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**A CURE AGAINST AIDS?  
GALO ARELLANO / MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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Treating people with HIV rapidly after they have become infected with the virus that causes AIDS may be enough to achieve a "functional cure" in a small proportion of patients diagnosed early, according to new research. Scientists in France who followed 14 patients who were treated very swiftly with HIV drugs but then stopped treatment found that even when they had been off therapy for more than seven years, they still showed no signs of the virus rebounding. The research, published in the journal PLoS Pathogens, follows news earlier this month about a baby girl in Mississippi in the United States being effectively cured of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) after receiving very early treatment. Christine Rouzioux, a professor at Necker Hospital and University Paris Descartes and a member of the initial team who identified HIV 30 years ago, said the new results showed the number of infected cells circulating in the blood of these patients, known as "post-treatment controllers", kept falling even without treatment for many years. A functional cure describes when the virus is reduced to such low levels that it is kept at bay even without continuing treatment. The virus, however, is still detectable in the body. Most of the some 34 million people with HIV across the world will have to take anti-AIDS drugs known as antiretroviral therapy for the whole of their lives.

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**NOTHING TO REPORT**

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03/18/13

**BLOOMBERG NOW TARGETS TOBACCO  
VO 35 SECS.**

A new proposal would require New York City retailers to keep tobacco products out of sight under a first-in-the-nation proposal aimed at reducing the youth smoking rate, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday. The legislation would require stores to keep tobacco products in cabinets, drawers, under the counter, behind a curtain or in other concealed spots. They could only be visible when an adult is making a purchase or during restocking. Bloomberg said similar prohibitions on displays have been enacted in other countries, including Iceland, Canada, England and Ireland. Stores devoted primarily to the sale of tobacco products would be exempt from the display ban. The mayor's office said retail stores could still advertise tobacco products under the legislation. The legislation, to be introduced in the City Council on Wednesday, is comprised of two separate bills. The second, called the "Sensible Tobacco Enforcement" bill, strengthens enforcement of discounted and smuggled cigarettes. It would prohibit the sale of discounted tobacco products, impose packaging requirements on cheap cigars and create a price floor for cigarette packs and small cigars. The city would have the authority to seal premises where there are repeat violations. The bill would also increase penalties for retailers who evade tobacco taxes or sell tobacco without a license. Bloomberg has backed a number of public health measures, including a crackdown on large sizes of sugary drinks and adding calorie counts to menus. A judge blocked the drinks ban but the city is appealing.

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**03/19/13**

**MORTON TALKS ABOUT RELEASED UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS**

**LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2.06**

The release of illegal immigrants from U.S. detention due to budget concerns was undertaken with care to ensure that security was not compromised, the head of the immigration enforcement agency said on Tuesday. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton, at a House Judiciary Committee hearing, defended his agency's decision last month to release 2,228 illegal immigrants from detention centers because of budget constraints. They were placed on alternative supervision such as being required to call in regularly or wear an electronic monitor. Republicans charged that the release was part of scare tactics used by President Barack Obama's administration over mandatory budget cuts, and they pressed Morton on whether his agency had received any pressure. Morton repeatedly denied that his agency had spoken with officials from the White House and the Department of Homeland Security about the decision to release the illegal immigrants before it happened.

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**03/20/13**

**WEAPONS BAN DROPPED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT**

**BLANA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK**

**PKG 2.07**

The NRA has won. Congressional leaders said Tuesday a proposed federal ban on assault weapons is all but dead, crushed by the powerful gun lobby. Although anticipated, the move let down still-grieving loved ones of those massacred in Newtown, Conn., and more than 140,000 Daily News readers who petitioned for the legislation. Support for reinstating the ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines seemed to mount in the weeks after 20-year-old Adam Lanza mowed down 20 kids and six adults with an AR-15 assault rifle at Sandy Hook. President Obama, who vowed to push for the ban, delivered a powerful speech Feb. 10 that invoked Newtown and the July 2012 Colorado movie theater massacre that left 12 people dead and 58 injured. But the Senate's top Democrat said Tuesday that there wasn't enough support in the Senate to pass the ban on the manufacture and sale of 157 types of semi-automatic assault weapons.

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**03/21/13**

**POSSIBLE DATE FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM VOTING**

**LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC**

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Well, two months have gone by and legislation still has not been written. Although the Senate Judiciary Committee has just held its second hearings on the subject, they had expected to review legislation written by either the president or the bipartisan coalition by early March. It is now clear that the committee will not receive anything to review before their two-week Easter break, which begins Friday. Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy expressed frustration yesterday at the slow pace the bill is moving at saying "Because we do not yet have legislative language to debate, the Senate Judiciary Committee will not be able to report a comprehensive immigration bill by the end of April, which was my goal."

**BIDEN AND BLOOMBERG ON GUN CONTROL**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:18**

Relatives of shooting victims from Newtown, Conn., stood with Vice President Joe Biden as he spoke at New York's City Hall in favor of an assault weapons ban. Senate Democrats have dropped the ban from

the gun control package they plan to consider next month. However, Biden reiterated Thursday that the White House is still pushing for the measure.

**CHICAGO SCHOOLS**

**VO :26**

Chicago Public Schools will close 54 elementary school programs and 61 school buildings, representing 13 percent of the elementary school buildings in the country's third largest public school district, the Chicago Teachers Union said on Thursday. Citing a list of schools to be closed provided by the district, the union said the schools would be shuttered primarily in Hispanic and African-American neighborhoods. The district, which has a \$1 billion annual deficit, has said it needs to close schools to save money.

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**03/22/13**

**IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST  
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK  
PKG 2:13**

More than two years after Homeland Security officials told Congress that they would produce new, more accurate standards to assess security at the nation's borders, senior officials from the department acknowledged this week that they had not completed the new measurements and were not likely to in coming months, as the debate proceeds about overhauling the immigration system.

**GUN CONTROL  
PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC  
PKG 2:07**

Gun control fight enters round two after NRA victory on assault weapons. Proponents of reform switch attention to extension of federal background checks as pro-gun lobby marshals its defenses

**CHICAGO SCHOOLS CLOSING  
PKG 2:03**

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**03/23/13**

**OBAMA GUN CONTROL  
VO 25 SECS.**

President Barack Obama put the spotlight back on gun violence on Saturday, praising senators for taking "big steps" to advance gun bills but pressing lawmakers to finish the job and deliver legislation to his desk in the coming weeks. In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama said the nation has changed in the three months since the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., that took the lives of 20 children and six adults. There is "still genuine disagreement" about how to reduce gun violence, he said, but everyone now agrees that it is time to do something. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) is expected in early April on a mix of gun proposals, all of which make up the core of Obama's gun violence package. The bills with broader support will be lumped together into one package, while the more controversial pieces -- including the assault weapons ban -- will be taken up as individual amendments to the package.

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03/24/13

**BLOOMBERG ON GUNS  
VO 25 SECS**

A new \$12 million television ad campaign from Mayors Against Illegal Guns will push senators in key states to back gun control efforts, including comprehensive background checks. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the ad buy Saturday -- just days after Senate Democrats touted stronger background checks while acknowledging insufficient support to restore a ban on assault-style weapons to federal gun control legislation. The two ads posted on the group's website, called "Responsible" and "Family," show a gun owner holding a rifle while sitting on the back of a pickup truck. In one ad, the man says he'll defend the Second Amendment but adds "with rights come responsibilities." The ad then urges viewers to tell Congress to support background checks. In the other ad, the man, a hunter, says "background checks have nothing to do with taking guns away from anyone."

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03/25/13

**OBAMA AND THE IMMIGRATION REFORM  
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC  
PKG 2.22**

President Barack Obama challenged Congress Monday to "finish the job" of finalizing legislation aimed at overhauling the nation's immigration system. With members of the House and Senate away on spring break, Obama made his most substantive remarks on the difficult issue in more than a month, saying he expects lawmakers to take up debate on a quickly and that he hopes to sign it into law as soon as possible. The president spoke at a ceremony for 28 people from more than two dozen countries, including Afghanistan, China and Mexico. Thirteen of the new citizens are active duty service members in the U.S. military. The oath of allegiance was administered by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. While Obama has hosted citizenship ceremonies in previous years, Monday's event was laced with politics, given the ongoing debate over immigration reform on Capitol Hill. A bipartisan group of eight senators is close to finishing draft work on a bill that would dramatically reshape the U.S. immigration and employment landscape, putting 11 million illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship. The measure also would allow tens of thousands of new high- and low-skilled workers into the country.

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**NOTHING TO REPORT**

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**OBAMA INTERVIEW  
LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC  
PKG 3:34**

President Obama sat for interviews Wednesday with Univision to talk immigration reform. The president indicated then that he was -- for the time being -- leaving the development of legislation to members of Congress who were showing signs of bipartisan cooperation. During a naturalization ceremony at the White House on Monday, Obama said that he was still waiting on Congress but expected to see the debate ramp up in the coming weeks.

**SENATORS VISIT THE BORDER  
JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ / NOGALES, ARIZONA  
PKG 2:16**

A group of U.S. senators who will be influential in shaping and negotiating details of an immigration reform package is traveling to the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona to get a firsthand look at issues affecting the region. Republican Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake of Arizona were expected to tour the border Wednesday with Democratic Sens. Chuck Schumer of New York and Michael Bennet of Colorado. They are all members of the so-called Gang of Eight -- a bipartisan group that has spent recent weeks trying to craft proposed immigration legislation.

**MOST BORDER DRUG ARRESTS INVOLVE U.S. CITIZENS**

**MARIANA ATENCIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:33**

Most of the people whom the U.S. Border Patrol finds with drugs are U.S. citizens, said a new report based on data of border arrests. The report, which examined data from 2005 to 2011, show that in more than 40,000 drug seizures where police reports identify a suspect, U.S. citizens were involved 80 percent of the time, said the report by the Center for Investigative Reporting. The report said that the number of U.S. citizens the Border Patrol catches carrying drugs is rising "with three times more caught in 2011 than in 2005."

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**03/28/13**

**OBAMA-GUN CONTROL**

**LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC**

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President Obama delivered a forceful and emotional plea to lawmakers Thursday to pass his gun-control agenda, saying "shame on us if we've forgotten". Frustrated by the slow pace of progress on Capitol Hill, Obama urged passage of universal background checks and other gun-control measures while flanked by mothers of shooting victims in the East Room of the White House. He also repeatedly invoked the Dec. 14 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School as a cause for action. Obama - who spoke alongside Vice President Biden, the administration's point person on guns - is attempting to pressure wavering lawmakers in advance of an expected Senate vote next month on his guns agenda. He urged Americans to "raise your voices and make yourselves unmistakably heard" so that lawmakers "don't get squishy."

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**03/29/13**

**INDIANA IMMIGRATION LAW**

**VO 21 SECS.**

A federal judge has ruled sections of a 2011 Indiana immigration law unconstitutional, making permanent an injunction against a law inspired by Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigrants. The state will forego an appeal on Thursday's ruling, Attorney General Greg Zoeller said on Friday. The Indiana bill, signed into law by the previous governor, Mitch Daniels, permitted warrantless arrests of non-citizens and prohibited the use of consular IDs as forms of identification. It was inspired by Arizona's law, known as S.B. 1070 that took over some aspects of immigration enforcement from the U.S. government. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Immigration Law Center and law firm of Lewis & Kappes brought the class-action suit, contending Indiana's law allowed police to make warrantless arrests based on assumed immigration status and criminalized the usage of a consular identification card.

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**03/30/13**

**E.COLI RECALL IN 15 STATES**

**VO 30 SECS.**

The recall centers on Farm Rich brand frozen meals and snacks. The snacks ... including Mini Quesadillas, Mini Pizza Slices and Mozzarella Bites... might be contaminated with E-coli. Rich Products

Corporation is recalling more than 196-thousand pounds of the food. The products were produced in 2012 between November 12th and 19th. The C-D-C says there's been 24 cases of E-coli across 15 states. At least of the illnesses was linked to Farm Rich products. Most of the cases of sickness involved people under 22-years-old.

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**03/31/13**

**IMMIGRANT DEAL PREMATURE  
LUCIA BURGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA  
PKG 2.10**

Two of the lawmakers negotiating an immigration overhaul in Congress say a final deal is at hand but caution that the bipartisan group working on a proposal hasn't finished its work. Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona said on Sunday that organized labor and the business leaders have reached an agreement on immigration. But they both told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the so-called Gang of Eight senators hasn't yet signed-off on final legislative language. Sen. Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican, is also part of the bipartisan group working on an immigration deal. After reports emerged on Saturday that the AFL-CIO and the Chamber of Commerce agreed on a deal, Rubio issued a statement calling a compromise "premature."

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