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11/16/09

BREAST CANCER NEW GUIDE
MARTIN BERLANGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:19 & LIVE INTRO & TAG APROX :35
LIVE INTERVIEW DR. ELMER HUERTA / LOS ANGELES, CA
APROX 3:30

A government panel of doctors and scientists is recommending that most women wait until 50 to get mammograms and then every two years. That conflicts with the advice of the American Cancer Society, which recommends mammograms at age 40. The experts say earlier and regular breast exams result in too many false positives.

CREDIT CARDS DEBTS PART 1
LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:38

The first part shows what are the mayor problems with credit cards and how consumers are complaining about banks who abuse with high interests.

11/17/09

ARPAIO RAIDS
CRISTINA PUIG / MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 1:40 LIVE FROM SATELLITE

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has arrested 29 people during its two-day "crime suppression" crackdown, officials said Tuesday.

Three people were arrested Tuesday at Airport Enterprises, a Phoenix auto-body repair shop near Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on suspicion of identity theft and forgery, said Lt. Brian Lee, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office.

CREDIT CARDS DEBT PART 2
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:30

The second part gave consumers different options to get out of credit cards debts.

11/18/08

HATE CRIME CARTOON CONTROVERSY
LOURDES STEPHEN. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
PKG 2:22

Newsday Caricature provokes protest and a call for boycott from Latino Immigrants in Suffolk County Community Leaders and activists will join forces and protest what's believed to be bigotry within the halls of Newsday On the anniversary of the brutal beating and murder of Marcelo Lucero the editor of Newsday John Mancini decided it was right to poke jokes and portray the immigrant community as cry babies. "We are asking the immigrant community to boycott the paper and its advertisers until Mancini resigns or is fired from his post at Newsday," said Fernando Mateo President of Hispanics Across America.

MAMMOGRAM CONTROVERSY

ENRIQUE TEUTELO. SATELLITE ROOM**PKG 1:45**

U.S. health officials Wednesday distanced themselves from controversial new breast cancer screening guidelines that recommend against routine mammograms for healthy women in their 40s and said federal policy on screening mammograms has not changed. In a move likely to reassure American women, U.S. House and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force that issued the guidelines Monday does not set federal policy and does not affect what services the government will pay for. Critics of the new guidelines said they would lead to more

HEALTH CARE BILL SENATE**VO :27**

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has taken the wraps off health care legislation. It's estimated to extend coverage to 94 percent of eligible Americans at a cost of \$849 billion over the next decade. Initial maneuvering on the Senate floor was expected later in the week. Republicans hope to deny President Barack Obama a victory on his top domestic priority. Reid says the legislation will save lives, save money and help Medicare.

11/19/08

E-VERIFY**VO :19**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Assistant Secretary John Morton today announced the issuance of Notices of Inspection (NOIs) to 1,000 employers across the country associated with critical infrastructure-alerting business owners that ICE will audit their hiring records to determine compliance with employment eligibility verification laws.

HEALTHCARE REFORM**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:12**

Congressional budget experts say the new Senate health care bill would make a government health plan widely available. The Congressional Budget Office said Thursday that about two-thirds of the U.S. population would have a public plan available in their state, even though the Democrats' 10-year, \$848-billion bill would allow states to opt out. Wide availability doesn't mean the government plan would dominate the market, however. The budget umpires are estimating only 3 million to 4 million people would sign up, partly because private insurance plans would be able to offer lower premiums.

11/20/08

CERVICAL CANCER TEST**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK****PKG 2:07**

For women, especially young women, new guidelines for PAP Smears suggest that annual testing may provide more risk, than benefit. They are recommending that the women don't begin PAP test before age 21. Previously, it was age 18 and women between 20 and 30, get the test every other year. It's the second time this week that major procedural changes for women specific cancer screenings have been suggested. And it's raising some eyebrows.

HEALTH CARE BILL**VO :22**

Senate Democratic leaders are looking ahead to a crucial test vote on health care amid indications the rank-and-file will stand together Saturday to give them the support they need. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Senate Democrat, said Friday that leaders weren't assuming anything and were working to bring the caucus together ahead of Saturday's vote to begin debate on their health overhaul bill. Two of three moderate holdouts have indicated in recent days that they will vote with fellow Democrats on the procedural vote.

11/23/2009

GAS PRICES FALL TO BEGIN BUSY TRAVEL WEEK

VO :27

Retail gasoline prices headed downward to begin one of the country's busiest travel weeks, with more than 33 million people expected to hit the road for the Thanksgiving holiday. Americans are remaining closer to home because of anxiety about the economy and demand for gasoline is weaker now than it was last year at this time. That is telling because a gallon of gasoline then cost only \$1.93 as the economic crisis unfolded in 2008. Unlike last year, however, gas is not falling sharply and though prices fell overnight, it still cost \$2.64 per gallon on average, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

OCTOBER HOME SALES RISE 10.1 PCT FROM SEPTEMBER

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Home resales far exceeded expectations last month, surging to the highest level in 21/2 years as first-time buyers rushed to take advantage of an expiring tax credit. The National Association of Realtors says sales rose 10.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.1 million in October, from a downwardly revised pace of 5.54 million in September. It was the highest sales level since February 2007. Sales, which were nearly 24 percent above last year's level, had been expected to rise to an annual pace of 5.65 million, according to economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters. The median sales price was \$173,100 down 7.1 percent from a year earlier, and off 1.6 percent from September.

DEMS READY TO GO-IT-ALONE ON HEALTH CARE

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:06

A leading Senate Democrat said Monday his party is determined to push through a health care overhaul bill with or without Republican support because the "system is broken." "We prefer to go at it with Republicans if we can reach compromises in some areas," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "But we're not going to not pass a bill." Schumer dueled with Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison on a network morning news show in the wake of a key Senate vote Saturday night that advanced a 10-year, \$959 billion health bill to full debate. Hutchison argued that "you're going to put taxes and mandates on business" that would be a drag on an economy still struggling to recover from recession.

11/24/09

CRIB RECALL

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:10

The head of the Consumer Product Safety Commission on Tuesday promised swift action to get dangerous products off the market, acknowledging that the agency didn't move quickly enough on a record recall of more than 2 million cribs linked to four deaths. At issue are some 2.1 million drop-side cribs made by Stork Craft Manufacturing of Canada. Four infants suffocated in the cribs. CPSC said the recall involves 1.2 million cribs in the United States and almost 1 million in Canada. Sales of the cribs being recalled date back to 1993 and nearly 150,000 of the cribs carry the Fisher-Price logo.

11/25/09

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:05

Millions of Americans got an early jump on their Thanksgiving travel Wednesday, with many opting to drive or take trains and buses instead of shelling out more money for flights amid a sour economy still hitting household budgets hard. Many Americans are forgoing air travel for the Thanksgiving holiday and opting for cheaper alternatives because

of economic pressures. Others are staying home completely -- partly to avoid traffic and airport lines, partly to save a buck. Thanksgiving travel plummeted a staggering 25 percent between 2007 and 2008, and many of those habits seem to be sticking this year. The number of people traveling is likely to stay about the same, inching up only by about 1.4 percent.

IMMIGRANT NEW LAY
ENRIQUE TEUTELO. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:00

Gov. Jan Brewer, flanked by key state legislators, reacted with shock Tuesday to a lawsuit by cities and towns and accused the local officials of coddling illegal immigrants at state expense. But the lawsuit disputes how state officials enacted the wide-ranging law, not the substance of the law itself. At issue is a lawsuit filed with the state Supreme Court Monday by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. It argues that the Legislature unconstitutionally approved policy changes that affect local development practices as well as how cities enforce requirements that people show proof of citizenship to receive benefits. The measures were included in a budget bill lawmakers approved this summer during a special session called to deal with the state budget deficit and a possible sales-tax referendum.

OBESITY CAN COMPLICATED H1N1
VO :16

New research suggests that obesity may be a key factor for H1N1 victims who end up in the hospital. Doctors say those who need to be concerned are people more than 100 pounds overweight. Of the 268 hospitalized patients for whom we had weights, actually 58 percent of them were obese. And 25 percent of that group were considered morbidly obese. That's more than 100 pounds overweight, so they were significantly overweight and they were at five times increased risk of complications from the H1N1 flu than the general population.

11/26/09

SLOW ECONOMY RECOVERY
VO: 19

Hope for a strong economic rebound is fading Growth last quarter was less than initially estimated. The Federal Reserve doesn't expect the economy to pick up steam until 2011, despite huge stimulus spending and low interest rates. The economy is improving according to most yardsticks, but fresh evidence emerged Tuesday that the path to revival could resemble a Thanksgiving holiday road trip -- long, slow and stressful. Hopes for a strong rebound from the recession are fading as the government Tuesday downsized its estimate of economic growth in the third quarter to 2.8% from its earlier calculation of 3.5%.

BLACK FRIDAY PREVIEW
JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:00

Three percent of buyers, have already done their holiday shopping. Odds are they have now turned to getting a head start on filing their taxes. For the rest of us, Black Friday looms. We will be trolling between now and the Big Event to offer you news, tips, deals and ideas. Stores are appealing to the recession mind-set this holiday season, offering deals on necessities such as blankets and socks alongside big ticket electronic items. The National Retail Federation expects the Black Friday crowds will be bigger this year, but spending for the weekend will be at best unchanged from last year.

TAMIFLU REPORT
VO :24

The World Health Organization says isolated cases of drug-resistant swine flu in Britain and the United States have not changed the agency's assessment of the disease. It says Tamiflu remains highly effective against the vast majority of H1N1 cases. Four cancer patients in a North Carolina hospital tested positive last week for a type of the flu that was resistant to Tamiflu. Five people at a British hospital also didn't respond to the drug after contracting the flu. WHO flu chief Dr. Keiji Fukuda said Thursday that investigations were under way, but that the American and British patients for whom Tamiflu did not work had severely weakened immune systems.

11/27/09

BLACK FRIDAY**VILMA TARAZONA. MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 2:01**

Shopping mall operators say more shoppers are making purchases in cash and with debit cards today, instead of credit. One man carrying two bulging Macy's bags in Chicago said with cash, "you don't have the hangover in January." After a year of concentrating spending on basic necessities, some shoppers have been taking advantage of post-Thanksgiving deals on toys and TVs. But worries about jobs were on the minds of many shoppers, as they looked for bargains. At the Macy's flagship store in New York, which opened at 5 a.m., dozens of women were rummaging through a bin of purses marked 40 percent off the original price.

LAYAWAY IN BLACK FRIDAY**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK****PKG 2:03**

The term Black Friday comes from old-school accounting, where being in the "red" meant that the company was in the negative financially, and being in the "black" meant that a profit was being made. For tax purposes, being in the "red" is not always a bad thing, but when it comes to making money, every company knows that income must exceed expenses in order to survive. An average day at that Wal-Mart location is about 5,000, so Black Friday actually drew about double its regular customer count. Mathers added that Wal-Mart will be making an extra effort for its customers safety this year. Early shoppers are taking advantage of stores that offer lay-away, too, picking up coveted items early and paying a little at a time on them.

HISPANICS AND HEALTHCARE**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:38**

The Health debate starts Monday November 30th preview of the debate as it relates to issues that affect Hispanics. Although Hispanics are the largest ethnic minority population in the United States, they are underserved by the health-care system. Hispanics are less likely to seek and receive health-care services, which might contribute to their poorer health status and higher rates of morbidity and mortality. To assess differences in access to health-care and preventive services between Hispanics and non-Hispanics, CDC analyzed 2001--2002 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System surveys.

11/30/09**SENATE DEBATES HEALTH CARE REFORM****VO :26**

A very partisan debate over health care is under way in the Senate. But the arguments began today even before it formally opened. Democrats say a Congressional Budget Office assessment of the costs show the bill would lower premiums for "the vast majority of Americans." Republicans say most will either see no significant savings or end up paying more.

HOME FORECLOSURES**JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:05**

The Obama administration will crack down on mortgage companies that are failing to do enough to help borrowers at risk of foreclosure, as part of a broad effort to boost participation in its mortgage assistance program. The Treasury Department said Monday it will withhold payments from mortgage companies that aren't doing enough to make the changes permanent. Officials will monitor the largest of the 71 participating mortgage companies via daily progress reports.

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11/02/09

FLU VACCINE SAFETY

VO :21

Independent health advisers will begin monitoring the safety of the swine flu vaccine Monday. Specialists aren't expecting problems with the shot, because it's made the same way as the regular winter flu vaccine. But the government is taking extra steps to track the health of millions of Americans, to spot any problems quickly and explain false alarms when common disorders coincide with inoculation. The specially appointed group of experts will hold private meetings to raise the red flag if the government misses anything. The group Monday will hear government and manufacturers' data from studies of the vaccine in more than 10,000 people.

COFFEE MAY LOWER ENDOMETRIAL CANCER RISK

VO :21

Women dread a diagnosis of endometrial cancer, but those who drink at least two cups of caffeinated coffee a day may have a lower risk for this cancer of cells lining the uterus. Coffee drinking seemed to particularly protect overweight and obese women, study co-author Dr. Emilie Friberg, at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden, told Reuters Health by email. Friberg's team twice surveyed 60,634 Swedish women about their coffee intake - when they enrolled in the Swedish Mammography Cohort study between 1987 and 1990, and again in 1997.

STATE BALLOTS TACKLE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

VO :28

Voters in six states will decide Tuesday on a range of hot-button issues, from same-sex marriage and medical marijuana laws to borrowing funds for open space. In Maine and Washington state, voters will decide whether to extend marriage rights to gay men and lesbians. A ballot measure in Maine would repeal a gay-marriage law passed last spring by the state Legislature. If it fails, it will be the first time a state referendum supported gay marriage, says Frank Schubert, a strategist working to pass the measure, known as Question 1. "Gay marriage has never been approved in a ballot anywhere in the country," Schubert says. In Washington, Referendum 71, would give same-sex partners and unmarried seniors who live together the same rights as married couples with the caveat "that a domestic partnership is not a marriage.

IMMIGRANT JAIL TESTS U.S. VIEW OF LEGAL ACCESS

A startling petition arrived at the New York City Bar Association in October 2008, signed by 100 men, all locked up without criminal charges in the middle of Manhattan. In vivid if flawed English, it described cramped, filthy quarters where dire medical needs were ignored and hungry prisoners were put to work for \$1 a day. The petitioners were among 250 detainees imprisoned in an immigration jail that few New Yorkers know exists. Above a post office, on the fourth floor of a federal office building in Greenwich Village, the Varick Street Detention Facility takes in 11,000 men a year, most of them longtime New Yorkers facing deportation without a lawyer. Galvanized by the petition, the bar association sent volunteers into the jail to offer legal counsel to detainees - a strategy the Obama administration has embraced as it tries to fix the entire detention system..

FORECLOSURE FRAUD

LOURDES DEL RIO / HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA

PKG 1:19

Mortgage fraud is becoming increasingly common. Scam artists often target homeowners struggling to meet their mortgage commitments or anxious to sell their homes. There is help available when facing financial problems or foreclosure, but make sure you are dealing with a reputable organization before getting involved. A good rule of thumb is that unsolicited help, whether in person, on the phone, or by mail should be fully researched before accepting any help.

INFLUENZA A H1N1

**DR. JORGE ARANA / ATLANTA, GEORGIA
INTERVIEW 5:00MIN. APPROX.**

Dr. Arana answers questions from viewers about H1N1 swine flu.

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11/03/09

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

VO :263

The Senate is moving toward approving a major economic relief bill that extends benefits to the jobless and expands a first-time home buyer tax credit. The legislation to give those exhausting their unemployment benefits up to 20 weeks of additional federal aid cleared a procedural hurdle Monday, setting up a vote to pass the bill later in the week. The measure also extends and expands the \$8,000 first-time home buyer tax credit, which is set to expire at the end of this month, through next June and provides tax relief to companies that have been running in the red.

HALF OF US KIDS WILL GET FOOD STAMPS

VO :26

A new study finds a growing number of American children end up on food and that the recession is making things even worse. An analysis of three decades-worth of national data finds that nearly half of all U.S. children will be on food stamps and 90 percent of black children at some point during their childhood. A Department of Agriculture report released last month says more than 28 million Americans received food stamps in an average month last year, and about half were younger than age 18. The new analysis is in the November issue of Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

HOLIDAY FARES

VO :17

Most of the largest U.S. airlines have increased a surcharge for travel on the busiest travel days to \$20 each way, up from \$10. The surcharges apply to a large number of flights within the U.S. on more than a dozen peak days around holidays including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Tom Parsons, who runs the discount travel site Bestfares.com, says Delta, American, United, US Airways and Northwest all boosted their surcharge on some routes. Tim Smith, a spokesman for Fort Worth-based American Airlines, says it's basically supply and demand. Parsons says the increases are part of a clear trend in airline pricing, given airline downsizing, increased fuel costs and financial losses.

HEALTH REFORM & SMALL BUSINESS

VO :24

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Small Business Administration Administrator Karen Mills will hold a briefing on the impact of health insurance reform with small business owners from across the country. Sebelius and Mills will give a legislative update and discuss the impact of health reform on small businesses before taking questions from the group of business owners.

CENSUS IN SCHOOLS

FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:45

Federal government launches national campaign to reach 56 million students in kindergarten through 12th grade in 118,000 schools and teach them on the importance of the 2010 Census and to tell their parents to participate in it.

A FREE CREDIT SCORE FOLLOWED BY A MONTHLY BILL

VO :28

On television it's hard to miss the wildly popular band of slackers singing ruefully from a shabby apartment or while waiting tables in pirate regalia. The ruined credit that led to their financial misfortune might have been sparkling if only they'd tracked their status on freecreditreport.com. The Federal Trade Commission is not amused. It has long believed that the company that owns freecreditreport.com is deliberately diverting people from a government-mandated site where consumers can get free credit reports by law, and using the reports as a lure for a \$14.95 monthly service that alerts subscribers to important changes in their credit status.

1 DOSE OF FLU VACCINE WORKING IN PREGNANT WOMEN

VO :19

Federal health officials say pregnant women get good results from just a single dose of swine flu vaccine, but young children still need two treatments. Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told the same briefing Monday that the flu is currently widespread in 48 states and hospitalizations and deaths continue to increase. She said 30 million doses of the vaccine were available as of Monday. There will be continued challenges, she said, but the supply is expected to catch up with demand.

GROUND BEEF RECALL

VO :18

An outbreak of food-borne illness, linked to dangerous bacteria in ground beef, sickened 28 people and may have caused two deaths in the U.S. Northeast, health officials said on Monday. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said all but three of the illnesses were in the Northeast and 18 were in the six New England states. A common strain of E. coli bacteria was involved so tests were under way to see if all of the reported cases have the same cause.

TV WATCHING LINKED TO AGGRESSION IN KIDS

VO :20

The more TV a 3-year-old watches, the more likely he or she is to behave aggressively, a new study shows. Just having the TV on when the child wasn't watching it was also linked to aggressive behavior, although the relationship wasn't as strong, Dr. Jennifer A. Manganello of the University at Albany, State University of New York, Rensselaer, and her colleagues found.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

VO :21

An Agriculture Department report says schools are generally doing a better job of identifying students who are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches. But the report also notes there's a wide difference among the states. The report to Congress says that in 2008-2009, 78 percent of schools identified eligible students by using government records of households already getting aid. Use of the so-called direct certification method was up 11 percentage points from the previous year. Direct certification helps eliminate lengthy applications. The report says the top four states, Alaska, Delaware, New York and Tennessee, directly enrolled more than 90 percent of eligible students. But the bottom four, the District of Columbia, Idaho, Missouri and New Hampshire -- directly enrolled only 50 percent or fewer.

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11/04/09

CONGRESS POISED TO KEEP HOMEBUYERS' TAX CREDIT

VO: 22

The Senate and House are poised to agree on a compromise measure to extend unemployment benefits that also would expand a popular \$8,000 tax credit for homebuyers, despite a recent government report on extensive mistakes and suspected fraud in the program. The Senate might pass its version as early as Wednesday, and aides to Congressional leaders say the House could accept it this week, sending the bill to President Obama to sign into law. After weeks of partisan delay in the Senate, Democrats are eager to show progress before Friday, when the October jobless report is again expected to show high unemployment.

SKIN CARE

DR. ALIZA LIFSHITZ

INTERVIEW 3:00

there's tried-and-true ways to properly care for your skin, from the right way to cleanse your face, to the best moisturizers and sunscreens. Dr. Aliza explains the ways you can take care of your skin.

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11/05/09

JOBLES BENEFITS - HOMEBUYERS

VO: 18

Congress is one vote away from sending the president legislation that continues aid to more than a million jobless people and extends tax breaks to hundreds of thousands of prospective homebuyers and struggling businesses. The legislation, recognizing the lingering distresses of the recession, passed the Senate Wednesday on a 98-0 vote and could come up in the House as early as Thursday, sending it to President Barack Obama for his signature.

HEALTH CARE IMMIGRATION**VO/SOT 1:00**

A House Democrat is accusing President Barack Obama of dehumanizing illegal immigrants with his hard-line stance against allowing them to benefit from pending health overhaul legislation. Congressman Luis Gutierrez, from Obama's home state of Illinois, said Wednesday the approach is "nonsense" and would ultimately cost taxpayers more money when illegal immigrants end up in emergency rooms.

CONGRESS-CREDIT CARDS**VO: 26**

The House has voted to impose tough new rules for credit card companies unless lenders agree to freeze interest rates and fees. The bill, approved 331-92, would accelerate the February enactment date of legislation already passed by Congress that limits when and how banks can charge credit card customers. The bill would become effective when President Barack Obama signs it, but prospects of Senate passage are dim.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**VO: 16**

The Senate decided late Wednesday to offer up to 20 additional weeks of unemployment benefits to millions of jobless Americans. Legislators also agreed to extend a tax credit which allows first-time home buyers an \$8,000 return. The vote now moves to the House, where it could be voted on as soon as today.

CERTAIN ANTIBIOTICS MAY UP BIRTH DEFECT RISK**VO: 24**

Some of the antibiotics used to treat urinary tract infections during pregnancy may increase the risk of several birth defects if a woman uses them early in pregnancy, a new study in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine shows. Researchers found an increased risk for two classes of antibiotics: sulfonamide (example: Bactrim) and nitrofurantoin (example: Macrobid). But the antibiotics pregnant women are most likely to be prescribed, the penicillins and erythromycins, appeared to be safe. "Most of the commonly used antibiotics do not seem to be associated with most of the birth defects we studied," study co-author Dr. Krista S. Crider, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, told Reuters Health. "This should be helpful for pregnant women and their health care provider as they're trying to make decisions on treatment of infections during pregnancy."

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11/06/09

JOBLESS ECONOMY**VO: 29**

The US unemployment rate has broken through 10% for the first time since the early 1980s in a fresh sign of financial misery at grassroots level in the world's biggest economy. Monthly figures from the US department of labour revealed that employers cut a higher-than-expected 190,000 jobs in October. The unemployment rate rose to 10.2% from September's 9.8%, reaching its highest level since April 1983.

OBAMA SIGN BILL HOMEBUYERS**VO: 34**

President Obama signed H.R. 3548 this morning, enacting into law an extension, and adjustment, of the \$8,000 tax credit for first-time buyers. Among other things, the extension adds money for certain move-up buyers; creates one deadline for signing a contract and a later deadline for closing; changes income requirements; and limits a purchased home's cost to \$800,000.

HEALTH OVERHAUL-OBAMA**VO: 27**

House Democrats are scrambling to secure enough support to pass President Barack Obama's historic health overhaul initiative, working to soothe rank-and-file Democrats ahead of a make-or-break vote. Voting is set for Saturday on the 10-year, \$1.2 trillion legislation that embraces Obama's goals of extending health coverage to tens of millions of uninsured Americans and putting tough new restrictions on insurance companies. Obama was set to make a personal appeal to the Democratic rank and file in a visit Friday to Capitol Hill. That was called off late Thursday after the shootings at Fort Hood, Texas, and rescheduled for Saturday.

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11/09/09

HEALTHCARE REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

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The glow from a health care triumph is fading quickly for President Barack Obama as Democrats realize the bill they'd fought so hard to pass in the House will have a tough time in the Senate. The government health insurance plan included in the House bill is unacceptable to a few Democratic moderates who hold the balance of power in the Senate. They don't like the idea of the government competing with private insurers. Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent whose vote Democrats need to overcome GOP filibusters, tells "Fox News Sunday" that if a so-called "public option" is part of the bill, he will not allow it to come to a final vote.

IMMIGRATION ACCELERATES CITIZENSHIP PROCESS

VO :29

Immigration authorities are processing citizenship requests much more faster than before, fulfilling the promise to process migratory documents in six months or less. On August 31st, according to numbers available, the time of processing average for requests of citizenship in Miami was of five months compared with an average of about 12 months in September of the 2008. But immigration lawyers thought that the processing is faster because the prices are higher and therefore are less requests.

INFLUENZA H1N1

DR. FELIPE LOBELO / CDC

INTERVIEW 5:00MINS. APPROX

Dr. Lobelo answers questions from viewers about H1N1 swine flu.

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11/10/09

H1N1 PAID SICK TIME

VO :22

Americans infected by the H1N1 flu virus would be guaranteed paid sick leave under emergency legislation U.S. Senator Chris Dodd plans to unveil Tuesday in response to the swine flu pandemic. Dodd's measure is similar to one already introduced in the House intended to ensure that sick employees do not spread the virus to others. Dodd's office said the bill he is preparing would help people who have to choose between losing a day's pay or possibly infecting co-workers. Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat who chairs a Senate subcommittee on children and families, will announce the proposal at a hearing on Tuesday, according to the statement. California Representative George Miller last week proposed emergency legislation that would require employers who tell workers to stay home when they are sick to give them paid time off for up to five days.

PLAVIX WORKS IN MEN AND WOMEN, WITH DIFFERENCES

VO :23

The popular blood-thinner Plavix prevents heart attacks and strokes in both women and men, but the benefits differ slightly by gender, U.S. researchers said on Monday. They are aware of breast cancer. Women with dense breasts who have had lumpectomies for breast cancer are at a higher risk of a recurrence, according to a new study. However, the increased risk is for recurrences near the original cancer. The higher risk was also only seen in women who were not treated with radiation after their surgeries.

DENSE BREASTS LINKED TO RETURN OF BREAST CANCER

VO :20

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MORE MUSCLE POWER MEANS LOWER ALZHEIMER'S RISK**VO :27**

Older people with stronger muscles are at reduced risk of developing Alzheimer's disease compared to their weaker peers, a new study shows. Dr. Patricia A. Boyle of Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center in Chicago and her colleagues found that the greater a person's muscle strength, the lower their likelihood of being diagnosed with Alzheimer's over a four-year period. The same was true for the loss of mental function that often precedes full-blown Alzheimer's.

DO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS FUEL UNHEALTHY BEHAVIORS?**VO :21**

Think that getting high school students involved in team sports will help keep them away from drugs, alcohol and other unhealthy behaviors? It's not entirely true, according to research presented today at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

TO EAT LESS, YOUR BODY MAY WANT YOU TO EAT SLOWLY**VO :17**

Your mother's advice to slow down at meal time may have been wise after all: a new study suggests that shoveling down your food blocks the body's natural appetite-control process. "Most of us have heard that eating fast can lead to food overconsumption and obesity, and in fact some...studies have supported this notion," Dr. Alexander Kokkinos, the lead researcher on the study, said in a written statement.

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SANCTUARY CITY**VO: 24**

The Tennessee state legislature cleared a bill (SB 1310) for the governor's signature that would prohibit local governments from enacting "sanctuary city" ordinances or policies that make it difficult for law enforcement and other local government employees to comply with federal immigration law. The bill, which was sponsored by Rep. Joe Carr and Sen. Jim Tracy, also requires local law enforcement officials to inform federal immigration authorities when they have probable cause to believe an arrestee is an illegal alien.

BISPHENOL SAFETY**VO: 24**

Male factory workers in China who got very high doses of a chemical that's been widely used in hard plastic bottles had high rates of sexual problems, researchers reported today. Heavy exposure to BPA, or bisphenol A, on the job was linked to impotence and lower sexual desire and satisfaction, according to the study, which adds to concerns about BPA's effects on most consumers. The men in the study experienced BPA levels about 50 times higher than those faced by typical American men, said researcher Dr. De-Kun Li. "We don't know" whether more typical doses have similar effects, he said. People shouldn't be alarmed by the finding, said Li, a reproductive and perinatal epidemiologist at Kaiser Permanente's research division in Oakland, Calif. But he said it would be prudent to limit exposure to BPA while scientists look for any effects from lower doses.

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11/12/09

OBAMA & ECONOMY**VO: 29**

President Barack Obama says he's organizing a wide-ranging White House jobs summit to "talk about how we can work together" to create jobs. Obama said at the White House that a report Thursday showing fewer claims for jobless benefits is "a hopeful sign" but he also said that finding jobs for the millions without them remains one of his administration's greatest challenges.

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL**VO: 21**

Democratic officials say Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is considering higher payroll taxes on the wealthy as part of a bill to overhaul the health care system. These officials say Reid has been evaluating a proposal to raise the Medicare portion of the payroll tax on incomes over \$250,000. Under current law, individuals pay a tax of 1.45 percent on their income to help fund Medicare, and employers do the same. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss the options under review. Reid's spokesman declined comment and said the Nevada Democrat has made no final decisions on the bill he will introduce in the Senate.

FORECLOSURES RATES**VO:22**

A new report shows the number of homeowners on the brink of losing their homes fell last month. The RealtyTrac numbers show the third straight monthly decline. The drop comes as foreclosure prevention programs have been coming to the rescue of more borrowers. Even so, foreclosure filings are up 19 percent from a year ago. And continued job losses continue to threaten the stabilizing trend. More than 332,000 households -- or one in every 385 homes --received a foreclosure-related notice last month. Those include a notice of default or trustee's sale. That's down 3 percent from September. Banks repossessed more than 77,000 homes last month, down from nearly 88,000 homes in September.

SWINE FLU DEATHS ESTIMATES**VO: 19**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization stopped trying to count actual cases months ago, once it became clear that H1N1 was a pandemic that would infect millions. There are nowhere near enough diagnostic tests to give to everyone with flu-like symptoms to see if they really have swine flu, and autopsies have shown that some people who have died had H1N1 and no one even knew it. So the death figures will be based on models, calculated by looking intensively at small groups of people, gathering data on overall reports of sickness and death, and reconciling the two. This is also what happens every year with seasonal influenza, which WHO says kills 250,000 to 500,000 people a year globally and which CDC says kills 36,000 Americans in an average year.

RETAIL SALES-OCTOBER**VO: 20**

Americans may be settling into low-spending habits. They spent about the same amount in October as they did in August and September. That's according to pendingPulse, a service of MasterCard Advisors. U.S. retail sales rose 1.5 percent in October compared to a year earlier. The sales include everything from toys to food, but exclude cars and gasoline. Compared with the month before, however, sales fell 2.3 percent in October. That's the biggest month-to-month decline since December 2008. A parade of earnings reports due Thursday will offer a more textured read on consumers' recent spending.

SMOKING TIED TO SUICIDE RISK IN BIPOLAR DISORDER**VO: 17**

Efforts to help smokers kick the habit have stalled in the United States, with hardly any recent change in smoking rates, federal researchers reported Thursday. Just over 20 percent of the adult population smoked in 2008, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and 1,000 people take up the habit every day. "Overall smoking prevalence did not change significantly from 2007 to 2008," CDC researchers wrote in the weekly report on death and disease.

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SWINE FLU DEATH & ILL TOLL**VO: 18**

Estimates of deaths caused by the swine flu have grown to nearly 4,000 since April, roughly quadrupling previous estimates. But that doesn't mean swine flu suddenly has worsened. Instead, the federal numbers made public Thursday reflect a long-awaited better attempt to quantify the new flu's true toll. Most cases still don't require a doctor's care. Swine flu has sickened about 22 million Americans since April and killed about 540 children. And it's still early in the season.

REPUBLICANS-ABORTION INSURANCE**VO: 28**

chagrined GOP Chairman Michael Steele has told Republican National Committee staff to immediately stop providing RNC employees with insurance for elective abortions - an option that Republicans strongly oppose as Democrats try to pass a health care overhaul bill. "Money from our loyal donors should not be used for this purpose," Steele said in a statement late Thursday after learning of the abortion coverage from a news report. "I don't know why this policy existed in the past, but it will not exist under my administration. Consider this issue settled."

ANTIVIRALS KEY TO PREVENTING SEVERE H1N1 DISEASE: WHO**VO: 15**

Antiviral medicines can prevent H1N1 flu deaths and should be given quickly to pregnant women, very young children and people with underlying medical problems who fall ill, the World Health Organisation said on Thursday. Announcing a change of its guidance to doctors, the United Nations health agency said the drugs should be administered even before tests conclude that an at-risk patient has the pandemic virus and not something else.

US REPORTS LARGEST MUMPS OUTBREAK IN 3 YEARS**VO: 26**

U.S. health officials say the largest U.S. outbreak of mumps in three years is occurring in New York and New Jersey. About 180 cases were identified in those two states from the time an investigation began in August through the end of October. Another 15 cases tied to the same outbreak have been reported in Canada. Three people have been hospitalized but no deaths were reported. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the outbreak was first reported at a boys camp in Sullivan County, N.Y. It may have been triggered by an 11-year-old boy from the United Kingdom, where an ongoing mumps outbreak has sickened about 4,000. Mumps is spread by coughing and sneezing with the most common symptoms being fever, headache and swollen salivary glands under the jaw. It sometimes lead to serious problems such as hearing loss, meningitis and fertility-diminishing swollen testicles.

STUDIES SUGGEST OVERWEIGHT KIDS ARE CORONARY TIME BOMBS**VO: 20**

Russell Pate was driving through a neighborhood one late afternoon when he noticed something odd. He couldn't hear the sounds of children playing. No jump rope patter. No squeals of a bike's brake. No crack of a bat -- just silence. The streets were deserted because the neighborhood kids were cocooned in their homes, Pate says. It was a scene he's seen over and over again. "Now you can drive through entire neighborhoods where you know there are a lot of young kids there and hardly see any of them out," says Pate, an American Heart Association spokesman. Pate's story reinforces what numerous medical studies say: American youths are getting less active and fatter. Medical experts say many of these couch-bound youths are becoming coronary time bombs -- they're more liable to suffer from heart disease as adults.

DOES CATARACT SURGERY MAKE EYE DISEASE WORSE?**VO:19**

Cataract surgery does not appear to worsen the course of age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a progressive loss of vision due to deterioration of nerve tissue in the retina, a new study shows. The finding, however, does not yet settle the long-standing controversy over the appropriateness of cataract surgery in eyes with this disorder, an editorial warns. AMD is the most common cause of blindness in adults 55 years of age and older.

ACETAMINOPHEN COULD UP ASTHMA, WHEEZING RISK**VO: 21**

An analysis of 19 studies provides additional evidence of increased asthma risk in children and adults given acetaminophen. The study's lead author told Reuters Health, while this type of study isn't the best way to prove that the medication actually causes the illness, it does show that the relationship should be investigated further. "We know acetaminophen affects inflammatory cells in the airway," said Dr. J. Mark FitzGerald of the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute in British Columbia. But even if the medication does boost asthma risk, he added, it's likely only one factor in the rise in asthma prevalence seen in recent years.

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**FORECLOSURE FRAUD
LOURDES DEL RIO- HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA
PKG 2:15**

Mortgage fraud is becoming increasingly common. Scam artists often target homeowners struggling to meet their mortgage commitments or anxious to sell their homes. There is help available when facing financial problems or foreclosure, but make sure you are dealing with a reputable organization before getting involved. A good rule of thumb is that unsolicited help, whether in person, on the phone, or by mail should be fully researched before accepting any help.

**TAKE CARE OF YOU CREDIT
JULIE STAV- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:46**

A good credit history in the United States can make your life a lot more convenient and economical. A high credit rating allows you to easily apply for low interest credit cards, obtain an equity line of credit, finance a car, and even buy a house with a low interest mortgage. It is also helpful to have a good credit history if you would like to rent a house or apartment, as many property owners perform credit checks before they allow anyone to rent.

11/02/09

**CIT GOES BANCKRUPCY
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:11**

The bankruptcy of a key lender that helps retailers stock their shelves is adding to the industry's worries ahead of the critical holiday shopping season. CIT Group Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Sunday in New York after months of struggling to avoid collapse. The company provides badly needed credit to thousands of small and mid-sized businesses, and is a critical part of the flow of capital in the retail sector.

11/03/09

**HEALTH CARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:12**

Between House Democratic leaders and a landmark vote on President Barack Obama's promised remake of the nation's health care system. Unfortunately for the Democrats, the unresolved issues are among the most vexing out there: abortion and immigration. And although they're confident they'll succeed, Democratic leaders have yet to nail down the votes they'll need to pass their sweeping bill. They're aiming for floor action to begin as early as Friday and finish before Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

**H1N1 LATEST
LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:47**

A leading government health figure says tests on millions of people who have received the H1N1 flu vaccine show

that it's safe and effective. Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health said in a nationally broadcast interview Tuesday that people should not worry about the safety of the vaccine. He pointed to a study of pregnant woman that more than 90 percent of the patients who got the vaccine mounted "a response that you would have predicted."

11/04/09

LAS VEGAS UNEMPLOYMENT
MARIA ELENA SALINAS. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
PKG 3:01

Las Vegas has more than 130,000 people who are unemployed. When City Center announced job openings, they were flooded with more than 100,000 applicants for a very small number of openings. Fewer than 5 percent of those who applies were hired. This huge number of candidates are not having much success finding jobs in the traditional manner , they re having to expand their efforts and be much more creative to stand out from the crowd and be found. People are feeling like they're a needle in a employers' haystack.

11/05/09

HEALTH BILL AND IMMIGRATNS
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:00

A House Democrat is accusing President Barack Obama of dehumanizing illegal immigrants with his hard-line stance against allowing them to benefit from pending health overhaul legislation. Congressman Luis Gutierrez, from Obama's home state of Illinois, said Wednesday the approach is "nonsense" and would ultimately cost taxpayers more money when illegal immigrants end up in emergency rooms. Language on illegal immigrants is still being finalized as the House prepares to vote as early as Saturday. The White House wants to bar illegal immigrants from buying health plans in a new purchasing exchange, even if they use their own money. Gutierrez and other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus say that goes too far.

JOBLESS BENEFITS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:15

The House could be voting as early as today on a Senate-passed bill that would extend unemployment benefits and expand a homebuyer tax credit. The bill passed the Senate with a 98-0 vote yesterday, and is expected to easily win approval in the House and be sent to President Barack Obama for his signature. The \$24 billion package gives the jobless at least 14 weeks of additional benefits, while those in states with unemployment rates of 8.5 percent and above get six weeks on top of that. More than 1 million out-of-work people were expected to run out of benefits by the end of the year.

11/06/09

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 1:54

The unemployment rate has surpassed 10 percent for the first time since 1983 -- and is likely to go higher. Nearly 16 million people can't find jobs even though the worst recession since the Great Depression has apparently ended. The Labor Department said Friday that the economy shed a net total of 190,000 jobs in October, less than the downwardly revised 219,000 lost in September. August job losses were also revised lower, to 154,000 from 201,000. But the loss of jobs last month exceeded economists' estimates. It's the 22nd straight month the U.S. economy has shed jobs, the longest on records dating back 70 years. Counting those who have settled for part-time jobs or stopped looking for work, the unemployment rate would be 17.5 percent, the highest on records dating from 1994.

**HEALTH CARE BILL
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:02**

House Democrats acknowledged they don't yet have the votes to pass a sweeping overhaul of the nation's health care system, and signaled they may push back the vote until Sunday or early next week. Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., told reporters in a conference call Friday that the make-or-break vote on President Barack Obama's top priority that had been set for Saturday could face delay. The apparent problem: Democrats have yet to resolve intraparty disputes over abortion funding and illegal immigrants' access to health care.

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**HEALTHCARE VOTE
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
LIVE AND PKG 2:04**

The House has opened debate on President Barack Obama's landmark health care overhaul that would extend insurance to tens of millions of Americans and enact dramatic changes to the country's medical system. In the opening moments of debate, Democrats hailed the legislation as an advance for the nation's social fabric and a moral and economic imperative. Republicans said it would be a government takeover of the health care system that would damage the economy and erode the doctor-patient relationship. The vote planned for late Saturday was expected to be tight. Democratic leaders hoped a late-morning visit by Obama to Capitol Hill would push it over the edge.

**HEALTHCARE REFORM
VO : 24**

The House has used a near-party line vote to reject a Republican health overhaul bill. Shortly before beginning its vote on a Democratic plan, the chamber voted 258-176 against a GOP version that would have lowered costs for people with insurance but done little or nothing to expand coverage to those without any. Outnumbered Republicans knew the chamber would reject their measure, but advanced it to present their vision of how the health system should be reshaped. The GOP relied largely on loosening regulations on private insurers to reduce costs for the insured by as much as 10 percent. Congressional budget analysts said the plan would make no dent in the ranks of the uninsured.

11/08/09

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**HEALTH CARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDE MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:21**

The glow from a health care triumph is fading quickly for President Barack Obama as Democrats realize the bill they'd fought so hard to pass in the House will have a tough time in the Senate. The government health insurance plan included in the House bill is unacceptable to a few Democratic moderates who hold the balance of power in the Senate. They don't like the idea of the government competing with private insurers. Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent whose vote Democrats need to overcome GOP filibusters, tells "Fox News Sunday" that if a so-called "public option" is part of the bill, he will not allow it to come to a final vote.

11/09/09

**HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:01**

As the focus on health care reform shifts to the Senate, analysts aren't expecting the chamber to pass an overhaul bill any time soon. Saturday's close House vote passed a measure that includes a government health insurance plan. That provision is unacceptable to some Democratic moderates who hold the balance of power in the Senate. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is already hinting that senators may not be able to finish health care this year. For now, he's trying to find the votes for a different approach: a government plan that states could opt out of. He's expected to keep meeting with senators this week. The goal is to work out a political formula that will give Reid not only the 60 votes needed to begin debate, but the 60 needed to shut off discussion and bring the bill to a final vote.

EPA EMISSIONS

VO :22

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has sent to the White House for review its final proposal on whether carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions pose a danger to human health and welfare, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson told Reuters Monday. The EPA's final finding, if it follows the agency's earlier assessment and is approved by the Office of Management and Budget, would allow the EPA to issue rules later to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, even if Congress fails to pass legislation to cut U.S. emissions of the heat-trapping gases that contribute to global warming.

SUPREME COURT JUVENILE LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA PKG 2:12

The Supreme Court is considering whether sentencing a juvenile to life in prison with no chance of parole is cruel and unusual punishment, particularly if the crime is less serious than homicide. The cases being heard Monday involve two Florida convicts. Joe Sullivan was sent away for life for raping an elderly woman when he was 13. Terrance Graham was implicated in armed robberies when he was 16 and 17.

IMMIGRANTS BECOME CITIZENS SETTLEMENT VO :26

Immigrants who waited for years for their citizenship applications to be processed due to extraordinary backlogs will finally have the chance to become Americans and enjoy the privileges of citizenship, under the terms of a settlement announced today between the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the National Immigration Law Center, the ACLU of Southern California, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson. The settlement puts an end to indefinite delays in processing naturalization applications caused by routine FBI background checks, and requires USCIS to adjudicate hundreds of citizenship applications from the Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Bernardino areas within six months. It also requires the federal government to provide naturalization data from the Los Angeles area to the legal groups who filed the lawsuit, in order to ensure that lengthy processing delays do not recur.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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UN NUTRITION REPORT VO :12

A new U.N. report says there are nearly 200 million children around the world who have stunted growth because they don't get enough to eat. The U.N. children's agency says more than 90 percent of those children live in poor Asian and African countries. The UNICEF report also says undernourished children often lack the strength to fight off diseases and complications, and more than a third of all deaths among children under five are linked to the problem.

US OFFICIALS BEGIN PUSH AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING VO : 16

Fourteen cities are being targeted in a new campaign aimed at alerting people about human trafficking, federal

immigration officials have announced.

The "Hidden in Plain Sight" initiative, sponsored by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, features billboards highlighting "the horrors and the prevalence of human trafficking," which the agency says is equivalent to "modern-day slavery." The words "Hidden in Plain Sight" are displayed on the advertisements with a toll-free number people can call to report situations where they believe people are being sexually exploited or forced to work against their will.

11/12/09

**OBAMA: JOBS AND ECONOMY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:08**

President Barack Obama, facing a 10.2 percent U.S. unemployment rate, will announce Thursday plans for a jobs summit in December, an administration official said. Obama will make the announcement at the White House before departing on a weeklong Asia trip. The U.S. economy began growing again in the third quarter but unemployment has continued to climb, battered by the worst recession since the Great Depression. Unemployment jumped to a 26-1/2 year high in October and the White House has warned that it could get a little worse before it starts getting better.

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**NAPOLITANO IMMIGRATION REPORT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. LUIS MEGID
PKG 1:50**

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's speech today at the Center for American Progress (CAP) will probably be remembered as a key moment in the history of immigration reform. The Secretary didn't just express support for a comprehensive overhaul of our immigration system; she made it clear that it was an imperative for the ultimate security of the United States. This marks a major shift in attitude from the early days of DHS when deportation rather than integration was viewed as the primary method for solving our immigration crisis. It also marks a shift in how DHS will help to shape the next go-around of immigration reform.

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**IMMIGRATION AMNESTY
RODOLFO SANCHEZ
PKG 1:47**

large crowd of protesters (some holding signs and many holding American flags) gather in downtown Dallas, Texas. According to the Dallas Police Department, at least 100,000 people marched in the most well-attended civil movement in the history of Dallas. The protesters demanded the legalization of Hispanic undocumented immigrants, estimated to be about twelve million in the United States.

**H1N1 VACCINES CONFUSION AND SCARE
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 1:56**

influence someone's decision whether or not to take the H1N1 vaccine. We all know that the H1N1 virus is potentially deadly. We also know that there is a severe shortage of the H1N1 vaccine. While some people are concerned with H1N1 Vaccine Dangers: A Big Concern About H1N1 Vaccine Safety the H1N1 vaccine dangers, others are scrambling to get their dose. Currently, only children, pregnant women, and those with health issues are receiving the H1N1 vaccine. In addition, thousands of Irish children fell ill after receiving the H1N1 vaccine. 15 year old Rhys Fletcher fell seriously ill, and was even hospitalized. Later, he was diagnosed with the H1N1 virus.

11/15/09

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HEALTHCARE REFORM

VO :26

The U.S. Senate will not rush consideration of healthcare reform legislation sought by President Barack Obama, and lawmakers can expect a number of amendments, the chamber's top Republican said Sunday. McConnell would not elaborate on a time frame for consideration or say whether the measure to reform the \$2.5 trillion U.S. healthcare system could clear the chamber by the end of the year as President Barack Obama has said he hopes.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

VO :27

Democrats and Republicans in Congress are working together to craft an immigration reform bill that could become law as early as next year, a senior White House adviser said Sunday. That legislation could create a path to citizenship for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants already in the United States, David Axelrod, senior advisory to President Barak Obama, told CNN's State of the Union with John King. The most contentious question surrounding past and future attempts at immigration reform is whether to, and how to, ease rules governing the route to citizenship for people who have entered the country illegally.

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BERNANKE KEEP EYE DOLLAR

VO :17

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Monday said the central bank will keep a close eye on the sliding U.S. dollar even as he pledged anew to keep interest rates at record-lows to nurture the economic recovery. In remarks to the Economic Club of New York Monday afternoon, Bernanke made clear Fed policymakers will keep rates at super-low levels. Yet with his words, Bernanke is also trying to bolster confidence in the dollar without actually raising rates, a move that could short-circuit the fragile recovery. Economists say a free-fall in the value of the dollar is remote but can't be entirely dismissed.

RETAIL SALES

VO :12

Retail sales rose more than expected in October, but the gain largely reflected a big rebound in auto sales. Sales fell at many other retail stores as consumer spending remains under pressure, raising questions about the durability of the recovery.

AMERICANS DIVIDED HEALTH BILLS

VO :16

Americans are worried about hidden costs in the fine print of health care overhaul legislation, an Associated Press poll says. That's creating new challenges for President Barack Obama as he tries to close the deal with a handful of Democratic doubters in the Senate. Although Americans share a conviction that major health care changes are needed, Democratic bills that extend coverage to the uninsured and try to hold down medical costs get no better than a lukewarm reception. The poll found that 43 percent oppose the health care plans being discussed in Congress, while 41 percent are in support. An additional 15 percent remain neutral or undecided.

DRUG MAKERS PRICES

VO :15

In the last year, the industry has raised the wholesale prices of brand-name prescription drugs by about 9 percent, according to industry analysts. That will add more than \$10 billion to the nation's drug bill, which is on track to exceed \$300 billion this year. By at least one analysis, it is the highest annual rate of inflation for drug prices since 1992.

BREAST CANCER NEW GUIDE

MARTIN BERLANGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:19 & LIVE TAG APROX :17

A government panel of doctors and scientists is recommending that most women wait until 50 to get mammograms and then every two years. That conflicts with the advice of the American Cancer Society, which recommends mammograms at age 40. The experts say earlier and regular breast exams result in too many false positives.

CREDIT CARDS DEBTS PART 1

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:38

The first part shows what are the mayor problems with credit cards and how consumers are complaining about banks who abuse with high interests.

11/17/08

BREAST MAMMOGRAM CONTROVERSY**LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA****PKG 2:13**

Sweeping new U.S. breast cancer guidelines released Monday recommend against routine mammograms for women in their 40s, but several groups immediately rebelled against the recommendations. The new guidelines by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, an influential panel of independent experts, would sharply curtail the number of breast mammograms done in the United States, sparing women the worry of false alarms and the cost and trouble of extra tests. U.S. cancer experts argued the altered schedule may mean more women will die from breast cancer.

ANTI FINANCIAL FRAUD TASK FORCE**LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:08**

The Obama administration created a new task force Tuesday to crack down on financial fraud, an increasingly important political issue after a spike in mortgage scams and big Wall Street trading scandals. President Barack Obama signed an executive order directing the task force, led by the Justice Department, to investigate and prosecute financial crimes connected to the past year's financial crisis and to try to deter future fraud.

CREDIT CARDS DEBT PART 2**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:30**

The second part gave consumers different options to get out of credit cards debts.

11/18/08

CANCER BREAST SCEENING**VO :27**

U.S. health officials Wednesday distanced themselves from controversial new breast cancer screening guidelines that recommend against routine mammograms for healthy women in their 40s and said federal policy on screening mammograms has not changed. In a move likely to reassure American women, U.S. House and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force that issued the guidelines Monday does not set federal policy and does not affect what services the government will pay for. Critics of the new guidelines said they would lead to more

HEALTH CARE BILL SENATE**VO :27**

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has taken the wraps off health care legislation. It's estimated to extend coverage to 94 percent of eligible Americans at a cost of \$849 billion over the next decade. Initial maneuvering on the Senate floor was expected later in the week. Republicans hope to deny President Barack Obama a victory on his top domestic priority. Reid says the legislation will save lives, save money and help Medicare.

11/19/08

E-VERIFY**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 2:12**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Assistant Secretary John Morton today announced the issuance of Notices of Inspection (NOIs) to 1,000 employers across the country associated with critical infrastructure-alerting business owners that ICE will audit their hiring records to determine compliance with employment eligibility verification laws. The 1,000 businesses served with audit notices this week were selected for inspection as a result of investigative leads and intelligence and because of the business' connection to public safety and national security-for example, privately owned critical infrastructure and key resources. The names and locations of the businesses will not be released at this time due to the ongoing, law enforcement sensitive nature of these audits.

HEALTH CARE REFORM**VO :17**

Congressional budget experts say the new Senate health care bill would make a government health plan widely available. The Congressional Budget Office said Thursday that about two-thirds of the U.S. population would have a public plan available in their state, even though the Democrats' 10-year, \$848-billion bill would allow states to opt out. Wide availability doesn't mean the government plan would dominate the market, however. The budget umpires are estimating only 3 million to 4 million people would sign up, partly because private insurance plans would be able to offer lower premiums.

MAMMOGRAMS INSURANCE**VO :15**

A top federal health official said Wednesday that the controversial new guidelines for breast cancer screening do not represent government policy, as the Obama administration sought to keep the debate over mammograms from undermining the prospects for health-care reform. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius's statement challenged the recommendations of that influential panel, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, made up of independent experts assembled by her department to address one of the most explosive issues in women's health.

11/20/08**CERVICAL CANCER TEST****BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK****PKG 2:07**

For women, especially young women, new guidelines for PAP Smears suggest that annual testing may provide more risk, than benefit. They are recommending that the women don't begin PAP test before age 21. Previously, it was age 18 and women between 20 and 30, get the test every other year. It's the second time this week that major procedural changes for women specific cancer screenings have been suggested. And it's raising some eyebrows.

HEALTH CARE BILL**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:07**

Senate Democratic leaders are looking ahead to a crucial test vote on health care amid indications the rank-and-file will stand together Saturday to give them the support they need. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Senate Democrat, said Friday that leaders weren't assuming anything and were working to bring the caucus together ahead of Saturday's vote to begin debate on their health overhaul bill. Two of three moderate holdouts have indicated in recent days that they will vote with fellow Democrats on the procedural vote.

11/21/08**6:30 & 11:30 SHOW****SENATE HEALTHCARE VOTE****LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:37**

Democrats have hit the magic number of 60 to move ahead on historic health care legislation. Arkansas Sen. Blanche Lincoln said on the Senate floor that she will vote with her party, hours before the 8 p.m. EST roll call. She said it was important that the Senate begin debate on a critical issue. The centrist Democrat was the lone holdout. Facing unanimous Republican opposition, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid needed the 58 Democrats and two independents to vote to move forward on the sweeping bill to remake the nation's health care system. Shortly before 1 p.m. EST, another centrist fence-sitter, Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, said she would vote yes.

OBAMA ECONOMY**VO :24**

The Federal Reserve is about to provide a little more insight into how long an extended period of time might be. The

U.S. central bank, has been repeating that "extended period" phrase since March to signal that it intends to keep its benchmark short-term interest rate near zero for the foreseeable future. With the U.S. economy now growing again, there is considerable debate about how far that horizon stretches. After its last policy-setting meeting in early November, the Fed spelled out more clearly the economic conditions that it thought justified ultra-low rates -- namely high unemployment and subdued inflation trends and expectations

SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH CARE
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:48

San Francisco isn't waiting for Washington, and that's got some lawmakers on Capitol Hill looking to the city as a model for national health care reform. Health San Francisco is the nation's first city-run universal health care plan. While it's not insurance and not valid outside the city, most uninsured adults are already reaping the benefits of the two-year-old program. It now covers more than two-thirds of those who previously had not insurance. It assigns patients to a health clinic, provides preventive exams and long-term care for chronic conditions such as diabetes.

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6:30 & 11:30 SHOW

HEALTHCARE REFORM
VO :25

Some Democrats are already giving a preview on what could be a rowdy Senate floor debate on a proposed health-care overhaul. Liberal and moderate party members have been airing their differences on the Sunday news shows. Moderates are threatening to scuttle the measure if their demands aren't met, while more liberal members are telling party leaders not to give in. Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska tells ABC he wants tougher restrictions on what taxpayer money will fund. Meanwhile, Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin tells NBC there's a clock ticking. The Senate's No. 2 Democrat says a health care bill must be passed by the end of the year

BREAST CANCER
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:08

The uproar over new breast cancer screening guidelines in the United States underscores the delicate balance scientists and health policy experts face in trying to convince a wary American public that less healthcare, in some cases, may be good for them. The sweeping new guidelines released Monday advise against routine mammograms for women in their 40s, and suggest women 50 to 74 only get a mammogram every other year instead of yearly. U.S. breast cancer experts and advocacy groups immediately rebelled against the recommendations, saying they endangered women's lives.

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OCTOBER HOME SALES RISE 10.1 PCT FROM SEPTEMBER
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:00

Home resales far exceeded expectations last month, surging to the highest level in 21/2 years as first-time buyers rushed to take advantage of an expiring tax credit. The National Association of Realtors says sales rose 10.1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.1 million in October, from a downwardly revised pace of 5.54 million in September. It was the highest sales level since February 2007. Sales, which were nearly 24 percent above last year's level, had been expected to rise to an annual pace of 5.65 million, according to economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters. The median sales price was \$173,100 down 7.1 percent from a year earlier, and off 1.6 percent from September.

DEMS READY TO GO-IT-ALONE ON HEALTH CARE
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:06

A leading Senate Democrat said Monday his party is determined to push through a health care overhaul bill with or without Republican support because the "system is broken." "We prefer to go at it with Republicans if we can reach compromises in some areas," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "But we're not going to not pass a bill." Schumer dueled with Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison on a network morning news show in the wake of a key Senate vote Saturday night that advanced a 10-year, \$959 billion health bill to full debate. Hutchison argued that "you're going to put taxes and mandates on business" that would be a drag on an economy still struggling to recover from recession. Congressional Democrats are trying to resolve differences within their rank and file over abortion, taxes and letting the government sell health insurance as a competitor with private insurers. Those are all crucial policy questions, and House and Senate Democrats have taken conflicting approaches.

AMERICANS CONFLICTED OVER HEALTH OVERHAUL

VO :20

Most Americans don't expect a health care overhaul to affect their lives directly, but those who worry about the fallout outnumber those expecting to come out ahead, a poll out Tuesday has found. The survey by the nonpartisan Robert Wood Johnson Foundation finds that Americans are tuning in to the debate in Washington, with 60 percent saying they're following it very closely or fairly closely. Most see a change ahead for the nation, and they're divided on whether that will be for good or ill. But when it comes to their own personal lives, Americans say they don't expect much of an impact.

OBAMA SAYS MUST DO MORE TO EASE U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT

VO :20

President Barack Obama Monday said that his top priority was to tackle high U.S. unemployment and stressed that although the economy was growing again, many Americans were still suffering. "We cannot sit back and be satisfied," he told reporters following a briefing with his cabinet. "This has been a very difficult year."

11/24/09

CRIB RECALL

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:10

The head of the Consumer Product Safety Commission on Tuesday promised swift action to get dangerous products off the market, acknowledging that the agency didn't move quickly enough on a record recall of more than 2 million cribs linked to four deaths. At issue are some 2.1 million drop-side cribs made by Stork Craft Manufacturing of Canada. Four infants suffocated in the cribs. CPSC said the recall involves 1.2 million cribs in the United States and almost 1 million in Canada. Sales of the cribs being recalled date back to 1993 and nearly 150,000 of the cribs carry the Fisher-Price logo.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

VO :21

Americans' confidence in the economy improved slightly in November, but they remain gloomy amid a weak job market heading into the holiday season.

The Conference Board says its Consumer Confidence Index increased slightly to 49.5, up from a revised reading of 48.7 in October. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected a reading of 47.7.

11/25/09

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:05

Millions of Americans got an early jump on their Thanksgiving travel Wednesday, with many opting to drive or take trains and buses instead of shelling out more money for flights amid a sour economy still hitting household budgets hard. Many Americans are forgoing air travel for the Thanksgiving holiday and opting for cheaper alternatives because of economic pressures. Others are staying home completely -- partly to avoid traffic and airport lines, partly to save a

buck. Thanksgiving travel plummeted a staggering 25 percent between 2007 and 2008, and many of those habits seem to be sticking this year. The number of people traveling is likely to stay about the same, inching up only by about 1.4 percent.

TOYOTA RECALL

VO :23

Toyota Motor Corp will fix the accelerator pedals in 4 million cars and trucks to address a safety issue linked to bursts of sudden acceleration and deadly accidents, the company and the U.S. government said on Wednesday. The action, which represents the largest-ever U.S. safety recall by the Japanese automaker, aims to address the risk that floor mats in the vehicles can come loose and trap the accelerator pedal on some of Toyota's most popular models including the Camry and hybrid Prius.

11/26/09

SLOW ECONOMY RECOVERY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:03

Hope for a strong economic rebound is fading Growth last quarter was less than initially estimated. The Federal Reserve doesn't expect the economy to pick up steam until 2011, despite huge stimulus spending and low interest rates. The economy is improving according to most yardsticks, but fresh evidence emerged Tuesday that the path to revival could resemble a Thanksgiving holiday road trip -- long, slow and stressful. Hopes for a strong rebound from the recession are fading as the government Tuesday downsized its estimate of economic growth in the third quarter to 2.8% from its earlier calculation of 3.5%.

BLACK FRIDAY PREVIEW

JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Three percent of buyers, have already done their holiday shopping. Odds are they have now turned to getting a head start on filing their taxes. For the rest of us, Black Friday looms. We will be trolling between now and the Big Event to offer you news, tips, deals and ideas. Stores are appealing to the recession mind-set this holiday season, offering deals on necessities such as blankets and socks alongside big ticket electronic items. The National Retail Federation expects the Black Friday crowds will be bigger this year, but spending for the weekend will be at best unchanged from last year.

11/27/09

BLACK FRIDAY

VILMA TARAZONA. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:01

Shopping mall operators say more shoppers are making purchases in cash and with debit cards today, instead of credit. One man carrying two bulging Macy's bags in Chicago said with cash, "you don't have the hangover in January." After a year of concentrating spending on basic necessities, some shoppers have been taking advantage of post-Thanksgiving deals on toys and TVs. But worries about jobs were on the minds of many shoppers, as they looked for bargains. At the Macy's flagship store in New York, which opened at 5 a.m., dozens of women were rummaging through a bin of purses marked 40 percent off the original price.

LAYAWAY IN BLACK FRIDAY

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:03

The term Black Friday comes from old-school accounting, where being in the "red" meant that the company was in the negative financially, and being in the "black" meant that a profit was being made. For tax purposes, being in the "red" is not always a bad thing, but when it comes to making money, every company knows that income must exceed expenses in order to survive. An average day at that Wal-Mart location is about 5,000, so Black Friday actually drew about double its regular customer count. Mathers added that Wal-Mart will be making an extra effort for its customers

safety this year. Early shoppers are taking advantage of stores that offer lay-away, too, picking up coveted items early and paying a little at a time on them.

HISPANICS AND HEALTHCARE
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:38

The Health debate starts Monday November 30th preview of the debate as it relates to issues that affect Hispanics. Although Hispanics are the largest ethnic minority population in the United States, they are underserved by the health-care system. Hispanics are less likely to seek and receive health-care services, which might contribute to their poorer health status and higher rates of morbidity and mortality. To assess differences in access to health-care and preventive services between Hispanics and non-Hispanics, CDC analyzed 2001--2002 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System surveys.

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6:30 pm & 11:30 pm

HATE CRIMES STATISTICS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK
PKG 2:00

Statistics released today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that 7,783 criminal incidents involving 9,168 offenses were reported in 2008 as a result of bias toward a particular race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin, or disability. Published by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, *Hate Crime Statistics, 2008*, includes data about hate crime incidents submitted by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

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HISPANICS AND HEALTH REFORM
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:50

Hispanics are worried about the decision of the debate for a health care reform. The most important things for latinos are coverage for kids and illegal immigrants and drug prices.

11/30/09

SENATE DEBATES HEALTH CARE REFORM
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:03

A very partisan debate over health care is under way in the Senate. But the arguments began today even before it formally opened. Democrats say a Congressional Budget Office assessment of the costs show the bill would lower premiums for "the vast majority of Americans." Republicans say most will either see no significant savings or end up paying more.

CYBERMONDAY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK
PKG 2:06

On this "Cyber Monday," retailers offered online bargains to attract holiday dollars. A Web analytics company that keeps an eye on such things says at about midday, online sales were almost 20 percent ahead of a year ago. Traditional store sales over the weekend were more mixed.

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IMMIGRATION REFORM / WHITE HOUSE

VO: 21

Democrats and Republicans in Congress are working together to craft an immigration reform bill that could become law as early as next year, a senior White House adviser said on Sunday. That legislation could create a path to citizenship for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants already in the United States. The most contentious question surrounding past and future attempts at immigration reform is whether to, and how to, ease rules governing the route to citizenship for people who have entered the country illegally.

CENSUS SMALL CITIES

VO :26

Smaller cities and towns have lost some luster among upwardly mobile families seeking wholesome neighborhoods, a stable economy and affordable living. In 2000, small cities, which include remote towns and the distant suburbs known as "exurbs," ranked at the top in the share of people with college diplomas. But a review of census data shows they slipped to No. 2 last year. Demographers attribute some of the shifts to the housing downturn and a spike in gasoline prices, which has hit residents in the far-flung exurbs harder. Many families in smaller towns also are looking for jobs in larger cities because of the recession and are rethinking the wisdom of long commutes. The findings come as President Barack Obama has pledged to upgrade mass transit and other urban priorities, which could create additional population shifts.

CHOLESTEROL DRUGS

VO :25

Two cholesterol drugs still taken by millions of Americans are the subject of concern for a second time, according to a new study. In the study involving about 360 people, Zetia failed to shrink buildups in artery walls while a rival drug, Niaspan, did so significantly. Ultrasound images of neck arteries showed that Niaspan shrank buildups by about 2 percent, while Zetia had no effect on this even though it lowered bad cholesterol as expected. The results were published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Last year, a large study suggested that the combo pill Vytorin, which combines Zetia with a statin, was no more effective than Zocor alone, a statin now available as a cheap generic. Niaspan is a slow-release version of niacin, a type of B vitamin.

SEX DISEASES USA

VO :23

American squeamishness about talking about sex has helped keep common sexually transmitted infections far too common, especially among vulnerable teens, U.S. researchers reported Monday. Latest statistics on chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis show the three highly treatable infections continue to spread in the United States. The administration of President Barack Obama has signaled a willingness to move away from so-called abstinence-only sex education approaches promoted by his predecessor, George W. Bush, and conservative state and local governments. Several studies have shown such approaches do not work well and that it is better to encourage abstinence while also offering children and teens information about how to protect themselves from diseases as well as pregnancy.

IMMIGRANT TUITION BILL TO GET NEW PUSH

VO :18

Nearly three years after Massachusetts House lawmakers soundly rejected a bill that would have allowed illegal immigrants to attend college at in-state tuition rates, lawmakers are preparing to revisit the issue. Activists say 10 other states, some dominated by conservative lawmakers, have passed legislation with bipartisan support, and advocates see no reason why Massachusetts, a state controlled by Democrats, can't do the same. Undocumented students say they plan to launch a campaign by lobbying key lawmakers and sharing their stories in face-to-face

meetings. Meanwhile, activists have cultivated a broader coalition of supporters that includes union members, business leaders and academics something lacking in 2006.

**INFLUENZA A H1N1 / CDC
DR. FELIPE LOBELO / ATLANTA, GEORGIA
INTERVIEW 5:00MIN. APPROX.**

Dr. Lobelo answers questions from viewers about H1N1 swine flu.

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CDC WILL NO LONGER REQUIRE HPV VACCINE FOR FEMALE IMMIGRANTS

VO :28

Starting Dec. 14, the HPV, or human papillomavirus vaccine will no longer be on the list of immunizations female immigrants ages 11 to 26 must receive before becoming legal permanent residents. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made the change on Friday. The CDC said it will require immunizations for which there is a public health need either at the time the person immigrates or changes their status to green card holder.

MORTGAGE DELINQUENCIES

VO :28

Some mixed news on mortgage delinquencies. The good news is, the pace at which people fell behind on their mortgages slowed during the summer for the third quarter in a row. The bad news is, the overall delinquency rate hit another record. The credit reporting agency TransUnion says for the three months ended Sept. 30, 6.25 percent of U.S. mortgage loans were 60 or more days past due. That's up 58 percent, from 3.96 percent, a year ago. The rate was up 7.6 percent from the second quarter. That's a much smaller jump than the 11.3 percent rise in the second quarter from the first, and the 14 percent leap seen in the quarter before that. A TransUnion official says while the slowing growth rate is a positive sign, the increase shows there are still a lot of problematic mortgages out there. The company doesn't expect the figure to start declining until the middle of 2010.

AP POLL TAX THE RICH TO PAY FOR HEALTH BILL

VO :23

A new Associated Press poll finds that Americans favor taxing the rich to pay for covering those without health insurance. Of all the approaches Congress is considering to pay for President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the only one that got majority support in the AP poll was a new income tax on upper-income people. That's the approach House Democrats took in their health care legislation, which passed earlier this month. The poll found 57 percent in favor of the idea, and 36 percent opposed. In contrast, the public does not favor a tax on high-value insurance plans under consideration in the Senate. Fifty-six percent were opposed and only 29 percent in favor of that idea, which is also opposed by organized labor.

US VISIT SYSTEM / HOMELAND SECURITY

FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:51

Homeland Security Department is planning to install the US Visit system, the digital photographing and fingerprinting of people, for all foreign travelers as they leave country through US international airports. The government would then track when about 35 million visitors or non-immigrant aliens leave the country or overstay their visas. US Visit already operates for arriving foreign travelers.

AIG BAILOUTS

VO :18

A government watchdog is raising questions about the way officials handled the multibillion dollar bailout of insurance giant American International Group Inc. Special Inspector General Neil Barofsky says the officials mismanaged an initial rescue attempt and may have overpaid other banks to wind down AIG's business relationships. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York -- headed at the time by now-Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner -- paid AIG's business partners full face value for securities. That was so they would cancel insurance contracts that AIG had written in order to ease the firm's liquidity crunch. But Barofsky says at least one of those partner banks offered to cancel the contracts for less.

CONGRESS DEMANDS ANSWERS OVER H1N1 VACCINE SHORTAGE**VO :22**

The Obama administration has ratcheted up demand for H1N1 flu vaccine, without sufficient supply to meet that demand, two senators charged in a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services. The "glaring discrepancy" between the demand for the vaccine and the supply has resulted in pregnant women and others considered high-risk for the flu lining up for hours at clinics across the country to receive the vaccine, only to be turned away because of shortages, the letter said.

DEEP DIVISIONS LINGER ON HEALTH CARE**VO :20**

As the Senate prepares to take up legislation aimed at overhauling the nation's health-care system, President Obama and the Democrats are still struggling to win the battle for public opinion. A new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows Americans deeply divided over the proposals under consideration and majorities predicting higher costs ahead. But Republican opponents have done little better in rallying the public opposition to kill the reform effort. Americans continue to support key elements of the legislation, including a mandate that employers provide health insurance to their workers and access to a government-sponsored insurance plan for those people without insurance.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRICE HIKES**VO :23**

In the last year, the industry has raised the wholesale prices of brand-name prescription drugs by about 9 percent, according to industry analysts. That will add more than \$10 billion to the nation's drug bill, which is on track to exceed \$300 billion this year. By at least one analysis, it is the highest annual rate of inflation for drug prices since 1992.

MILLIONS WILL HAVE TO REPAY PART OF TAX CREDIT**VO :22**

More than 15 million taxpayers could unexpectedly owe taxes when they file their federal returns next spring because the government was too generous with their new Making Work Pay tax credit. The Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration issued a report saying that taxpayers are at risk if they have more than one job, are married and both spouses work, or receive Social Security benefits while also earning taxable wages. The tax credit, which is supposed to pay individuals up to \$400 and couples up to \$800, was President Barack Obama's signature tax break in the massive stimulus package enacted in February. Most workers started receiving the credit through small increases in their paychecks in April.

REMITTANCES / SUPPORT**NORMA ROQUE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****PKG 1:39**

Instead of receiving remittances from relatives in the U.S., some down-and-out Mexican families are scraping together what they can to support their unemployed loved ones in the United States... Will speak to local money transfer companies who have been experiencing the reverse remittances and a person who is getting money from relatives in Central America to make ends meet here in the U.S.

MAMMOGRAMS GUIDELINES**DR. ELMER HUERTA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA****INTERVIEW 5:00MIN. APPROX. - MARTIN BERLANGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA PKG 1:18 & VO :28**

Women in their 40s are reacting with confusion and skepticism over the recommendations of a government task force concerning mammograms. The task force says most women don't need mammograms in their 40s and should get one every two years starting at 50. That's a stunning reversal and a break with the American Cancer Society's long-standing position. What's more, the panel said breast self-exams do no good, and women shouldn't be taught to do them. Breast cancer survivors who were diagnosed at a young age are among the more vocal critics of the new guidelines. For its part, the American Cancer Society has been recommending annual mammograms beginning at 40, and it's staying with that position. Most women in their 40s interviewed by The Associated Press said they plan to follow the old mammography recommendations, at least for now.

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11/18/09**WHITE HOUSE VOWS TO CORRECT STIMULUS REPORTS**

VO: 26

Responding to more inaccuracies discovered in the reporting of spending and job creation from the administration's economic stimulus plan, the top White House official charged with overseeing the program vowed today to go through the reports with a fine-toothed comb and to correct the mistakes.

AIRPLANE SECURITY**VO: 34**

The Transportation Security Administration has posted proposed requirements for airplane repair facilities on its Web site ahead of a hearing today and six years after Congress first required it. Congress passed a law in 2003 ordering the TSA to come up with security requirements for repair facilities in eight months. With no rule by 2007, Congress again ordered TSA to put security requirements in place within one year. That deadline expired in August 2008. It's still not a done deal.

SAFE CARS**VO: 24**

The latest safety tests have Ford, Subaru and Volkswagen leading the pack of 2010 model cars. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says 19 passenger cars and 8 SUV's are the top safety picks. The list includes the Buick LaCrosse, the Audi A3 and the Jeep Patriot. The number of awards this year has been pared from last year's total because of tougher roof safety requirements. That additional test kept a lot of cars off the list, including all Toyota, Mazda and Mitsubishi models.

MEDICARE PREMIUMS**VO:20**

The House is scheduled to vote Thursday on a bill that could have an impact on seniors enrolled in Medicare. The measure would raise fees for doctors treating Medicare patients. It's designed to head off a 21-percent cut in physician fees scheduled for Jan. 1. According to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, seniors would pay \$49 billion in higher premiums over the next decade as a result of the legislation.

FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENTS RAISE CANCER RISK: STUDY**VO:21**

Heart patients in Norway -- where unlike many countries foods are not enriched with folic acid -- were more likely to die from cancer if they took folic acid and vitamin B12 supplements compared with those who did not take them, Norwegian researchers said on Tuesday. The team found lung cancer rates were 25 percent higher among those who took the supplements compared with the general population, but overall cancer deaths and deaths from other causes were also higher in the supplement group.

MANY IN U.S. STILL LACK CHOLESTEROL TESTS, DRUGS**VO:19**

Many people in the United States are still not being screened for high levels of so-called bad cholesterol, and when they are found to have it, are often never treated, U.S. researchers said on Tuesday. They found one in five people in the United States have high levels of LDL or low-density lipoprotein, the bad kind of cholesterol that can build up in the arteries and cause heart attacks and strokes.

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HEALTHCARE COMPARING BILLS**VO: 30**

Congressional budget experts say the new Senate health care bill would make a government health plan widely available. The Congressional Budget Office says about two-thirds of the U.S. population would have a public plan available in their state, even though the Democrats' 10-year, \$848-billion bill would allow states to opt out.

NY:LEANDRA'S LAW SIGNED**VO: 19**

Drunk drivers face tougher laws in New York...depending on their passengers. Governor David Paterson signed a bill into law on Wednesday making it a felony to drive drunk with a child in the car. The bill is called Leandra's Law and

considered one of the toughest drunk driving laws in the country. It's named after 11-year-old Leandra Rosado who was killed in a car crash last month. Police say the crash was caused by a family friend who was drunk.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE-EXPIRTATION

VO: 30

The expiration of an emergency measure at the end of the year means more than 1 million people will lose jobless benefits in January unless Congress does something soon. The recent passage of extended benefits in Washington didn't address an underlying problem: The emergency unemployment compensation program, including all 73 additional weeks, expires at the end of this year. If the program isn't renewed, after Jan. 1 recipients who have used up their 26 weeks of regular state benefits, or jobless who are moving to a new stage of extended payments won't get the extra coverage.

SWINE FLU-TOUGH MEASURES

VO: 18

Health experts say evidence from countries which have tried, shows even the strictest containment efforts aren't stopping swine flu. Even China, which initially claimed success with strict quarantines where entire planeloads of passengers were isolated, now acknowledges swine flu is more widespread than officially reported. Other nations that have carried out draconian swine flu policies indicate they have little effect.

POLL: MAJORITY OF ADULT AMERICANS DON'T WANT H1N1 SHOT

VO: 23

More than half of all adult Americans say they don't want to get the H1N1 flu vaccine, according to a new national poll. The CNN/Opinion Research Corporation survey released Wednesday also indicates that the number of adults who have tried to get the vaccine but were turned away is higher than the number of adults who have gotten a swine flu shot.

WHITE HOUSE BACKS OFF CANCER TEST GUIDELINES

VO: 29

A top federal health official said Wednesday that the controversial new guidelines for breast cancer screening do not represent government policy, as the Obama administration sought to keep the debate over mammograms from undermining the prospects for health-care reform. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, in a written statement, said the new guidelines had "caused a great deal of confusion and worry among women and their families across this country," and she stressed that they were issued by "an outside independent panel of doctors and scientists who . . . do not set federal policy and . . . don't determine what services are covered by the federal government."

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HEALTH CARE LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA-WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:01

The pro-reform organization Health Care For America Now released polling data targeting three swing Democratic votes: Sens. Blanche Lincoln (Ark.), Ben Nelson (Neb.) and Mary Landrieu (La.). In each of those states, between 77 percent (Arkansas and Louisiana) and 80 percent (Nebraska) of voters believe their senators should allow legislation to have an up-or-down vote (i.e. not back a Republican filibuster), according to the results.

E-VERIFY

LUIS MEGID-SAN FRANCISCO, CA

PKG 2:13

The Homeland Security Department will give a seal of approval to businesses volunteering to use an electronic program to check workers' immigration status. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Thursday the public should know which companies are following the law. The problem is, the program known as E-Verify is still under development, and the law does not require employers to use it. They are required to use a paper system.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

VO: 22

New medical guidelines are calling for fewer Pap smears for most women in their 20s. The American College of

Obstetricians and Gynecologists says having the tests every two years is enough to catch slow-growing cervical cancer in women under 30. Previous rules had called for annual testing.

H1N1 VACCINE

VO:19

The U.N. agency reaffirmed that the pandemic vaccine is as safe as the seasonal flu vaccine used for more than 60 years. It also voiced concern that some pregnant women and others at risk were shunning it because of a fear of side-effects.

POPCORN NUTRITION

VO:26

Nutritional analysis of popcorn servings at some of America's biggest cinema chains has found mind-boggling calorie counts that may surprise consumers who think of the snack as a relatively healthy treat. However the non-profit Center for Science in the Public Interest compared some popcorn and drinks combos to consuming three McDonald's quarter-pounders topped with 12 pats of butter.

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SURVEY JOBS

VO :23

A new survey suggests job creation will start to see some recovery after the first quarter of 2010. The November outlook by the National Association for Business Economics shows that in addition to the end of the so-called jobless recovery, economists think GDP growth will improve.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

VO :26

A new survey suggests the economic doom and gloom of 2009 could give way to a brighter future in 2010. The November outlook by the National Association for Business Economics shows economists expect net employment losses to bottom out in the first quarter of next year. Employers are expected to start adding to their payrolls after that.

GAS PRICES

VO :17

The average price of regular gasoline in the U.S. has dropped 3.64 cents over a two-week period to \$2.65. That's according to the national Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released today. Analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price for a gallon of mid-grade was \$2.78. Premium was at \$2.89.

DAY LABORERS FACING HARD TIMES

ALEJANDRA ESPINOZA / PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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Day laborers are facing hard times in the US due to the recession. Many are considering going back to their countries. There are no jobs, they are far away from their families, some have even gotten beat up.

INFLUENZA A H1N1 VACCINE

DR. JORGE ARANA / ATLANTA, GEORGIA

INTERVIEW 5:00MIN. APPROX.

Dr. Arana answers questions about H1N1 swine flu.

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HOME RE-SALES UP

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Home resales far exceeded expectations last month, surging to the highest level in 21/2 years as first-time buyers rushed to take advantage of an expiring tax credit. The National Association of Realtors says sales rose 10.1 percent

to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.1 million in October, from a downwardly revised pace of 5.54 million in September.

DANGEROUS TOYS

MARIA ROSA LUCCHINI / WASHINGTON, DC

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Dangerous toys, a look at some of the things parents should look out for when buying toys.

KARLA GOMEZ ESCAMILLA / TUCSON, ARIZONA

PKG 1:35

Border patrol have several aircrafts known as "Drones" to get visuals of the desert. How, when and how often is this technology used.

CRIB RECALL

VO :36

The consumer product safety commission has issued a recall of more than two million stork craft "drop-side" cribs, some bearing the fisher price logo. The problem with this crib is its "drop-side" feature--one side lowers to allow easier access to the baby. Its plastic hardware can break, deform, or parts can end up missing. The drop-side can also be installed upside down. all these problems can cause it to detach in one or more corners.

HEALTHBEAT FLU LUNG MACHINE

VO :23

decades-old technology originally developed for premature babies is being dusted off by some intensive-care doctors as a treatment for worst case swine flu patients. The machines, known as ECMO, are gaining attention after Australian researchers reported that they helped during that country's outbreak of what scientists call the 2009 H1N1 flu strain. ECMO is a twist on the heart-lung machine used for open-heart surgery, modified so that patients can stay on the machine for weeks instead of just hours. Tubes carry blood out of the body so a filter can remove carbon dioxide and reinfuse oxygen, and then dump the blood back. They key is blood doesn't have to bypass the heart if only the lungs need a rest. It's a risky approach using equipment that only certain specialized hospitals have. But some doctors think they're worth trying as a last-ditch measure.

VIOXX RISKS COULD HAVE BEEN DETECTED EARLIER: STUDY

VO :22

Heart risks from taking Merck & Co Inc's painkiller Vioxx could have been detected more than three years before the company withdrew the drug from the market in September 2004, had the data been openly available, U.S. researchers said on Monday. They said their analysis illustrates the need for quick, public disclosure of drug safety data.

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NEW HOME SALES REPORT

VO: 22

Data coming out Wednesday is expected to reinforce evidence that the real estate market is regaining its footing after a dramatic collapse.

Sales of new homes are expected to post a modest 2 percent increase for october when the commerce Department makes the announcement Wednesday morning. Since the report reflects signed contracts to buy homes, rather than completed sales, new home buyers in October were acting before lawmakers this month decided to extend the tax credit for first-time buyers and expand it for existing homeowners.

ECONOMY REPORT TODAY

VO: 21

In a hopeful sign for the economy, the number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell below 500,000 last week for the first time since January. Consumer spending also picked up in October, and new-home sales hit their highest point in more than a year. Combined, the news suggested that the economy should be able to sustain at least a modest rebound. Some economists have worried that the economy was at risk of slipping back into recession.

TOYOTA FLOOR MATS & TUNDRA**VO: 25**

The Transportation Department says Toyota Motor Corp. will replace gas pedals on 3.8 million U.S. vehicles due to sudden acceleration or the pedal becoming stuck in the floor mat. As a temporary step, Toyota will have dealers shorten the length of gas pedals beginning in January. Transportation officials told The Associated Press the Japanese automaker will develop replacement pedals for the vehicles, and new pedals will be available beginning in April. The automaker announced the massive recall in September. The recall includes vehicles such as the Toyota Camry, the top-selling passenger car in America, and the Toyota Prius, the best-selling gas-electric hybrid.

NJ:NECK TIES NOT ALLOWED AT HOSPITAL**VO: 21**

A New Jersey hospital is asking its doctors to stop wearing ties...for patient safety.

ANTIOXIDANTS COULD HELP PRESERVE MUSCLE STRENGTH**VO: 24**

In a study in older adults, dietary intake of vitamins C and E was linked with muscle strength, leading the researchers to suggest at a meeting in Atlanta this past weekend that a diet high in antioxidants could play an important role in preserving muscle function in older adults "Muscle strength is really a marker of aging," one of the investigators, Dr. Anne Newman of the University of Pittsburgh, told Reuters Health. "Muscle strength starts declining when people are in their 40s, but it decreases dramatically after age 60."

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11/26/09**OBAMA ECONOMY LATEST****VO: 23**

In his weekly Internet and radio address released on Thanksgiving Day, President Obama is mixing politics and policy with typical holiday sentiments. Less than a week before Obama is set to announce his decision on troop levels in Afghanistan, the president paid tribute to the U.S. military and the families of service members. "We keep in our thoughts and prayers the many families marking this Thanksgiving with an empty seat - saved for a son or daughter, or husband or wife, stationed in harm's way. And we say a special thanks for the sacrifices those men and women in uniform are making for our safety and freedom, and for all those Americans who enrich the lives of our communities through acts of kindness, generosity and service."

FINANCIAL REGULATION**VO: 28**

New regulations proposed in the Senate would lead to a number of new federal agencies, including one that would regulate lenders making credit card offers According to the Senate's bill, which was released by Connecticut Democratic Senator Chris Dodd, companies that make credit card offers or provide loans would be regulated by a newly-created Consumer Financial Protection Agency. Furthermore, the proposed bill from the Senate would take away many of the regulatory powers now held by the Federal Reserve, including protecting consumers and regulating banks. This is in contrast to a similar bill in the House that still gives the Fed regulatory power regarding larger firms.

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11/27/09**DIABETES USA / COSTS****VO: 25**

In the next 25 years, the number of Americans living with diabetes will nearly double, increasing from 23.7 million in 2009 to 44.1 million in 2034. Over the same period, spending on diabetes will almost triple, rising from \$113 billion to \$336 billion, even with no increase in the prevalence of obesity, researchers based at the University of Chicago report in the December issue of Diabetes Care. The number of those with diabetes covered by Medicare will rise from 8.2 million to 14.6 million, the researchers predict. Medicare spending on diabetes will jump from \$45 billion to \$171 billion.

WOMEN SMOKING SEIZURES**VO: 22**

A new study finds that smoking places women at an increased risk of suffering seizures as well as countless other tobacco-related health hazards. While high levels of nicotine have long been considered as a trigger for convulsive attacks in both animals and humans, this new study found that smoking is a risk factor for seizure. According to the study published in *Epilepsia*, female smokers are 2.60 times more likely to suffer a seizure particularly isolated ones.

VIRGINIA SMOKING BAN**VO: 29**

Starting Dec. 1, a new Virginia law bans most smoking in restaurants. It's a major shift for a state where tobacco has been king since Jamestown was settled 400 years ago. Virginia's neighbor and the nation's top tobacco producer, North Carolina, passed an even stricter restaurant smoking ban this year. It takes effect Jan. 2. About 70 percent of Virginia restaurants have already banned smoking on their own. Restaurant industry lobbyist Tom Lisk says he expects only about one-tenth of the rest to spend the money to create the specially ventilated smoking rooms that would be allowed under the law. North Carolina's law will outlaw smoking in restaurants. Both states will allow smoking in outdoor patios.

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11/30/09**HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL****VO: 38**

With the Senate set to begin debate Monday on President Barack Obama's signature domestic issue, the all-hands-on-deck Democratic coalition that allowed the health care reform legislation to advance is coming apart. While majority Democrats will need 60 votes again to finish, some in the party say they'll jump ship from the bill without tighter restrictions on abortion coverage. Others say they'll go unless a government plan to compete with private insurance companies gets tossed. Such concessions would enrage liberals, the party's heart and soul.

HOME FORECLOSURES**VO: 15**

The Obama administration plans to announce an expanded program today to battle a foreclosure crisis that shows no signs of relenting.

The government wants to step up pressure on mortgage companies to do more to help people remain in their homes. Treasury spokeswoman Meg Reilly says the goal is to increase the rate that troubled home loans are converted into new mortgages with lower monthly payments.

OBAMA'S SPEECH ON AFGHANISTAN TO ENVISION EXIT**VO: 20**

As President Barack Obama prepares to announce a new blueprint for the war in Afghanistan, the leading Senate Democrat on military matters says any plan to significantly expand U.S. troop levels must show how those reinforcements will help increase the number of Afghan security forces. The remarks from Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, are a preview of the possible roadblocks Obama faces from his own party as he begins to sell a broader, more expensive battle plan for Afghanistan to an American public weary of the conflict.

AUTISM IMPROVEMENT**VO: 26**

A rigorous, if small, study of behavior treatment found two years of therapy can vastly improve symptoms in autistic children as young as 18 months and often results in a milder diagnosis. Early autism treatment remains controversial because there's been little evidence that it really works. But there's also a growing emphasis on diagnosing autism at the earliest possible age. The therapy focused on social interaction and communication. Therapists or parents would repeatedly hold a toy near a child's face to encourage eye contact, which is a common problem in autism. Or they'd reward children when they used words to ask for toys.

NEW WHO GUIDELINES URGE PHASE-OUT OF MAJOR HIV DRUG**VO: 25**

Countries should phase out the use of Stavudine, the most widespread antiretroviral, because of "long-term, irreversible" side-effects in HIV patients including wasting and a nerve disorder, the World Health Organization said on Monday. In sweeping changes to its guidelines, the WHO also recommended that people with HIV, including pregnant women, should start taking antiretroviral drugs earlier to live a longer and healthier life.

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11/02/09

CIT GOES BANCKRUPCY
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:11

The bankruptcy of a key lender that helps retailers stock their shelves is adding to the industry's worries ahead of the critical holiday shopping season. CIT Group Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Sunday in New York after months of struggling to avoid collapse. The company provides badly needed credit to thousands of small and mid-sized businesses, and is a critical part of the flow of capital in the retail sector.

BEEF RECALL

VO: 20

Contaminated fresh ground beef caused a possible E. coli outbreak that killed two people and sent 16 others to hospitals, federal health officials said Monday. Twenty-eight people may have become ill after eating beef produced by Fairbank Farms of Ashville, N.Y., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. All but three of the suspected infections are in the northeastern U.S. and 18 are in New England, said CDC spokeswoman Lola Scott Russell.

 11/03/09

HEALTH CARE REFORM LATEST
PKG 2:12
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

Between House Democratic leaders and a landmark vote on President Barack Obama's promised remake of the nation's health care system. Unfortunately for the Democrats, the unresolved issues are among the most vexing out there: abortion and immigration. And although they're confident they'll succeed, Democratic leaders have yet to nail down the votes they'll need to pass their sweeping bill. They're aiming for floor action to begin as early as Friday and finish before Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

 11/04/09

JOBLESS BENEFITS
VO :14

Recognizing that a weak economy still needs a government boost, the Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to provide the jobless with up to 20 weeks in additional unemployment benefits and expand a first-time homebuyer tax credit to include a far larger pool of people entering the dormant housing market.

INTEREST RATE
VO :23

The Federal Reserve is expected to leave interest rates at their already record low levels. The central bank concludes its two-day policy-setting session this afternoon. Experts think it will keep the target range for its bank lending rate at zero to 0.25 percent. That would leave commercial banks' prime lending rates at about 3.25 percent, the lowest in decades. The prime rate is used to peg rates on home equity loans, certain credit cards and other consumer loans.

11/05/09

JOBLESS BENEFITS

VO : 25

The House could be voting as early as today on a Senate-passed bill that would extend unemployment benefits and expand a homebuyer tax credit. The bill passed the Senate with a 98-0 vote yesterday, and is expected to easily win approval in the House and be sent to President Barack Obama for his signature. The \$24 billion package gives the jobless at least 14 weeks of additional benefits, while those in states with unemployment rates of 8.5 percent and above get six weeks on top of that. More than 1 million out-of-work people were expected to run out of benefits by the end of the year.

11/06/09

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 1:54

The unemployment rate has surpassed 10 percent for the first time since 1983 -- and is likely to go higher. Nearly 16 million people can't find jobs even though the worst recession since the Great Depression has apparently ended. The Labor Department said Friday that the economy shed a net total of 190,000 jobs in October, less than the downwardly revised 219,000 lost in September. August job losses were also revised lower, to 154,000 from 201,000. But the loss of jobs last month exceeded economists' estimates. It's the 22nd straight month the U.S. economy has shed jobs, the longest on records dating back 70 years. Counting those who have settled for part-time jobs or stopped looking for work, the unemployment rate would be 17.5 percent, the highest on records dating from 1994.

HEALTH CARE BILL

VO : 24

House Democrats acknowledged they don't yet have the votes to pass a sweeping overhaul of the nation's health care system, and signaled they may push back the vote until Sunday or early next week. Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., told reporters in a conference call Friday that the make-or-break vote on President Barack Obama's top priority that had been set for Saturday could face delay. The apparent problem: Democrats have yet to resolve intraparty disputes over abortion funding and illegal immigrants' access to health care.

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LAPD UNDER INVESTIGATION

JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:59

An independent examination of how the Los Angeles Police Department investigates officers accused of profiling people based on race, gender or sexual orientation found serious problems with a third of the sampled investigations, the inspector general for the L.A. Police Commission reported today. In six of 20 LAPD investigations into allegations of "biased policing" - the LAPD's new name for what traditionally has been termed racial profiling - police failed to

interview witnesses, did not ask important questions or made similar gaffes, concluded Andre Birotte, the inspector general, in the 41-page report.

11/12/09

**OBAMA: JOBS AND ECONOMY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:08**

President Barack Obama, facing a 10.2 percent U.S. unemployment rate, will announce Thursday plans for a jobs summit in December, an administration official said. Obama will make the announcement at the White House before departing on a weeklong Asia trip. The U.S. economy began growing again in the third quarter but unemployment has continued to climb, battered by the worst recession since the Great Depression. Unemployment jumped to a 26-1/2 year high in October and the White House has warned that it could get a little worse before it starts getting better.

11/13/09

**NAPOLITANO IMMIGRATION REPORT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. LUIS MEGID
PKG 1:50**

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's speech today at the Center for American Progress (CAP) will probably be remembered as a key moment in the history of immigration reform. The Secretary didn't just express support for a comprehensive overhaul of our immigration system; she made it clear that it was an imperative for the ultimate security of the United States. This marks a major shift in attitude from the early days of DHS when deportation rather than integration was viewed as the primary method for solving our immigration crisis. It also marks a shift in how DHS will help to shape the next go-around of immigration reform.

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