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02/01/2014

FREEZING TEMPERATURE AWAITED FOR SUPERBOWL

ENNY PICHARDO / NEW YORK

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Super Bowl XLVIII, which pits the Denver Broncos against the Seattle Seahawks on Feb. 2, will take place at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. It will be the first NFL title game held outdoors in a city where it snows. As a result, this year's game may be the coldest Super Bowl in history, with predicted temperatures possibly reaching as low as 22 degrees Fahrenheit, according to Bloomberg. The coldest Super Bowl game to date was in 1972 - the Dallas Cowboys versus the Miami Dolphins at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans - at a crisp 39 degrees.

GOP'S BLUEPRINT FOR REFORM DIVIDES SUPPORTERS

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Reformers have spent months waiting for House Republicans to lay out a plan to rewrite U.S. immigration law. Now that the GOP has finally made its move, they can't agree what to make of it. The blueprint released Thursday is "a game changer," according to Tamar Jacoby, president of the pro-reform business coalition Immigration Works USA. Or perhaps it's "a joke," as Richard Trumka, president of the AFL-CIO, told the Washington Post. "It's a hoax is what it is. It's like fool's gold."

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02/02/2014

TOP REPUBLICANS SUPPORT IMMIGRATION REFORM

VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, IL

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Top Republicans made clear Sunday they want to improve the country's immigration system but will not negotiate until U.S. borders are first secured."This is not trust but verify. This is a verify and trust approach," Wisconsin GOP Rep. Paul Ryan told ABC's "This Week." "Security first, no amnesty, then we might be able to get somewhere." Ryan's comments follow GOP House leadership releasing a plan last week that outlines a path toward legal status for some of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants now in the United States.

FREEZING WEATHER NATIONWIDE

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"Very cold air" is set to return to the Pacific Northwest this week, the National Weather Service says. In a special weather statement issued Sunday, the service said "confidence is high in a period of very cold conditions" beginning Tuesday, with colder temperatures due Wednesday through Friday. The service said Thursday likely will be the coldest day. The Weather Service said it was uncertain how cold temperatures will be, but forecasters believe temperatures will be at least 15 to 20 degrees colder than normal in most areas. Highs will be in the upper 20s to mid-30s. Lows in the valley will be in the teens. Conditions will be even colder in the Cascades.



02/03/2014

DROUGHT IN CALIFORNIA WORST IN YEARS

LUIS MEGID - ALMADEN RESERVE, CA

PKG: 1:45

Beneath unyielding blue skies on a recent afternoon, Ryan Indart knelt down to examine what was left of one of his sheep pastures. Land that should have been lush with native grasses this time of year has been reduced to powdery dirt, splotched with a few withered strands of filaree and foxtail. And where there's no vegetation, there are no sheep. A fourth-generation rancher, Indart has already sent 10% of his 4,000 ewes - which he normally would want to keep - to the slaughterhouse because he can't afford the hay to feed them. If the drought keeps up, his hungry ewes won't reproduce as they should to make his investment pay off. Yearlings will struggle to gain weight because their mothers won't produce enough milk. Indart may have to cull more of them if the clouds don't open up.

WINTER WEATHER LATEST

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ - NEW YORK

PKG: 2:13

The latest in a series of winter storms hit the United States dropping wet, heavy snow in the Northeast states that disrupted travel and threatened supplies of salt needed to keep roads clear. Officials in New York and New Jersey warned they were starting to run short of the rock salt used by road crews to keep ice from building up on highways and local roads, the result of the season's repeated storms

U.S. UNVEILS PLAN FOR CARS OF THE FUTURE

VO: 0:26

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced Monday it will move forward with plans to require new technology that enables cars to communicate directly with one another. Experts have lauded the life-saving potential of the technology, known as vehicle-to-vehicle communication, or V2V. For example, instead of a driver having to see and react to a car stopping ahead, any application of the brakes in one car would send an electronic signal to other cars around it. Those cars could then react immediately and automatically.

Other actions, such as turning or accelerating, would likewise be communicated instantly to other drivers in the area, allowing cars to avoid one another more quickly and surely than by relying on human eyes and reflexes.

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02/04/2014

IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:10

Conservative Republicans on Wednesday ruled out any immigration legislation in the House this year, insisting that the GOP should wait until next year when the party might also control the Senate. House GOP leaders unveiled their broad immigration principles last week that gave hope to advocates and the Obama administration that the first changes in the nation's laws in three decades might happen in the coming months. Immigration legislation is one of the top priorities for Obama's second term. But several of the conservatives were adamant that the House should do nothing on the issue this year, a midterm

election year when the GOP is angling to gain six seats in the Senate and seize majority control. Democrats currently have a 55-45 advantage but are defending more seats, including ones in Republican-leaning states.

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02/05/2014

CVS WILL SUSPEND THE SALE OF TABACCO

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In the short-term, CVS's decision to stop selling tobacco will cost the nation's second-largest pharmacy chain more than it will cigarette manufacturers. In the longer term, it may increase the number of people who quit smoking and provide an opportunity to e-cigarette makers. Walgreen spokesperson Emily Hartwig said in an email, "We have been evaluating this product category for some time to balance the choices our customers expect from us, with their ongoing health needs. We will continue to evaluate the choice of products our customers want, while also helping to educate them and providing smoking cessation products and alternatives that help to reduce the demand for tobacco products." Even if Walgreen were to follow CVS's lead, it wouldn't do much harm to the cigarette companies. Drugstores account for only 4 percent of cigarettes sold in the U.S., whereas nearly half come from gas stations. Dollar discount stores may make up for whatever sales are lost because of the CVS move. Last year Dollar General said it was doing an "aggressive rollout" of tobacco products and now sells them in about 10,000 stores.

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02/06/2014

CUT BACK ON FOOD STAMPS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

PKG 2:09

When the president signs the farm bill on Friday, he'll be enacting a huge set of policies including an \$8.6 billion cut to food stamps over the next decade. But the cuts are concentrated: they will only affect individuals in about a third of states and Washington, D.C. The reason is that it closes what many consider a loophole utilized in some states - one which hunger advocates argue is necessary in light of underfunding. CBO projects it affects about 850,000 households, or 4 percent of beneficiaries of food stamps, formally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Total SNAP spending had

been projected to be \$764 billion over the next decade, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's baseline estimate. The \$8.6 billion is just a fraction of that, but its impact is limited to 15 states.

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02/07/2014

NOTHING TO REPORT

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02/08/2014

NSA COLLECTING LESS THAN 30% OF U.S. CALLS

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The National Security Agency is collecting less than 30 percent of all Americans' call records because of an inability to keep pace with the explosion in cellphone use, according to current and former U.S. officials. The disclosure contradicts popular perceptions that the government is sweeping up virtually all domestic phone data. It is also likely to raise questions about the efficacy of a program that is premised on its breadth and depth, on collecting as close to a complete universe of data as possible in order to make sure that clues aren't missed in counter-terrorism investigations.

LOWERED UNEMPLOYMENT IS A SIGN OF A RECOVERING ECONOMY

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:00

The number of people applying for U.S. unemployment benefits declined 20,000 last week to 331,000, suggesting that Americans are facing fewer layoffs and better job prospects. The Labor Department said the four-week average, a less volatile measure, ticked up 250 to 334,000. That remains near pre-recession levels and serves as evidence that job losses have waned. A total of 3.47 million Americans received benefits as of Jan. 18, down from 3.58 million the week before.

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02/09/2014

CANDY, TREATS MARIHUANA: A NEW CONCERN AMONG PARENTS

JUAN CARLOS GUTIERREZ / DENVER, COLORADO

PKG: 2:08

The popularity of edible marijuana has alarmed parents' groups, schools and some doctors, who say the highly concentrated snacks are increasingly landing in the hands of teenagers looking for a sweet, discreet high, or of children too young to know the difference between pot brownies and regular ones. Colorado, like the other states with medical or recreational marijuana, has tried to keep the products away from children. It has ordered stores to sell them in child-resistant packages and bars labels designed to appeal to children. It requires manufacturers to list ingredients, serving sizes and expiration dates.

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02/10/2014

DELAYED: OBAMACARE'S EMPLOYER MANDATE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

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The federal government announced yet another delay in Obamacare's rules for employers on Monday, and also weakened requirements for complying with the law. The government will now exempt companies employing between 50 and 100 full-time workers from complying with the mandate that they offer employees affordable health insurance by another year, until 2016. Companies that have 100 or more full-time workers, defined as employees who work more than 30 hours per week, still will have to begin complying with the mandate to offer such coverage in 2015 or face financial penalties of at least \$2,000 and up to \$3,000 per worker.

IDS FOR NEW YORK'S UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

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New York Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Monday he will soon propose permitting the city to issue municipal identification cards to undocumented immigrants. In his first State of the City address, de Blasio explained the move would enable undocumented individuals to live more normal lives - they would be

allowed to open bank accounts, sign apartment leases, receive library cards, and gain access to other services they're otherwise barred from without a photo ID. At the same time, the IDs will not allow illegal immigrants to receive any government benefits that aren't already available to them.

FEDERAL PROTECTION FOR GAY COUPLES

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The Justice Department on Monday will instruct all of its employees across the country, for the first time, to give lawful same-sex marriages sweeping equal protection under the law in every program it administers, from courthouse proceedings to prison visits to the compensation of surviving spouses of public safety officers. In a new policy memo, the department will spell out the rights of same-sex couples, including the right to decline to give testimony that might incriminate their spouses, even if their marriages are not recognized in the state where the couple lives.

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02/11/2014

DOCUMENTS FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

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The New York City Council's Committee on Immigration will hold public hearings on Mayor Bill de Blasio's proposal to provide municipal identity cards for undocumented foreigners. Menchaca, who last November became the first councilor of Mexican origin to be elected in New York, said that for the present work is being done to draft the bill and that the opinions the councilors will be presented with in the hearings will be important in structuring it. According to the broad coalition, the Big Apple's first Democratic mayor in two decades has shown respect for the dignity of the immigrant community. During the press conference, which was held in a room jammed with Latino and English-speaking media representatives, transsexuals also made their voices heard about the fear they have of going out on the street and being arrested by the police without an identity card that corresponds to their gender.

HONDUREAN SUSPENS EIGHT CONSULS IN THE U.S

GALO ARELLANO/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:11

Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez said there would be an investigation into whether the eight had illegally issued identity papers. The consulates affected are in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans and New York. The consuls' suspension comes days after local media alleged that they had issued illegal papers in exchange of payments of up to \$50 (#30). The only ones to remain in their posts were the consuls in Washington DC and San Francisco. An estimated 700,000 people of Honduran origin resided in the United States in 2011, according to the US Census Bureau.

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02/12/2014

OBAMA INCREASED MINIMUM WAGE

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

PKG 1:58

President Barack Obama has increased the minimum wage for a few hundred thousand federal contractors -- and he's pressing Congress to pass broader legislation that would apply to all workers. During his State of the Union address last month, Obama first announced that he would sign an executive order to boost the wages of some contractors. He signed it today in a White House ceremony, flanked by Americans who would make more money if lawmakers were to take more sweeping action. The executive order -- which raises the hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 -- applies only to a small percentage of the more than 2 million federal contractors. But officials hope it will generate momentum for Obama's proposal for a broader increase in the minimum wage.

TOYOTA RECALLS PRIUS HYBRID

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Toyota Motor Corp. on Wednesday announced a massive global recall of its popular Prius hybrid to fix a software glitch that could cause the car to stall. The Japanese automaker also launched a recall of about 260,000 RAV4 sport-utility vehicles, Tacoma trucks and Lexus RX350 SUVs sold in the United States to address a separate issue. The Prius recall includes 1.9 million vehicles sold from 2010 through 2014 model years. It involves about 1 million cars in Japan, some 700,000 in North America and the rest from Europe and other regions.

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02/13/2014

STATE OF EMERGENCY IN VARIOUS PLACES BECAUSE OF WINTER STORM

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

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Five states declared states of emergency, as more than half a million customers lost power throughout Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina on Wednesday. The storm moved up into the I-95 corridor spreading a swath of heavy snow across the region and impacting many of the Northeast's major cities including, Washington, D.C., Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New York, Albany, Boston and Bangor. Up to 28 inches of snow were reported in some regions of Virginia, as thunder sleet was seen around the Baltimore area. So far the storm has canceled more than 10,000 flights between Wednesday and Thursday and has killed at least twenty people across the South and Northeast.

MANY DEMOCRATS STILL BELIEVE IN IMMIGRATION REFORM

VO: 0:27

Some Democrats are signaling that they could support an immigration-reform plan from House Republicans that could end the Obama administration's record number of deportations. The plan would give legal status, if not outright citizenship, to millions of immigrants who entered the country illegally. But first they want to see the substance of the legislation. In a press call hosted by the pro-immigrant group America's Voice on Friday, Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., said the set of broad principles released by House leadership on Thursday is an "excellent starting point." In the one-page document, Republican lawmakers stated they will not support a "special path to citizenship" for undocumented immigrants. Given that clear but broad standard, Gutierrez now believes a pathway to citizenship can eventually be achieved. He just wants to see more details.

MASSIVE GENERAL MOTORS RECALL

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General Motors is recalling more than 700,000 vehicles that have a big problem with the ignition switch. That means if you have a really heavy key chain, the weight of it can actually turn the car off, causing the air bags to fail to deploy. "It's very scary," said Regenia Paige from Auburn Hills, who owns a 2007 Cobalt. "I'm on the road all the time." General Motors is asking drivers who have 2005-2007 Chevy Cobalts and 2007 Pontiac G5's to remove anything heavy off their key chains as part of a massive recall.

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02/14/2014

PRESIDENTIAL HELP FOR DROUGHT IN CALIFORNIA

LUCIA BURGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 2:08

President Barack Obama drew a link between climate change and California's drought, and said the U.S. must do a better job of figuring out how to make sure everyone's water needs are satisfied. On a tour of central California on Friday, Obama warned that weather-related disasters will only get worse. "We can't think of this simply as a zero-sum game. It can't just be a matter of there's going to be less and less water so I'm going to grab more and more of a shrinking share of water," Obama said after touring part of a farm that is suffering under the state's worst drought in more than 100 years.

FAKE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS MAKING CALLS

LUIS NAVARRO / INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

PKG: 2:11

Naturalization and immigration services is warning consumers about a sophisticated phone scam targeting recent immigrants throughout the United States. In this scam, victims are told in a phone call that they are on the verge of being arrested and/or deported, and that they must promptly pay a fee before this happens. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting, according to a news release.

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02/15/2014

WINTER STORM WOES

ENNY PICHARDO / NEW YORK

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A succession of winter storms that have walloped large swaths of the country since December have taken a \$15 billion bite out of U.S. businesses so far, according to one estimate, and the season has weeks still to go. In the short run, the impact of softer retail sales, property and crop damage and lost productivity at work is likely many times that amount. But since much of the hit will be offset by a pickup in sales and production later this year once temperatures rise, the lasting impact on the \$16 trillion economy will be minimal, say economists. "If the first quarter takes a little hit there's going to be some bounce back to make up for it in the second quarter," said Chris Christopher, an economist who tracks consumer spending IHS Global Insight. "For the year as a whole this should not have much of an impact."

BILL HELPS CALIFORNIA UNDOCUMENTED REACH NEW HEALTH BENEFITS

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A bill that helps create a new health benefit exchange for California's undocumented residents was introduced by a local lawmaker on Friday, who said his proposal would help more than a million of the state's uninsured currently excluded from the Affordable Care Act. Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Long Beach, introduced SB 1005, the Health For All bill during a press conference and rally in front of Clinica Monsegor Oscar A. Romero, a community health center in Boyle Heights. Flanked by physicians, nurses, and supporters from various civil rights groups who held "Health For All" signs, Lara said given the opportunity, California's estimated 1.3 million undocumented, uninsured residents would pay into a health plan.

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