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1/1/2007

**FORD FUNERALS LATEST
 LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
 PKG. 2:13**

A long line of umbrellas and people in rain slickers has formed outside the Capitol, with mourners waiting to pay respects to former President Ford. The last day of public viewing is a cold, rainy one in Washington. The lines have been moving quickly, and many who walked into the Capitol Rotunda soaking wet got a pleasant surprise. Two of Ford's children were on hand to greet them. Michael Ford gave an eight-year-old boy a remembrance card, saying the former president would have wanted him to have it. President Bush will also pay his respects today, before speaking at tomorrow's national funeral service. President Ford's body will then be taken to his adopted home of Michigan for another service and burial.

**WINTER DEATHS
 CRISTINA PUIG, MIAMI, FLORIDA
 PKG. 1:47 AND LIVE TAG**

Pilots in a dozen planes were sent up over the plains of Colorado and Kansas on Monday to look for any snowbound travelers following a blizzard that dumped nearly 3 feet of snow and piled it in drifts 15 feet high. Utility crews, meanwhile, struggled to restore electrical service to tens of thousands of homes and businesses. The storm, which struck on Thursday, had dwindled to a line of heavy rainfall Monday along the East Coast, but a few roads in southeastern Colorado and western Kansas were still choked by snow. "Life and safety are still the No. 1 priorities. We need to get the roads open so people can get out and deal with the situation," said Dick Vnuk, chief of operations for the Colorado Division of Emergency Management.

**POPE'S MESSAGE
 VO :19**

In his New Year message on Monday, Pope Benedict XVI called on nations to champion world peace, and urged people to repudiate war and violence. The pontiff wished a crowd of tens of thousands in St. Peter's Square peace and well being in 2007, and said he would be issuing an appeal to world leaders and heads of international organisations for the right for people to worship freely. The Vatican celebrates January 1 as World Peace Day and thousands of people took part in a peace march on Monday which ended at the Vatican. "Today is also the world day of peace. May Mary show us in her son the way of peace and enlighten our visions, so that we may recognise Christ's face in the faces of every human person," the Pope said during his blessing to the faithful.

**LIFE RESOLUTIONS
 BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NUEVA YORK
 PKG. 1:45**

More women make New Year's resolutions, but men are more likely to say they keep them,

according to a poll of American adults released Thursday. Losing weight topped the list of resolutions made by women, while the leading vow among men was to be a better person, according to the poll by WNBC and the Marist Institute for Public Opinion at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Overall, 44 percent of adults planned to make a resolution, with those under 45 more likely to do so than older adults, the poll said.

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1/02/2007

**FORD STATE FUNERAL
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG.2:07 AND LIVE TAG**

The nation remembered Gerald R. Ford on Tuesday for what he didn't have -- pretensions, a scheming agenda, a great golf game -- as much as for the small-town authenticity he brought to the presidency. In an elaborate national funeral service in Washington and then more simply at his final homecoming in Grand Rapids, the 38th president was celebrated for treating politics as a calling rather than blood sport. He was a man whose "character and leadership would bring calm and healing to one of the most divisive moments in our nation's history." President Bush offered those words to describe Gerald Ford in a eulogy for the former president today in Washington. All three living former presidents were in the crowd full of Washington dignitaries.

**FORD ARRIVAL AT MICHIGAN
LUIS MEGID, GRAND RAPIDS, MI
PKG. 1:04 AND LIVE TAG**

The viewing is all night at Ford's presidential museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, his adopted hometown. The body was flown there today after a funeral in Washington. Former President Jimmy Carter, was among those on that flight. As the casket was placed in a hearse, the band from the University of Michigan played the school's fight song. Hundreds lined the motorcade route to the museum, including Boy Scouts standing at attention and saluting. Tomorrow, there will be a funeral for Ford at a local church near where he and his family lived during his time as a congressman.

**FORD'S LEGACY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG. 2:13**

The story of Gerald Ford's life can't be told without mentioning Watergate. And the speakers at today's funeral touched upon what President Bush calls "one of the most divisive" moments in U-S history. Bush says Ford remained "a rock of stability" through the turmoil of that time. He calls the decision to pardon Richard Nixon "tough and decent" and one that probably cost Ford the 1976 election. But former secretary of state Henry Kissinger says Ford left office with neither regrets nor second guessing.

**CONTROVERSIAL BOOK
NATALIA CRUZ, NEW YORK
PKG. 2:21**

Like many millions of other immigrants, New Yorker Herman Badillo is living the American Dream. His new book, "One Nation, One Standard," is a call to arms for Hispanics who are being shut out of that dream. Fellow Hispanic Americans now calling him a race traitor and bashing his book even before it was published. The reason because he says that the students are the problem in the school because when they come to the US as teenagers most of them haven't even being to a school. He also calls many of this immigrants incas and mayas 5 feet tall and straight dark hair.

NOLA OFFICERS**VO :23**

Seven policemen charged in a deadly bridge shooting in the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Katrina turned themselves in Tuesday at the city jail, where more than 200 emotional supporters met them in a show of solidarity. Each of the indicted men faces at least one charge of murder or attempted murder in the Sept. 4, 2005, shootings on the Danziger Bridge less than a week after the hurricane hit New Orleans. Two people died and four people were wounded. Defense attorneys say the seven officers are innocent of the charges.

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1/3/2007**FORD'S FUNERAL****LUIS MEGID, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN****PKG. 2:00**

Gerald R. Ford was laid to rest on the grounds of his presidential museum Wednesday after eight days of mourning and remembrance that spanned the country, from the California desert to the nation's capital and back to Ford's boyhood home. The burial at sunset capped the official mourning for the 38th president, whose casket traveled more than 2,700 miles before reaching its final stop on a hill overlooking a river at the museum in Ford's hometown. At a graveside service that included a 21-gun salute and a 21-aircraft flyover, Vice President Dick Cheney presented former first lady Betty Ford with the American flag that was draped over her husband's casket. Earlier, Ford was remembered as a man not afraid to laugh, make tough decisions or listen to the advice of his independent wife in eulogies delivered during a funeral at the church the couple attended for six decades.

GUATEMALANS FACING DEPORTATION**CRISTINA PUIG, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG. 2:07**

Guatemalans across the country are receiving bad news regarding their status in the United States. Many of them came to this country when the civil war erupted in Guatemala and received political asylum. Now, when it is time to renew it they are being said that they can't receive the special treatment of political persecution because Guatemala is in peace. Some of the cases are presenting lawsuits because they believe they deserve to stay in this country where they made their lives as legal immigrants.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AS IMMIGRATION**JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG. 2:03**

In the United States there is a law since 1996 that allow local and state enforcement agencies to perform duties as immigration officers. But, is not until recent years that this tactic has become more popular. In California, there is a total of 8 law enforcement agencies, including jailors, that are doing the job of immigration authorities. This is creating controversy regarding the abuse of power. Authorities, say that even though this is happening there are certain procedures that they have to follow.

SCHOOL SHOOTING**VO :19**

A gunman shot and killed a male student at a high school in Tacoma, Washington before the start of classes Wednesday, a police spokesman said. Police had a suspect in custody after the shooter fled the scene, according to Tacoma Police spokesman Mark Fulghum. Police did

not have a motive for the shooting, but the suspect and victim were students at Foss High School. The suspect was picked up a few miles away from the school and police would not disclose the age or name of the shooter or victim. School officials evacuated students from the campus and canceled classes for the day. It was the first day of classes at the high school after a holiday break.

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1/4/2007

**NEW CONGRESS SWEARS IN
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG.2:04 AND LIVE TAG**

The spotlight belonged to Nancy Pelosi on Thursday as she became the first woman in U.S. history to stand at the head of the House of Representatives, second in line to the presidency. Pelosi, a 66-year-old Democrat, aimed to introduce herself to America not just as the San Francisco liberal decried by Republicans, but also as an Italian-American Catholic, mother of five and native of gritty Baltimore, where her father was mayor. She arrived on the House floor for the historic event with her six grandchildren in tow, including baby Paul Michael Vos, born to her daughter Alexandra in early November. She thanked her family for supporting her journey "from the kitchen to the Congress."

**CALIFORNIA HEALTH INSURANCE
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG. 2:00**

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will propose that all Californian children, including those in the state illegally, be guaranteed medical insurance as part of the healthcare overhaul he intends to unveil next week, according to officials familiar with the plan. If enacted by the Legislature, his proposal would affect about 763,000 children who now lack insurance. Although the administration has not revealed details of how it would pay for such a program, officials estimate that extending insurance to all children could cost the state as much as \$400 million a year. That would be a small piece of Schwarzenegger's stated goal: to ensure medical coverage for all of the 6.5 million Californians who now have none. Experts say that could cost upward of \$10 billion a year. If successful, the governor's effort to cover all children would be a substantial political feat.

**MIMIC SADDAM HANGING
SISSI VARELA, HOUSTON, TEXAS
PKG. 1:55**

A 10-year-old boy who apparently was mimicking the execution of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein accidentally hanged himself on New Year's Eve, authorities said. Webster police Lt. Tom Claunch said officers were called to an apartment on Sunday and found the boy dead. Sergio Pelico's mother told police he had watched a report on Saddam's death on a Telemundo news broadcast before he hanged himself, Claunch said. "It appears to be accidental," he said of the boy's death. "Our gut reaction is that he was experimenting." The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office said results of the boy's autopsy are pending. As Webster police continued their investigation, family and friends gathered for a memorial service Wednesday for Sergio. His uncle, Julio Gustavo, questioned why T television news had to broadcast the former Iraqi dictator's death. Saturday, one day after Saddam's execution.

**LATINOS AND WAR
JORGE VIERA, MIAMI, FLORIDA**

PKG. 1:44 AND LIVE TAG

The Pew Hispanic Center today released a factsheet on Latino attitudes toward the war in Iraq. It is based on the results of a recent public opinion survey of Hispanics. The Center has been tracking public opinion on the war since April 2003. The latest factsheet entitled "Latinos and the War in Iraq" says that 66% of Latinos want troops to get out of Iraq that;s 14% more than last year.

DIET PILL SETTLEMENT**PKG. 1:34**

Bayer AG and several smaller companies agreed to pay the U.S. government almost \$26 million to settle allegations of false weight-loss advertising claims, the Federal Trade Commission said Thursday. The settlements involve Bayer's One-A-Day WeightSmart multi-vitamin, as well as the diet pills CortiSlim, TrimSpa and Xenadrine EFX, which are made and sold by other companies. "You're not going to find weight loss in a bottle of pills," FTC Chairman Deborah Platt Majoras told reporters. "These ads are encouraging consumers to postpone the tougher choices that have to be made when one wants to lose weight."

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1/5/2007

CHANGES IN NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICIALS**JORGE VIERA, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG. 1:54**

Days from announcing an overhaul of Iraq strategy, President Bush on Friday encountered a wall of criticism of the U.S. troop escalation that is expected to be the centerpiece of his new war plan. Bush also reshuffled his war commanders, installing a new team to support the policies he will announce next week. Democrats and Republicans alike took aim at the expected increase in U.S. forces.

ARNOLD INAGURATION**LUIS MEGID, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA****PKG. 2:00**

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who once taunted Democrats as 'girlie men', called Friday for an end to partisan bickering and a focus on innovative centrist policies. In a elaborately staged inaugural that included singers breaking into choruses of "Ha llelujah" right after he took the oath of office, Schwarzenegger said California could serve as a model to the rest of the country and larger world. "At one time, the greatest public policy innovations came from liberals, such as during the New Deal," the Republican celebrity said. "Then the most innovative ideas came from conservatives, such as Ronald Reagan.

CARSEATS SAFETY**CRISTINA PUIG, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG. 1:50**

Consumer Reports says it can recommend only two of 12 infant car seats it tested. It says most of the seats "failed disastrously" in crashes as slow as 35-miles-an hour. In one test, a dummy was thrown 30 feet. Another seat was judged unacceptable because it did not fit in several cars.

BABY SAVED**NATALIA CRUZ, NEW YORK****PKG. 2:09**

The city's police commissioner says "this is the week of heroes in New York." Two men passing by a Bronx apartment building Thursday caught a little boy who fell from a fourth-floor fire escape. Julio Gonzalez and Pedro Navarez were walking down a street when they saw the three-year-old boy fall. The boy bounced off one man's chest and the other man caught him. Construction worker Wesley Autrey is being praised as "the hero of Harlem" for rescuing a young man who suffered a seizure and fell onto subway tracks Tuesday.

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1/06/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

COLORADO AVALANCHE
JORGE VIERA, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:30 & LIVE TAG :18

Authorities say they think they've accounted for all the vehicles that were buried by a Colorado avalanche. The snow slide knocked two cars off a mountain pass on the main highway leading to one of the state's largest ski areas. Eight people were rescued from the buried vehicles and all were taken to area hospitals. Details of their conditions are not available. The massive slide occurred on U-S 40 near Berthoud Pass, about 50 miles west of Denver on the way to Winter Park Resort. Three snow storms in as many weeks have dumped more than four feet of snow on parts of Colorado. Authorities say they haven't had time to test all slide areas.

BUSH MEETING ON IRAQ

VO: 21

President Bush is working to finish his new Iraq war plan. The president could announce his plan as early as Wednesday. He held discussions with his national security advisers today and then headed out of the White House for a bike ride. Military officials say Bush is considering sending up to 20-thousand troops to help tamp down violence. The idea of a troop buildup is getting a cool reception on Capitol Hill and from some military leaders who claim there's no military solution to the problems in Iraq. Most of the discussion about Bush's new plan has focused on U-S troop strength, but the strategy he will unveil also will address political and economic issues. Sources say Bush is considering short-term jobs programs; extending micro-loans to small business; and increasing the amount of money that military commanders can spend quickly on local projects to improve the daily lives of Iraqis.

NANCY PELOSI ABOUT BORDER FENCE

VO: 23

The President of the House of Representatives U.S., Nancy Pelosi, assured to the argentinian press that will support the legalization of the immigrants and that she will work because the immigrant's civil and labor rights would be respected. Pelosi, first woman in being at front of the House of Representatives, said that the approval on the part of the Congress for the construction of a frontier fence is unfortunate.

GPS TO IMMIGRANTS

VO: 22

Amidst the on-going political battle over illegal immigration into the United States, people are dying in record numbers trying to get to the United States and a better life. Two Mexican universities say they plan to equip illegal crossers with a safety net in case they get in trouble. Illegal crossers may be given Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to assist them if they are lost. Officials say illegal border crossers cut through the most remote and desolate territories of the southwest hoping to escape detection. Mexico's Monterrey Tech University along with another

state institution is developing a program to provide GPS satellite locators to border crossers, so rescue personnel can find them in an emergency.

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01/07/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

FLORIDA PORT ARRESTS JORGE VIERA, MIAMI, FLORIDA PKG 1:14 & LIVE TAG: 15

Three legal immigrants in a cargo truck were detained at the Port of Miami on Sunday after a routine inspection raised concerns, but police say the incident may have stemmed in part from a language barrier. The port's cargo area was shut down Sunday as the Miami-Dade bomb squad X-rayed the truck and scanned it for radioactive materials. Nothing unusual was found, officials said. The men in the truck -- two Iraqis and one Lebanese national -- were still detained by local police Sunday evening, but authorities said no federal charges were expected. Officials initially said the men, all permanent U.S. residents, had been caught trying to slip past a checkpoint at the port's entrance. A port security officer became suspicious when the truck driver could not produce proper paperwork in a routine inspection to enter the port about 8 a.m., Miami-Dade police spokeswoman Nancy Goldberg said.

20 THOUSANDS SOLDIERS MORE TO IRAQ

VO: 30

The new strategy of the American President, George W. Bush, in Iraq includes an increase in 20 thousand new soldiers for the troops U.S. in Baghdad and a program of employment for the Iraqi population with a cost calculated in thousand million dollars, as reports the electronic place of The New York Times. The newspaper, that quotes American officials that asked the anonymity, affirms that the Iraqi prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki agreed formally, in a teleconference with Bush Thursday, to fortify besides to the American troops with the shipment of three Iraqi rigades to Baghdad during the next month and medium. The decision of Bush to enlarge the number of troops would leave it in clear confrontation with the new Congress dominated by the democrats. The new plan of Bush in Iraq will be known this week, probably on Wednesday.

US CONGRESS IMMIGRATION

VO: 22

Democratic and Republican leaders predicted Sunday the U.S. Congress would pass an immigration law this session after scuttling President Bush's plan last year. Democratic leaders also said they were looking at ways to provide middle class tax relief, with one hinting of possibly ending some tax breaks for the wealthy. House Democratic Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland said on "Fox News Sunday" that immigration was one of the topics discussed when congressional leaders were invited to the White House last week to meet with Bush.

CO AVALANCHE LATEST

VO:21

Crews triggered avalanches Sunday before they could pose a threat to traffic on a mountain highway, a day after a huge snow slide knocked two cars off the road in a high pass and buried them. Eight people had to be rescued from the cars, which were swept off the main highway to one of the state's largest ski areas Saturday. Wind whistled through the mountains west of Denver at 100 mph Sunday, producing whiteout conditions and driving wind chills well below zero, as artillery fire was used to set off controlled avalanches above the highway as

well as at other mountain passes. Witnesses said the slide Saturday morning pushed the cars down about 150 to 200 feet into trees off U.S. 40 near 11,307-foot Berthoud Pass, which leads to Winter Park Resort. The first sign of the avalanche was a puff of snow on the left side of the highway, said the driver of one of the buried cars.

DC TRAIN DERAILMENT

VO: 25

A subway train derailed Sunday near downtown Washington, sending 20 people to the hospital and prompting the rescue of 60 people from a tunnel, officials said. The accident happened at about 3:45 p.m. near the underground Mount Vernon Square station, which serves two lines beneath the Washington Convention Center, Metro spokeswoman Cathy Asato said. There were about 150 people on the train. At least one person had a serious but not life-threatening injury, Asato said. The other injuries were mostly "bumps and bruises," and one of those with minor injuries was pregnant.

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1/08/2007

NYC GAS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG 2:12

A powerful, mysterious smell of gas wafted through much of Manhattan and parts of New Jersey Monday, forcing building evacuations and a temporary suspension of commuter train service before dissipating by mid-afternoon. Officials were quick to stress that the odor was not dangerous, but at least 19 people went to the hospital with minor ailments and its wide extent provoked jitters in a city that constantly reminded of the Sept. 11 attacks. Twelve people were taken by ambulance to New York hospitals by emergency workers responding to calls from people complaining of upset stomachs, dizziness or difficulty breathing, a Fire Department spokesman said.

DEAD BIRDS TX

VO: 25

A state health official says a ten-block stretch of downtown Austin, Texas, should reopen soon after preliminary air-quality tests showed no dangerous chemicals. Police closed down the area this morning after up to 60 birds were found dead. The carcasses of the birds are being tested, but officials do not believe bird flu is involved or that people are in danger. There have been no reports of humans harmed. A Homeland Security spokesman says there is "no credible intelligence" that suggests a threat against Austin. The closure extended from the street that runs in front of the Capitol, but it opened on schedule today.

PORT SECURITY

VO: 19

U-S officials say a package at the Port of Miami did not contain plastic explosives, as initially feared. A spokesman for U-S Customs and Border Protection in Miami says a police bomb squad destroyed the box and then checked it for explosives. The spokesman says the box contained sprinkler parts, and it's unclear why an earlier test came back positive for C-4.

BUSH AND IRAQ PLAN

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 2:02

President Bush will call for a troop increase in two of Iraq's most troubled areas -- Baghdad

and the western Anbar province. The senator was one of about 30 lawmakers who met with Bush today at the White House. According to Senator Gordon Smith, a Republican from Oregon, Bush said that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki presented Bush with the plan several weeks ago. Bush indicated to the lawmakers he was willing to send more troops because the Iraqis were willing to meet certain criteria. Bush is scheduled to announce his new strategy in a speech on wednesday at nine p-m Eastern time. The war plan is facing widespread criticism on Capitol Hill.

TYRONE WILLIAMS TRIAL LATEST

VO: 19

Deliberations begin Tuesday on the sentence for the truck driver in the tragic human smuggling case in Texas. Tyrone Williams could get the death penalty for abandoning over 70 illegal aliens in a sweltering trailer near Victoria, Texas, in 2003. Nineteen of them died. Williams' wife and children pleaded to the court to spare his life. His wife said she didn't want her children to be fatherless because she knew what it was like growing up without a father. Williams' eleven-year-old son called his dad "a very kind man." His eight-year-old daughter also briefly spoke. Prosecutors showed pictures of the victims, who died from dehydration, overheating, and suffocation Williams is the only one of 14 people charged in the case who's facing the death penalty.

CRIMINAL IMMIGRANTS

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:05

Illegal immigrants who were caught but released in the United States may have been re-arrested as many as six times, Justice Department data released Monday indicates. The findings by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine are based on a sampling of 100 illegal immigrants arrested by local and state authorities in 2004, the latest complete data available. They show that 73 of the 100 immigrants were arrested, collectively, 429 times -- ranging from traffic tickets to weapons and drug charges. Fine's office said its audit could not conclude precisely how many of the 262,105 illegal immigrants charged with criminal histories that year had been re-arrested

BORDER CAMERAS

VO:22

Authorities in Texas say a test run of a border-monitoring Web site wasn't intended to be used to capture illegal immigrants. But the El Paso Times reports the pilot launch did just that, helping police arrest ten people illegally crossing the border in November. That's ten out of some 12-thousand people who were reportedly apprehended. Texas Homeland Security Director Steve McCraw says the month-long test involved eight to 12 cameras along the Texas-Mexico border. The site received nearly 28 (m) million hits and McCraw says several e-mail reports helped law enforcers chase back people trying to illegally cross. Governor Rick Perry is expected to ask lawmakers to approve five (m) million dollars for cameras for the program. But some lawmakers wonder if the site is efficient enough to justify that amount of money.

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01/09/2007

FARMERS BRANCH PUBLIC VOTE

ANDREA REGA, FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS

PKG 2:12

Voters will get the chance to decide whether this city should keep a new rule requiring apartment landlords to verify the citizenship or immigration status of their tenants. During a meeting Monday, the City Council voted to put a rental ordinance they approved late last year on the ballot May 12. But in the meantime, the council plans to let the new rule take effect Friday. Opponents of the ordinances had submitted a petition in hopes of forcing a vote on the measures, a move allowed under the city's charter. More than 1,200 registered voters from Farmers Branch signed it, far exceeding the number required to force a vote, attorney William Brewer said. In November, the City Council unanimously approved requiring property managers or owners verify the immigration or citizenship status of apartment renters.

**LETTER FOR A IMMIGRATION REFORM
 LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**
PKG 1:57

Near 300 organizations of all the country signed a letter that will send to the democratic leaders of the Congress as commemorative of the urgency to promote an extensive migratory reform. Cristina López, executive deputy director of the Center for the Common Change, The Opinion told that "we want to utilize the opportunity that the Congress is beginning its session to recall them that is a critic to advance the extensive migratory reform". The letter is directed to the leader of the democratic majority in the Senate, Harry Reid, and to the president of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi.

**BUSH SPEECH PREVIEW
 LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.**
PKG 2:11 & LIVE TAG

President Bush is telling lawmakers he will send thousands more U.S. troops to Iraq's two most troubled regions, in a plan that Democrats are resisting as a major escalation of a 3 1/2-year-old war. Bush on Wednesday will announce a new war strategy and is expected to call for as many as 20,000 additional troops, according to several senators briefed by the president on Monday. On Tuesday, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said he expects Bush to announce that up to 20,000 additional troops will be sent to Iraq, but will not say how long the extra forces will be there. The extra forces would be sent to Baghdad, which has been consumed by sectarian violence, and the western Anbar Province, a base of the mostly Sunni insurgency and foreign al-Qaida fighters, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and others said following the session with Bush.

CHERTOFF FOR SECURITY**VO: 17**

The Department of Homeland Security announced grants totaling \$ 445 million to secure the nation's critical infrastructure. At a news conference in Washington, Secretary Michael Chertoff said chemical plants, mass transits systems and seaports will be protected in various degrees, based on risk assessments. Answering critics like New York's mayor Michael Bloomberg, Chertoff said his plan calls for investing resources "where risk is greatest, and where the funds will have the most significant impact."

**CALIFORNIA FIRES LATEST
 JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**
PKG 2:06

A wildfire fanned by Santa Ana winds destroyed eight seaside mansions and damaged five others Monday as it spread over more than 20 acres in this celebrity enclave, authorities said.

Flames boiled furiously out of the skeletons of multimillion-dollar beach homes for about two hours until there was little left to burn. No injuries were reported, fire officials said. TV news helicopters broadcast scenes of a large area of flame blowing down seaside slopes toward shoreline homes, with lines of flashing lights from emergency vehicles. Winds appeared to be blowing the fire toward the ocean rather than up into steep, brushy coastal canyons. More than 300 firefighters aided by helicopters battled the blaze, which began about 5 p.m. in the heart of 21-mile-long Malibu, said Los Angeles County fire Inspector Ron Haralson. Streams of water were pumped onto the embers of what were once homes.

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01/10/2007

6:30 PM

BUSH SPEECH & REAX

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 2:18 LIVER APPROX. 3:00

President Bush has conceded that he erred by not ordering a military buildup in Iraq last year. Bush, in a prime-time address to the nation, said responsibility rests with him "Where mistakes have been made." As expected, he said he was increasing U-S troops by more than 20-thousand in an effort to quell the country's near-anarchy. Bush said U-S and Iraqi forces will have a "green light" to go after insurgents. He also said he's ordered four-thousand troops to the violent Anbar province. Bush also cautioned that his plan will likely result in more casualties, even if it works as planned. He did not say how long troops will remain. The president says if members have improvements to offer in that strategy then "we will make them." He said "If circumstances change, we will adjust." Bush also says a new, bipartisan working group will allow the administration and Congress to "come together across party lines to win the war on terror."

ORTEGA SWORN IN

MARIA LILLY DELGADO, MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

PKG 2:29

Former revolutionary Daniel Ortega returned to power on Wednesday, hours after his leftist ally Hugo Chavez was sworn in for another six years as president of Venezuela, in triumphant celebrations in which Latin America's top leftists promised to unite in favour of the poor and against US influence in the region. Appearing in Managua before thousands of cheering supporters, Ortega, Chavez and Bolivian President Evo Morales called for the quick recovery of Cuba's ailing Fidel Castro and pledged to form a coalition of leftist leaders who would fight to nationalise natural resources. Castro's health prevented him from attending Ortega's inauguration, but Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, one of the Cuban revolution's oldest surviving leaders, said the communist leader sent his "utmost support." Before taking office, Ortega promised to respect private property and business and maintain relations with Washington, which backed a rebel insurgency aimed at toppling him in the 1980s.

MINIMUM WAGE

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG 2:04

The Democratic-controlled House has overwhelmingly voted to increase the minimum wage by more than two dollars, to seven dollars and 25 cents an hour. The vote was 315-to-116. It would be the first increase for the nation's lowest-paid workers in almost ten years. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer says people "should not be relegated to poverty if you work hard and play by the rules." Opponents warned the increase would force small businesses to lay off workers and might also mean higher prices. This bill doesn't include any tax breaks to help

small
businesses deal with the extra cost. But the Senate version of the bill is expected to.

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01/11/2007

BUSH SPEECH PREVIEW
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG TRT 2:00

In a prime-time speech last night, Bush said starting a pullout now would topple Iraq's government and trigger "unimaginable" slaughter.

So he's sending in more than 21-thousand additional troops, saying that's the best hope for helping the Iraqis halt the violence and "hasten the day" American troops can begin coming home. Bush warns the violence won't end overnight and it could be another bloody year ahead. He says only Iraqis can stop the sectarian killing and secure their country.

REACTIONS TO SPEECH

VO :23

There was a mixed response across the United States on Wednesday to President George W. Bush's plans to send more than 20,000 extra troops to Iraq. Demonstrators in Washington gathered outside the White House on Wednesday night to protest against Bush's new strategy. About 60 people shouted "Stop the War Now, bring the troops home" while Bush gave a television address to announce his latest plan to deal with the war in Iraq. There were no arrests and the protesters left shortly after the president concluded his remarks. Across the country, hundreds of men and women currently serving in the military are waiting to hear whether they will be part of the extra troop contingent.

MINIMUM WAGE

VO :22

The nation's lowest-paid workers are a step closer to making more money. The House has approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would increase the minimum wage from five-15 an hour to seven and-a-quarter an hour. The hike would be phased in over 26 months. More than 80 Republicans joined with Democrats to pass the bill by a vote of 315-to-116. Other Republicans said the bill would hurt small business, because it doesn't contain any steps to offset the higher costs it imposes.

FDNY FLAG

MARTIN BERLANGA, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG. 1:44

An effort by the city's fire department to remove pictures, posters and other items from the outside of firehouse lockers has stirred outrage among firefighters, who vowed to fight back with flags. Union officials announced Wednesday that they planned to hand out 10,000 decals of American flags to firefighters so they could stick them on lockers in defiance of the crackdown. But the fire department later issued a statement that sought to alleviate firefighters' concerns.

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1/12/2007

FARMERS BRANCH ORDINANCE
JORGE VIERA, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG. 1:55

An ordinance that requires landlords to verify the citizenship of potential tenants was blocked by a judge, a day before it was to go into effect in this Dallas suburb. A judge granted a temporary restraining order following a claim saying the state open-meetings laws were violated when the ordinance was approved and adopted. The ordinance, passed unanimously by the City Council in November, requires property managers or owners to verify the immigration or citizenship status of apartment renters. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

MASSACHUSETTS IMMIGRATION

VO :20

Newly elected Gov. Deval Patrick said Thursday he is rescinding a month-old policy imposed by his predecessor that allowed state troopers to arrest illegal immigrants. The Democrat said he is replacing it with a program to deport convicted criminals serving time in state prisons. Patrick said the shift would free troopers to focus on gun, gang and drug crimes, while removing illegal immigrants after they complete their sentences. Former Gov. Mitt Romney, who is considering a bid for the Republican presidential nomination, announced just before leaving office that the state would allow state troopers to enforce federal immigration laws.

GREECE ATTACK

VO :25

Greek authorities are checking whether an attack on the U-S Embassy in Athens was the work of a leftist group called the Revolutionary Struggle. A rocket pierced the building and caused some damage inside but no casualties. U-S officials had said earlier the building was occupied but now say it wasn't. The Embassy will remain closed today. American-owned banks and companies often have been targeted in small bomb attacks by groups in Greece. But today's incident is the most serious since the 2002 break-up of the far-left November 17 group. One Greek official says any effort to revive terrorism "will not succeed."

MEDICARE VOTE

LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG. 1:57

A veto threat isn't stopping House Democrats. They're pushing through a bill, the fourth on their priority list, that requires the government to negotiate drug prices for Medicare patients. They say it can do a better job than insurance companies, and that buying in bulk will help save money for seniors and taxpayers. Michigan Congressman John Dingell says Medicare currently overpays for drugs, and "taxpayers deserve better." Most Republicans say the system isn't broken, so don't try to fix it. They say the year-old Medicare drug benefit has cost less than expected and most people who use it are satisfied. In threatening to veto the bill, the White House says competition is already reducing prices for seniors.

NOGALES TUNNEL

VO :18

Border patrol agents in south Arizona have busted an operation to build a tunnel from the Arizona side of the border to the Mexican side. Agents in the town of Nogales noticed an unusual amount of noise coming from an abandoned house near a border patrol fence... And near the border patrol's parking lot. This is the third time agents have found a drug tunnel in this home since 2002.

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01/13/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW**WINTER WEATHER****LILIANA ESCALANTE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:06**

Residents from Texas to Illinois on Saturday braced for yet another wave of a deadly storm that had already coated the region with a layer of freezing rain and sleet, as frigid arctic blasts reached as far as Southern California. More than 125,000 homes and businesses had no electricity

Saturday in the St. Louis area, where the storm dumped a mix of snow and ice the day before. The storm had been blamed for at least six deaths across the region and led to some school closures and flight cancellations at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The latest death reported was a 26-year-old woman killed Saturday in Oklahoma where the storm had dropped more than a half-an-inch of sleet, some 24,000 homes and businesses were without power Saturday.

CHILD DECAPITATED**VO: 28**

A mother found her 4-year-old daughter decapitated in her home, and the child's father was arrested early Saturday in Washington. Amber Violette called 911 on Friday evening, saying she had found her daughter, Katlin, with her head severed from her body, Clayton Police Chief Glen Allen said. Deputy U.S. marshals arrested the girl's father, John Patrick Violette, in Washington at a hotel near Capitol Hill, Lapsley said. Investigators found Violette's vehicle at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, learned he had taken a flight to Washington, and tracked his credit card to the hotel, Lapsley said. Police said Violette, 37, would be held in Washington pending an extradition on a murder charge expected to be filed in Clayton, about 15 miles southeast of Raleigh. The U.S. Marshals Service said an extradition hearing is expected to be held Tuesday.

MISSING KIDS FOUND**JORGE VIERA, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 1:53**

Investigators in Missouri say it took a lot of people to solve the case of two missing Missouri boys. One young teen was missing for four years; another was missing four days. They were both rescued from a St. Louis-area apartment yesterday. A 41-year-old funeral home worker is now facing kidnapping charges. The boys' families clung to them at news conferences held today, where they thanked the people who helped them in their search. The mother of 13-year-old Ben Ownby says she doesn't want to let him out of her sight. Prosecutors say they'll be careful building their case against the suspect. The man's neighbors say they noticed nothing amiss, though they say the suspect apparently kept to himself.

MINERS KILLED**MAP :22**

A southern West Virginia coal mine where two miners were killed today has been closed for an indefinite period. West Virginia's mine safety chief says an investigation is under way. A mine spokesman says the two victims were part of a crew engaged in a technique called retreat mining when a collapse occurred this morning at the Cucumber Mine in McDowell County. The practice involves removing pillars of coal that were first left as roof supports. It's unknown whether the miners were killed by falling roof material or a collapse of one of the mine's pillars. The spokesman says 35 miners were underground at the time of the accident. He says the

rest got out safely. The miners' bodies have been taken to a local hospital. The deaths are the first at the mine, which opened in 2004.

IMMIGRANT BORDER DEATH

COPY STORY : 24

A U.S. Border Patrol agent shot and killed a 22-year-old Mexican who was crossing illegally into the United States, U.S. police said Saturday. The agent shot Francisco Dominguez, who had crossed into Arizona with family members and other migrants, while trying to take him into custody, Cochise County Sheriff's Office spokesman Carol Capas said. She declined to give further details, including why the shooting occurred, because of an ongoing investigation. A spokesman at a U.S. Border Patrol office in Tucson, Arizona, could not be reached for comment. Mexico's Foreign Ministry said it instructed the Mexican Embassy in Washington to investigate the shooting of Dominguez, who came from the state of Puebla.

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01/14/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

IMMIGRANT BORDER DEATH

VO: 26 & SOT: 19

Mexican President Felipe Calderon is condemning the shooting death of a Mexican immigrant in Arizona by an agent with the U-S Border Patrol. 22-year-old Francisco Javier Dominguez-Rivera of Puebla, Mexico was killed Friday in a confrontation with the unidentified agent. The Border Patrol in Tucson has said little about the incident, except that the agent thought his life was in danger. During a news conference at his presidential residence in Mexico City, Calderon expressed his "most energetic protest" against the shooting, and said that the Mexican government has demanded a full investigation. The incident occurred just after three o'clock on Friday, when a male agent responded to a call about a group of seven people who were crossing the desert. The agent took six of the seven people into custody without incident but then became involved in a fight with Dominguez-Rivera and subsequently shot him to death.

BAD WEATHER

SERGIO URQUIDI, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:27

The ice storms that have been blamed for at least 21 deaths continued to lash much of the nation Sunday, as crews tried to restore power to hundreds of thousands and slick roads spawned accidents. Waves of freezing rain, sleet and snow since Friday have caused at least 12 deaths in Oklahoma, six in Missouri, two in Texas and one in New York. Seven adults from Mexico were killed early Sunday near Elk City, Okla., when the minivan they were in hit a slick spot on Interstate 40, crossed the median and hit a tractor-trailer, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported. The weather has also taken a toll on power supplies. Thousands are without power in Oklahoma and Missouri, where about 350 National Guardsmen were going door to door checking on residents in the hardest-hit areas.

CHENEY ON PENTAGON RECORDS

VO: 24

Vice President Cheney says U-S investigators who examine financial records of terror

suspects aren't violating anyone's rights. Officials say the Pentagon and, to a lesser extent, the C-I-A have been looking at the banking and credit records of hundreds of Americans. A Pentagon spokesman says the requests for information are made under the authority of the little-known National Security Letter statutes. Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," Cheney says the Pentagon's has a stake because the hundreds of military bases around the country are "potential terrorist targets." And, he says it's a legitimate practice under the U-S Patriot Act. But the new Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee says his panel will be the judge of that. Congressman Silvestre Reyes of Texas says if the Pentagon is getting into intelligence collection on U-S soil, the committee will review it thoroughly.

VA FIRE 7 DEAD

VO: 24

The death toll has grown to seven in last night's apartment-building fire in Huntington, West Virginia. Officials fear that number could go higher. The blaze is being called the worst fire to hit the Ohio River city in 50 years. The fire broke out in the five-story building late last night. A fire spokesman says crews found three bodies on the top floor while fighting the blaze. He said four more bodies were found today when search crews returned to the top floor. Fourteen people were rescued last night, but there's no word on their conditions. Residents include students from nearby Marshall University. There's no official word on what may have caused the blaze.

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01/15/2007

ICE STORM

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NUEVA YORK

PKG: 2:23

Utility crews worked on Monday to restore electricity to about 330,000 Missouri households and businesses that were still without power following a storm blamed for 29 deaths across five states. Crews hoped to take advantage of moderate weather expected Monday -- with only a few lingering snow showers and flurries -- to bring power back on before an expected drop in temperatures to the single digits Monday night. The storm system was heading toward the northeast on Monday, said National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Pedigo. Lower Michigan and parts of New England could see more than a foot of snow Monday, as rain fell from the lower Mississippi Valley up through the Ohio Valley. It also spread snow over parts of the upper Midwest on Monday, and some Iowa schools closed because of the weather or delayed their openings.

SUPPORTERS OF IMMIGRATION OVERHAUL MAKE SHOW OF STRENGTH

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES , CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:42

Backers of overhauling immigration rules began a congressional push Wednesday to give temporary legal status to up to 1.5 million illegal immigrant workers to provide a labor pool for U.S. agriculture. The proposal is a recycled version of parts of a bill that stalled after passing the Senate last year. House Republicans blocked negotiations on the measure, sticking with a get-tough stand against illegal immigrants before the November elections. Those wanting to liberalize immigration laws hope the combination of a Democratic majority in Congress, support from President Bush and a perceived backlash against anti-immigration rhetoric in the elections will help power the comprehensive immigration proposals. Under the bill, illegal immigrants who can show they have labored in agriculture for at least 150 work days for the past two years would become eligible for a "blue card" bestowing temporary legal status.

CASTRO HAS POST-SURGERY STITCHES PROBLEM-DIPLOMAT

LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:36

Ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro has been having problems with the healing of his stitches after stomach surgery last July, a diplomat said Monday. The diplomat, who asked not to be named because of the sensitivity of the issue, was among one of the presidential delegations with close relations to Havana that were in Quito for the swearing in of leftist Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa. The diplomat, speaking to Reuters, also dismissed suspicions that Castro, 80, may have cancer. U.S. officials have said they suspect Castro, who handed over power temporarily to his brother Raul Castro last July 31 when he underwent stomach surgery, could be terminally ill with cancer.

ECUADOR'S LEFTIST CORREA PROMPTLY BEGINS REFORMS

MARCOS PARRAGA, QUITO, ECUADOR

PKG: 2:30

Leftist Rafael Correa became Ecuador's eighth president in a decade Monday in a ceremony that drew presidents from a growing anti-U.S. alliance, but the bold reforms he promptly set in motion could imperil his hopes of serving a full term. Some of Washington's fieriest critics such as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez came to the world's second-highest capital to show solidarity with the U.S.-educated economist. After his swearing-in, Correa signed a document calling for a popular vote March 18 to set up an assembly to change the constitution and accelerate his "citizens' revolution". The proposed constitutional changes are meant to lessen the influence of politicians in the judiciary and force legislators to live in the small constituencies that they represent.

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CASTRO LATEST..WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN?

LOURDES MELUZA, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 2:00

Amid reports from Spain on Tuesday (January 16) that Cuban leader Fidel Castro was in a serious condition after a number of failed operations, Havana remained unruffled by the news. There was no comment or reaction of any kind from the government, which has declared Castro's health a state secret. Spain's El Pais newspaper on Tuesday reported that Castro was in a serious condition after operations to his large intestine for diverticulitis, complicated by infection. The reports said he was being fed intravenously. The reports came from sources at Madrid's Gregorio Maranon hospital, where surgeon Jose Luis Garcia Sabrido - who examined Castro in December - works. But Garcia Sabrido stood by his earlier comments that Castro was slowly recovering. Garcia Sabrido told reporters in December that Castro did not have cancer and could return to govern Cuba if he made a full recover from surgery.

OBAMA TAKES FIRST STEP IN PRESIDENTIAL BID

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON,D.C.

PKG: 2:03

Democratic Sen. Barack Obama said Tuesday he is taking the initial step in a presidential bid that could make him the nation's first black to occupy the White House. Obama announced on his Web site, www.barackobama.com, that he was filing a presidential exploratory committee. He said he would announce more about his plans in his home state of Illinois on Feb. 10. Obama, a 45-year-old with little more than two years into his Senate term, is the most inexperienced candidate considering a run for the Democratic nomination. He quickly rose to national prominence, beginning with his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention and his election to the Senate that year, but still is an unknown quantity to many voters.

STORM LEAVES BITTER CHILL BEHIND

PEDRO ROJAS, HOUSTON, TEXAS

PKG: 2:00

A winter storm that's now blamed for 42 deaths in seven states has blown out of New England, after leaving up to ten inches of snow in western Maine. The icy weather prompted scores of schools to cancel classes or open late today in New Hampshire and in upstate New York. Schools also are closed today in Austin and in San Antonio, Texas, after a remnant of the storm system spread more sleet and snow today. In much of the northeast, the spring-like temperatures of early January are now just a memory -- replaced by a coating of ice that snapped tree limbs and shorted-out transformers, and made highways dangerous.

IRAK LATEST

VO: 20

string of deadly attacks shook Baghdad on Tuesday, killing dozens of people and injuring many more as the United Nations (UN) announced that almost 35,000 Iraqi civilians had been killed in violence in the country in 2006. The figure is nearly three times the number reported dead by the Iraqi government. In what appears to be the bloodiest attack, two minivans exploded near a university in a predominantly Shiite area of eastern Baghdad, killing at least 38 people and wounding dozens. Police said the blasts occurred near the Al-Mustansriya university at 15:45 local time (12:45 GMT) as the students were boarding several minivans waiting outside the building to take them home.

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**IMMIGRANTS MISTREATED
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:17**

Authorities failed to maintain adequate health and safety standards for some of the suspected illegal immigrants housed at five detention centers, according to an audit report by the Homeland Security department's inspector general. The report released Tuesday found health care violations at four of the five sites inspected and environmental health and safety concerns at three of the five. It found noncompliance with "general conditions" of confinement at all five, "including disciplinary policy, classifying detainees and housing together detainees classified at different security levels."

**SCOTUS IMMIGRATION
VO: 22**

The Supreme Court sided Wednesday with U.S. immigration authorities who want to deport a man convicted in a car theft case. In a near-unanimous decision, the court said immigration law provides for removing someone convicted of aiding and abetting a theft offense when the term of imprisonment is at least one year. The justices were considering whether conviction on a state charge of aiding and abetting a car theft rose to the level envisioned by Congress when the Immigration and Nationality Act was passed allowing for deportation of immigrants found guilty of aggravated felonies.

**CITRUS DISASTER
LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:49**

From Valentine's Day bouquets to Superbowl spreads, shoppers soon will be feeling the sting of higher prices from a wave of icy weather that has hit California farms. As much as three-quarters of the state's citrus crop withered in the field during the cold snap, but nearly every winter crop, from avocados to fresh-cut flowers, has suffered severely. Price hikes still won't be enough to offset the damage, as growers cope with nearly \$1 billion in losses following four consecutive nights of subfreezing temperatures. On Tuesday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked the federal government for disaster aid from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Small Business Administration for growers and other affected businesses.

**IRAQ HEARINGS
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:02**

Trying to get President Bush to reverse plans for boosting U.S. troop strength in Iraq, senators from both political parties unveiled Wednesday a nonbinding resolution opposing the increase.

The White House sought to corral lawmaker support for Bush's plan to send some 21,500 more U.S. troops to Iraq to try to stabilize Baghdad and Anbar province. Some senators who visited the White House and met National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley said Wednesday they may produce their own counter-resolution supporting the president's plan, setting the stage for a major debate on Iraq policy. "There were senators who were suggesting that approach ...of not giving up in Iraq," said Republican Texas Sen. John Cornyn. The bipartisan resolution opposing the troop increase also called for a strategy for a political settlement in Iraq, and a regional, internationally sponsored peace process on Iraq.

DOMESTIC SPYING PROGRAM

VO: 22

The Justice Department, easing a Bush administration policy, said Wednesday it has decided to give an independent body authority to monitor the government's controversial domestic spying program. In a letter to the leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said this authority has been given to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and that it already has approved one request for monitoring the communications of a person believed to be linked to al-Qaida or an associated terror group. The court orders approving collection of international communications -- whether it originates in the United States or abroad -- was issued Jan. 10, according to the two-page letter to Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

STUDENTS LOANS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG 2:11

The House has overwhelmingly approved a bill to cut the interest rate on need-based student loans in half. The vote was 356-to-71 to slash the interest rate from six-point-eight percent to three-point-four percent by 2011. The bill would affect about five and-a-half (m) million students who receive subsidized loans every year. But the bill isn't as broad a measure as Democrats promised during the fall campaign. They're now conceding they will have to do more to make college more affordable. Many Republicans said more federal grants would do a better job of helping the poor deal with the rising cost of college. The bill faces an uncertain future. The Bush administration opposes it and Senate Democrats plan to bring up a more comprehensive bill that could complicate its prospects.

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01/18/2007

TYRONE WILLIAMS SENTENCE

PEDRO ROJAS, HOUSTON, TEXAS

PKG 1:10 & LIVE TAG :45

A truck driver was spared the death penalty and sentenced to life in prison Thursday for his role in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt -- a journey that ended in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed in a sweltering tractor-trailer. Tyrone Williams, 36, was convicted last month on 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting immigrants. A jury deliberated for a little more than 5 days before deciding to send Williams to prison without the possibility of parole for each of the immigrants who died from dehydration, overheating and suffocation during the 2003 trip from South Texas to Houston. Williams looked down as the verdict was read and gave no visible reaction.

NEW IMMIGRATION ALLIANCE

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.**PKG 2:02**

Groups that represent diverse interests and sectors will form the Alliance by the Migratory Reform 2007 and they will unite efforts and resources to guarantee that the new Congress of democratic majority approve this year reforms extensive of immigration. The details of the new alliance will bring themselves to light in a teleconference today, Thursday. The alliance is integrated by national groups for immigrants, for civil law, union, religious, business and other. Cecilia Muñoz, of the National Counsel of The Race (NCLR), told The Opinion newspaper that the new democratic leadership of the Congress has placed the theme of the migratory reform as one of its priorities and the idea of the alliance is to present an united front that show the level of seriousness and commitment of the groups to guarantee that the reform would be summarized.

IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**VO: 17**

Stripped of a powerful tool in the fight against illegal immigration, Arizona prosecutors say they will rely on such standard tactics as wire taps and surveillance to crack down on human traffickers as the annual surge in smuggling begins this week. A judge ruled last week that state prosecutors have no right to seize money transfers into Mexico from other states -- cash that investigators suspect pays for human trafficking. Such seizures violate constitutional protections on interstate and international commerce, the judge said, adding that prosecutors failed to show that the wire transfer customers were committing crimes. Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard said his office will use other means to combat smuggling, but he added that nothing will prove as effective as the ability to seize money transfers with special court orders known as "damming warrants."

DOMESTIC SPYING PROGRAM LATEST**VO: 20**

Senators demanded details Thursday from Attorney General Alberto Gonzales about new orders putting the government's domestic spying program under court review -- and questioned why it took so long to do so. Meanwhile, the presiding judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court said she had no objection to disclosing legal orders and opinions about the program that targets people linked to al-Qaida, but the Bush administration would have to approve release of the information. Gonzales and National Intelligence Director John Negroponte said it was uncertain whether the court orders and details about the program will be disclosed. Gonzales, testifying Thursday front of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he may not be able to release details of the order.

MERCURY SPILL**JULIE FERRER, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG: 1:36 & LIVE TAG :16**

In Los Angeles authorities are searching for a man who spilled mercury on a subway platform. Was it an accident...Merely malicious - or perhaps as a dry run for a terror attack? Either way - the police response to that spill was shockingly slow... Mercury found in thermometers is dangerous when swallowed, but spilling it would have no immediate toxic effect. That's one reason the LA County Sheriff's Department, in charge of the investigation, believes the spill was just an accident. Also, the man who spilled it placed a call moments after from a call box, alerting authorities to the spill. The sheriff, who oversees the investigation sent out an alert - to be on the look-out for a man described as "white or middle eastern" wanted in connection with a "possible act of terror." four weeks later, the fbi in los angeles sent out its own bulletin, saying the man is still wanted for questioning in connection with "unexplained activity."

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01/19/2007

**MEL MARTINEZ ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF RNC
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:54**

As the Republican National Committee gathered for the first time since the party suffered a drubbing in November's elections, the consensus was clear: to be successful in 2008 the party must embrace its bedrock tenets. Party activists from across the country held a three-day meeting

at a Washington hotel to elect new GOP leaders, formally name Minneapolis-St. Paul as the host city for the 2008 presidential convention and attend to routine party business. Despite some grumbling about his immigration stance, the RNC easily elected Florida Sen. Mel Martinez -- a Cuban-American -- to be the face of the party at a time when courting Hispanics is a party priority. His formal title is general chairman. For the next two years, he will share duties with the Mike Duncan, a longtime RNC official, who was overwhelmingly named chairman. Duncan will be responsible for running the party's day-to-day operations.

RICHARDSON TAKING FIRST STEP FOR POSSIBLE CAMPAING

VO: 32

The field of Democrats thinking about a White House run is apparently about to expand. Several officials with knowledge of his plans say New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson intends to say Sunday that he is taking the first step toward the Democratic presidential nomination. The former congressman, U-N ambassador and Energy Department secretary is hoping his extensive resume will propel an effort to become the nation's first Hispanic president. The officials say Richardson plans to announce Sunday that he will soon file the papers to create a presidential exploratory committee.

AZ MEXICAN UNDOCUMENTED SHOOTING

VO: 17 & SOT: 17

A deadly Border Patrol shooting that drew criticism from Mexico's president was recorded by surveillance cameras, but the images are unclear, authorities said. The Border Patrol is trying to have the tape digitally enhanced to show more detail of the Jan. 12 confrontation east of Bisbee, said Michael Nicley, chief of the agency's Tucson Sector. Francisco Javier Dominguez Rivera, 22, of Puebla, Mexico, was shot and killed by an agent who had responded to a call about a group of seven people crossing the desert. The agent took six of the people into custody without incident, then started fighting with Dominguez Rivera. The Border Patrol has said the agent thought his life was in danger when he shot the man.

**MEASURE SEEKS TO PUNISH SPANKING
LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:50**

California would become the first state to explicitly ban spanking for children younger than 4 under legislation to be introduced next week.

Slapping, smacking, whacking or kicking also would be outlawed. Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, a Mountain View Democrat who is crafting the measure, said corporal punishment victimizes helpless children and contributes to a society "addicted to violence." "The only thing a child learns by being beaten is that it's OK to beat or dominate children or animals that are smaller," she said. Critics blasted Lieber's proposal Thursday as silly and excessive, or "nanny government" that would step on parents' toes and force judges to decide whether a swat was a spank, a nudge, a push or a "love tap." Assemblyman Bill Maze, R-Visalia, called the measure

"absolutely outrageous."

**SMOKING BAN DRIVING
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW JERSEY
PKG 1:52**

During a recent drive, a New Jersey state senator caught a glimpse of the driver in the next lane. She was puffing on a cigarette, windows rolled up, two kids in the car, filled with thick smoke. That did it. Senator Ray Lesniak is proposing legislation for the Garden State that would ban smoking in a car where anyone under 16 is a passenger. The measure parallels a nationwide movement to limit children's exposure to secondhand smoke. Louisiana, Arkansas, Puerto Rico and Bangor, Maine, have all recently enacted car smoking bans when youngsters are present.

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01/20/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

**HILLARY CLINTON & BILL RICHARDSON RUN FOR PRESIDENT
MARTIN BERLANGA, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:55**

Senator Hillary Clinton says she's in, and she's "in to win." The New York Democrat announced she's opening a presidential exploratory committee on her Web site today. Clinton's news comes just days after Illinois Senator Barack Obama (buh-RAHK' oh-BAH'-muh) announced he's also forming an exploratory committee. The former first lady is considered the front-runner with Obama and 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards in what's shaping up to become a crowded field. New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson intends to announce his plans tomorrow. In a videotaped message, Clinton tells voters she wants to begin a dialogue on the major issues -- health care, Social Security and Medicare, and the war in Iraq. She plans to host live online video chats with voters beginning Monday. Senator Sam Brownback has announced his presidential campaign too, calling himself a "full-scale Ronald Reagan conservative."

**BUSH MEETING GATES AND RICE
VO: 22**

President Bush discusses the Iraq troop buildup today with top deputies who've just returned from the Middle East. The meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates comes amid increasingly heated debate over the plan. The Democratic Congress is moving toward a vote of no-confidence in it. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is accusing Bush of rushing troops into the battle zone, saying he's betting Congress won't cut off funds once troops are deployed. The White House angrily denies that, calling Pelosi's words

"poisonous." Meantime, Bush continues preparing next Tuesday's State of the Union speech. Aides say it won't be a "do-over" of his prime-time Iraq address and that Bush will also talk about health care, energy and immigration.

**BUSH PREPS STATE OF THE UNION
VO: 26**

President Bush's State of the Union address on Tuesday gives him a second chance to defend his new Iraq strategy to a nation soured on the war and a Congress poised to vote against the plan. It will be the president's last major opportunity to shape America's legislative agenda before the fast-moving 2008 presidential campaign begins to drown out his message. Bush is

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US CHOPPER DOWN

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6:30PM & 11:30PM SHOW

BILL RICHARDSON AS CANDIDATE

PKG. 1:42 AND LIVE INTERVIEW AT 6:30PM APPROX. 4 MINUTES

Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico announced Sunday he was taking the first step toward a 2008 presidential bid that would make him the first Hispanic to sit in the White House. "I am seeking the nomination because I believe I can do the job," Richardson, 59, told ABC's "This Week." Richardson, who was elected to a second term last year after a long career in Washington jobs, said he planned a campaign focused on a broad array of issues, not just those affecting the Latino community.

WINTER BLAST

VO :25

A winter storm marched across the Plains, causing numerous accidents that killed at least eight people in three states, including four in Nebraska. Heavy snow hit parts of Nebraska on Saturday, limiting visibility and creating hazardous driving conditions. A car slid across the median on Interstate 80 near Kearney in central Nebraska and was struck by a tractor-trailer, killing the car's 28-year-old driver and her two children, ages 5 and 3, police said. On U.S. 281 south of St. Paul, a 76-year-old man was killed when the car he was in crossed the center line and was struck by a pickup. The man's 59-year old wife was seriously injured.

STATE OF THE UNION PREPS

VO :29

Amid a war of words with Democrats over Iraq, President Bush will use his State of the Union address Tuesday to argue for staying in Iraq and try to build support for his domestic plans. Bush goes before a joint session of the Congress, which Democrats control for the first time in his presidency, as many lawmakers are in a hostile mood over his plan to send 21,500 more U.S. troops to Iraq. His speech comes two weeks after he delivered a major address laying out his retooled Iraq strategy, which many Americans doubt will work and which prompted

Democrats and some Republicans to prepare a congressional resolution expressing their displeasure.

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PREVIEW TO STATE OF THE UNION
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG : 2:03

Americans seem sour on the state of the union in advance of President Bush's address on the subject. A poll finds most believe the country is on the wrong track -- a complete flip from five years ago. Most people also are not confident that Bush and the Democrats who now control Congress and share responsibility with him for running the country can work together to solve its problems, an Associated Press-AOL News poll finds. At the same time, Americans see the president as likable, decisive and strong -- but also stubborn. And only a minority think he is honest -- 44 percent, down from 53 percent two years ago. Bush delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday night, nearly two weeks after he told the nation he is sending 21,500 additional U.S. troops to Iraq in a new effort to end violence there.

DEMOCRATS CANDIDATES FOR 2008
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:55

More Politics NewsOn Sunday, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democrat of New York, held her first campaign event, highlighting her focus on health care a day after declaring her plans to run. Another Democrat, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, entered the fray, the eighth member of his party to do so. And the day was not terribly different in its pace of activity from many others in recent weeks.

The scale and swiftness of the action has the potential to upset the traditional timetables and conventions of presidential campaigning.

John Weaver, a senior adviser to Senator John McCain's presidential effort, said the intensified announcement season and compressed primary calendar would force campaigns to develop a strong national apparatus and well-organized field efforts state by state.

NEW PASSPORT RULES FOR AMERICANS
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES , CALIFORNIA

PKG : 1:50

Come tomorrow, get those passports ready. New government regulations will require air travelers flying into the U-S to show passports -- including American citizens and citizens of Canada, Mexico and Bermuda. All that had been needed by people traveling to the U-S from within the hemisphere until now was a birth certificate or driver's license. The State Department says it's had more people applying for passports recently. The Travel Business Roundtable says its own survey found only about 27 percent of Americans have passports. But it says most people who have been flying out of the country do have them, so it doesn't expect problems at airports come tomorrow. Still, Canadian and Caribbean officials are worried the new rules will hurt commerce and tourism.

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BUSH SPEECH
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG. 2:20 AND LIVE TAG

President Bush will urge a rebellious Congress Tuesday to give his new Iraq plan a chance in

a State of the Union speech in which he also proposes cutting U.S. gasoline use to address climate change. Bush was to deliver his 9 p.m. EST annual address to a nation increasingly opposed to the Iraq war and to his drive to send in 21,500 more troops, and to a Congress entirely controlled by Democrats for the first time since he took office. A Washington-Post/ABC News poll released on Monday gave him a job approval rating of 33 percent, essentially placing him at the weakest point of his presidency.

**HEALTHCARE PROPOSAL
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG. 1:47**

President Bush's proposed health insurance tax deduction plan would cost the federal government \$30 billion to \$40 billion annually in the near term, but would turn revenue positive around 2013, U.S. treasury officials said Tuesday. The plan, which aims to make health care more affordable for the nearly 47 million Americans who lack health insurance, would start in 2009 and be revenue neutral over its first 10 years, the officials said in a briefing with reporters. Bush, looking to build momentum for his domestic agenda, which is being overshadowed by the Iraq war, will highlight the proposal in his State of the Union address later on Tuesday.

**CITY ADOPTS HANDS OFF IMMIGRANTS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW HAVEN, CT
PKG. 2:02**

The city council in the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch, Texas, has agreed to revise an ordinance requiring landlords to check the immigration status of their tenants. The revision exempts minors and people 62 and older from having to prove their immigration status or citizenship. Also, families made up of citizens and undocumented members would be allowed to renew apartment leases if they met certain conditions. The revised rule was approved unanimously but will go to voters May 12th because opponents of the original ordinance submitted a petition forcing a vote.

**IMMIGRATION LAW REVIEW
ALEXIS BRITO, FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS
PKG. 2:36**

New Haven's mayor and police chief have held a public session to explain the city's new harassment free policy on immigrants. The new immigrant-friendly policy means officials will not inquire about immigration status and will issue a municipal I-D card to serve all residents, including illegal aliens. About 70 people turned out last night to hear Mayor John DeStefano and police Chief Francisco Ortiz. Ortiz spoke in Spanish about the new general order he issued December 14th. Ortiz said the general order was important because police want immigrants to feel comfortable approaching officers if they are crime victims.

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**STATE OF THE UNION REAX
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:04 & LIVE TAG APPROX. 1:00**

Brushing aside President Bush's plea to give his new war strategy a chance, Republican and Democratic senators pushed ahead Wednesday with a resolution opposing his plan to send more troops to Iraq. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee began considering a bipartisan resolution drafted by its chairman, Sen. Joseph Biden, and several of his colleagues that

rejects Bush's decision to add 21,500 troops in Baghdad and Anbar province. Many members are critics of Bush's plan. The resolution was designed to alert Bush that senators in both parties believe sending more U.S. troops into a civil war is "the wrong way to go." In his State of the Union address to a defiant Congress Tuesday since is the first time he faced a House and Senate both controlled by Democrats, Bush insisted it was not too late to shape the outcome in Iraq with a new strategy.

NY SHOOTING SURVIVOR RELEASED

VO: 21 & SOT : 11

New York City police did not identify themselves before firing 50 bullets at three unarmed black men and killing a groom on his wedding day, a survivor of the November shooting said after leaving the hospital Wednesday. "We thought we were getting robbed, that's what we thought at the time," said Joseph Guzman, 31, who said he was shot 16 times and still has six bullets lodged in his body. "Nobody said it was the police," he said. Guzman left the hospital earlier in the day before attending the news conference organized by civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton. In a wheel chair, Guzman said he was unsure if he will walk unaided again.

MERCURY SPILL LATEST

VO: 21

The FBI on Tuesday questioned a man suspected of spilling mercury on a subway platform last month and said he did not appear to be involved in terrorist activity. Armando Bustamante Miranda, 27, was arrested and held for a parole violation unrelated to the spill, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said. She declined to elaborate. "We're not going to have anything more until we sort this thing out," Eimiller said. A videotape showed a man crouching and dropping something onto a platform at a subway station on Dec. 22. He used a Metropolitan Transit Authority call box to report the spill, then boarded a train. The county is investigating to determine why transit officials waited eight hours to alert authorities after they were told about the spilled toxic substance. No injuries were reported, and officials believe the small amount of mercury would have been harmful only if someone touched it or drank it.

BACTERIA OUTBREAK LATEST

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:04

Hospital staff did not properly clean medical instruments linked to a deadly bacterial outbreak at a neonatal intensive care unit, state regulators have concluded. White Memorial Medical Center closed the unit Dec. 4 after an outbreak of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* sickened five infants. Two of the babies died, and their deaths were believed to have caused by the pathogen. In a report issued Tuesday, inspectors from the California Department of Health Services faulted hospital staff for not following manufacturer's recommendations for sterilizing laryngoscope blades, which are used to insert breathing tubes. The report said the respiratory therapy staff simply wiped the blades with soap, tap water and alcohol wipes. A White Memorial statement said the report "confirms the hospital's preliminary findings." The neonatal unit has been reopened and officials said there have been no new infections.

OUTSTANDING AMERICAN BY CHOICE AWARD CEREMONY

LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:54

The White House Office of Public Liaison and the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Emilio Gonzalez hosted an award ceremony for the **Outstanding American by Choice Award** at the White House in the Indian Treaty Room on Wednesday. The awardees were: **Alejandro Gomez Monteverde**, a mexican award winning film maker of *Bella*, **Miguel**

A. Orozco, community leader and attorney from Orange County, CA and **Dr. Ricardo Ernst**, Professor, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University. The Outstanding American by Choice Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of naturalized U.S. citizens. Through civic participation, professional achievement, and responsible citizenship, recipients of this honor have demonstrated their commitment to our nation and to the common civic values that unite us as Americans. Past recipients include Senator Mel Martinez, Congressman Tom Lantos, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez.

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BORDER FENCE LATEST
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:03

Construction began Wednesday on vehicle barriers that will be part of a mix of fencing along the Arizona-Mexico border to discourage illegal border crossings. The construction is part of a Bush administration initiative announced last year that aims to provide a mix of high-tech virtual fencing and a traditional physical barrier. The first phase of construction will consist primarily of concrete-filled vertical tubes set into the ground to prevent vehicles from entering. Department of Homeland Security spokesman Russell Knocke said some portions of the barrier may also contain traditional fencing. The first phase will be placed along nine miles at the western edge of a 37-mile stretch of desert in southwestern Arizona.

TOM TANCREDO COMMENTS LATEST
VO: 23

White House hopeful Tom Tancredo said Thursday the existence of the Congressional Black Caucus and other race-based groups of lawmakers amount to segregation and should be abolished. "It is utterly hypocritical for Congress to extol the virtues of a colorblind society while officially sanctioning caucuses that are based solely on race," said the Colorado Republican, who is most widely known as a vocal critic of illegal immigration. Tancredo's request, relayed in a letter to Administration Committee Chairwoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, D-Calif., revived

his effort to change House rules to abolish the groups. Besides the Congressional Black Caucus, Democrats also have a Hispanic caucus with 21 members, and Republicans have a comparable Hispanic conference with five full members and 11 "associate" members who are not Hispanic.

MINIMUM WAGE DEBATE
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:05

An effort to increase the minimum wage in all states, even those that already have wage floors higher than the federal base, failed Thursday after Democrats labeled it a "poison pill." Democrats said the Republican proposal was designed to kill underlying minimum wage legislation.

An amendment offered by Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., was an effort to show how raising the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25

over 26 months would have no effect in eight states because they already have wage floors of \$7.25 or higher. Another two states have scheduled minimum wage increases that also would place them above the proposed federal floor. Eighteen other states have higher minimum

wages than the current federal floor, but not as high as the \$7.25 in the proposed legislation.

TEEN DRIVING STUDY
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:55

From cellphones to their noisy friends, teen drivers routinely face distractions on the road. A new study says these factors -- combined with teens' lack of driving experience -- add up to a deadly mix that causes thousands of fatal crashes a year. Traffic accidents are now the number one killer of America's teens. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm Insurance survey found teens often take the wheel amid commotion, angst or fatigue that would be challenging even for older drivers. More than 90 percent of high school students who were surveyed

reported teens driving while text-messaging or driving with passengers who are just "acting wild." Teens do seem to be getting the word about not drinking and driving. But today's study says that message should be expanded to include distractions.

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IRAQ, PELOSI & PETRAUS
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:06

President Bush challenges Congress on his troop buildup in Iraq and says "I'm the decision-maker" on the shipment of reinforcements in case of war and asked the legislators that do not condemn prematurely the plan. "I have selected the plan that believe has more possibilities of success", Bush said, met in his office with the military advisors. The president challenged the legislators of both parties that offer his own ideas to the alternative to attend to 21.500 soldiers of reinforcement to Iraq. Meanwhile, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has met with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani in Baghdad. According to Talabani's office, they discussed security, the political process in Iraq and ways of making the government's national reconciliation plan a success. Earlier, Pelosi and the other members of the congressional fact-finding mission met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. She says the delegation came out of the meeting with "a greater understanding of the others' point of view."

US WEATHER LATEST
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK
PKG 2:25

Wide parts of the Eastern U-S including New England are shivering under a brutal blast of Arctic air. Boston is expecting high temperatures only in the mid-single digits today. And in far western Massachusetts, the temperature and winds could combine for wind chill readings of 30-below zero. Boston is sending outreach teams into the streets to urge homeless people to stay in shelters. A stalled weather system has sent temperatures around the nation's capital plunging well below freezing. Southern New Jersey picked up a couple of inches of snow overnight.

Snowmobile accidents in central New York state have claimed two lives and left a third person critically injured.

SETTON HALL FIRE / STUDENTS SENTENCED
VO:19

When two former roommates admitted that they set a fire in a dormitory at Seton Hall University that killed three students, prosecutors said they would get no more than five years in prison. Joseph T. LePore and Sean Ryan were to be sentenced Friday for what they called a

"prank that got out of hand" after hearing from survivors and members of the victims' families. In November, LePore and Ryan admitted setting the fire seven years ago as part of a plea bargain that spared them from facing more than 30 years in prison if convicted of murder. In pleading guilty to arson, LePore and Ryan said they set a paper banner on fire in a third-floor lounge around 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 19, 2000. The flames spread to a couch. The fire was largely confined to the lounge, but smoke spread throughout the six-story dorm.

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**ANTI-WAR PROTEST
LILIANA ESCALANTE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG. 2:09**

Convinced this is their moment, tens of thousands marched Saturday in an anti-war demonstration linking military families, ordinary people and an icon of the Vietnam protest movement in a spirited call to get out of Iraq. Celebrities, a half-dozen lawmakers and protesters from distant states rallied in the capital under a sunny sky, seizing an opportunity to press their cause with a Congress restive on the war and a country that has turned against the conflict. Marching with them was Jane Fonda, in what she said was her first anti-war demonstration in 34 years.

**MORE CITIZENS
LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG. 1:55**

In the past months immigration centers have noticed an increase in their enrollment for citizenship classes. An event that according to experts might be due to the imminent increase in the citizenship process prices. The Immigration agency says that a citizenship request could reach eight hundred and fifty dollars an amount that many believe won't reach.

**LAS VEGAS PRIEST
VO :23**

Police were searching for a Catholic priest they believe may have sexually assaulted and struck a woman at a church. Authorities said they were called to Our Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church on Friday evening by someone who heard a woman in the church cry for help. Officers found a church employee who said she had been assaulted and hit in the head with an object by a priest. Investigators consider the Rev. George Chaanine a person of interest, police spokesman Bill Cassell said.

**RAIDS PROTEST
VO :21**

Immigrant advocates protest today in California saying that immigration officers did not identify themselves properly when conducting a series of raids last week. Allegedly, the authorities were registering houses and arrested people that they were not looking for. The ICE agents identified themselves as police which according to the advocates brought mistrust from immigrants to local authorities. ICE spokesperson said that they have the right to investigate whom ever they think are illegally in this country.

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**HOME INSURANCE COST
LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:11**

Florida homeowners could see property insurance rates cut by as much as 40 percent under a plan finalized Sunday by lawmakers hoping to reverse hurricane-fueled increases many residents say have threatened to price them out of their homes. Lawmakers said the wide-ranging proposal they'll vote on Monday is expected to provide savings of up to 20 percent for many of the coastal customers of Citizens Property Insurance Corp., the state-created company that has become Florida's largest property insurer.

**HISPANIC GROWTH
VO :29**

The Hispanic population in the United States grew by 3.3 percent between July 1, 2004, and July 1, 2005, making it the biggest and fastest-growing U.S. minority. More Hispanics live in the Chicago suburbs than in the city of Chicago, reflecting a departure of Hispanics from the city to the suburbs.

**GOV. HUCKABEE
VO :22**

Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee says he is taking the next step in becoming a candidate for president and forming an exploratory committee. Huckabee appeared on N-B-C's "Meet the Press." In seeking to repeat the success of Bill Clinton, another former governor from Hope, Arkansas, Huckabee acknowledges he is an underdog bid for the White House in 2008.

**HILLARY CLINTON
VO :22**

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton wound up her weekend in Iowa with more biting criticism of President Bush's handling of the war in Iraq. She says it would be the "height of irresponsibility" for him to pass the war on to his successor. Clinton says the president should instead "extricate" the U-S before the end of his term. The White House condemned Clinton's comments as a partisan attack that undermines U-S soldiers.

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**HISPANICS GROWTH
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK
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The Hispanic population in the United States grew by 3.3 percent between July 1, 2004, and July 1, 2005, making it the biggest and fastest-growing U.S. The study also found, that Hispanics prefer to move to the suburbs than to the city were in the past immigrants tried to settle.

**RECORDS FOR FEWER RAIDS
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG. 2:11**

Over the past seven months, Bush administration officials have quietly toured the country,

trying to persuade businesses that rely heavily on immigrant labor to join a little-known program that would spare them from embarrassing federal raids if they voluntarily handed over their workers' documents so the government can scan them for fraudulent information. Officials at the Department of Homeland Security have asked companies to join the ICE Mutual Agreement Between Government and Employers program, known as IMAGE, operated by the department's Immigrations and Customs Enforcement division. It calls on businesses to submit all I-9 employee eligibility verification forms to ICE for an audit and to "ensure the accuracy of their wage reporting" by verifying workers' Social Security numbers, according to a description of the program.

REHAB CENTER FOR SOLDIERS

VO :25

It has a wave pool, a rock climbing wall and modern decor. And some say it looks nothing like a hospital. A new military rehabilitation center opens today in San Antonio, Texas. The 50 (m) million dollar Center for the Intrepid is for soldiers returning from war as amputees or with severe burns. With high-tech equipment and better facilities for severely wounded soldiers, officials expect the center to become a hub of advanced amputee rehabilitation. It includes a 360-degree virtual reality sphere to help patients regain balance and other basic skills.

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IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN

JAIME GARCIA, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

PKG. 2:06

In a city that has clashed loudly and publicly over immigration laws, the arrest of Marcelino Tzir Tzul underscored the worst fears in Costa Mesa's Latino community. The 37-year-old illegal immigrant from Guatemala was picked up for riding his bicycle on the wrong side of the street, brought before a federal agent at the city jail and then shipped to a federal lockup to await his likely deportation. For months, Latino activists had worried that Costa Mesa's decision to become one of the nation's first cities to enforce federal immigration laws would result in people such as Tzir being swept off the streets. "This is exactly what we feared," said Amin David, who heads Los Amigos of Orange County, a Latino advocacy group. But others, including the mayor of Costa Mesa, applaud the crackdown, even if it means that people who have committed minor crimes are caught in the process. In December, 46 Latino men picked up in Costa Mesa were taken to the Mira Loma Detention Center in Lancaster to await deportation hearings. Half were held on misdemeanor charges.

CASTRO AND CHAVEZ

VO :29

Cuban state television on Tuesday showed a video of a healthier looking Fidel Castro meeting and speaking with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, the first images of the ailing leader shown in three months. The report said the 10-minute video clip was taped on Monday during a in a two-hour private meeting in Havana that was not previously publicized. The newest images seemed to be aimed at knocking down the most recent round of reports about Castro's health, including a report in the Spanish newspaper El Pais earlier this month that described his health as "grave."

BABY DIES ACCIDENTALLY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG. 2:19

Rats crawled out of the walls and across the floor of the Bronx slum where Gladys Robles lived with her 8-week-old baby. They smelled milk and scuttled toward the crib. So Robles, 42, tried to protect her son, Christian Nunez, by sleeping with him in her bed. But as she dozed Sunday night, she rolled on top and suffocated him. "It's horrible. When I woke up I saw his lips were blue and I started screaming. He was so cold. So cold," Robles told the Daily News yesterday, bursting into tears outside her East Tremont apartment building.

MINIMUM WAGE**VO :24**

A Democratic campaign promise to boost the federal minimum wage for the first time in a decade moved closer to completion Tuesday when U.S. Senate Republicans lifted a roadblock against it. Full Senate approval is now possible because Democrats yielded to Republican demands to include tax cuts for small businesses to help cover the cost of raising the minimum wage over two years to \$7.25 per hour from \$5.15 per hour.

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TX RAID & LATINO GROUP FOR A IMMIGRATION REFORM**JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:07**

Immigration officials with the Department of Homeland Security converged on a business in Humble, Texas Wednesday looking for illegal workers. Dozens of employees were rounded up at the Republic Waste Company on Wilson Road near Will Clayton Parkway. Some of the workers were handcuffed and taken away in government busses. An exact number is not known. The company says some of the workers are from temporary agencies and that they are cooperating fully with the investigation. Meanwhile, there was a big gathering on the Placita in order to demand a stop to the immigration raids. Latino organizations called on Democrats in Congress to expedite introduction of comprehensive immigration reform. In ligh of ongoing immigration raids that are dividing families throughout the country, leaders of the legal and immigrant communities will call on the leadership of the Democratic Party to get moving on their campaign to deliver comprehensive immigration reform.

NEW PRICES FOR IMMIGRATION PROCESS**LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG 2:02**

The Bush administration is proposing to nearly double the cost of becoming an U.S. citizen and drastically raise the cost of becoming a legal permanent resident. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a division of the Department of Homeland Security, announced Wednesday it wants to raise the application fee for citizenship from \$330 to \$595 and the fee for becoming a legal permanent resident from \$180 to \$1,370. The agency said the new fees would reduce average application processing times by the end of September 2009. Fees for a wide variety of immigration services would rise an average of 66 percent. Applicants now pay a \$70 fingerprinting fee, and the agency wants to raise that to \$80. Fees also are paid for things such as work permits, replacing lost green cards and petitions to adopt orphans from other countries.

The proposed fee increases would not be final until after a public comment period.

RACIAL PROFILING

ANGEL PEDRERO, DALLAS, TEXAS**PKG 2:22**

The general consul of Mexico in Dallas, TX denounced that the police authorities in the north of Texas utilize the racial profile to arrest immigrants lacking identity papers. According to Enrique Hubbard, general consul of Mexico, the Department of Protection of their jurisdiction has investigated in the last two weeks more than 70 cases of countrymen lacking identity papers that have been under arrest through this "suspicious" procedure. "It is a matter of an operating that first identifies the aspect of the people and later seeks an excuse to stop the vehicle where they are transported, specifically to laborers of the construction that go in small trucks", explained yesterday Hubbard.

JOE BIDEN RUNS FOR PRESIDENCY**VO: 18**

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, who has fought against sending more U.S. troops to Iraq, Wednesday joined the crowded field of Democratic contenders seeking to win the 2008 White House race. "I would respectfully suggest to you that the Democrats out there understand I am the only person out there with a plan that can get us out of Iraq," he told reporters. Biden sponsored a nonbinding resolution approved last week by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, opposing President Bush's plan to send 21,500 more U.S. troops to Iraq to help quell the unrelenting violence. Biden, 64, and a six-term senator, is the eighth Democrat to enter the 2008 White House race, and often registers in the low single digits in polls behind Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama and 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards. Biden plans to campaign Monday in New Hampshire, which holds the first primary-style election in the nominating process. His trip will follow Clinton's planned travel in the state over the weekend.

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FIGHTING IMMIGRATION REFORM
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:17

More than 200 immigrant rights leaders wrapped up their meetings with a press briefing on Capitol Hill in a two day strategy summit to push for comprehensive immigration reform in the New Year. The briefing reported on outcomes from the summit, an in person visit with Senate Majority Leader Reid and a final blessing over efforts to push for fair immigration reform. The summit, hosted by the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), was the first major gathering of immigrant rights groups in Washington since the start of the new Congress. The opening plenary kicked off with a roll call of organizations and a unity chant and included strategy sessions on race and immigration, building pro-immigrant resolutions and creating a political education program.

OAKLAND REQUIRING DOCUMENTS
VO: 22

About 200 workers were locked out of an Oakland construction site this morning and are claiming that the general contractor, UPA California, is refusing to pay them unless they can prove they are U.S. citizens, said Don Yingling, corporate officer for the subcontracting company All Wall and Ceiling, which has been working at the site. All Wall and Ceiling was hired to frame the "City Walk" building under construction at 1307 Jefferson St. When it's completed, the building will have businesses on the ground floor with condominiums on top. According to All Wall and Ceiling Manager Michael Tenuto, the company is the third framing company to be brought in on the project and there has been nothing but problems since they started working in August because of poor management, bad design and financial issues. Yingling said that UPA owes his workers two week's pay and owes All Wall and Ceiling an estimated \$1.5 million. The company has allegedly been shorting Yingling on the payroll for the past four to five months. UPA General Manager Dick Whitney, however, said that Yingling's workers could not legally work today because All Wall and Ceiling's workman's compensation insurance expired Wednesday, which is why he locked them out of the job site.

MINIMUM WAGE
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:00

The Senate has voted to raise the minimum wage by more than two dollars, to seven-25 an hour. The vote was 94-to-three on the bill, which includes eight (b) billion dollars in tax breaks to ease the impact on small businesses. Senator Edward Kennedy called the increase "a small but necessary step" to helping the working poor escape poverty. Republicans stressed the importance of the business tax breaks in the bill, though smaller than they previously had sought. Wyoming Senator Mike Enzi (EHN'-zee) says those breaks help show "that small businesses have been the steady engine of our growing economy." But those tax breaks are not part of the bill approved by the House. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has indicated some of those breaks could be stripped from the final bill.

LORETTA SANCHEZ RESINGS
VO: 22

The congresswoman Loretta Sánchez announced her resignation al Latin American Legislative Group with the argument that is opposed to the presidency of its democratic colleague of California Joe Baca. The renunciation of Sánchez was the new incident of a prolonged conflict of Baca and its supporters with other members of the group, above all women. Sánchez affirmed in a communiqué that there was "violation of the electoral rules" in the assemblies of November in which Baca was elected president of the group.

US WEATHER

VO: 20

A winter storm rushed across the Southeast Thursday, closing schools and grounding flights a day after coating roads with deadly ice in the Plains. A winter storm warning covered the western Carolinas and northern Georgia on Thursday afternoon, and more than 4 inches of snow fell in spots. A wintry mix of snow and sleet reached as far south as Mississippi. Officials blamed at least one death on the icy roads. A man driving a Dodge Neon near Mount Airy, N.C., slid on the slick roadway in front of a tractor-trailer and died in the collision, the North Carolina Highway Patrol said. By the time most people headed to work in central South Carolina, snowflakes had turned to a cold, steady rain. Schools and businesses across the region closed or opened late, more than 2,000 homes and businesses lost power in western North Carolina, and flights were canceled in the Carolinas.

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02/02/2007

FLORIDA STORMS & TORNADOS **LOURDES DEL RIO, LADY LAKE, FLORIDA** **PKG 1:29 & LIVE TAG : 20**

Disaster crews with dogs went from one pile of debris to another in a search for bodies Friday after powerful storms, including at least one tornado, smashed hundreds of homes across central Florida and killed 19 people or more. It was the second-deadliest combination of thunderstorms and tornados in Florida history, cutting a 40-mile swath of destruction across four counties just before daybreak, terrorizing residents of one of the nation's biggest retirement communities, and leaving trees and fields littered with clothes, furniture and splintered lumber. Residents helped pull the dead from the ruins. Florida's emergency management chief, Craig Fugate, said it could take several days to determine the exact number of dead, and the main priority was finding survivors who may be trapped. Gov. Charlie Crist Gov. asked President Bush to declare a major disaster for Florida as a result of the storms.

SWIFT SPEAKS ABOUT RAIDS

VO: 23

The head of meatpacker Swift & Co. said federal officials wanted a high-profile example of an immigration crackdown when they staged raids at its plants in six states in an identity theft investigation late last year. President and CEO Sam Rovit said the government rejected the company's offer to help in the investigation months before the Dec. 12 raids. Rovit denied knowingly hiring illegal immigrants and told the newspaper his company complied with federal hiring practices to check applicants' immigration status. Rovit and an Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman did not immediately return phone and e-mail messages from The Associated Press Friday. ICE arrested 1,282 workers during raids in Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Iowa and Minnesota. Of those, 246 now face state or federal identity theft charges and the rest face immigration charges.

IRAQ INTELLIGENCE REPORT **LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.** **PKG 2:14**

Iraqi leaders will be hard pressed to achieve sustained political reconciliation in the next year to year and a half, a collaborative report by 16 U.S. spy agencies says, raising uncertainty about the prospect for withdrawing American troops that are shoring up the government. Months in the making, the assessment says that growing and entrenched polarization between Shia and Sunni Muslims, inadequate Iraqi security forces, weak leaders, and the success of extremists' efforts to use violence to exacerbate the sectarian war all create a situation that will be difficult to improve.

DREAM ACT PROPOSAL
ALEJANDRA ESPINOZA, PHOENIX, ARIZONA
PKG 2:00

State Reps. David Lujan, Kyrsten Sinema and Steve Gallardo and college students are ready to introduce the Arizona Dream Act, a bill that would restore in-state tuition and tuition assistance denied in Proposition 300 which which refuses to let undocumented students to receive financial aid and scholarships to study in universities.

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02/03/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

FLORIDA TORNADO LATEST
LOURDES DEL RIO, LADY LAKE, FLORIDA
PKG 2:00, LIVE INTRO : 22 & LIVE TAG : 30

President Bush has declared four counties in central Florida where tornado-bearing thunderstorms struck yesterday as disaster areas. At least 20 people were killed in the powerful storms, including a high school girl who was struck by a tree as she lay in bed. The girl's stepmother says the family is "in shock" after the storms that ripped roofs and walls off of single family homes about 50 miles northwest of Orlando. State emergency officials have said it may take days to figure out just how many people died because of the storms. Rescue workers have been going house to house searching for survivors. Florida Governor Charlie Crist toured the battered areas today. He says "your heart pours out to the people affected and you want to help."

IRAQ BLAST
SERGIO URQUIDI, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:08

A suicide bomber killed 135 people on Saturday in the deadliest single bomb blast in Baghdad since the 2003 war, driving a truck laden with one tonne of explosives into a busy market in a mainly Shi'ite area. The blast, which Shi'ite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki blamed on Saddam Hussein supporters and other Sunni militants, shattered stalls and smashed shopfronts. It comes as U.S. and Iraqi troops prepare for an offensive seen as a last-ditch effort to stem worsening sectarian bloodshed.

HOUSTON ICE PROTEST
VO: 24

The Coalition In Defense Of The Community along with various community leaders took part in a protest in front of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (i.C.E.) office to show their disapproval of the detention of over 48 employees from the Republic Waste Company last wednesday. As a result of the i.C.E. raid at the Republic Waste Company site, they are calling for a moratorium on all immigration raids until unprejudiced immigration reform is put into effect.

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02/04/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

**TORNADO PRAYERS
LOURDES DEL RIO, LADY LAKE, FLORIDA
PKG 2:04**

Tornado victims and their supporters turned out for Sunday service at a church that was demolished in the killer storms that waylaid central Florida, trying to stay optimistic about the long recovery ahead. The cleanup that began not long after Friday's destruction took a brief pause as the faithful and others gathered under bright sun and clear skies at what was the Lady Lake Church of God. Its splintered remains have become a rallying point in this rural area hit hard by the three tornadoes that killed 20 people and destroyed hundreds of homes. A gospel choir sang and clapped on a makeshift stage where the church's broken cross was propped up next to an American flag. Forecasters said Saturday that at least three tornadoes, with winds as high as 165 mph, hit between 3 and 4 a.m. Friday, when few people were awake to hear tornado warnings on radio and TV.

**SEN. McCAIN / HAGEL / EDWARDS
VO: 55**

The top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee sought to weaken support for a resolution opposing President Bush's Iraq war strategy, saying Sunday that supporters are intellectually dishonest. Arizona Sen. John McCain, a 2008 presidential candidate, contended the bipartisan nonbinding resolution amounted to a demoralizing "vote of no confidence" in the U.S. military because it criticized Bush's plans to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq without offering concrete alternatives. "I don't think it's appropriate to say that you disapprove of a mission and you don't want to fund it and you don't want it to go, but yet you don't take the action necessary to prevent it," McCain said. On the other hand, a fellow Vietnam veteran, GOP Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, disagreed with McCain's assessment. Hagel said the resolution would make clear the Senate's belief that Bush's policy is misguided.

**NY FIRE
NAYELI CHAVEZ-GELLER, NEW YORK
PKG 1:23**

A 6-alarm fire early Sunday morning left more than 250 building residents homeless. The fire started on the 5th floor of an apartment building in Far Rockaway, NY (Queens). The 400 firefighters dispatched to the scene needed about 4 hours to get the 6-alarm blaze under control. The entire roof of the 6-story building collapsed. Firefighters were also battling with the bitter cold. The heat from the fire caused a nearby transformer to explode. Power to the building and several other buildings was cut off. Firefighters rescued several people trapped above the fire -- on the 6th floor. About 250 people have been evacuated. One resident who was out with friends got a frightening call from his sister. When he came home he found the entire building burning. There is no word on what caused the fire. The damages are so severe that the building may have to be demolished.

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**IRAK VOTE
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG. 2:05 AND LIVE TAG**

Republicans blocked a debate on the Iraq war in the U.S. Senate Monday, dealing a setback to critics of President Bush's plan to send in thousands more troops, but Democrats warned they would not give up trying to force Bush to change course. Republicans largely united to employ Senate rules against the newly elected Democratic majority to derail the debate on a resolution expressing disagreement with Bush's plan to deploy an additional 21,500 troops in Iraq. Democrats vowed to return to the subject when it considers billions more in funding for the Iraq war requested by Bush Monday.

ARTIC COLD

VO :40 AND SOT :20

At least four deaths are being blamed on the cold weather that's been blasting the northern Plains, Midwest and the Northeast. All four deaths occurred yesterday. In Kentucky, an elderly man wandered away from his home while a motorist whose car slid on ice overturned in a river. State police in Michigan say an eight-year-old girl and her mother were killed in a wreck on an icy road. The big chill has forced schools to close, sent homeless people into shelters and put car batteries on the disabled list. It was so cold that Toledo, Ohio -- which was five degrees above zero at midday -- even closed its outdoor ice rink.

DNA TESTING

LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG. 1:51

The Justice Department is completing rules to allow the collection of DNA from most people arrested or detained by federal authorities, a vast expansion of DNA gathering that will include hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants, by far the largest group affected. The new forensic DNA sampling was authorized by Congress in a little-noticed amendment to a January 2006 renewal of the Violence Against Women Act, which provides protections and assistance for victims of sexual crimes. The amendment permits DNA collecting from anyone under criminal arrest by federal authorities, and also from illegal immigrants detained by federal agents. The goal, justice officials said, is to make the practice of DNA sampling as routine as fingerprinting for anyone detained by federal agents, including illegal immigrants.

ARNOLD COMMENTS ON IMMGRANTS

VO :20

Recordings of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger reveal the Republican griping about Democratic and Republican lawmakers alike and expressing sympathy for Mexican immigrants, but saying they should embrace the United States. In one of the recordings released Sunday, he complains that Democratic Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez, with whom he has cooperated on efforts to rebuild California's infrastructure and fight global warming, was at times a "political operator" who would tell Schwarzenegger one thing behind closed doors and say something else in public.

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02/06/2007

ASTRONAUT PLOT

RAUL BENOIT, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG. 1:54 AND LIVE TAG

A U.S. astronaut was accused Tuesday of trying to kidnap and kill a rival for the affections of a male astronaut after she drove 950 miles wearing diapers to confront the woman. U.S. Navy Capt. Lisa Nowak, who has three children and recently separated from her husband, was released from jail in Florida after posting bail. She was put on 30-day suspension by NASA and removed from all shuttle mission-related activities. Nowak was initially arrested on attempted kidnapping charges Monday in Orlando after assaulting Colleen Shipman, a U.S. Air Force captain, who she believed was a rival for the attention of astronaut Bill Oefelein, police said.

WEATHER DEATHS

BRENDA CARMONA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**PKG. 2:00**

A seventh person has died from the cold that's gripping much of the nation from the Plains through New England. An elderly Maryland woman suffering from dementia apparently wandered from the Silver Spring house she shared with her brother and was found 12 hours later. She wasn't wearing a coat. Warmer weather is on the way, but temperatures are still below zero as far south as the West Virginia mountains. Cold weather is also linked to two weekend deaths in Kentucky, two in Michigan, and one each in Ohio and Illinois. Schools are off for a second day in Milwaukee and parts of western New York.

VACCINE FOR GIRLS**LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG. 1:56**

Top Florida lawmakers want every 11- and 12-year-old girl in the state to get a vaccination that would protect them before they risk getting a sexually transmitted virus that can cause cervical cancer. The proposal, backed by Republicans and Democrats, mirrors legislation under consideration in about 20 other states, including Texas, where Gov. Rick Perry issued an executive order Friday that bypassed state lawmakers to mandate the vaccine. Proponents describe the vaccine Gardasil as a life-saver. Clinical trials show the vaccine blocks four types of the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, which causes genital warts and about 70 percent of all cervical-cancer cases. The World Health Organization lists cervical cancer as the second most common cancer among women.

IMIGRATION STUDY**VO :24**

A new study from the Center for an Urban Future shows that immigrants are critical to economic growth in New York City, Los Angeles and other metropolises. The study being released today shows that immigrants are creating more small businesses and jobs than natural-born citizens. The report is based on 18 months of research, including data analysis, focus groups conducted with immigrant business owners and economic development experts. More than 200 interviews were conducted, the report's authors state. The study shows that in post-September Eleventh New York City, neighborhoods with greater numbers of immigrants created more jobs and businesses than other areas. The study cites a surge of economic activity in the neighborhoods of Flushing-Murray Hill and Jackson Heights in Queens, as well as Sunset Park in Brooklyn.

BUSH BORDER FENCE**VO :21**

Bush budget's provides \$13 billion to strengthen border security, including another \$1 billion installment for the construction on the southwest border of both actual fencing, and additional technology, including lights, cameras, and other surveillance equipment. That program, called the Secure Border Initiative, or SBInet, has been criticized by the department's inspector general who found management controls are inadequate.

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02/07/2007

MEXICAN LEGISLATORS MEETING WITH AMERICAN US LEGISLATORS**LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG 1:59**

Three Mexican legislators accompanied by several from Central America are in Washington, D.C. Today met with US legislators including Sen. Ted Kennedy and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The legislators discussed about a migratory reform for this year and the raids.

HISPANIC DIES IN CUSTODY

**PAULA ROSADO, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNA
PKG 2:16**

Police were investigating the death of a man who was struck by officers during his arrest and then collapsed in a holding cell. A family attorney accused the officers of "excessive use of force." Mauricio Cornejo, 31, died at Hollenbeck police station on Saturday, less than an hour after he was stopped at Ramona Gardens housing project for a broken tail light. Officials said Tuesday that Cornejo cooperated at first, then walked away, tossed a handgun and confronted an officer running after him. The officer ordered Cornejo to stop, and when he didn't, the officer pulled out a baton and struck him in the arm and leg, said police Lt. Paul Vernon. Several officers eventually surrounded Cornejo, Vernon said. Police said that even when handcuffed, Cornejo continued to put up a fight. When Cornejo was in the holding cell, officers noticed he was having trouble breathing and called paramedics, Vernon said. An autopsy was completed Tuesday but no cause of death had been determined

**UNDOCUMENTED TARGETED
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:00**

Frustrated with the federal government's shaky grasp on illegal immigration, states and cities are increasingly taking the law into their hands by going after businesses that hire illegal workers. The latest effort comes from state Rep. Juan Zapata. The Miami Republican is pushing a bill that would fine companies with illegal employees and strip them of state tax breaks and benefits. The bill would allow the state to penalize businesses busted by the federal government. The state could impose fines of \$25,000 per violation, on top of taking away property tax breaks from farms, liquor licenses from restaurants and construction licenses from contractors. It's an unexpected tack from Zapata, a Colombian American who chairs the Florida Hispanic Legislative Caucus. He has unsuccessfully sponsored legislation four years in a row that would provide in-state tuition to immigrant children.

**US CHOPPER DOWN
VO: 15**

A senior defense official say it's believed that all seven people aboard a Marine helicopter have perished in a crash in Iraq. But the official also says the Pentagon does not believe the Sea Knight chopper was hit by hostile fire. Sunni insurgents linked to al-Qaida earlier claimed to have brought down the C-H-46 helicopter. And an Iraqi air force official said an anti-aircraft missile was to blame. But the military official in Washington says it looks like mechanical problems were responsible for the chopper crash between Baghdad and Fallujah. It's the fifth American helicopter to go down in Iraq in just over two weeks.

**NASA PRESSER ON NOWAK
VO: 17**

Now that she's back in Houston, NASA says astronaut Lisa Nowak will be examined at the Johnson Space Center. An official there says the medical assessment might include a psychological evaluation. It's unclear when Nowak will be examined. Nowak faces attempted murder and other charges. She allegedly plotted against a rival for the affections of fellow astronaut William Oefelein. He's at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, where NASA says Oefelein is cooperating with authorities, but not giving news interviews. A waiting police car whisked Novak away from the plane that flew her to Houston from Orlando, Florida. She was escorted on the flight by a fellow astronaut. Another passenger describes her as looking tired. Nowak is out on bail and must wear a monitoring device. She also has to keep away from her alleged target. That woman couldn't be reached for comment.

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02/08/2007

POLITICAL ASYLUM REPORT
LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:58

A bipartisan commission says the agency in charge of securing U.S. borders is failing to protect asylum seekers from being wrongly deported or treated like criminals. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom said in a report released Thursday that the Homeland Security Department expanded expedited removal of immigrants -- against the commission's recommendation -- and continues to jail asylum seekers with criminals. The commission said few of the changes it had recommended to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff have been made. Asylum seekers are often detained while officials determine if their claim of persecution is credible.

IMMIGRANTS SLAIN

VO: 18

Gunmen stopped a pickup truck full of illegal immigrants, shot several and took the rest captive Thursday in an attack that left at least three men dead and two people wounded, authorities said. Authorities were trying to determine who the gunmen were. The men shot three people, one fatally, along a known smuggling corridor near Tucson, then forced the six or seven other immigrants in the group to leave with them, Pima County sheriff's officials said. The bodies of two of those immigrants were found a few miles north in the cab of the pickup truck that had been carrying the group. The other four or five immigrants had not been found by midday Thursday. Investigators did not immediately know a motive for the attack, but gangs of bandits are known to roam border areas preying on illegal immigrants as they cross into the country.

FL 178 IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED

VO: 15

Federal agents arrested the past weekend to 178 immigrants who had orders of deportation or fugitives of the justice in three southern counties of Florida. Besides, the Office of Immigration and Customs (ICE) announced that the past January deported 424 illegal immigrants, 131 of which they had penal antecedents. The persons under arrest of the weekend were given in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, and they covered 18 nationalities. Some of them have considered penal antecedents like sexual crimes, domestic violence, fraud and robbery.

MEXICAN LEGISLATORS MEETING US LEGISLATORS

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 1:59

Legislators of Mexico and Central America reported Thursday that they are in search to form a multinational legislative group to achieve an immediate moratorium in the deportations of lacking identity papers to the approval of the new laws of immigration. Therefore, they met US legislators. The management found an immediate answer of the congressperson Sheila Jackson Reads, of Texas, who advanced that the government bill would be approved this same year because "we believe that is a matter of a humane approach". This is the first visit of Mexican congresspersons to Washington since the installation of the new Mexican Congress in November.

LA GANGS

VO: 22

City officials and police said they will publicly identify Los Angeles' worst street thugs Thursday, saying that exposing their behavior to the community outweighs the risk of raising their notoriety. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and police Chief William Bratton said they were announcing the list with a new plan to work with federal law enforcement to quell a surge in gang violence. Los Angeles has more than 700

gangs, with 39,000 members. The new plan identifies 11 of the most dangerous gangs, which total 800 members, and some of their most prominent members. While city crime rates continued to fall last year, gang-related offenses increased 14 percent -- the first hike in four years. Previously, police and other experts have worried that naming gangs increases their notoriety and influence rather than deterring their activities.

**ANNA NICOLE SMITH DIES
SERGIO URQUIDI, HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA
PKG 1:20 & LIVE TAG :15**

Celebrity Anna Nicole Smith was apparently found dead inside a hotel room Thursday at the Seminole Hard Rock Caf  in suburban Miami, FL. Officials at the Hollywood, FL-based hotel say the 39-yr old new mom and model was found unconscious by hotel staff and had to be rushed to a nearby hospital. Reports from the Memorial Hospital say she had CPR administered and a tube inserted to help her breath, but several broadcast report say she has died. Ms. Nicole Smith has been under severe pressure since the birth of her baby and the mysterious death last Sept 10th, 2006 of her 21 yr old son Daniel.

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02/09/2007

**AZ IMMIGRANTS KILLED
KARLA GOMEZ ESCAMILLA, TUCSON, ARIZONA
PKG 1:53**

Mexico wants a full investigation by U.S. authorities Friday into a shooting on the U.S. border that left three illegal migrants dead and two injured. Mexico's Foreign Ministry said it had told the Mexican consulate in Tucson, Arizona, to ask local U.S. authorities to probe the attack by unknown gunmen, which took place on a back road often used by migrant traffickers. The ministry requested "an exhaustive investigation" into the incident, it said in a statement. Armed men stopped a bus full of people on the remote desert track near Tucson and began shooting at it, the ministry said.

**ANNA NICOLE INVESTIGATION
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:08**

Prescription drugs were found in Anna Nicole Smith's hotel room, but there were no pills in her stomach, and investigators said Friday they are awaiting tests that could tell whether the former centerfold died of an overdose, as some close to her suspect. Dr. Joshua Perper, the Broward County medical examiner who did the autopsy, said no illegal drugs were discovered in Smith's room at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood after the 39-year-old pinup collapsed there on Thursday. He would not identify the prescription drugs. He said it would take three to five weeks to conclude the investigation. Authorities also planned to interview a nurse and others and examine medical records before settling on a cause of death. Seminole Police Chief Charlie Tiger said there was no indication the voluptuous blonde was the victim of a crime, and Perper said the autopsy was able to exclude any kind of physical injury such as blows to the body or asphyxiation.

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02/10/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

REAL ID CONTROVERSY

LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:57

A revolt against a national driver's license, begun in Maine last month, is quickly spreading to other states. The Maine Legislature on Jan. 26 overwhelmingly passed a resolution objecting to the Real ID Act of 2005. The federal law sets a national standard for driver's licenses and requires states to link their record-keeping systems to national databases. Within a week of Maine's action, lawmakers in Georgia, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, Vermont and Washington state also balked at Real ID. They are expected soon to pass laws or adopt resolutions declining to participate in the federal identification network. The law's supporters say it is needed to prevent terrorists and illegal immigrants from getting fake identification cards. States will have to comply by May 2008.

US SNOW
VO: 22

Ninety-four inches (2.3 metres) of snow, which is nearly nine feet, has fallen in Oswego County, New York over the past seven days. The snow began falling last Friday, and it hasn't stopped. New York's governor was forced to declare a state of emergency in Oswego. Residents have spent their days shovelling snow. Schools have been closed since Monday, so some children have taken to sledging to pass the time. The snow is so deep that emergency crews are unable to respond to calls unless a snow plough leads the way. Some Oswego residents wonder if the snow will ever go away.

OBAMA CANDIDATE
VO: 26

US Democrat Barack Obama declared himself a candidate on Saturday for the White House in 2008, evoking Abraham Lincoln's ability to unite a nation and promising to lead a new generation as the country's first black president. The first-term senator announced his candidacy from the state capital where he began his elective career just 10 years ago, and in front of the building where in another century, Lincoln served eight years in the Illinois Legislature. He spoke of reshaping the economy for the digital age, investing in education, protecting employee benefits, insuring those who do not have health care, ending poverty, weaning America from foreign oil, fighting terrorism while rebuilding global alliances. He also said it was time to end the war in Iraq.

IMMIGRANT BROTHEL
COPY STORY : 20

A man accused of managing brothels in Texas and Oklahoma has pleaded guilty to smuggling women into the country to work as prostitutes. The Austin and Oklahoma city operations run by Juan Balderas-Orosco, 34, were part of a larger ring that included brothels in 13 cities in Texas and across the nation, including New York City, Las Vegas and Atlanta, according to documents filed with his plea on Friday. The ringleaders sneaked hundreds of women into the United States, most of them from Latin American countries, and forced them to have sex with as many as 40 men a day, according to the court documents. They moved the women from brothel to brothel and kept the earnings.

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02/11/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

IRAN HELPING IRAK
VO: 31

U-S officials are preparing to detail evidence supporting the Bush administration's claims of Iran's

meddlesome and deadly activities in Iraq. A briefing is scheduled for Sunday in Baghdad. The Iran dossier, some 200 pages thick in its classified form, was revised heavily after officials decided it was not ready for release as planned last month. What is made public probably will be short. But no one who has seen the files is suggesting the evidence is thin. However, senior officials who've been gun-shy after the criticism they received for faulty intelligence leading to the Iraq invasion are said to be underwhelmed by the packaging. The evidence is said to include seized weapons and captured documents. An intelligence official says the dossier also details Iran's role in providing Iraqi fighters with the powerful "explosively formed penetrator" devices.

**NY SHOOTING
JORGE VIERA, NEW YORK
PKG 1:36**

An undercover police officer had been shot, and police were hunting for the suspect's vehicle. They soon found it --with another officer behind the wheel, police said. The driver, Officer Jacqueline Melendez-Rivera, quickly became a subject Saturday of an investigation by the force on which she has served for 13 years. As police pieced together an account of the early morning shootout on a Brooklyn street, Melendez-Rivera's husband, Jose Rivera, was arrested for attempted murder and other charges. Officer Melendez-Rivera was accused of helping to cover up the crime. The wounded officer, Andrew Suarez, was in serious but stable condition early Sunday at a local hospital, police said.

**CRUISE COLLISION
VO: 18**

A barge struck a cruise ship Saturday on the Mississippi River, leaving a 30-foot gash on the ship and forcing the cancellation of a five-day cruise to the Caribbean. There were no injuries reported on Carnival Cruise Lines' Fantasy ship or the barge, authorities and company officials said. The barge collided with the river bank, then struck the port side of the cruise ship as it waited to dock, according to a statement from the cruise line. There was minor damage to the barge, which was one of six rice barges being pushed by the towing vessel Repentance. Carnival said the 2,050 passengers who had been allowed to board were later told their cruise had been canceled because repairs would take several days. The cruise line said they would receive a refund and a discount on a future cruise. Fantasy is scheduled to set sail on its next scheduled cruise Thursday, said Carnival spokesman Tim Gallagher said.

**HARVARD WOMAN PRESIDENT
VO: 22**

It's a first for Harvard University. It's named Civil War historian Drew Gilpin Faust as its 28th president. She's the first woman to hold that post. Faust is a noted scholar of the American South and dean of Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. The announcement caps a long and secretive search to find a successor to Lawrence Summers and his tumultuous five-year tenure.

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02/12/2007

**ABUSE IMMIGRANTS AT NURSERY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
PKG 2:23**

A dozen Guatemalans filed a federal human trafficking and racketeering lawsuit against a large nursery Thursday, claiming they were taken from North Carolina to Connecticut against their will, forced to work nearly 80 hours a week and paid less than minimum wage. The workers sued Imperial Nurseries in Granby and its labor recruiter, saying they were promised jobs planting trees in North Carolina for \$7.50

per hour. Some of the 12 had flown from Guatemala to North Carolina for the job. But instead, they say they were taken in a van to Connecticut without their consent, had their passports confiscated so they would not escape and were threatened with arrest or deportation. They say they were made to sleep on the floors of filthy apartments, paid less than \$3.75 per hour and had their mail opened without their permission. Imperial spokesman Peter Hamilton noted that the nursery had fired its labor recruiter some time ago.

NASHVILLE ENGLISH ONLY COPY STORY : 21

Mayor Bill Purcell vetoed a measure Monday that would have made English the official language of Nashville, saying it was unconstitutional, unnecessary and mean-spirited. The measure passed 23-14 last week by the Metro Council required all government documents to be in English, except when multilingual communications are required by federal rules or are needed "to protect or promote public health, safety or welfare." Opponents and supporters of the ordinance agreed it was largely a symbolic slap at illegal immigration that had no significant effect. Purcell said his legal staff had advised him the bill violated the U.S. and state constitutions and would be costly to defend.

PHOENIX ICE LOCAL POLICE VO: 16 & SOT: 20

The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement is planning on creating a statewide network of local police agencies to help federal agents enforce illegal immigration laws. ICE special agent in charge Alonzo Peña said there are several local and state agencies that want to combat illegal immigration efforts. Efforts so far have been uncoordinated. The effort, in its infancy, is called Arizona Criminal Enforcement Strategy. Peña said the idea is for ICE to work with different agencies at three areas in the state. ICE would work with the U.S. Border Patrol at the border by providing intelligence and making sure its efforts complement those of Border Patrol.

IRAN-IRAQ LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C. PKG 1:53

The White House is standing firm on accusations that Iran is sending weapons to Iraq. But at the same time, officials are trying to play down the story. Bush administration spokesman Tony Snow says today the U-S remains confident that the Tehran government is approving the weapons shipments. Snow adds that if Iran's president wants to change that, the hope is he will do that "real soon." Snow also says the recent reports about Iran's involvement merely present the evidence of it, and he accuses reporters of trying to "whip this up," by hinting the U-S might go after Iran. Back in Tehran, meanwhile, the Iranian president says he opposes any bloodshed in Iraq. He tells A-B-C that any problems in Iraq should be solved through talks.

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02/13/2007

WINTER STORM LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C. PKG 2:00

At least four traffic deaths are being blamed on freezing winter storms blasting across the Midwest. Winter storm watches and warnings extend from Iowa and Missouri across the Ohio Valley into parts of New England. Forty mile-an-hour winds have blown snow drifts up to three feet in parts of Indiana, where ten inches of snow's been recorded. About six-thousand power customers in the Bloomington area are without service. Travelers are facing canceled flights and lousy driving conditions. In New York

state, already blanketed by several feet of snow, forecasters say up to 20 more inches could fall in some areas.

TORNADO HITS NEW ORLEANS

VO: 15

One person is dead and about 30 more hurt after an apparent tornado hit the New Orleans area. The early morning storm ripped the roof off a hotel, caused homes to collapse, and tossed FEMA trailers around. Inside one of those trailers was an 85-year-old woman, who died. Her newly renovated home -- destroyed by Hurricane Katrina -- was torn apart. In another community, Tanya Clark spent the morning going through the pile of rubble that was once her house, looking to salvage what she could. Clark, a single mother, says she doesn't have homeowners insurance because she can't afford it.

CREDIT CARD FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:04

Charlotte-based Bank of America Corp. has started targeting customers without Social Security numbers for credit cards in a test program in Los Angeles, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday morning. The program largely caters to undocumented immigrants, most of whom are Hispanics, the paper reported. The new card is open to customers without a Social Security number or a credit history, as long as they have held a checking account with the bank for three months without an overdraft, the paper said. Banks across the country are increasingly targeting Hispanic immigrants for checking accounts, mortgages and money transfers to Latin America. Banks are required to check the identity of customers, but say it's not their job to check immigration status. Credit cards are a new frontier because most immigrants do not have the necessary credit history.

US IRAQ

VO: 25

Debate continues as the House seems poised to deliver a rebuke to President Bush's Iraq troop surge as early as Friday. Democratic leaders say they expect no more than one or two members of their rank-and-file to oppose a non-binding resolution against the buildup. Republicans say that despite quiet lobbying by the White House, they expect at least two dozen G-O-P lawmakers to back the measure. That suggests at least 250 votes in the 435 member House. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says a vote of disapproval will set the stage for additional Iraq legislation. House Republican leader John Boehner is urging a "no" vote saying the Iraq battle is "the most visible part of a global war" against terrorists. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says he'll try again on an anti-surge measure later in the month.

WTC HEALTH PLAN

VO: 20

With more claims of serious, even deadly health concerns related to the terror attacks of September 11th, 2001, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg says the city is taking action. The mayor announced several measures Tuesday at a City Hall news conference, including the plan to appoint a World Trade Center Health Coordinator for the city. Bloomberg said a national search will be conducted to fill that position. He also called on the federal government to reopen the September 11 Victims Compensation Fund and free up funds to help the city and its contractors face the claims and lawsuits it is going to face.

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02/14/2007

US WINTER

ERIKA MALDONADO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**PKG 2:09**

At least 13 deaths have been blamed on the huge storm system that's pelted parts of the Midwest and Northeast with snow and ice. The storm grounded hundreds of flights and forced the closing of schools and businesses from Kentucky to Maine. There have been countless accidents. The Ohio State Highway Patrol alone says it handled more than 12-hundred. Also, more than a quarter-(m) million customers lost power. The messy conditions also tested the patience of sweethearts on Valentine's Day, as the weather snarled flower deliveries and wrecked couples' plans for romantic dinners. The storm however, was good news for the ski industry in New England, where snow has been sparse this winter.

NATIONAL DAY TO STOP RAIDS**LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 1:56**

The League of United Latin American Citizens condemns the unnecessary worksite raids that took place last week at six Swift & Co. eatpacking plants. Over 1,300 employees were arrested and families were separated from their children in the towns of Greeley, Colorado; Grand Island, Nebraska; Cactus, Texas; Hyrum, Utah; Marshalltown, Iowa; and Worthington, Minnesota. "We demand a halt to further immigration raids unless the government demonstrates that a particular arrest is necessary to protect public safety or for national security," said LULAC National President Rosa Rosales.

BUSH PRESS CONFERENCE**LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG 2:02**

In his first press conference of the year from the White House, President Bush targeted Iran-- saying he's certain the country is supplying new sophisticated weapons to insurgents in Iraq that have killed dozens of us troops. While the President welcomed North Korea's tentative agreement to shut down its nuclear program in exchange for oil, he again attacked Iran, calling on it to also give up its nuclear ambitions. Mr. Bush however reiterated that he will not engage in one- on-one talks with the country. As the President Bush was quick to defend his new Baghdad security plan , on Capitol Hill the House debate continued on a non-binding resolution that criticizes his troop surge plan.

HOUSTON TERROR ARREST**VO: 19**

A u-s citizen accused of participating in a jihad for Al Qaeda appeared in court in Houston today. 28-year-old Daniel Maldonado was ordered held without bond pending a detention hearing next week. A criminal complaint alleges he engaged in a holy war for Al Qaeda on behalf of islamic forces fighting in Somalia. According to the complaint, the kenyan military captured him in january as he fled Somalia to avoid advancing ethiopian forces. Maldonado is charged with receiving training from a foreign terrorist group and participating in a bombing conspiracy outside the United States.

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2/15/2007**BUSH SPEECH****LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG. 2:02**

President Bush is calling on NATO allies to lend more of a hand in Afghanistan. In a speech today, Bush says those countries have to send in more troops when asked. The president also says any restrictions on where those soldiers can fight have to be lifted. Some countries won't let their troops go

to southern Afghanistan, which is one of the most violent areas. Bush is reminding member countries that the principle behind NATO is that "an attack on one is an attack on all." He says that's true whether it's on a country's home soil, or on allied forces fighting a NATO mission elsewhere.

**IMMIGRANT DEATH INVESTIGATION
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

PKG. 2:06

The teenage driver of an SUV who was shot and killed by San Diego police Saturday night had a fake gun on the Passenger seat, authorities said yesterday. The shooting was the fourth in about two years in which law enforcement officers fatally wounded someone who had a toy gun or replica. It occurred about 10:45 p.m. near Pyramid and Kenwood streets in the Emerald Hills neighborhood. San Diego police Officers Jack Pearson and Louis Galante fired service revolvers at the sport utility vehicle driven by Noe Rojas, who appeared to be reaching for a firearm, police said. Rojas, who was 17 or 18 and from Mexico, died at a hospital of at least one gunshot wound. A replica of a .38 snub nose revolver was recovered in the SUV, said San Diego police Capt. Mary Cornicelli.

HOUSTON RAID

VO :19

Federal agents arrested 46 illegal immigrants being held in a locked, filthy house. Nine suspected human smugglers also were arrested. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials believe smugglers were holding the immigrants until friends or relatives could "buy them out," said spokeswoman Luisa Deason. Agents went to the house Wednesday after receiving an anonymous tip, she said. "The conditions inside the house were extremely deplorable," Deason said. "There were four or five bedrooms in which the aliens were being kept behind locked doors. There was a real bad smell in the house, and there was garbage."

MAYWOOD POLICE PROBE

VO :24

Allegations of sexual misconduct, racism and brutality are roiling the Police Department in the small suburb of Maywood, prompting the City Council this week to request an immediate investigation by the state attorney general's office. The probe comes after years of accusations from residents that the Police Department has mistreated Latino immigrants, who make up a majority of the town's population of 40,000. The council called for the probe late Tuesday at the urging of Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez, who in a letter to the council called the growing list of alleged misdeeds deeply troubling. The department has long been a lightning rod in the city, criticized for large-scale afternoon sobriety checks that critics said were designed to nab unlicensed illegal immigrants and generate money.

NEW CITIZENSHIP TEST

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG. 2:03

Prospective U.S. citizens must answer more probing questions about concepts such as democracy and the rights of citizens as examiners began using a new test in eight cities Thursday, the government said. The tests, which are part of a pilot project, replace an exam that focuses more on memorizing facts and figures, said a spokeswoman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, or USCIS. Last year around 700,000 people became naturalized U.S. citizens, and around one million were granted permanent residency. The portion of the test that focuses on civic issues could ask applicants to explain what freedom of religion is, and spell out why the United States has three distinct branches of government.

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**HOUSE VOTE ON IRAK
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG. 2:01 AND LIVE TAG**

A U.S. House resolution condemning President Bush's troop buildup in Iraq passed by a vote of 246 to 182, the final tally showed Friday. More than a dozen Republicans joined the majority Democrats in the House to approve the resolution. While the measure does not force Bush to act, its backers say the president should heed the message and start bringing U.S. troops home.

**ANTIIMMIGRANT MEASURE
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG. 2:03**

More states and city are trying to pass more antiimmigrants laws targeted to the less fortunates. Now, a Republican assembly man proposed a measure that will not allow undocumented immigrants to have access to public services. The measure will have to be brought to California's Legislature floor for a vote.

**MORE HISPANICS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK
PKF. 1:50**

According to the Census Bureau, every 30 seconds a Hispanic is born. This makes the hispanic community the fastest growing and they also have a longer life lenght by 16 years compare to the whites. What is grabbing everyones attention is the impact this community will have in the future socialy and politically.

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02/17/2007

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**IRAQ SENATE VOTE
VO: 24**

Democrats are claiming victory, even though the Senate failed to advance a resolution critical of President Bush's decision to send more troops to Iraq. The 56-to-34 vote in favor of the resolution fell four short of the 60 needed to advance the nonbinding measure, which was identical to one passed by the House. Seven G-O-P senators broke ranks, compared with only two during an earlier test on the issue. Despite the outcome, Democratic Leader Harry Reid said the vote showed that a majority of the Senate is against the troop surge. The White House issued a statement saying this week's votes in the House and Senate "gave the world a glimpse of democracy's vigor." The statement says the next votes should provide "unmistakable assurance" of America's resolve in the war on terror.

**RICE IN IRAQ
VO: 14**

An Iraqi official says Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has told Iraqi leaders in a surprise visit that the Baghdad security operation needs to "rise above sectarianism." She says that no U-S or Iraqi forces have yet moved into the capital's major Shiite militia stronghold and instead that the efforts appear to be focusing on Sunni areas. The official also says Rice stopped short of accusing the Iraqis of displaying pro-Shiite bias in the operation and says it appears that the security crackdown was going well. Rice also said today that she had hoped that the security crackdown would bring "a new hope and a new optimism" to Baghdad. Rice says it is too soon to know if the operation will work.

PA FATAL FIRE

VO: 20

A man who was staying inside a home in southwestern Pennsylvania where seven people died after it caught on fire says the flames were just too high to help. Four girls and two boys were killed in the fire, as was a woman. Robert Husner says the father of three of the children woke him, and the two tried to rescue all six of the children. But Husner says he couldn't get into either room where they were sleeping in part because there was too much smoke. Husner and two other people escaped from the flames. The oldest child was ten and the youngest was two. Authorities say it's unclear if space heaters found throughout the house were the cause of the fire.

CANTALOUPE SALMONELLA

VO:19

Another product is being recalled after testing positive for salmonella. Dole is recalling more than six-thousand cartons of imported cantaloupes. They were distributed to wholesalers in the eastern U-S and Quebec between February fifth and February eighth. The recall is the second sparked by salmonella fears this week. On Wednesday, ConAgra recalled its Peter Pan brand and certain batches of Wal-Mart's Great Value house brand of peanut butter after they were linked to a salmonella outbreak that's sickened nearly 300 people in 39 states. Dole says there have been no reports of illness due to the contaminated cantaloupes which were grown in Costa Rica. Consumers with questions should call the store where they bought the cantaloupes or contact Dole.

BUSH MOLES

VO: 21

The two moles removed from President Bush's left temple were found to be noncancerous, the White House said Saturday. The skin growths were removed Friday during a brief procedure performed at the White House. It took just a day for tests to show the moles were benign, said White House spokesman Alex Conant. Bush noticed one of the new moles and showed it to his doctor, who recommended that it and a second mole be removed.

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02/18/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

MILITANT VIDEO & CHOPPER CRASH

SERGIO URQUIDI, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:50

A Middle East monitoring station in the United States obtained a new video on Sunday purporting to show an Afghan man preparing for a suicide mission against a coalition convoy. The monitoring group, IntelCentre, said the video was released by the al-Qaida media company, as-Sahab on Saturday. IntelCentre said it's the latest in a series of similar 'suicide videos' released by as-Sahab. The videos have been coming from al-Qaida sources at a rate of one every four days, according to IntelCentre. The pictures appear to show a young man in Afghan dress formally addressing the camera in Pashto, with

his last message. The video then switches to pictures of the same man smiling as he apparently wires up objects which appear to be explosives with at least one other person, with Afghan music playing on the sound track. It then shows these 'explosives' stacked in what could be a car interior.

JET BLUE CANCELLATIONS

VO: 18 & SOT: 11

JetBlue called off almost a quarter of its flights for Monday but hoped that would be the last round of cancellations as it struggles to recover from the snowstorm that saw some travelers sitting on grounded planes for hours. The news sent passengers scrambling to deal with the disruption to their plans. The airline had scheduled 600 flights for President's Day, more than the 550 to 575 flights it has on a normal Monday, but 139 of them were canceled, JetBlue announced late Saturday. The latest cancellations were needed to make sure all flight crews had gotten the legally mandated amount of rest before returning to service, JetBlue Airways Corp. spokesman Sebastian White said Sunday. All JetBlue flights were canceled in and out of 11 airports: Richmond, Va.; Pittsburgh; Charlotte and Raleigh/Durham, N.C.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Austin and Houston, Texas; Columbus, Ohio; Nashville; Portland, Maine; and Bermuda.

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BAD WEATHER AND AVALANCHES MARTIN BERLANGA, MIAMI, FLORIDA PKG. 1:42 AND LIVE TAG

For three climbers stranded on Mount Hood, survival came down to a live transmitter and a warm dog. Covering up with two sleeping bags, a tarp and a black Labrador named Velvet as winds howled around them at up to 70 mph, two women and a man beamed signals to rescuers who were able to fix their precise location. After Velvet helped the climbers through the night on the 11,239-foot mountain, radio transmitters the size of sunglasses cases led Brom and other rescuers to the group. Also, the rain and snow fell over parts of the West, the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes region on Monday, while the rest of the nation was mostly clear and sunny. Rain and thunderstorms moved into Southern California and the Desert Southwest. There was coastal rain in the Northwest. Heavy snow developed over parts of the Rockies and the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains. Snow also fell over the Upper Midwest and the Great Lakes region.

CIVIL UNION NEW JERSEY BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW JERSEY PKG. 2:06

Hundreds of gay couples won the same legal rights, if not the title, as married couples Monday as New Jersey became the third state to offer civil unions. More than a dozen other couples applied for licenses for ceremonies later in the week. The civil unions, which offer the legal benefits but not the title of marriage, were granted automatically to the hundreds of gay New Jersey couples who had previously been joined in civil unions or married in other states or nations.

MIRACLE BABY LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA PKG. 2:08

Doctors in Miami say a tiny premature baby that weighed just ten ounces at birth has proven them wrong. Amillia Sonja Taylor -- who was delivered just under 22 weeks from conception, is going home tomorrow. Full-term births come after 37 to 40 weeks. Neonatologists who cared for Amillia say she is the first baby known to survive after a gestation period of fewer than 23 weeks. A database run by the University of Iowa's Department of Pediatrics lists seven babies born at 23 weeks between 1994 and 2003. Amillia was born with respiratory and digestive problems, but her doctors say none of the health concerns are expected to pose long-term problems.

IRAQ VIOLENCE

VO :22

Insurgents staged a bold daylight assault against a U.S. combat post north of the capital Monday -- first striking with a suicide car bombing, then firing on soldiers pinned down in a former Iraqi police station. At least two soldiers were killed and 17 wounded, the military said. Elsewhere, three U.S. soldiers were killed and two were wounded in a roadside bombing southwest of Baghdad on Monday, the U.S. military said. The military also announced the deaths of three Marines and one soldier since Saturday while conducting combat operations in the western province of Anbar.

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EASE RAIDS**LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG. 1:57**

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson announced plans today to sponsor a resolution urging President Bush to halt detentions and deportations of immigrants who have no criminal convictions. Immigrant rights activists, who urged Sorenson to sponsor the resolution, told a news conference at County Hall that a moratorium on detentions and deportations was relevant as Congress prepares to resume debate on a bill to legalize millions of undocumented immigrants. Sorenson's office said the resolution is now scheduled for a vote at the Feb. 20 county commission meeting. Sorenson was joined at the announcement by Commissioners Bruno Barreiro, Barbara Jordan, Audrey Edmonson, Sally Heyman and José "Pepe" Diaz. Undocumented immigrants are alarmed that immigration officials are stepping up operations to deport immigration law violators, thus denying them a chance to legalize under a future law.

HANDLING UNDOCUMENTED NJ**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW JERSEY****PKG. 1:55**

New Jersey's illegal immigrant population has grown so dramatically in size and impact in the last decade that the League of Municipalities has formed a task force to study the community and its effect on the state in general. Advocates believe New Jersey could have close to 1 million illegal immigrants. The underground community -- which stretches from the northernmost Bergen County towns to the southern tip of New Jersey in Cape May -- has overwhelmed some areas of the state, with up to 200 day laborers crowding streets in places like Bergenfield, Palisades Park and Morristown each day. "The buck on immigration law is supposed to stop with the federal government," said the task force chairman, Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes.

NEW INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR**VO :19**

President Bush instructed the nation's new spy chief to focus on finding more recruits with the language skills and cultural background to collect information on al-Qaida and other terrorist groups. During a swearing-in ceremony Tuesday at Bolling Air Force Base outside Washington for retired Vice Adm. Mike McConnell as the second director of national intelligence, Bush said the intelligence community still needs significant improvements more than five years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He charged McConnell, who took his new post several days ago, with better integrating the nation's 16 spy agencies, improving information sharing among those agencies and with other officials throughout government, and finding better intelligence technologies.

RIGHTS FOR IMMIGRANTS**VO : 26 SOT:20**

Prominent Latino elected representatives, the Los Angeles Police Department & representatives of the L.A. immigrant community will hosted a press conference to announce the details of a last minute compromise to insure that the upcoming "Full Rights for Immigrant Workers" March & Rally is an all around success. "This scheduling compromise is the result of serious negotiations where all involved demonstrated their commitment to free speech and to the advancement of the overall work on behalf of

full rights for undocumented workers and their families", stated Raul Murillo, the L.A. coordinator of Hermandad Mexicana Nacional, one of the community based organizations organizing the February 24th March & Rally.

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02/21/2007

**BRITAIN & DENMARK TROOP WITHDRAWAL
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:06**

Britain will withdraw around 1,600 troops from Iraq in the coming months and aims to further cut its 7,100-strong contingent by late summer if Iraqi forces can secure the country's south, Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday. The announcement, which came as Denmark said it would withdraw its 460 troops and Lithuania said it was considering pulling out its small contingent, comes as the U.S. is implementing an increase of 21,000 more troops for Iraq -- putting Washington on an opposite track as its main coalition allies. Blair told the House of Commons that British troops will stay in Iraq until at least 2008 and work to secure the Iran-Iraq border and maintain supply routes to U.S. and coalition troops. Denmark said it would withdraw its troops from southern Iraq by August.

**HB 773 PROPOSAL
PEDRO ROJAS, HOUSTON, TEXAS
PKG 1:47**

Texas Senator Dan Patrick has proposed House Bill 773 which would make it illegal to be an undocumented citizen in Texas-- meaning that people would automatically be committing a crime just for being in the country-- the bill is also being requested by other officers in the state.

**ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT GAME
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK
PKG 1:55**

Rather than play Monopoly or Scrabble, the Republican club at New York University is planning a very different game. Club members will take part in a game called "Find the Illegal Immigrant." Those who show their school I-D will become immigration agents, looking for an illegal in the crowd. The winner gets a gift certificate. The president of N-Y-U's College Republicans says it's not a racist event, but rather an effort to stoke the debate on illegal immigrants. But some students at the Manhattan campus are complaining and plan to protest.

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02/22/2007

**ICE MULTI-STATE ENFORCEMENT
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:07**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials arrested co-owners of the Nevada based Rosenbaum-Cunningham International, on illegal immigration charges. The top officials of the company known nationwide as RCI, were charged in a 23 count indictment for fraud, and tax crimes. More than 250 illegal immigrants were also arrested at 63 separated locations. The men and women, mainly janitors, were employed at the Grand Traverse Resort in Michigan, and restaurants including House of Blues, ESPN Zone, Hard Rock Cafe, and Planet Hollywood. The announcement was made in Washington by Julie Myers.

**DETENTION CENTERS PROBLEMS
JUAN JOSE RODAS, TARLOR, TEXAS
PKG 2:16**

Immigrant families, many with small children, are being kept in jail-like conditions in Texas and Pennsylvania, according to advocacy groups that say the Texas facility is inhumane and should be shut down. In a report being released Thursday, the groups seek the immediate closure of the T. Don Hutto Residential Center north of Austin, the Texas capital. The center, which opened in May, used to be a jail. The groups, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, based their findings on their members' visits and interviews with detainees. The Pennsylvania center -- the Berks County Shelter Care Facility -- has about 84 beds and the Texas facility can house up to 512 people. The groups fear that government will expand detentions in similar facilities. The groups suggested that immigration officials release families who are not found to be a security risk, and said the federal government should consider less punitive alternatives to the detention centers, such as parole, electronic bracelets and shelters run by nonprofit groups.

**ANTI-IMMIGRANT GAME
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK
PKG 2:13**

In what it says is an attempt to get students to debate the issue of illegal immigration, a student Republican club at New York University has dreamed up a novel game that has some on campus calling the event "racist." In the game planned for today, called "Find the Illegal Immigrant," members of the club who present their NYU identification become immigration agents looking for an illegal in the crowd. The agent who successfully identifies the illegal immigrant wins a gift certificate. Students have sent club officials e-mails calling the the event "racist" and "disgusting." But the club said it is about stoking debate on the issue of illegal immigrants.

**ANNA NICOLE SMITH LATEST
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:34 & LIVE TAG : 15**

Four grave sites that Anna Nicole Smith bought in a humble Bahamas cemetery look likely to become a new tourist magnet now that the former Playboy playmate will be buried there next to her son's still unmarked grave. For now, there is just a patch of sod showing where Smith's son, Daniel, was laid to rest after he died of drug-related causes in September at age 20. On Thursday, a tearful Florida judge gave custody of Smith's body to the legal representative of her 5-month-old baby daughter Dannielynn, leaving it up to him to decide where she should be buried. But he said he hoped she would be buried alongside her son. Shortly after the ruling, attorney Richard Milstein said she would be buried next to Daniel in the Bahamas. Milstein was appointed by the court last week to represent Dannielynn's interests for this case only.

**ID THEFT CASE
LUIS MEGID, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:34**

A man says that somebody stole his identity and he was arrested for a month in the prison of San Quintin by crimes that he did not do because this impostor has been using his name, and his personal information. This man has been already arrested four times and now he continues fighting to clarify the things.

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02/23/2007

**KFC - TACO BELL RESTAURANT RATS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK
PKG 1:55**

New Yorkers are used to seeing rats where they catch their trains -- not where they buy their chalupas. About a dozen rats were having a grand party Friday in a locked KFC/Taco Bell restaurant, scampering around the floor, playing with each other and sniffing for food as they dashed around tables and children's high chairs. Onlookers could not keep their eyes away from the jaw-dropping sight -- a gang of urban vermin invading a restaurant that had been taking people's chicken and taco orders just a day earlier. Video of the rats was seen around the world, disseminated on TV stations and the Internet. Health inspectors arrived, and the parent company for KFC and Taco Bell, Yum Brands, Inc., was again forced into damage-control mode a few months after enduring an E. coli outbreak. The restaurant was not open when the rats were spotted. The company said construction in the basement on Thursday appeared to have stirred up the rodents.

**ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS LICENSES
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:50**

The state senator offers a bill to issue driver's licenses to illegal immigrants, and the governor finds a way to oppose it. For the last several years, state Sen. Gil Cedillo (D-Los Angeles) and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger have engaged in this political game, but this year Schwarzenegger has given it an unfair new twist. In the past, the governor has said that he would support giving illegal immigrants licenses only if such licenses had distinguishing marks identifying their holders as illegal, as well as other security requirements. Under Cedillo's latest bill, licenses for illegals would be distinct in appearance, clearly denoting that they are not a form of national identification. The bill also includes mandatory minimum security measures that mirror those in the federal Real ID Act, which takes effect in May 2008. It would require immigrants without legal documents to submit a birth certificate, an official ID from their country of origin and proof of California residency.

**AIRPORT X-RAY SCREENING
ERICK IGLESIAS, HOUSTON, TEXAS
PKG 2:03**

The Phoenix airport on Friday became the first in the United States to test new X-ray technology that can see through people's clothes and show the body's contours with blush-inducing clarity. Critics have said the high-resolution images created by the "backscatter" technology are too invasive. But the Transportation Security Administration adjusted the equipment so the pictures can be blurred in certain areas while still detecting concealed weapons. During the testing, the machine will be used only as a back-up screening measure. Passengers who fail the standard screening with a metal detector will be able to choose between the new device or a pat-down search. Passengers selected for screening by the device are asked to stand in front of the closet-size X-ray unit with the palms of their hands facing out. Then they must turn around for a second screening from behind. The procedure takes about a minute.

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02/24/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

**TEXAS TORNADO
VO: 21**

Severe weather warnings across the midwest right now. The sight of a tornado touching down can be an awesome sight. Within seconds tornados can wreck havoc in an area. This is video of a funnel cloud spotted near mclean (mc-leen) Texas. The national weather service logged two reports of tornadoes in the area.

35 CAR PILE UP
VO: 22

Blizzard conditions and icy roads caused a multi-car pile up outside of Denver Saturday morning. More than 30 vehicles were involved in the accident, many of them slamming into the cars in whiteout conditions on I-70 near the Denver Airport. Nobody was seriously injured. The pile-up happened around 8 a.m. Wind gusts up to 70 miles caused zero visibility. Some drivers said they hit the brakes when they saw brake lights in front of them, but the roads were too icy for them to stop. It took about four hours for the mess of twisted metal cars and trucks to be towed away. Interstate 70 from Airpark Road in Aurora to the Kansas state line is closed however, due to blizzard conditions.

US WINTER WEATHER
EDNA SCHMIDT, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:05

A snowstorm that shut down major highways in the Plains is quickly moving east, where it threatens to dump more than a foot of snow on the Upper Midwest. Seven traffic deaths in Wisconsin are already being blamed on weather. Parts of Iowa are under a glaze of ice. Blowing snow and slippery pavement prompted officials to close about 200 miles of Interstate 70 from just east of Denver to Colby, Kansas. About 35 cars collided in whiteout conditions on an icy section of I-70 outside Denver Saturday morning. No major injuries were reported. Air travel is being affected, too. More than 250 flights have been canceled at Chicago's two airports. In addition to snow and ice, forecasters say high winds, tornadoes, rain and flooding are also threats.

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02/25/2007

6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

WINTER STORM
ERICKA MALDONADO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
PKG 1:51

The remnants of a huge winter storm stretched from the upper Midwest to the East Coast on Sunday after dumping as much as 2 feet of snow, grounding hundreds of airline flights and closing major highways on the Plains. Eight traffic deaths were blamed on the storm, seven in Wisconsin and one in Kansas. Crews labored Sunday to restore power after the storm blacked out thousands of homes and business in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Ohio. The storm's snow, sleet and freezing rain led airlines to cancel 200 flights Sunday at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and about 35 at Midway Airport, said Wendy Abrams, a spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Aviation. That was on top of more cancellations on Saturday, and Abrams estimated that about 1,000 stranded passengers spent the night at O'Hare. Flights also were canceled or delayed Saturday at Minneapolis and Milwaukee. More than 83,000 customers were without power Sunday morning in Illinois because of wind damage, fallen tree limbs and ice collecting on wires, utilities said.

KIDNAPPED SUSPECT
SERGIO URQUIDI, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:22

A 13-year-old boy bound to a tree in the woods foiled a kidnapping-for-ransom plan by using a safety pin, his teeth and his hands to escape, police said Sunday. Investigators searched a Bradenton house early Sunday and issued an arrest warrant for Vicente Ignacio Beltran Moreno, 22, but authorities believe he has fled the state. The truck suspected in the kidnapping was found outside a home believed to be Beltran's, detectives said. They also found a ransom note with threats, though they would not say where it was found or what it demanded. Friday morning, about a dozen children at a school bus stop in Parrish watched as Clay Moore was forced at gunpoint into a red pickup truck, police said. Clay was bound and left alone in the dense woods about 20 miles away.

NY RESTURANT RATS LATEST VO: 21

The Department of Health of New York investigated Sunday how a restaurant of KFC-PLUG Bell had passed an inspection the day before images of video showed about ten rats running for the floor and the counters. The restaurant, located in the neighborhood of Greenwich Village, was closed by the authorities Friday as soon as the video of the rodents were shown in television and the internet. The place continued closed Sunday.

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2/26/2007

REAL IDS LOURDES MELUZA, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA PKG. 2:10

Inspired by the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, a sweeping federal law to tighten security requirements for driver's licenses is in jeopardy of unraveling after missteps by Congress and the Homeland Security Department, analysts and lawmakers said. While Washington has delayed implementing it, a rebellion against the program has grown. Privacy advocates say the effort could create a de facto national ID card. Meanwhile, state officials charge that complying with federal requirements will cost \$11 billion and potentially double fees and waiting times for 245 million Americans whose licenses would have to be reissued starting next year. The issue threatens to turn into a partisan fight. The White House expects to release its driver's license plan, Real ID, this week and has warned congressional critics not to thwart or further delay a program that was recommended by the Sept. 11 commission.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND INS LAWS JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA PKG. 2:01

There has been a notable increase in the number of states and localities considering legislation to impact immigrants, especially undocumented immigrants. Many of these government entities justify their actions by claiming that immigrants cause crime. This argument is as old as immigration itself. The Immigration Policy Center (IPC) will present a teleconference discussion for policymakers and the press on this important issue. Two well-known sociologists who are experts on the relationship between immigrants and crime will discuss a new report on the topic. Ruben Rumbaut is a sociology professor at U.C. Irvine and Robert Sampson heads the Sociology Department at Harvard.

IMMIGRANTS ABUSED DEATH BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK PKG. 2:03

It took 20 years of sacrifices and separations for Nery Romero's parents, immigrants from El Salvador to obtain legal residency for the whole family in the United States. But Mr. Romero, 22, quickly forfeited his right to stay. His criminal convictions were more than enough to make him deportable. So it was not exactly a surprise when his probation officer showed up at his parents' home in Elmont, on Long Island. Mr. Romero was taking a powerful prescription painkiller for an unhealed leg injury, and his girlfriend says the agents took along the medication, assuring her that he would get proper care. Five days later,

he was dead. He hanged himself with his bed sheets in a cell at the Bergen County Jail in New Jersey, the authorities said. It raises questions about his treatment in the jail, where the family and other inmates say he spent days crying out for painkillers that he never received.

RAIDS PROTEST

VO :18

The groups say ICE raids illustrate the need to fix our broken immigration system that keeps families apart. They say the recent increase in ICE enforcement and questionable tactics has left families separated and communities fearful of law enforcement, making them more vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. Immigrants and their allies are joining together to call for immigration reform and denounce the raids.

HONDURAN KIDS DEPORTATION

VO :30 AND SOT :15

In her 13 years, Wendy Mejia-Garcia has witnessed more than her share of turmoil. Her mother abandoned the family. Her father left his children in Honduras to find work in the U.S. Then, the family says, the three children were abused by relatives, prompting the father to smuggle them to America. The family suffered another setback: An immigration judge said he had no authority to stop the government from deporting Wendy, her sister Ixy, 12, and her brother Tony Josue, 10. The children are now seeking asylum, but it's a long shot.

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02/27/2007

IMMIGRATION REFORM

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG. 2:11

Activists and Congress leaders are getting ready to start this week hearings on the immigration reform. President Bush has been pushing for this since he got the presidency. Bush supports a guest worker program and wants a reform approved before he leaves office. Activists are looking forward to get a type of amnesty for the more tha 11 million undocumented immigrants that are in the US.

IMMIGRATION RAIDS CASE

VO :19

Five former managers from a major crate and pallet manufacturer that employed illegal immigrants have pleaded guilty. The plea comes ten months after federal agents staged sweeping raids at IFCO Systems sites in 26 states. In April, more than eleven-hundred people were arrested on administrative immigration charges at more than 40 IFCO sites. The government has said that more than half the company's roughly 58-hundred employees during 2005 had invalid or mismatched Social Security numbers.

SPIES SENTENCED

LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG. 1:56

A Cuban-American couple who worked at a Florida university were sentenced Tuesday to prison terms for funneling information about Miami's Cuban exiles to the Havana government. Carlos Alvarez, a psychology professor at Florida International University in Miami, was sentenced to five years in prison. He admitted that for nearly 30 years he had supplied the Cuban Intelligence Service with information about Miami's exile community, the heart of opposition to Cuban President Fidel Castro and his communist government. His wife, Elsa Alvarez, a counselor at the school, was sentenced to three years in prison for concealing her husband's actions. Both are Cuban emigres and naturalized U.S. citizens who pleaded guilty to the charges.

NYSE PROBLEM**JULIE STAV, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****LIVE APPROX. 3:00 MINUTES**

Like an explosion that starts an avalanche, a plunge in Chinese stocks on Tuesday set off a cascade of losses in exchanges around the globe, culminating in Wall Street's most dismal trading day since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. By the end of the trading day in New York, about \$632 billion of market value had been lost in the United States alone, according to Standard and Poor's, as investors large and small -- fretting that the Chinese and U.S. economies may be cooling -- unloaded shares. Chinese stocks fell almost 9 percent, their biggest drop in a decade. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 416.02, or 3.3 percent, to 12,216.24. The main indexes on European exchanges also fell about 3 percent.

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02/28/07**IMMIGRATION REFORM HEARING****LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG 2:14**

Democrats on Capitol Hill are looking for assurances that President Bush will deliver Republican votes for a comprehensive immigration bill.

Such a measure would provide a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants and create a guest worker program. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez told the Senate Judiciary Committee the president is committed to having a sweeping immigration bill become law. But they didn't give lawmakers too many specifics. The Senate, with the president's support, passed a bill last year that included those two provisions. But nothing happened after House Republicans staged hearings around the country opposing it. Committee chairman Patrick Leahy warned that "without the administration's earnest engagement" on this issue, efforts to pass a comprehensive bill will likely again fail. Lawmakers who support letting the roughly eleven or 12 (m) million illegal immigrants to remain in the U-S are expected to unveil an immigration bill as early as next week.

IMMIGRATION AGENTS IN JAIL**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK****PKG 2:05**

Suffolk County executive Steve Levy has already made it clear that fighting illegal immigration is a key part of his administration. Now he says he has reached an agreement to place federal immigration agents at the county jail. He plans to disclose details of the agreement today. It's an idea that immigrant advocates say is redundant. Immigration attorneys say the federal government already has a system where convicted criminals are handed over to immigration officials for deportation. A Nassau County jail spokesman says his facility has had federal agents onsite for years.

PADILLA LATEST**VO: 23**

A federal judge decided today that alleged al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla should stand trial on terrorism support charges, despite his attorneys' insistence that he is unable to help them prepare a defense. In U-S District Judge Marcia Cooke's words in her ruling: "This defendant clearly has the capacity to assist his attorneys." Cooke issued her decision a few hours after concluding four days of hearings into Padilla's mental condition. Defense lawyers had asked her to order that Padilla be treated for post-traumatic stress disorder, which they contend stems from his three-and-a-half years of isolation and interrogation while in military custody as an enemy combatant. Trial is set to begin April 16th. Padilla is a 36-year-old U-S citizen. He's charged along with two co-defendants with being part of a

North American terror support cell that provided money, recruits and supplies to Islamic extremists around the world. All three have pleaded not guilty and face possible life imprisonment.

CARTEL DRUG BUST

VO: 22

Dozens of people accused of working for one of Mexico's largest drug cartels were arrested Wednesday in a multistate bust that netted more than \$45 million worth of cocaine, heroin, marijuana and methamphetamine, federal officials said. At least some of the drugs were carried over the U.S.-Mexico border on a bridge made from sandbags partially submerged in the Colorado River outside of Yuma, Ariz., authorities said. All of the narcotics were sneaked into the country on the porous Southwest border exploited by cartel kingpin Victor Emilio Cazares-Gastellum. In all, the 20-month sting, code-named "Operation Imperial Emperor," so far has swept up 402 of the cartel's alleged lieutenants and foot soldiers, including 66 on Wednesday who were arrested in California, Arizona, New York and Illinois. Among the cache so far collected by the Drug Enforcement Administration: 27,229 pounds of marijuana, 9,512 pounds of cocaine, 705 pounds of methamphetamine, 227 pounds of pure methamphetamine, or "ice.", 11 pounds of heroin, \$6.1 million in property and assets, and an estimated 100 weapons and 94 vehicles.

DREAM ACT CAMPAIGN

JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:05

Students across the state held a variety of events - including mock graduation ceremonies, vigils, "dream-ins," silent marches, rallies, artistic displays, and street theatre - to bring attention to the plight of thousands of talented, undocumented youth who graduate from high school and college each year with little hope for attaining higher education or a job once out of school. Leading a state- and nationwide effort, students in Los Angeles launched their "DREAM Campaign" in order to make sure that students' voices are included in the debate and that Congress and the President take action to pass the DREAM Act this year. The DREAM Act - which would allow undocumented students who meet certain requirements to obtain legal residency - has been stalled for years by politics, though it remains widely supported by many members of Congress.

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TORNADOS
ANGEL ZAYON, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:46

Alabama emergency management officials now say tornadoes killed at least seven people, including five at a high school. A state emergency official now says earlier death tolls of 15 dead reported at the scene were incorrect. Crews are continuing the search for victims, digging through piles of rubble beneath portable lights. A state emergency management spokeswoman cautions the number of victims "could very well increase as the search effort continues through the night." The burst of tornadoes was part of a larger line of thunderstorms and snowstorms that stretched from Minnesota to the Gulf Coast. Authorities blame a tornado for the death of a seven-year-old girl in Missouri, and twisters also were reported in Kansas.

COUNCILMAN ISULTS DOMINICAN COMMUNITY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY
PKG 2:11

The Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey today called on Freehold Borough Councilman Marc LeVine to resign as a result of an ethnic insult posted on a public blog regarding the "promiscuity" of Dominicans. Latino leaders across the state also called on Councilman LeVine to apologize for his bigoted commentary. An excerpt of Councilman LeVine's written statement reads as follows: "There is definitely a very promiscuous flavor in - at least - parts of Hispanic culture. I must also admit that this is somewhat prevalent in many other peoples of lower socio-economics, too." In his post on the PEOPLE website, Councilman LeVine continued: "All of this is highly problematic in a society in which these people often expect to subsidize their mistakes in growing large families that they can not afford to support on their own. It does seem to be true, in my own experience, that a little less of this promiscuous behavior is seen among Mexicans, while much more is found among Dominicans, as one example." The comments were found on the blog by Lazaro Cardenas, deputy director of the Monmouth Chapter of the Alliance, who was disturbed by "the ignorance they expressed."

DEMOCRATIC PARTY SHAKE-UP
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:15

There was another vote on Thursday inside the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to decide to oust CHC chairman Rep. Joe Baca formally. Members wanted to replace Baca as CHC chairman with Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.), while Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) would take charge of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), a non-profit foundation, said Democratic sources. As part of a package of changes, Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-Ariz.), the CHC's first vice president, would leave the leadership too. The sweep was conceived to allow Baca to claim that he has not been singled out for rejection but, rather, an entirely new leadership slate is being installed. At least one member tried to protect Baca, sources said, citing the CHC's by-laws that require two-thirds of the members to vote to impeach the chairman if he is to be ousted.

REAL ID LATEST
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:54

States are getting an extra year and a-half to comply with new standards for driver's licenses. And in

agreeing to that, the White House is clearing a big obstacle that threatened a homeland security bill. The top Republican on the Senate Homeland Security Committee says states were facing an unfair burden. Susan Collins says today's deal is the product of what she calls some "rather spirited negotiations." States requesting an extension will now get until the end of 2009 to meet uniform standards for driver's licenses, aimed at thwarting terrorists.

COLUMBINE THREATS

VO: 18

Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, was evacuated this morning after officials received at least one telephoned bomb threat.

A Jefferson County sheriff's spokeswoman says no bomb was found and no arrests were made. A bomb squad, sniffer dogs and deputies searched the school for more than three hours. The school will reopen tomorrow. The threat came about six weeks before the eighth anniversary of the 1999 massacre.

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03/02/07

TORNADOS LATEST

JORGE VIERA, ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

PKG 1:50 & LIVE TAG :50

Administrators at a high school where eight students died in a tornado were warned about severe weather nearly three hours before the twister struck, raising questions Friday about whether classes should have been dismissed earlier. Residents of the neighborhood surrounding Enterprise High School said they heard warning sirens long before the tornado slammed into the building, crushing the victims in an avalanche of concrete and metal. But school officials said they had no chance to evacuate earlier because of the approaching severe weather. And others said the carnage would have been greater if students had been outside or on the road when the storm hit. Gov. Bob Riley defended administrators' actions after a tour of the school.

WINTER STORMS

VO: 18

More than a foot of snow has fallen in some areas as another winter storm moves eastward from the Plains and Midwest. The big problem is fierce winds that have blown snow across roads in the Midwest, stranding hundreds of drivers Friday. Interstate 35 and Interstate 90 in Minnesota and Iowa have reopened, but officials are urging people to avoid driving this weekend, if possible. Tens of thousands are without power. Officials at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport have canceled 500 flights, blaming bad weather elsewhere. The storm has dumped snow across northern New England. Areas to the south got a messy mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain. New York City got two and a-half inches of rain, and there's flooding in the northern suburbs. At least ten people are dead in storm-related accidents in the northern U-S. In Wisconsin, a ten-year-old child died of injuries offered in a two-vehicle crash on a slippery road.

SOLDIERS HEALTH CARE

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PKG 2:06

There's more fallout from the scandal involving substandard conditions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The Pentagon says Army Secretary Francis Harvey has resigned. His resignation, announced by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, comes just a day after Harvey had fired the two-star general who was in charge of the medical center. Gates didn't say that he'd fired Harvey. However, senior defense officials say Gates had asked Harvey to leave. The Defense Secretary did say that he was disappointed that some in the Army hadn't adequately "appreciated the seriousness of the situation" relating to outpatient care at Walter Reed. The Bush administration has been struggling to

cope with reports of poor conditions for wounded Iraq War soldiers at the medical center.

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**BUSH TOURS TORNADO DAMAGE
JORGE VIERA, ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA
PKG 1:52 & LIVE TAG :50**

President Bush got a birds-eye view Saturday of Alabama's tornado damage as his Marine One helicopter followed the deadly storm's path and flew over the battered high school where eight students died. From the air, Bush got a panoramic look at the devastation across this town in Alabama's southeast corner. More than 30 tornadoes killed at least 20 people across the Midwest and Southeast on Thursday. The helicopter tracked the Enterprise storm's estimated eight-mile path. Bush saw trees without tops, roofs pockmarked by holes and debris strewn everywhere. Next to some wrecked homes were others untouched by the tornado. More than 50 others were injured in Enterprise, a town of 22,000. Mayor Kenneth Boswell said about 370 homes were damaged or destroyed. After touring Enterprise, Bush planned to visit Americus, Ga., about 120 miles south of Atlanta, to be briefed on the damage there and meet with some of the town's 17,000 residents.

**IMMIGRANTS FOUND IN HOUSE
VO: 19**

Up to 67 illegal immigrants were stashed in a one-story Houston house, possibly being held captive for ransom. Six men now face charges in their involvement with this hub for human smuggling. Houston police found this stash house on Thursday (3/1) when one illegal immigrant asked an officer for help. He told him about how there were many other people being held captive. Next door to the one-story house, in what's described as a quiet residential neighborhood, was a van service. Officials believe that service could have been used to transport some of the illegal immigrants. Police have notified custom officials about the immigrants taken into custody: 26 from Honduras, 24 from El Salvador, 13 from Mexico and two from Brazil and another two from Guatemala. The six men charged are scheduled to appear in court this Monday.

**E-COLI MEAT
VO: 24**

A company in Wallula, Washington is recalling ground beef, saying it may be contaminated with E-coli bacteria. The company, Tyson Fresh Meats, distributes its meat all over the Pacific Northwest. Company officials say it shipped about 17-thousand pounds of ground beef to distributors in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah. The troubled meat is in 10-pound packages and is labeled "round, coarse ground beef, 85/15. Officials from the U.S.D.A. say anyone in possession of the recalled meat should take it back to where they purchased it. E-coli can cause serious illness in people. Health officials say the bacteria were found at the meat plant during routine testing.

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**FDA COLD MEDICINE CHILDREN
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK**

PKG 1:49

Common children's cold and cough medicines are coming under scrutiny from federal drug regulators, who say the remedies and their recommended doses have not been studied enough in children, a newspaper reported. Dr. Charles J. Ganley, a top Food and Drug Administration official, said the agency was "revisiting the risks and benefits of the use of these drugs in children," especially those younger than 2 years old, The New York Times reported in Friday's editions. Most over-the-counter cold and cough medicines have been insufficiently tested in children, said Ganley, the director of the FDA's office of nonprescription drug products. The FDA said it could not yet determine whether new regulations would result from the safety review, according to the newspaper. A group of pediatricians and public health officials asked the agency Thursday to bar drug manufacturers from marketing such remedies as Toddler's Dimetapp, Infant Triaminic and Little Colds to children under 6.

MARIHUANA CHILDREN**VO: 26**

Police in Texas have uncovered a disturbing videotape. They say it shows a 17-year-old teaching two of his nephews to smoke marijuana. The boys are just two and five years old. According to police in Watauga (wuh-TAW'-guh), near Dallas, a man is seen placing a marijuana cigarette into one child's mouth and, in another part of the video, a different boy is shown smoking on his own. Police found the tape last month while investigating some burglaries. The 17-year-old faces a felony charge of injury to a child. An 18-year-old also seen on the tape faces a burglary charge.

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BUSH PREVIEW TO LATAM**LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG. 2:22**

President Bush, hoping to blunt the populist appeal of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, said Monday he will use a Latin America tour to pledge help to improve the plight of the region's poor. In a speech to a Hispanic group, Bush sought to project a more humanitarian side to America's image, which has been dominated under his presidency by an emphasis on fighting terrorism and drug trafficking. He leaves Thursday on a week-long tour through Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico. The Bush administration is trying to make friends with more moderate leftist leaders in Latin America, where anti-U.S. sentiment runs high. The trip comes as Washington is adjusting to political changes in a region where 12 elections last year saw a broad range of leftists come to power, including some who openly challenged U.S. policies.

MILLIONS WITHOUT LICENSE**LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG. 2:06**

At least 1.8 million of the 15 million licensed drivers in Florida have had their privileges suspended or revoked. The state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles estimates that up to half of them -- 900,000 Floridians -- continue to drive anyway. Miami-Dade County Court Judge Steven Leifman, chief of the traffic division, conservatively estimates that on any given day more than a half-million people in Miami-Dade are driving without a valid license -- most of them due to unpaid tickets. The problem has escalated since 2003, the year the Legislature was reluctantly forced to start paying for all court operations.

MARIHUANA KIDS**VO :22**

Two teenagers now face charges in connection with a videotape showing two young children smoking marijuana. The tape shows the two teens allegedly teaching the boys, ages two and five, how to smoke pot. One teen is seen placing a marijuana cigarette in one child's mouth. Another part of the

tape shows a boy smoking on his own. The children are called "potheads" and asked if they "have the munchies." They're the nephews of one of the teenagers. The tape was uncovered during a burglary investigation. Both teens are facing felony charges of injury to a child.

DEMAND FOR ENGLISH LESSONS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK
PKG. 2:09

Two weeks after she moved here from her native Brazil, Maria de Oliveira signed up for free English classes at a squat storefront in this working-class suburb, figuring that with an associate's degree and three years as an administrative assistant, she could find a good job in America so long as she spoke the language. As immigrants increasingly settle away from large urban centers - New York's suburbs have had a net gain of 225,000 since 2000, compared with 44,000 in the city - many are waiting months or even years to get into government-financed English classes, which are often overcrowded and lack textbooks. A survey last year by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials found that in 12 states, 60 percent of the free English programs had waiting lists, ranging from a few months in Colorado and Nevada to as long as two years in New Mexico and Massachusetts, where the statewide list has about 16,000 names. The United States Department of Education counted 1.2 million adults enrolled in public English programs in 2005 - about 1 in 10 of the 10.3 million foreign-born residents 16 and older who speak English "less than very well," or not at all, according to census figures from the same year. Federal money for such classes is matched at varying rates from state to state, leaving an uneven patchwork of programs that advocates say nowhere meets the need.

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3/6/2007

SCOOTER LIBBY GUILTY
ENRIQUE GRATAS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG. 1:22 AND LIVE INTRO AND TAG

The former top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney was found guilty Tuesday of lying and obstructing a probe related to the Bush administration's handling of the Iraq war and could face years in prison. Lewis "Scooter" Libby was acquitted of just one of five counts in the investigation into who blew the cover of a CIA analyst. The Libby verdict came on the 10th day of jury deliberations and was hailed by Democrats as an appropriate rejection of the administration's case for a war that has become widely unpopular with the U.S. public. The guilty verdict was the latest in a series of setbacks growing out of the Bush administration's Iraq war policy --including flawed intelligence on Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, failure to commit enough troops to quell sectarian violence, prisoner abuses at Abu Ghraib, and an outcry over treatment of U.S. war wounded.

INDIANA RAID
VO :17

Federal agents raided a factory in Indiana looking for illegal immigrants. Agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) were at the Janco Composites plant in Mishawaka. Several dozen workers from inside the plant were seen being put on busses as distraught family members looked on. A Catholic priest from a predominantly Hispanic church who counts many of the factory workers among his parishioners was there to give support. There is limited information from the authorities on what prompted the raid. Janco manufactures fiberglass reinforced plastic products for electrical distribution, power tool, and other industries worldwide.

MASSACHUSETTS RAID
VO :20

The owner of a New Bedford leather manufacturer is accused of hiring illegal immigrants. The arrests of the owner and three managers at Michael Bianco Incorporated came after federal immigration officials raided the company. The arrests come as the federal government cracks down nationwide on employers who hire illegals.

IMMIGRANT KIDS HEALTH COVERAGE**VO :21**

Washington is suing the federal government over a new rule that makes it tougher to get medical coverage for infants born in the U.S. to illegal immigrants. Gov. Chris Gregoire, a Democrat, said the policy is immoral, adds to the cost of medical care and violates the infants' constitutional rights. The state sued the Department of Health and Human Services in U.S. District Court in Tacoma on Monday. The government has 60 days to respond. The government declined comment on pending litigation, but defended the new policy. The federal regulation, recently imposed on an emergency basis and soon to be permanent, requires the state to withhold Medicaid coverage of newborns until proof of citizenship is processed and approved. A similar requirement exists for adult and childimmigrants who seek medical coverage.

SUE DETENTION CENTER**JUAN JOSE RODAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS****PKG. 2:10**

Civil liberties and immigration advocates sued federal officials Tuesday on behalf of children confined to a former Texas prison-turned-center for immigrant families awaiting possible deportation. The federal lawsuits, announced by the American Civil Liberties Union in Austin, focus on children held at the T. Don Hutto facility, a former prison in Taylor. Critics say the center inhumanely houses adults and young children in jail-like conditions. Families held there have complained of weight loss, subpar schooling and long waits for medical care. The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services have demanded its immediate closure.

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03/07/07**US RAIDS RESULTS****SERGIO URQUIDI, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 2:05**

Dozens of young children were stranded at schools and with baby-sitters after their parents were rounded up by federal authorities who raided a leather goods maker suspected of hiring illegal immigrants, authorities said Wednesday. About two-thirds of the 500 employees of Michael Bianco Inc., mostly women, were detained Tuesday by immigration officials for possible deportation as illegal aliens. As a result, about 100 children were stuck with baby sitters, caretakers and others, said Corinn Williams, director of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Massachusetts. The state Department of Social Services was working Wednesday to make sure the children receive proper care. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Julie Myers said women who were sole caregivers of children would be released, but it takes time to verify people's accounts. During the federal raid Tuesday, company owner Francesco Insolia, 50, and three top managers were arrested.

IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL**LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG 2:05**

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S., applauds the introduction today of the "Citizenship Promotion Act of 2007 " by Senators Barack Obama (D-IL), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Ken Salazar (D-CO), and Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Representatives Luis Gutierrez (D-IL), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Mike Honda (D-CA), Neil Abercrombie (D-HI), Hilda Solis (D-CA), Ed Pastor (D-AZ), and Raul Grijalva (D-AZ). "Promoting citizenship must be a priority for the United States. Citizenship is the key to fulfilling the American Dream and full participation in our democracy," stated Janet Murguía, NCLR President and CEO. The "Citizenship Promotion Act of 2007" would encourage naturalization, maintain naturalization fees at their current level, allow Congress to appropriate funds for USCIS to improve its infrastructure, create a National Citizenship Promotion Program, reduce the amount of time applicants must wait for background checks to be completed, and ensure that naturalization applicants will not be forced to use expensive electronic filing systems

JOHN COUEY VERDICT**VO: 22**

A sex offender was found guilty Wednesday of kidnapping and raping a 9-year-old girl and burying her alive in a case that led to a crackdown around the country on people convicted of sex crimes. Jurors deliberated about four hours before returning the verdict against John Evander Couey in the slaying of Jessica Lunsford, who was snatched from her bedroom in February 2005 about 150 yards from the trailer where Couey had been living. Her body was found in a shallow hole, encased in two black plastic trash bags. She had suffocated and was found clutching a purple stuffed dolphin. Couey, 48, was found guilty of first-degree murder, sexual battery on a child, kidnapping and burglary. The jury next must decide whether he should get death by injection or life in prison.

BOY ABDUCTOR TURNS HIMSELF IN**VO: 17**

A Mexican national surrendered at the U.S. border Wednesday on allegations of abducting a 13-year-old from a Florida bus stop last month and leaving him tied up in the woods before the boy escaped, officials said. Vicente Ignacio Beltran-Moreno, 22, agreed to voluntarily return from Mexico after several days of negotiations with the FBI, Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells said. Beltran-Moreno was arrested Wednesday morning at the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas, and extradition proceedings were under way to get him back to Florida.

NYC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS ANNOUNCED SUIT**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK****PKG 2:05**

Homeland Security Has Failed to Implement Seven-Year-Old Legislation Providing "U" Visas to Victims of Domestic Violence Who Assist Law Enforcement Personnel. On Wednesday, March 7th at 1 p.m. on the steps of City Hall, Sanctuary for Families held a press conference at which immigrant victims of domestic violence in New York City announced a class-action lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security, challenging its failure to issue regulations for U Visas, which were created by Congress in 2000. Under the terms of the U visa provisions, signed into law by then-President Clinton on October 28, 2000, immigrant victims of domestic violence and similar crimes who cooperate with law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of crimes committed against them are eligible for U visas and, eventually, for lawful permanent residence for themselves and their children. Tragically, the Department of Homeland Security has failed to implement this law created to protect vulnerable immigrants and encourage law enforcement and well over six years later, not a single U visa has been issued.

FL PREPARES FOR EXODUS FROM CUBA**LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 1:56**

More than 85 federal and local law enforcement agencies kicked off a two-day exercise Wednesday to prepare for a possible mass migration from the Caribbean, such as might occur following a change in government in Cuba. Officials declined to provide details about the exercises, citing security concerns. But they said the training would test how well the agencies can coordinate responses. The Coast Guard planned to allow reporters to ride along Thursday during a staged interdiction of a mock smuggling boat, but other exercises would simply simulate the use of boats and other vehicles. It is the largest such exercise since a 2003 presidential directive created the Homeland Security Task Force Southeast to better police the nation's southeastern borders.

CREDIT CARDS**LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 1:45**

Critics say the complex billing and interest-rate practices of credit card companies are, in some cases, pushing Americans even deeper into debt. A Senate committee is taking up the issue on Capitol Hill today and some major credit card issuers are expected to testify. Senator Carl Levin says his panel has

uncovered "abusive" practices. They're legal but Levin threatens possible legislation to outlaw them. He's hoping it will persuade the banking industry to make changes voluntarily. Levin and Senator Norm Coleman have denounced practices that bring in tens of (m) millions of dollars to banks issuing credit cards. As an example, there's so-called double-cycle billing. It eliminates the interest-free period for a consumer who moves from paying his full balance every month to carrying a balance.

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03/08/07

BRAZIL BUSH PROTESTS
PABLO MONZALVO, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL
INTRO, TAG, & PKG 2:39

US President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush touched down in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Thursday for the first stop on their five-country tour of Latin America. Bush arrived in South America's largest city in the evening on a mission intended to promote democracy, increased trade and cooperation on alternative fuels. The president and his advisers also hoped his visit would offset the growing influence of leftist leaders, such as Venezuela's Hugo Chavez. Earlier in the day in Sao Paulo, police battled anti-Bush protesters. Riot police fired tear gas and beat some protesters with batons after more than six-thousand people held a march through the financial district. Authorities did not immediately report any injuries, but Brazilian media said at least six people were hurt and GLOBO TV pictures showed injured people being carried away.

MASSACHUSETTS RAIDS LATEST
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
PKG 2:37

Dozens of young children continued stranded at schools and with baby-sitters after their parents were rounded up by federal authorities who raided a leather goods maker suspected of hiring illegal immigrants. About two-thirds of the 500 employees of Michael Bianco Inc., mostly women, were detained Tuesday by immigration officials for possible deportation as illegal aliens. Some of the women were temporarily released to pick up their children.

TROOPS PLAN PULL OUT
LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:02

In a direct challenge to President Bush, House Democrats unveiled legislation Thursday requiring the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq by the fall of next year. Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the deadline would be added to legislation providing nearly \$100 billion the Bush administration has requested for fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. She told reporters the measure would mark the first time the new Democratic-controlled Congress has established a "date certain" for the end of U.S. combat in the four-year-old war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,100 U.S. troops. According to an explanation of the measure distributed by Democratic aides, the timetable for withdrawal would be accelerated if the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not meet goals for providing for Iraq's security.

MASS MIGRATION PLAN
VO: 24

Federal and local law enforcement agencies began a two-day simulation Thursday to prepare for a mass migration such as might occur from Cuba, but the exercise started with a real mission to pick up more than 40 migrants. U.S. Border Patrol officials received word that more than 40 migrants had arrived along the South Florida coast: 21 at Miami Beach and 20 at Haulover Beach. They appeared to be Spanish speakers, but it was not clear if they were Cubans, officials said. Arrivals like those occur frequently in South Florida, so the simulation of intercepting thousands of migrants at sea went on with more than 85 federal and local law enforcement agencies. Officials have been tightlipped about details, citing security concerns. But they said the training would test how well the agencies can coordinate responses.

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03/09/07

BRAZIL BUSH MEETING
PABLO MONZALVO, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL
PKG 2:10

Brazil and the United States agreed on Friday to cooperate in promoting biofuels production in the Americas and other regions, saying it would help to clean up the global environment and to alleviate poverty. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and U.S. President George W. Bush toured a biofuels facility of state energy company Petrobras outside Sao Paulo. With Bush at his side, Lula announced the bilateral agreement and said the two countries should encourage other countries to diversify their energy sources. Meanwhile, hundreds of people continued to protest throughout Sao Paulo.

TX JAIL ABUSE
JUAN JOSE RODAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS
PKG 2:22

The Texas commission that oversees the state's juvenile prisons is under fire amid revelations that agency officials knew some staffers molested inmates, and did nothing about it. A special legislative panel yesterday took a vote of no confidence in the the Texas Youth commission Board of Directors after board members refused a request from legislators to resign immediately. The committee was created last week after reports of the abuse came to light. Lawmakers and observers also gave a standing ovation to a Texas Ranger who investigated sexual abuse allegations. Texas Ranger Brian Burzynski tearfully recounted his two-year struggle to bring justice for the alleged victims. He says federal, state and local prosecutors all refused to pursue the case.

ARIZONA NEW RAID
VO: 12

Federal authorities on Friday raided a construction company accused of hiring illegal immigrants, detaining eight undocumented workers and arresting several other employees. Scores of agents fanned out in Douglas, along the Mexico border, and in Sierra Vista, about 50 miles northwest, in the raid on Sun Dry Wall & Stucco Inc.'s offices, a foreman's home, the home of a suspected counterfeiter and eight work sites. Company president Ivan Hardt, 44; the firm's human resources manager, Carol Hill, 42; and four other employees were taken into custody on federal counts of conspiring to knowingly hire illegal workers and harboring illegal workers, said Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Immigration officials were processing the eight detained workers, all from Mexico. Three other people were charged in state court with supplying workers with counterfeit work documents, officials said.

FBI PRIVACY VIOLATIONS
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:45

The FBI improperly and, in some cases, illegally used the USA Patriot Act to secretly obtain personal information about people in the United States, a Justice Department audit concluded Friday. And for three years the FBI has underreported to Congress how often it forced businesses to turn over the customer data, the audit found. FBI agents sometimes demanded the data without proper authorization, according to the 126-page audit by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine. At other times, the audit found, the FBI improperly obtained telephone records in non-emergency circumstances. The audit blames agent error and shoddy record-keeping for the bulk of the problems and did not find any indication of criminal misconduct.

ALARMING RISE IN VIOLENT CRIME
LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:50

The murder rate jumped by more than 10 percent among dozens of large U.S. cities since 2004, a study shows in the latest sign of the end of a national lull in violent crime. Robberies also spiked, as did felony assaults and attacks with guns, according to the report to be released Friday by the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington-based law enforcement think tank. FBI data similarly has shown a rise in violent crime -- if not as dramatic -- since 2004. The Justice Department says crime was historically low that year. The report compared crime statistics from 2004, 2005 and 2006 and tracked how much they had changed during the 24 months beginning January 1, 2005. Justice spokesman Dean Boyd called the department "concerned about the increase in violent crime in some cities and towns" as was reported in FBI data released last fall. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has asked Congress to spend \$200 million next year to help cities and regions combat gangs, illicit drugs and gun offenses.

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6:30 PM & 11:30 PM SHOWS

**URUGUAY BUSH MEETING
PABLO MONZALVO, ANCHORENA, URUGUAY
PKG 2:20**

U.S. President George W. Bush arrived in Uruguay on Saturday where he met Uruguayan president Tabare Vazquez at Estancia Anchorena, the country's equivalent to the U.S. presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland. In what is his second stop on a five-nation Latin American tour Bush launched talks focused on expanding trade with Uruguay. At a news conference at the Estancia, Vazquez said he wanted to expand trade with the United States and increase scientific, technical and cultural exchanges. The news conference with Vazquez was dominated by questions about Bush's rivalry with Venezuela's president, Hugo Chavez. The US president is being shadowed on his five-nation Latin American tour by Chavez, the leftist firebrand. Earlier in the day, protesters took to the streets of Montevideo, to take part in an, "anti-imperialist" protest designed to coincide with the US President's visit. Demonstrators also attacked a local McDonald's restaurant, destroying windows and burning tires.

**BABY DEATH
VO: 25**

Federal and state health officials are investigating the death of a newborn baby who died last month of a medication error at Kaiser permanente's Santa Clara Medical Center. Kaiser officials say an internal investigation revealed hospital staff were to blame. Officials say the human error occurred inside the hospital's pharmacy . A combination of medications was mixed together in the wrong dosage, ultimately causing the newborn to die. The hospital notified the family along with state and federal agencies. The baby's death comes after a series of deaths caused by human and medication errors at San Francisco Bay Area Kaiser facilities in 2004 and 2005. According to a 2005 report by the California Department of Health Services, Kaiser Santa Clara was responsible for the death of a 12-year-old. The report also shows that human error caused the death of a 21-year-old girl at Kaiser Santa Teresa.

**CHICAGO MARCH
MARIA DE LOURDES GARCIA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
PKG 1:56**

Dozens gathered under sunny skies in downtown Chicago on Saturday to rally for immigration rights. The event comes on the one year anniversary of a march held in the Windy City that helped spark a series of demonstrations in support of immigration reform. The crowd was much smaller than last year's march which drew more than 100 thousand people, but the message is the same: establish a path to U.S. citizenship for undocumented workers. The rally in Federal Plaza was sponsored by more than 60 organizations representing a host of different ethnic, religious, and labor groups. They vow to lobby Congress to pass immigration reform legislation this year. To keep the pressure on, a march in Chicago is planned for May 1.

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03/11/07

6:30 PM & 11:30 PM SHOWS**COLOMBIA BUSH MEETING
JUAN CARLOS AGUIAR, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA
PKG 2:36**

President Bush has ended his brief visit to Colombia, which was meant as a show of confidence in President Alvaro Uribe and the battle against drug traffickers. He's now in Guatemala. In a lunchtime toast, Bush praised Uribe, telling him that Colombia "has come through very difficult times and now there's a brighter day ahead." The American leader went on to say, "We have been friends and we will remain friends." Bush said Uribe is working on the release of three Americans held by rebels for more than four years in Colombia. Bush's renewal of support came at a key moment. Uribe is involved in a political scandal involving allies who allegedly colluded with right-wing militias in a reign of terror that has nearly subverted Colombian democracy. And Democrats who now control the U-S Congress are asking tough questions about whether U-S aid to Colombia is effective.

**9/11 ATTACK REMAINS LATEST
VO: 31**

The search for the remains of Sept. 11 victims has moved across the street from the site of the World Trade Center to the lot of a destroyed church, where important relics, including the bones of three saints, may also be buried. Since October, more than 400 bones have been unearthed from the debris of a service road that construction trucks used to get in and out of the site after the 2001 attacks. The city, which oversaw the original cleanup of ground zero, is conducting a new search to find more remains of the 2,749 victims -- 40 percent of whom remain unidentified.

**TX BODIES FOUND
JORGE VIERA, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:23**

A San Antonio woman who police say has confessed to killing her two children is being charged with capital murder. Nineteen-year-old Valerie Lopez was arrested Saturday, along with her boyfriend. Authorities say Lopez told investigators that she beat her 18-month-old daughter to death in December. And she said she accidentally killed her five-month-old son last month when she rolled over on him. Police say Lopez wrapped both bodies in plastic bags and hid them under her house. The neighbors discovered the remains Tuesday, while trying to pinpoint the source of a foul odor. Lopez's boyfriend has been charged with injury to a child by omission. Police say he knew Lopez was abusing her children. Her bail's been set at ten (m) million dollars.

**ABDUCTED BABY FOUND
VO: 22**

An extradition hearing is scheduled tomorrow for the woman suspected of kidnapping a Texas newborn. The hearing for 21-year-old Rayshaun Parson will be held in Clovis, New Mexico, where the four-day-old baby was found today, alive and well. Parson was arrested in Clovis, where she lives. She's jailed in Curry County where she's been questioned by investigators from the F-B-I and Lubbock police. Meanwhile, the newborn who was abducted yesterday from a hospital by a woman posing as a medical worker is back home in Lubbock. She's been reunited with her mother. Law enforcement officials had received information from sources that the baby was in an area of Clovis. Police conducted surveillance and found her in a home with an adult female. The suspect was found at another residence.

**CALIFORNIA FIRE
VO: 21**

Fire officials in Orange County, California, say the Windy Ridge Fire has burned more than two-thousand acres. At least three residences have been burned. The fire is about ten percent contained. Air tankers, helicopters, a hundred fire engines and 800 firefighters are battling the wind-driven blaze.

Authorities have evacuated more than 500 homes. The fire, stoked by hot dry winds and fueled by chaparral, spread south and west quickly in an unincorporated part of Orange County. It's threatening multi (m) million-dollar homes in Anaheim Hills, about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Authorities say the blaze may have been started by a vehicle fire. Meanwhile, another brush fire had started about 20 miles away in Corona in Riverside County. It's burned about 25 acres.

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BUSH IN GUATEMALA
ERICKA PORRAS, GUATEMALA CITY
PKG. 2:16

Frame-by-frame, the images of President Bush in Guatemala on Monday will depict sharp contrasts. The leader of the richest nation reaching out to the impoverished. A smiling vegetable farmer benefiting from a free trade deal that Bush had trouble selling to Congress. Bush touring Mayan ruins and speaking out against social injustice suffered by Guatemala's indigenous citizens of Mayan ancestry, who have protested his visit. Undeterred by protests that have dogged Bush at every stop on his five-nation Latin American trip, Bush, who arrived here Sunday night, will work to convince Guatemalans that the United States is a compassionate nation. It's the same message he delivered earlier at stops in Brazil, Uruguay and Colombia.

PREVIEW TO BUSH VISIT TO MEXICO
MARIA ELENA SALINAS, MERIDA, MEXICO
LIVE APPROX. 7 MINUTES

EDGAR MUÑOZ, MERIDA, MEXICO
PKG. 1:52 AND LIVE TAG

Hours before the arrival of President Bush to Merida, Yucatan in Mexico authorities have properly secured the city. Bush in Guatemala wants technical assistance, such as helicopters, radar and other equipment. Bush praised Berger's commitment, and said he wants the U.S. to work with Mexico and other Central American countries on a regional partnership to halt drug trafficking and gangs. A lot is at stake in this last stop where he will stay for two days. Mexico's President Felipe Calderon should use this time to try to give a last push to the immigration reform.

IMMIGRANT RAIDS
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG. 2:13

The head of Massachusetts' social services on Monday called for the release of 20 factory workers arrested in an immigration raid, saying many have children with no one else to care for them. They were among the 361 people taken in to custody following the raid March 6 at a Michael Bianco Inc. factory that makes equipment and apparel for the U.S. military. Many of the suspected illegal immigrants were shipped to detention centers in Texas before a federal judge ordered the rest to remain in Massachusetts because advocates said the raid created a "humanitarian crisis." Commissioner Harry Spence was among three-dozen state Department of Social Services workers who traveled to Texas during the weekend to interview more than 200 detainees.

HAZLETON IN COURT
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, SCRANTON, PA
PKG. 1:56

A Pennsylvania town's anti-illegal immigration law created a climate of fear in which businesses failed and people moved out, a lawyer argued Monday as a trial seen as a test of U.S. immigration policy began. The result of the case, the first federal trial over whether local jurisdictions can make their own laws on illegal immigration, is expected to affect cities and towns across the United States as the country debates what to do with the 12 million illegal aliens estimated to be inside its borders. American Civil Liberties Union attorney Vic Walczak said the small city of Hazleton and its Mayor Lou Barletta violated the U.S. constitution in passing the ordinance because only the federal government has the right to make immigration law.

GUEST WORKER PROGRAM ABUSE

LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.**PKG. 1:52**

A civil rights organization wants Congress to closely examine what it says are abuses in existing guestworker programs before creating a new one to curb illegal immigration. The Southern Poverty Law Center, based in Montgomery, Ala., said foreigners hired through programs for farm and non-farm laborers work in conditions akin to indentured servitude. Workers are routinely cheated of wages, forced to turn over deeds to homes and pay thousands in fees to recruiters, leaving them beholden to unscrupulous employers to pay off debt, the center said.

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BUSH IN MEXICO**MARIA ELENA SALINAS, MERIDA, MEXICO****LIVE APPROX. 7 MINUTES****EDGAR MUÑOZ, MERIDA, MEXICO****PKG. 1:55 AND LIVE TAG**

President Bush sought to soothe strained ties with Mexico on Tuesday by promising to prod Congress to overhaul tough U.S. immigration policies. But Mexican President Felipe Calderon criticized U.S. plans for a 700-mile border fence and said Bush must do more to curb American drug appetites. Mexico was the last stop on Bush's five-nation Latin American tour, and the one where the political stakes seemed the highest. Bush walked a high wire: He wants to improve frayed ties over immigration and drug trafficking and the Iraq war, but without alienating supporters back home, particularly Republican lawmakers advocating stiff penalties against undocumented workers.

ALBERTO GONZALES ASKED TO RESIGNED**LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.****PKG. 2:01**

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales rejected growing calls for his resignation Tuesday as scores of newly released documents detailed a two-year campaign by the Justice Department and White House to purge federal prosecutors. Gonzales acknowledged his department mishandled the dismissals of eight U.S. attorneys and misled Congress about how they were fired. He said he was ultimately to blame for those "mistakes" but stood by the firings.

POLICE AS IMMIGRATION OFFICERS IN NJ**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY****PKG. 1:52**

Taking a harder line on illegal immigrants, **Morristown** is seeking to have its police officers deputized as federal immigration officers, making the community one of the first in the nation to undertake such an effort. If accepted into a program run by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, Morristown officers would gain the ability to check suspects' immigration status, charge them with civil immigration violations and order them to appear in federal immigration court. Those duties are generally carried out by federal authorities. Morristown officials have long fielded complaints about immigrants living in overcrowded homes, a problem known as "stacking," and about day laborers congregating on street corners. The federal program "is an option we have to investigate," Councilman Dick Tighe said.

MISSING BOY**VO :22**

The search for a missing 6-year-old boy intensified Tuesday in Brunswick, Georgia after word of a possible lead and word of a possible suspect being held by authorities. Close to 100 volunteers began searching the Glynn County (GA) area, for missing Christopher Barrios.

Searchers used helicopters to look from the air, four-wheelers on the ground, and hikers who combed the woods and waters around Canal Road for Christopher Barrios since he disappeared. Some of the help came from some of the most experienced searchers in the country, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center which is just one mile from the search site.

**IMMIGRATION RAIDS AND THE ECONOMY
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG. 2:21**

The latest immigration raids have caused a bad log in companies that employ immigrants. One of the obvious reasons has been the immigration raids and the other that those that might be legal are afraid to be targeted because of race or looks. Legislators are pushing harder for a reform to the immigration bill specially to create some type of comprehensive guest worker program that will work both ways.

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**BUSH IN MEXICO
MARIA ELENA SALINAS, MERIDA, MEXICO
LIVE APPROX. 7 MINUTES**

**EDGAR MUÑOZ, MERIDA, MEXICO
PKG 2:17**

US President George W. Bush wrapped up his five-nation tour of Latin America in Merida, Mexico on Wednesday, departing the Yucatan capital for Washington and declaring before he left that "much was accomplished." As the president departed a group of protesters marched through the streets, decrying what they called police brutality for the arrests on Tuesday night of dozens of demonstrators. Earlier on Wednesday, Bush pledged to intensify his push for languishing immigration legislation, standing alongside Mexican President Felipe Calderon who acknowledged he has relatives picking vegetables in the US. The joint news conference with Calderon was Bush's last appearance in a week-long Latin America tour that included stops in Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia and Guatemala. The trip was designed to emphasize US aid for the region and counter criticism that the United States has neglected Latin America.

**ALBERTO GONZALEZ POLEMIC LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 1:55**

Embattled Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Wednesday it's up to President Bush whether he remains in the administration and said he wants to stay and explain to Congress the circumstances surrounding the firings of eight U.S. attorneys. Amid an escalating political row and calls from some Democrats for his resignation, Gonzales said, "I work for the American people and serve at the pleasure of the president." Critics charge that the prosecutors were ousted because of political considerations. Gonzales acknowledged, as he had on Tuesday, that mistakes were made in the handling of the U.S. attorney firings and said he wanted to remain in the job to make things right with Congress. The president said today he's "not happy" about the "mistakes" that were made in explaining the firings, but repeated he has confidence in Gonzales.

**CHIQUITA BANANA TERROR
VO: 15**

Chiquita Brands International says it's agreed to a 25 (m) million-dollar fine after admitting it paid a Colombian terrorist group for protection in a volatile farming region. Federal prosecutors say several unnamed high-ranking corporate officers of the banana company paid about about one-point-seven (m) million dollars between 1997 and 2004 to the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia. The right-wing group was designated by the U-S government as a terrorist outfit in September 2001. It's been responsible for some of the worst massacres in Colombia's civil conflict and for a sizable percentage of the country's cocaine exports. Prosecutors say Chiquita also made similar payments to the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

**COUEY SENTENCE RECOMMEND
VO:19**

Jessica Lunsford's father, with tears in his eyes, has thanked jurors for recommending the death penalty for her killer. Outside a Miami courthouse, Mark Lunsford said it's "justice for Jessie" and any others who were hurt by John Couey. The ultimate decision regarding Couey's sentence will be made

in several weeks by a judge, who is not bound by the jury's recommendation. Couey was convicted last week of taking nine-year-old Jessica from her bedroom in 2005 and then taking her to his trailer, raping her and burying her alive.

**GA MISSING BOY
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:52**

Authorities searched Wednesday for a 6-year-old boy who vanished after he went out to play nearly a week earlier, and police arrested two men on charges they lied to investigators by claiming to have buried the child's body. David Edenfield and Donald Dale were charged after leading officers during the night to a spot where they said the boy was buried near the mobile home park. Edenfield is the father of a convicted sex offender considered a suspect in the boy's disappearance. Dozens of volunteers have helped search for the boy along roads and in the woods surrounding the mobile home park where his father and his grandmother live just outside the port city of Brunswick on the Georgia coast.

**IMMIGRATION
JAIME GARCIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:57**

A delegation of members of immigrant communities from around the country, including from states along the U.S.-Mexico border held a national press conference at the U.S. Capitol to announce a momentous day of Congressional visits. The delegation of nearly five hundred immigrant men, women, youth and children from twenty-three states will meet with one hundred and fifty Congressional offices to share the concerns, experiences, and concrete policy recommendations from those who are directly impacted by immigration and border policies.

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**SHEIK MOHAMMED CONFESSION
LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, D.C.
PKG 2:12**

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed confirmed his notoriety as al-Qaida's most ambitious operational planner when, according to military transcripts, he confessed to planning and supporting 31 terrorist attacks, topped by 9/11, that killed thousands of innocent victims since the early 1990s. The gruesome attacks range from the suicide hijackings of Sept. 11, 2001 -- which killed nearly 3,000 -- to a 2002 shooting on an island off Kuwait that killed a U.S. Marine and the 1993 World Trade Center truck bombing in which six people died. Many plots, including a previously undisclosed plan to kill several former U.S. presidents, were never carried out or were foiled by international counterterror authorities. Besides, Mohammed confessed to the beheading of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in a section of the statement that was excised from the public document, The Associated Press has learned.

**CHRISTOPHER BARRIOS LATEST
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:04 & LIVE TAG :22**

Police in Brunswick, Georgia, say the six-year-old boy who vanished a week ago was obviously slain. The partially concealed body of Christopher Barrios was found today by a ranger about three miles from the trailer park from which the boy disappeared. A local police chief says four men arrested earlier this week in connection with the case will probably be charged with murder. One is a registered sex

offender. More than 300 volunteers had searched for Christopher, who lived with his father in a neighborhood of about 50 mobile homes just outside of Brunswick.

**RADIAL PROGRAM ANTIIMMIGRANT
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
PKG 1:41**

Under the offensive name of operation 'La Cuca Gotcha', a radial program of a popular local station proposes to its audience to seek and to denounce to the federal authorities the existence of illegal immigrants that reside in New Jersey. The campaign was thrown February six passed and according to a comment written in a page of Internet, during their first week they were reported to the authorities of immigration 177 cases that are being investigated. The goal of this local station is to denounce at least 300 lacking identity papers illegal to the end of the campaign, that concludes May 5, coinciding with the festivity Mexican country.

**PROSECUTORS LATEST
VO: 23**

New e-mails have surfaced indicating that a top White House political adviser had an early hand in the dismissals of eight federal prosecutors. Senator Charles Schumer says "The new e-mails show conclusively that Karl Rove was in the middle of this mess from the beginning." Among the e-mails, a January 2005 exchange between then deputy counsel to the president, David Leitch, and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' chief of staff, Kyle Sampson. Leitch told Sampson that Rove was questioning whether prosecutors would all stay or all be dismissed, or replaced "selectively." The administration has said the firings were non-political. On Capitol Hill, the Judiciary Committee today approved subpoenas for five Justice officials as a safeguard against the attorney general retracting his permission for them to testify voluntarily.

**IRAQ WITHDRAW VOTE
VO: 17**

Democrats aggressively challenged President Bush's Iraq policy at both ends of the Capitol on Thursday, gaining House committee approval for a troop withdrawal deadline of Sept. 1, 2008, but facing likely Senate defeat on a less sweeping plan to end U.S. participation in the war. Anti-war Democrats prevailed on a near-party line vote of 36-28 in the House Appropriations Committee, brushing aside a week-old veto threat and overcoming unyielding opposition from Republicans. In the Senate, after weeks of skirmishing, Republicans claimed more than enough votes to defeat legislation to require a troop withdrawal to begin within 120 days -- but with no fixed deadline for completion. It sets a goal of March 31, 2008.

**US SHOOTING
VO: 27**

A New York shootout has left four men dead and the city's Greenwich Village neighborhood shaken up. Police say David Gavin shot a pizzeria worker 15 times in the back. He then shot two unarmed auxiliary police officers who had started to follow him. Other officers arrived and exchanged fire, killing Gavin. Police say Gavin was armed with two guns and 100 rounds of ammunition. A neighborhood resident says she recognized Gavin as a former employee of the pizzeria. One eyewitness says he initially ran toward the scene when he heard the shots, thinking a movie was being filmed. Chris Cochran says he was stunned to find out the shots were real. The North Carolina native says shootouts "don't happen in the middle of the street" in his hometown. A woman who lives above her pasta shop next door to the pizzeria says she didn't realize what was happening when the shots rang out. She says, "I heard shooting, but I didn't pay attention." In the nearly 50 years she's lived there, she says she's always heard sirens.