an ongoing recall of its products to include raw and roasted peanuts. The federal Food and Drug Administration said Saturday that Sunland Inc. added raw and roasted shelled and in-shell

peanuts sold in quantities from two ounces to 50 pounds to its recall. FDA inspectors have found salmonella in raw peanuts from the Sunland processing plant.

#### **IDENTIFICATION ID'S FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

**JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:53**

A City Council committee on Tuesday is scheduled to consider a plan backed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for a city photo-identification card that would help immigrants get access to banking services. "It will be an official ID," Villaraigosa said in a recent interview. Critics said Villaraigosa's proposal is the latest indication that Los Angeles leaders are taking an increasingly supportive view of undocumented immigrants as they encourage them to join in the city's civic life.

**=====END OF PART 1=====**