

UNIMAS NEWS BRIEFS

JULY 1, 2014 -JULY 31, 2014

07/01/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: MASSIVE BABY SEAT RECALL BY "GRACO"

Time: 10:36pm

Synopsis:

Nearly two million Graco infant car seats are being recalled because of a faulty buckle that makes the car seats difficult to open. Graco recalled 1.9 million car seats for select infant, toddler convertible car seats and harnessed booster seats this week. Graco stressed there have been no reported injuries related to the car seat problem. According to a CBS news report, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration spurred the recall, after fielding dozens of reports that the car seats were tough to open. The company will offer free replacement buckles to any owner who has the seat. Consumers can determine if their infant and toddler car seats are affected and order a replacement harness buckle using the online order form. While waiting for a replacement kit, it is safe to use the infant and toddler car seat, Graco said.

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07/02/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: NASA RELEASES IMAGES SHOWING MASSIVE TROPICAL STORM "ARTHUR"

Time: 5:21pm

Synopsis:

NASA released a breathtaking satellite image today of Tropical Storm Arthur, the first named Atlantic storm of the 2014 hurricane season. The photo was captured by the space agency's Aqua satellite on Monday afternoon, just before the tropical depression off the coast of southern Florida was upgraded to a tropical storm and named Arthur today. Arthur is expected to gain strength and forecast to hit the Outer Banks of North Carolina around 2 a.m. Friday as a hurricane with winds near 75 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center. A tropical storm watch is in effect for the east coast of Florida from Fort Pierce to Flagler Beach.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: NEW LAWS IN CALIFORNIA COME INTO PLAY

Time: 10:36pm

Synopsis:

A host of new laws go into effect today, including, but not limited to: the minimum wage increasing to \$9 an hour and it will further increase to \$10 hourly in 2016. State and local governments can no longer ask job applicants about past criminal convictions (with the exception of a past conviction in court). Transgender Californians can now easily change their names and identity. High caliber weapons with a capacity of over 10 bullets are no longer allowed, along with their sale, statewide.

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07/03/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: ANTI IMMIGRANT PROTEST

There are anti immigrant protests expected in Murrieta, California, as hundreds of undocumented immigrants arrive. The wave of unaccompanied children who've crossed the US southern border has increased to almost 57 thousand.

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07/04/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: THE ROUTE OF UNDOCUMENTED CENTRAL AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS

Time: 5:21pm

Synopsis:

Tonight the images of the trek as covered by Univision on the route that is often used by undocumented Central Americans before crossing into Mexican territory. Once they enter Mexican soil, the migrants seek the services of "coyotes" or human traffickers who help them cross into the U.S. by land or water.

07/05/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: POLICE BEATING INVESTIGATED IN CALIFORNIA

Time: 2:27pm

Synopsis:

A California highway policeman is being investigated following an incident in which he was filmed beating a woman who allegedly disobeyed traffic signals before crossing a marked pedestrian area. According to police, the African-American woman did not obey the officer's orders and kept walking. The woman was taken to a medical center for mental evaluation and police investigate the matter.

07/06/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: REPUBLICANS BLAME OBAMA ADMINISTRATION FOR BORDER CRISIS

Time: 5:16pm

Synopsis:

The exodus of undocumented children from Central America into the U.S. has turned into a humanitarian crisis for the Obama administration. Republican lawmakers blame the president for what is taking place in the US/Mexico border. At the same time, Pope Francisco prayed for those who are forced to emigrate from their countries, putting their own lives at risk, the pontiff also criticized the current world economic system.

07/07/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: LA POLICE WILL NOT HELP FEDERAL AUTHORITIES BY DETAINING UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS.

Time: 4:26

Synopsis:

Police in Los Angeles say that unless certain guidelines are met, they will no longer help federal immigration authorities detain undocumented immigrants. At the same time and despite protests in other cities of the state of California, planes continue to arrive from Texas carrying undocumented immigrants into processing center.

07/09/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: LEAGUE CITY VOTES TO BAN HOUSING OF UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN

Time: 10:35pm

Synopsis:

From League City to Galveston, local and county government leaders are standing their ground and sending the federal government a message as tensions mount over the growing humanitarian crisis at the border. League City council members passed an ordinance that would ban the processing and detention of immigrants caught crossing our border illegally. While there were protests and legal arguments against the measure, the ordinance passed by a 6-2 vote Tuesday. The federal government has been seeking facilities to house thousands of unaccompanied Central American children caught crossing the border illegally. U.S. law mandates children be housed separately from adults. Detention facilities along the border and at military installations are overcrowded.

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07/10/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: EMERGENCY FUNDS TO COMBAT IMMIGRATION CRISIS AND SPEED DEPORTATIONS

Time: 5:30 pm

Synopsis:

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson told the Senate that \$3.7 billion in emergency funding requested by President Barack Obama anticipated up to 90,000 of the unaccompanied minors this fiscal year. At least 57,000 minors have crossed the Texas border in the past nine months, causing overcrowded holding facilities and a huge backlog of cases awaiting hearings. The emergency money requested by Obama would hire more border patrol officers, judges and others to deal with the immigration crisis of under age children mostly from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: ID CARDS FOR ALL, EVEN UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS

Time: 10:30 pm

Synopsis:

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio signed on Thursday a new law that allows the issuance of ID card for anyone requesting it, including illegal immigrants, amid a wider debate about immigrant rights. The bill would help illegal immigrants get better access to various services such as opening a bank account among others. The new card will be available starting January 2015 and will be free for the first year. To get it, applicants must furnish proof of their identity and their residency in New York.

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07/11/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICAN ON CHILDREN IMMIGRATION

Time: 5 pm

Synopsis:

A key Republican said Friday that President Barack Obama's multibillion-dollar emergency request for the border is too big to get through the House, as a growing number of Democrats rejected policy changes Republicans are demanding as their price for approving any money. The developments indicated that Obama faces an uphill climb as he pushes Congress to approve \$3.7 billion to deal with tens of thousands of unaccompanied kids who've been arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border from poor and gang-ridden Central American nations. And they suggested that even as the children keep coming, any final resolution is likely weeks away on Capitol Hill.

Duration: 30 sec.
Topic: IMMIGRATION CRISIS OF UNDOCUMENTED MINORS
Time: 8 pm

Synopsis:
50,000 unaccompanied young people, primarily from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, have flooded U.S. immigration centers in recent months. The surge has pushed President Barack Obama to ask Congress for \$3.7 billion to relieve overloaded detention centers and immigration courts and the Border Patrol. More than 2,000 children have fled since January, citing both violence and poverty as the leading forces.

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07/12/2014

Duration: 30 sec.
Title: THE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT CRISIS IN THE U.S. SOUTHERN BORDER REACHES A NEW LEVEL
Time: 2:27pm

Synopsis:
The humanitarian immigrant crisis in the US border reaches a new high. Several of the immigrants need translators because some come from indigenous tribes and don't even speak Spanish. Meanwhile, Texas and California residents continue to partake in protests against bringing the children into shelters located in their communities.

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07/14/2014

Duration: 30 sec.
Topic: MORE SECURITY ALONG THE BORDER
Time: 4:28 pm

Synopsis:
Perry wants to put troops along the border as a show of force to send a message that the border is closed. Pressed by guests that the guardsmen would have no power to arrest illegal immigrants, Perry admitted that the troops would be temporary until more border patrol agents could be trained to replace them. According to Perry, the tens of thousands of children from Central America that have been traveling, alone and escorted by drug cartels, through Mexico and crossing into the United States, and have created a crisis along the border, has made the Border Patrol agents take care of the situation rather than attend to their regular duties.

Duration: 30 sec.
Topic: UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN WILL NOT BE RECEIVED IN IOWA
Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis:
The flood of immigrant children who have crossed the United States-Mexico border illegally are not welcome in Iowa, said Gov. Terry Branstad, who contends President Barack Obama needs to take steps to toughen border security. Most of the children are from Honduras, El Salvador or Guatemala and have crossed the border on their own. They often are reunited with parents or placed with other relatives already in the country while they wait for an immigration court to decide their future.

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07/15/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: WELCOMING THE UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN

Time: 5 pm

Synopsis:

Supporters are welcoming the undocumented children arriving in Oracle, Arizona. They plan on being a peaceful presence for the children, who may have experienced violence in their home countries. The children will be detained at the Sycamore Canyon Academy in Oracle. Officials with the Academy say there was an urgent request by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide safe and temporary care for the children. They will stay on the campus until they are processed and placed with a sponsor or returned to their home country.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: CHRONICAL DISEASE & SICKNESS HIGHER AMONG HISPANICS

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 133 million Americans-nearly half of the adult population-live with at least one chronic illness that affects their daily lives; chronic disease accounts for seven in ten deaths in the U.S. each year. The management of these conditions, many of which are largely preventable, consumes more than 75% of American expenditures on health care. With obesity rates of nearly 40%, Hispanics are at greater risk of developing diabetes and other chronic health conditions than non-Hispanic Whites. They are 50% more likely to die from diabetes and have three times the rate of new HIV infections when compared with non-Hispanic Whites. As the Latino community grows to represent one-third of the U.S. population by 2050, so will the prevalence of chronic conditions that Hispanics face, such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, obesity and their complications.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: SCAM WARNING TO "DREAMERS"

Time: 8:40 pm

Synopsis:

A warning was issued for the "DACA" beneficiaries known as "Dreamers" about a scam to get money from them. Some people are calling these DACA Dreamers and telling them about extraordinary student grants in exchange of a "small" amount of money. This is no more than just a scam to get money from them and get their hopes up.

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07/16/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: FLORIDA PARENT DEMONSTRATES DANGERS INVOLVED IN LEAVING CHILDREN INSIDE AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE

Time: 2:27pm

Synopsis:

Following recent deaths of children left inside unattended vehicles, a Florida father demonstrates the dangers faced by children. The man showed with cameras how a person can dehydrate and even risk death if left inside an unattended vehicle where temperatures can reach very high levels.

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07/17/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: ANTI-IMMIGRANT PROTESTS IN NEW YORK

Time: 4:21

Synopsis:

In the city of New York, hundreds of persons participated in protests against the entry of thousands of Central American children into the U.S. during the past few months. Protesters cite the risk of economic and medical harm if the undocumented immigrants are allowed inside the United States.

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07/18/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: ANTI-IMMIGRANT PROTESTS IN THE U.S.

Time: 4:26

Synopsis:

Groups against undocumented immigrants are participating in protests on Friday and Saturday in various United States cities. Meanwhile, 66 persons (children and adults) arrived today in Tegucigalpa, Honduras after being deported from the US. This is the second group repatriated to Honduras after the start of the border crisis.

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07/19/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: NEW FIRES BURNING IN CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Time: 3:41 pm

Synopsis:

Existing fires in Central Washington grew overnight and new fires have begun to burn, stretching emergency responders even further. The 840 acre Duncan Ridge fire is burning three miles north of the Cottonwood Guard Station in the Entiat Valley. The fire, which is burning in alpine timber, has been added to the Mills Canyon Complex fire, according to Chelan County Emergency Management. The Saddle Mountain Fire started Friday afternoon in Kittitas County near the Yakima Training Center. The fire was burning toward Huntzinger Road and cut off 69 people and a fire truck at the Auvil Fruit Company, according to a Kittitas County press release. Forty people were able to escape via the Priest Rapids Dam initially and by Saturday afternoon everyone was safe and accounted for.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: NEW STUDY SUGGESTS 42 STATES AT RISK FOR EARTHQUAKES

Time: 3:04 pm

Synopsis:

A new study by the U.S. Geological Survey suggests 42 states have a reasonable chance of experiencing damaging ground shaking from an earthquake in the next 50 years. The 8 states that did not have significant hazard levels are Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. The 16 states at highest risk are Alaska, Arkansas, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The biggest changes to the map are on the west coast. Geologists are focusing on the Cascadian subduction zone in the Pacific Northwest along with the San Andreas and Hayward faults in California.

07/20/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: HELPFUL WEATHER COMING TO WASHINGTON WILDFIRE

Time: 3:03 pm

Synopsis:

Cooler temperatures and lighter winds are forecast to descend on wildfire-stricken Washington state, helping firefighters battle flames that have been growing unfettered for a week and have covered hundreds of square miles. While Sunday's weather has slight improvements on the hot temperatures and gusty winds that have fueled the wildfires, the forecast for Monday and Tuesday calls for lighter winds and temperatures.

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07/21/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: TSA SECURITY FEES RISING

Time: 3:24 pm

Synopsis:

Transportation Security Administration fees on plane tickets are rising Monday, and travelers used to non-stop flights or long layovers will notice the biggest change. The current fee is \$2.50 for a non-stop flight or \$5 for a connecting flight. The new fee will be \$5.60 for all flights, with any connection longer than four hours counting as a separate flight. Although Congress approved the fee hike to help reduce the deficit, TSA is the agency getting pounded by more than 300 comments through Friday largely criticizing the agency and government taxation. Although the fees are going into effect, TSA will collect comments through Aug. 19. Patrick Riehl of Cambridge, Mass., argued that two things other than the TSA have made aviation safer since the Sept. 11 attacks that prompted creation of the agency: reinforced cockpit doors and passengers who fight back.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: GOVERNOR'S BORDER PLAN

Time: 3:24 pm

Synopsis:

Gov. Rick Perry is expected to announce Monday that he will activate up to 1,000 Texas National Guard troops to the Rio Grande Valley, state Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, confirmed Sunday night. Perry wants these troops to bolster the work already being done with a surge of Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, said Hinojosa's spokesperson, Jennifer Saenz, who added that the governor gave the Rio Grande Valley delegation notice prior to the planned 2 p.m. announcement on border security. The announcement comes amid a wave of growing resistance to the federal government's efforts to shelter the unprecedented 57,000 children from Central America who have crossed the border in the last nine months - double the number who made illegal border crossings last year. President Barack Obama has asked Congress to provide \$3.7 billion in emergency funding to deal with the influx.

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07/22/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: FEDERAL COURT APPEALS AND OBAMACARE

Time: 2:27pm

Synopsis:

A decision by a Federal Appeals Court could affect the Obamacare program. Hundreds of thousands of low income persons who have received federal health subsidies could be affected detrimentally.

07/23/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS CAN APPLY FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES IN ARIZONA IN 30 DAYS

Time: 4:39pm

Synopsis:

Young undocumented immigrants in Arizona will be able to start applying for driver's licenses in 30 days, after the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the southwestern state to provide driver licenses to a group of undocumented immigrants brought to U.S. as children that fall under a special status created by President Obama two years ago. Arizona Governor Janice Brewer said she will appeal the decision. She also directly blamed the current influx of minors and families over the Texan border on President Obama's decision on June 15, 2012, to not deport minors who fell under certain qualifications and to grant them with a new special immigrant status known as DACA.

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07/24/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: FINGERPRINTING PARENTS OF UNDOCUMENTED CENTRAL AMERICAN CHILDREN

Time: 2:27pm

Synopsis:

In the state of Texas, parents of undocumented children who recently entered the U.S. will be required to submit their fingerprints before taking custody of their children.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: DEATH PENALTY PROTESTS

Time: 2:27pm

Synopsis:

Groups who oppose the death penalty in the United States held protests today following the third botched execution in six months. An Arizona inmate gasped for breath for more than 90 minutes after being administered a lethal injection. The use of different dosages of lethal chemicals have changed after some major drug manufacturers stopped selling drugs for use in executions.

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07/26/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: OBAMA ASKS REPUBLICANS TO HELP SOLVE THE BORDER CRISIS

Time: 10:21pm

Synopsis:

One week before going into the summer recess, President Barack Obama is asking Senate and House Republicans to help solve the border crisis in which thousands of undocumented Central American children have crossed into the United States. Meanwhile, the city of Bell, California is preparing to receive hundreds of the Central American undocumented children despite protests by some local citizens.

07/27/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO END HOT CARS CHILDRENS' DEATHS

Time: 2:03pm

Synopsis:

Nationwide transport authorities have launched a public awareness campaign to protect children from the hazards of hot cars. So far this year, there have been two fatalities in Florida and 13 nationally resulting from children being left in cars. In Pinellas County from April 2013 to June 2014, there were 183 911 calls for children locked in cars. While gathering those statistics, other details emerged. Fire departments are offering free rearview mirror hangers that say "Where Baby?" and wrist bands that say "Look Before You Lock".

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP MAKES NO PROMISE OF DELAYING RECESS FOR IMMIGRATION DEAL

Time: 3:03pm

Synopsis:

The House majority whip on Sunday sidestepped questions about whether House Republicans would be willing to postpone Congress's August recess if no immigration deal is reached this week to handle the surge of unaccompanied migrant children at the U.S.-Mexico border. Scalise suggested that the House may pass legislation this week to deal with the immigrant children, but he said the Senate and the White House will have to take action as well.

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07/28/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SOLIDARITY IN FAVOR OF MIGRANT CHILDREN

Time: 5:15pm

Synopsis:

The solidarity in favor of migrant children who enter illegally into the US continues to grow. More and more US cities, organizations and entities are opening themselves to welcome those minors into this country.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: CELL PHONE BATTERIES

Time: 5:15pm

Synopsis:

A warning about cell phone batteries: they could overheat and cause fires. It happened to a Texas teen that used to sleep with her cell phone by her pillow; it overheated and caused a fire on her mattress.

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07/29/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: FAMILIES SEEKING FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE SALINAS POLICE ABUSE

Time: 10:38pm

Synopsis:

Civil rights attorney John Burris, who is known for taking cases involving police misconduct, is representing two of the families affected by the recent Salinas officer-involved shooting deaths. Burris has called for a federal investigation of the Salinas Police Department to determine if the killings echo a pattern of discrimination against Latinos. The four "questionable shootings of Latino men" tallied this year, he says, show a practice of "shoot first and justify their (police) conduct later." Salinas police Chief Kelly

McMillin said nothing could be further from the truth. This shooting was captured on a cell phone video and sparked community unease and a clash with police.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: IMMIGRATION COURTS SPEED UP CHILDREN'S CASES

Time: 2:27pm

Synopsis:

Immigration courts are speeding up hearings for the tens of thousands of Central American children caught on the U.S. border after criticism that the backlogged system is letting immigrants stay in the country for years while waiting for their cases to be heard. There are 375,000 cases before the immigration courts, and many immigrants wait months or years for a hearing. Instead of bumping children to the back of that long line, the courts are now giving each child an initial court hearing within three weeks, according to the Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review. A spokeswoman for the courts didn't answer questions about how many children's hearings had been set under the new plan, or which courts had scheduled additional hearings.

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07/31/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CRISIS REACHES WORST LEVEL AS IT SPREADS NORTH

Time: 10:28pm

Synopsis:

As California starts handing out its first fines to water-wasters, new data reveals the state's crippling drought conditions have never been worse. As of Tuesday - the same day the stricter restrictions went into effect - more than 58 percent of the state was in an "exceptional drought" stage, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map. That's a drastic jump from just a week earlier when about 36 percent of the state was suffering under exceptional drought, meaning there's widespread crop and pasture losses and shortages of water in reservoirs, streams and wells. In comparison, there were no areas in California categorized as exceptional - the most extreme category - at the beginning of the year even amid a three-year dry period.

=====END OF JULY 2014 REPORT=====

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08/01/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: GM compensations

Time: 8:43pm

GM is taking claims to compensate families of persons who died or were hurt in accidents involving defective GM vehicles. General Motors (GM) has been in the public spotlight lately because of allegations that it failed to recall millions of vehicles even though it was aware of a potential ignition defect that could cause serious injuries and deaths. The company recalled 1.6 million vehicles in February 2014 due to a faulty ignition switch that could kill the engine and disable the airbags without warning. On March 28, GM expanded the recall to include older cars that may have been repaired with a faulty ignition switch. So far, the total number of vehicles affected by the ignition switch recall is 2.6 million worldwide.

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08/02/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: Ebola Latest

Time: 4:40pm

Dr. Kent Brantley has arrived in the United States. He is the first ever Ebola patient that has been transported by an air ambulance from Africa to the U.S. Dr. Brantley arrived earlier today at Atlanta's Dobbins Air force base. The patient became infected with the Ebola virus while treating patients in Liberia, Africa. Dr. Brantley was transported to Emory hospital where he will have the best care possible. The medical facility has taken all necessary precautions to avoid exposing those who will take care of the physician. The second US Ebola case is missionary Nancy Writebol, and she is also expected to be transported to the US for similar treatment. At the moment, there is no cure or vaccine against the deadly Ebola virus.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: No Takes Weekend

Time: 4:40pm

Sumer is almost over for millions of school age children in the United States. In some states of the Union, this will be a tax-free weekend for parents who buy certain school supplies. As a result several shopping centers were filled with customers. - Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia were the states that offered tax-free discounts to school supply customers.

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08/03/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: California Forest Fires

Time: 5:37pm

California Governor Jerry Brown declares state of emergency as a result of several forest fires which have destroyed several houses. In California, dry lightning, high temperatures and severe drought conditions exacerbated the fire danger as more than a dozen significant wildfires flared, some of which also damaged or destroyed dwellings and prompted residents to flee. Brown's proclamation said that the circumstances and magnitude of the wildfires are beyond the control of any single local government and will require combined forces to combat.

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08/04/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: OHIO TAP WATER

Time: 2:22PM

Synopsis:

It's safe to drink tap water in Toledo, Ohio, and its suburbs. A two-day ban has been lifted. Health officials say an algae-induced toxin contaminating Lake Erie has dropped to safe levels following intensive chemical treatments. Some residents say they'll avoid drinking the water for a few days. Hundreds of thousands of people in Toledo, Ohio, and nearby southeastern Michigan were unable to use tap water from Saturday until Monday morning because of unsafe levels of a contaminant called microcystin in Lake Erie.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: EBOLA LATEST

Time: 2:22PM

Synopsis:

A New York City hospital is testing a patient who traveled to a West African nation where Ebola has been reported. Mount Sinai Hospital on Manhattan's Upper East Side said the male patient, who had a high fever and gastrointestinal symptoms, had been placed in strict isolation and was being screened to determine the cause of his symptoms, according to reports. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said three Americans in the United States were tested for Ebola since the West African outbreak erupted this year and those results were negative.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: NEW OBESITY STUDY

Time: 3:23PM

Synopsis:

A new study published yesterday in the American Journal of Medicine reported that over the last 20 years there has been a sharp drop in Americans' physical exercise, and an increase in average body mass index (BMI), but that average caloric intake has remained the same. The Stanford University researchers looked at NHANES data over the last 20 years, and found that the number of U.S. women who reported doing no physical activity went from 19.1% in 1994 to 51.7% in 2010.

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08/05/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: EBOLA LATEST

Time: 2:23PM

Synopsis:

An American aid worker infected with Ebola arrived in the US city of Atlanta on Tuesday for treatment. Nancy Writebol, who is 59, travelled from Monrovia, in Liberia, to Emory University Hospital, just downhill from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She arrived two days after Kent Brantly, a doctor with whom she had worked in Liberia and who also contracted Ebola. Both are receiving an experimental treatment that has never before been tested on humans.

08/06/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: GOVERNMENT DECLARES UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT CHILD, MOTHER A "NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT"

Time: 10:21PM

Synopsis:

The Obama administration is using a Bush-era decision by former Attorney General John Ashcroft to classify the flood of undocumented immigrants that have hit the southern border as a "national security threat" in an effort to deny them bond during immigration status hearings.

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08/07/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: AMERICANS AFRAID OF CONTRACTING EBOLA VIRUS, NUMBERS GROW

Time: 10:21PM

Synopsis:

The news and dramatic images of people in Africa who have become infected with the deadly Ebola virus are concerning more and more Americans. That is why the US congress has called a meeting with experts to discuss the true possibilities of Ebola coming to the United States.

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08/08/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: HAPPY MOMENT IN MIAMI AS A HONDURAN MOTHER REUNITED WITH HER DEPORTED SON

Time: 10:21PM

Synopsis:

In the middle of the border children crisis, today was a special one for a south Florida mother who was forced to leave her son in Honduras 4 years ago. The minor identified as Fernando Jose Ramirez reunited with his mother Xiomara Torres Fuentes landed at Miami airport from Honduras, 4 years after seeing his mother for the last time.

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08/09/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: NEW YORK BUILDING AT THE CENTER OF CONTROVERSY

Time: 11:46PM

Synopsis:

In New York City, the construction of a 219 unit apartment building (55 for low income tenants) is creating controversy. The building comes with 2 entrances, one at the rear of the luxury building for the low income tenants. This is a result of an agreement with the New York City Housing Preservation Department and Extell, the company that owns the project, which obtains city benefits when including low income units. This has angered New Yorkers and some political leaders who call for the elimination of the so called "door for the poor".

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08/10/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: BALTIMORE GUNS FOR LAPTOPS

TIME: 3:34PM

Synopsis:

A large number of persons participate in the city of Baltimore where local government has conducted a drive to get guns out of the streets. The deal entails exchanging guns for laptop computers. The event, co-sponsored by the Police Department, Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice and McElderry Park Revitalization Coalition, highlights the community's rejection of gun violence and how alternatives, such as technology education, offer pathways to success.

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08/11/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: IMMIGRATION SOLIDARITY

Time: 5 pm

Synopsis:

Norlan Flores Prado was still wearing a hospital bracelet from his daughter's birth when U.S. Border Patrol agents who had been called by Tucson police arrested him on Sunday afternoon. Flores Prado was on his way to see his newborn when a Tucson police officer pulled him over for a traffic infraction. The officer asked him his immigration status after Flores Prado admitted he didn't have a driver's license, Tucson police say. He then admitted to being in the country illegally. Tucson police called the Border Patrol, who arrived within less than an hour.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SOCIAL NETWORKS AS TOOL FOR PROSTITUTION

Time: 6 pm

Synopsis:

Two men used Facebook and other social networks to engage young women in Central American countries and Los Angeles in prostitution. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) reported that after a five-month investigation, in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Juan Carlos Cruz Lopez and Robert Stacy Beverly were identified as responsible for contacting women for purposes of sexual exploitation. Both defendants are in custody and waiting to appear before a judge in Los Angeles to face charges of incitement to prostitution and trafficking.

Duration: 30 sec.

Title: PUERTO RICANS ARE LEAVING THE ISLAND TO COME TO THE U.S

Time: 4:30 pm

Synopsis:

Puerto Ricans have left the financially troubled island for the U.S. mainland this decade in their largest numbers since the Great Migration after World War II, citing job-related reasons above all others. U.S. Census Bureau data show that 144,000 more people left the island for the mainland than the other way around from mid-2010 to 2013, a larger gap between emigrants and migrants than during the entire decades of the 1970s, 1980s or 1990s. This escalated loss of migrants fueled the island's first sustained population decline in its history as a U.S. territory, even as the stateside Puerto Rican population grew briskly.

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08/12/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: RESOURCE TO FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

Time: 6 pm

Synopsis:

The U.S. Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector announced the deployment of the sector's fifth aerostat. The aerostats already in use in RGV Sector have been an extremely effective resource in helping to apprehend human and narcotics smugglers as well as a valuable tool in locating individuals whose lives are in peril and need to be rescued. The newly deployed aerostat has the capability to fly higher than those previously deployed, thereby providing coverage to a much larger area. This is the second aerostat deployed in Starr County; two others are in use in Brooks County and one in Hidalgo County.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: DEADLINE OF LEGAL STATUS FOR OBAMACARE

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis:

More than 300,000 Obamacare enrollees have yet to provide information on their legal residency or citizenship, according to the government. Those individuals have until September 5 to send complete information to the government before losing coverage on September 30. According to the data provided by the government, in May 970,000 people had citizenship data errors in their Obamacare applications. As of August, 450,000 of those cases have been resolved, 210,000 are in progress and 60,000 new documents arrive every day. The 310,000 remaining applicants will receive two more phone calls and one more email.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: ILLINOIS RULE LIMIT ON IMMIGRANT DRIVER'S LICENSE CALL

Time: 11:30 pm

Synopsis:

Illinois wants to head off businesses that are swamping the Secretary of State's office with requests for appointments for special immigrant driver's licenses. Some businesses have promised to speed up the process for a fee and are using automated dialing machines. State licensing officials want to set a limit on the number of times someone can call the state's appointment system. The rule, if adopted, would limit the number of calls from an individual or a computer address to three each day. About 53,000 immigrants living in the United State illegally have received the special driver's licenses made possible by a new state law. The licenses, which cost \$30, may be used only for driving and have a purple border instead of red.

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08/13/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: ASILUM HEARINGS IN NEW YORK

Time: 11:30 pm

Synopsis:

Immigration judges in New York city begin to hear petitions of asylum for thousands of children who have entered the United States undocumented and alone. The first judge assigned to the so-called "surge docket" is Frank Loprest, an Obama administration pick who grants asylum in 88 percent of the cases before him. The national average is about 50 percent. Only five other judges in the nation have a more generous asylum record and they are all Loprest's New York City colleagues, according to data from the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse of Syracuse University

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08/14/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SEVERAL NORTHEAST US COMUNITIES RECOVER AFTER RAIN DELUGE LEAVES A PATH OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Time: 3:30 pm

Synopsis:

Several northeast communities continue to clean up after torrential rain brought death and destruction to several communities in that part of the country. The weather was responsible for 4 deaths and material damage runs in the millions.

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08/15/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: TENSIONS EASE IN FERGUSON, MISSOURI

Time: 10:30pm

Synopsis:

Following the death of Michael Brown by a Ferguson, Missouri, police officer, the city's Chief of Police released a security video of Brown robbing a convenience store minutes before being gunned down. Also released was the name of the officer involved in the deadly incident, Darren Wilson. Those who question the version of the robbery ask for a police report.

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08/16/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN WILL GO TO SCHOOL IN THE U.S.

Time: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Tens-of-thousands of children in the country illegally are on their way to a public school near you for a taxpayer funded education and the Department of Education says they're entitled to it. For months we've heard horror stories of disease ridden Border Patrol processing centers with children passing and contracting measles, tuberculosis and scabies. There's no word yet from the Department of Education or local school districts about whether children in the country illegally will be properly vaccinated before starting school for the fall term. Many schools in places like Arizona and Texas start school next week. According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform, illegal immigrations put a strain on Arizona at a cost of \$1.3 billion per year. In Texas last year, illegal immigration cost the state \$12.1 billion. The majority of the cost comes from illegal immigrants using, but not paying for healthcare systems, K-12 education and incarceration.

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08/17/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: BORDER PATROL QUESTIONED ON MIGRANTS DEATH

Time: 4:40 PM

Synopsis:

At least seven deaths at the hands of U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents since 2010 were "highly suspect," and officials with the agency tried to alter the details of some of the fatal shootings, a former CBP internal-affairs official said in an exclusive interview with the Center for Investigative Reporting. On-duty Border Patrol agents and Customs and Border Protection officers have killed at least 45 people, including at least 15 Americans, since the beginning of 2005, according to The Republic's

investigation. All but four of those deaths have taken place along the Southwestern border. In at least six cases agents fired across the international border to kill people, including three unarmed teenagers, in Mexico.

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08/18/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: COST OF RAISING A CHILD IN THE U.S.

Time: 5:37 PM

Synopsis:

A child born in 2013 will cost a middle-income American family an average of \$245,340 until he or she becomes an adult, with families living in the Northeast taking on a greater burden, according to a report out Monday. Those costs -- food, housing, childcare and education -- rose 1.8 percent over the previous year, the Agriculture Department's new "Expenditures on Children and Families" report said. As in the past, families in the urban Northeast will spend more than families in the urban South and rural parts of the U.S., or roughly \$282,480. When adjusting for projected inflation, the report found that a child born last year could cost a middle-income family an average of about \$304,480.

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08/19/2014

Topic: POLL FINDS RACIAL & POLITICAL LINES AMID VIOLENCE

Time: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new poll finds the public sharply divided along racial and political lines amid violence in Ferguson, Mo., sparked by the police killing of an unarmed black teenager. An overwhelming majority of black people, 80 percent, believe the case raises important questions about race, and another 18 percent believe race is getting too much attention, according to a Pew Research poll released Monday. A plurality of whites, though, at 47 percent believes race is getting too much attention, but 37 percent think the case raises important questions. Another 16 percent of whites are undecided.

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: ONLY 1 IN 4 CHILDREN WITH MENTAL ISSUES TREATED

Time: 5:45 PM

Synopsis:

More than 300,000 California children between the ages of 4 and 11 need mental health care, but only one in four is treated, according to a new policy brief from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research; this, despite the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommending early-childhood intervention as a critical step in reducing the severity of mental health problems in adulthood. While about 8.5 percent of all California children in the 4-to-11 age group are identified as having mental health care issues -- including conduct problems, emotional symptoms, hyperactivity and problems with peers -- parents reported that 70.8 percent of these children went without emotional or psychological counseling over the previous year, according to the study, which used California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) data from 2007-09.

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: VOLUNTEER LAWYERS TO HELP UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Time: 5:55 PM

Synopsis:

Volunteer lawyers in New Mexico are getting ready to help undocumented immigrants. There are around 600 Central Americans detained in Artesia, part of a wave of tens of thousands of immigrants who have crossed the border illegally this year. Several hundred have been deported. One 11 year-old boy was released when officials discovered he was an American citizen.

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08/20/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: VOLUNTEER LAWYERS TO HELP UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN NEW MEXICO

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis:

Attorneys volunteering their services to detained immigrant families allege that the federal government is violating due process in order to deport clients more quickly. Advocates are calling the family detention center in Artesia, New Mexico, a "deportation factory." The attorneys volunteering at the Artesia center are complaining about multiple due-process violations by immigration judges and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers. The detainees they're trying to help are part of the "surge" of immigrants fleeing violence in Central America. While much attention has been focused on unaccompanied minors, there has also been an increase in adults (mostly women) with small children.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SOCIAL UNREST CONTINUES IN FERGUSON

Time: 4:30 pm

Synopsis:

Attorney General Eric Holder sought Wednesday to reassure the people of Ferguson about the investigation into Michael Brown's death and said he understands why many black Americans do not trust police, recalling how he was repeatedly stopped by officers who seemed to target him because of his race. The protests were more subdued Tuesday night, with smaller crowds, fewer confrontations and no tear gas. Police said they still made 47 arrests, mainly of people who defied orders to disperse. Tensions rose briefly when someone hurled a bottle at officers, but there were no reports of gunfire or the type of clashes that had marked previous nights.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: 'OPERATION COYOTE' created to discourage immigrants crossing the border

Time: 11:30 pm

Synopsis:

DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson announced there were more arrests and account seizures as a result of Operation Coyote, which was created to discourage the surge of immigrants crossing the border, aided by smuggling networks. Johnson announced Wednesday that 363 smugglers and associates as well as more than \$800,000 dollars were seized from over 400 bank account related to smuggling organizations. Though there was a surge in recent months of children and families crossing the U.S. border from Central America, the numbers have decreased as the Administration has expedited the return of many of these families back to their home countries. Immigrant advocates have warned against returning some children and families who are not from Mexico and are fleeing violence and could be eventually eligible for asylum.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: IMMIGRATION CAMPAIGN

Time: 6:30 pm

Synopsis:

Define American in partnership with the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) will launch the "#1of11Million Campaign" in favor of the legalization of approximately 11 million undocumented residents in the United States. In an unprecedented move, eleven undocumented individuals will submit applications for deferred action while putting a spotlight on the complexities of immigration in America. These eleven individuals represent the stories of the millions of undocumented Americans that live within the shadows and fear of getting caught.

08/21/2014

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: MISTREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS IN ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis:

Lawyers helping Central American immigrants housed at a temporary center in Southern New Mexico compared the legal limbo of immigrants there to those at a U.S. military prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. The attorneys said that they are treated like prisoners at Guantánamo. The immigrants at the center in Artesia are in a legal limbo, without formal charges and without due process. Authorities for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which oversee the detention center in Artesia, said the facility and other similar ones operate in an open environment, which includes play rooms, social workers and access to legal counsel.

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: WHEN POLICE CAN KILL SOMEONE

Time: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

When a police officer shoots and kills someone on the job, there's a two-track investigation. That's because there are actually two different sets of standards that govern when a police officer can use deadly force. One set of standards is state law, informed by a couple of Supreme Court precedents that lay out the circumstances under which law enforcement officers are justified in using lethal force on suspects. The other set of standards is the policy of the officer's police department, which tells its employees when it is and isn't appropriate for them to use force. If a police officer were to murder someone in cold blood while on the job, he wouldn't just be breaking the law - he'd be violating his equivalent of an employee handbook.

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: \$3 MILLION TO HELP UNDOCUMENTED MINORS

Time: 8:41 PM

Synopsis:

Young immigrants poised to flood California's courts could get extra legal help under a bill offering \$3 million to bolster legal services. An extraordinary influx of young, unaccompanied minors into the country has dominated the national debate over immigration policy in recent months, setting President Barack Obama against congressional Republicans and prompting calls for action from California lawmakers. Some of those state legislators have already spotlighted the issue, visiting a Ventura County naval base serving as a temporary detention center to survey living conditions for the immigrants housed there. In remarks to the press after the tour, lawmakers emphasized ensuring the new arrivals get full legal hearings as they face potential deportations.

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: POLL ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MINORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Time: 10:33 PM

Synopsis:

A poll released Thursday finds that a majority of likely voters are not on board with allowing the recent illegal immigrant minors to enroll in local schools. According to the Department of Education, all children in the United States - regardless of legal status - are "entitled to equal access to a public elementary and secondary education," including the tens of thousands of recent illegal immigrants from Central America. The new Rasmussen Reports poll reveals that despite the requirement that all children receive an education in the U.S., 53 percent of likely voters do not think the new illegal arrivals should be allowed to enroll in public school this year. Thirty-two percent said they believe the illegal immigrant minors should be allowed to enroll, and 14 percent were undecided.

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08/22/2014

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: ACLU FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST ICE, PUSHING FOR POLICY CHANGES

Time: 5:39PM

Synopsis:

A lawsuit has been filed against federal immigration authorities claiming detainees at the detention center in Artesia, New Mexico, aren't getting proper legal representation. The American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit to get U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to change their policies that quickly deport immigrants without attorneys. They, along with other legal groups, say a lack of due process for the women and children detained there isn't allowing them to present their cases for asylum. They say the Artesia facility has turned into a "deportation mill" because of the barriers in place that stop immigrants from having lawyers.

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08/23/2014

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ROLLS OUT BIRTH CONTROL MEASURES FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Time: 3:24PM

Synopsis:

Seeking to quell a politically charged controversy, the Obama administration announced new measures Friday to allow religious nonprofits and some companies to opt out of paying for birth control for female employees while still ensuring those employees have access to contraception. Even so, the accommodations may not fully satisfy religious groups who oppose any system that makes them complicit in providing coverage they believe is immoral. Effective immediately, the U.S. will start allowing faith-affiliated charities, colleges and hospitals to notify the government - rather than their insurers - that they object to birth control on religious grounds.

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08/24/2014

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: EARTHQUAKE IN NAPA VALLEY

Time: 3:31PM

Synopsis:

The largest earthquake to hit the San Francisco Bay Area in 25 years sent scores of people to hospitals, ignited fires, damaged multiple historic buildings and knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses in California's wine country on Sunday. The 6.0-magnitude earthquake that struck at 3:20 a.m. about 6 miles from the city of Napa ruptured water mains and gas lines, left two adults and a child critically injured, upended bottles and casks at some of Napa Valley's famed wineries and sent residents running out of their homes in the darkness.

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08/25/2014

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: EARTHQUAKES LATEST

Time: 2:45PM

Synopsis:

Three earthquakes have shaken the Americas in the last couples of hours. We spoke to an expert to see if the 6.9 earthquake that shook Peru and the 6.4 that occurred in Chile had any correlation with the 6.0

that shook Napa, California. The expert went into details in explaining how the shifting of plates could affect other zones. He discussed the earthquakes in the "Fuego del Pacifico" belt, as well as how people could prepare for what has been known as "the ONE".

Duration: 30 SEC.

Topic: E-CIGARETTES ADDICTIVE

Time: 4:26PM

Synopsis:

The American Heart Association says clinicians should consider suggesting electronic cigarettes as a last resort component of smoking cessation programs, even as it warns that the products could "fuel and promote nicotine addiction" and could potentially become a "gateway" to other drugs. Authors of the AHA's new policy statement on e-cigarettes, published Monday in the journal Circulation called for e-cigarettes that contain nicotine to be considered as tobacco products, and for the federal government to put in place strong laws that restrict access to anyone under age 18. While the AHA stresses that e-cigarettes should be closely monitored to keep them from being a "gateway" product for other nicotine products, there is a place for them to help people quit smoking. But, the authors stressed, "There is not yet enough evidence for clinicians to counsel their patients who are using combustible tobacco products to use e-cigarettes as a primary cessation aid," and should only be used when other treatments have failed or are not adopted. The AHA's proposed guidelines, developed by an expert advisory group working with those researching e-cigarettes and tobacco control and prevention, largely support those being considered by the FDA. When exactly the FDA will make a final decision is unclear.

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08/26/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: NAIL POLISH TO PREVENT RAPES

Time: 4:30 pm

Synopsis:

Undergraduates at North Carolina State University are being credited with creating a new kind of nail polish. The polish doubles as a way to prevent sexual assault. According to the Triangle Business Journal, the nail polish changes color when the person wearing it is exposed to date rape drugs. So, how does it work? The person wearing the nail polish has to use their finger to stir their drink. If the drink has a date rape drug in it, the nail polish changes color. The Washington Post reports that 55% of about 1,570 colleges and universities with more than 1,000 students received at least one report of forcible sex offense on campus in 2012. From 2010 to 2012 there were 14 forcible sex offenses reported on N.C. State's campus.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: KILL SWITCH IN PHONES TO REDUCE ROBBERY

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis:

California would become the first state in the country to require "kill switches" on smart phones that prompt consumers to activate the antitheft technology under a bill passed by the state Legislature on Monday and sent to Gov. Jerry Brown. The increasing number of Smartphone thefts in California prompted the bill by state Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, who said consumers would have more control over their personal information if their device is lost or stolen. The antitheft technology, often referred to as a "kill switch," allows the owner of a Smartphone to remotely render it inoperable, which law enforcement officials said would deter thieves who target the devices.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: CAESAR SALAD RECALL

Time: 8:42 pm

Synopsis:

A Southern California food company has recalled nearly 93,000 pounds of fully cooked chicken Caesar salad kits sold at Sam's Club stores over concerns of possible listeria contamination. The U.S.

Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service say the Daily Chef salad kits were shipped to the warehouse chain for sale in its in-store cafes nationwide. The affected products by Corona's APPA Fine Foods come in 11-ounce clear plastic containers with use-by dates through Sept. 17. The USDA and the company have received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products. People who consume food contaminated with listeria are at risk of getting listeriosis, which can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion and convulsions.

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08/27/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: HURRICANE-SPAWNED WAVES HIT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Time: 2:32pm

Synopsis:

Thundering surf spawned by a Pacific hurricane pounded the Southern California coast Wednesday, causing minor flooding in a low-lying beach town while drawing daredevil surfers and body-boarders into churning, 20-foot waves as crowds of spectators lined the shore. Despite the danger, surfers, body-boarders and body-surfers flocked to favorite spots such as the notorious Wedge at Newport Beach, where the interaction of swells and a jetty produced huge waves, and cars were backed up for miles along the only road to the narrow peninsula. Big crowds watched surfers in the morning, while bodysurfers took on the surf in the afternoon.

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08/28/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: ABUSED WOMEN WHO ENTER ILLEGALLY INTO THE US COULD GAIN ASSYLUM

Time: 5:37pm

Synopsis:

the immigration appeals committee decided that married Guatemalan women who have been victims of domestic abuse could be considered as candidates for asylum in the US. The office which decides on appeal of cases initially handled by immigration courts operated by the US justice department and by the office of executive revisions decided on cases of Guatemalan women who are faced with being unable to abandon their violent marriages. This is the first time this is being considered by U.S. authorities.

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08/29/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: ERASING BAD MEMORIES

Time: 1:35am

Synopsis:

In experiments on mice, scientists rewired the circuits of the brain and changed the animals' bad memories into good ones. The rewriting of the memory wasn't done with drugs but by using light to control the activity of brain cells. While science is a long way from achieving a similar feat in people, it adds to a body of research that is starting to uncover the physiological basis of memory. It could pave the way to rewire the circuits in the brain to treat disorders such as post-traumatic stress syndrome, depression or other psychiatric illnesses, said Roger Redondo, neuroscientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and lead author of the study, published Wednesday in the journal Nature.

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08/30/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: EBOLA VACCINE TESTING

Time: 1:45am

Synopsis:

The first human trial for an investigational Ebola vaccine is set to begin this week. The ongoing Ebola outbreak in West Africa prompted the National Institutes of Health to expedite safety testing for several vaccines already in the works. Since March, the deadly virus has killed 1,552 people, according to the World Health Organization, which predicted last week that the virus could infect 20,000 people in the next six months.

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08/31/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: FLOODING RESULTING FROM SEVERE RAIN

Time: 1:45am

Synopsis:

Bad weather affected Labor Day plans for hundreds of thousands of Americans in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana as torrential rain caused severe flash flooding before the Labor Day holiday. In great parts of the affected areas thunderstorms and lightning increased the danger for hundreds of thousands of motorists.

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09/01/14

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Topic: SEVERE WEATHER SLOWS AIR TRAFFIC ON LABOR DAY (NE US MOSTLY AFFECTED)

Time: 5:37 pm

Synopsis: According to AAA, thirty-three million people expected to travel at least 50 miles from home this Labor Day weekend. With an increase in air traffic, travelers may face flight cancellations or delays. Rain, drizzle, strong winds and even tornadoes caused widespread damage and hundreds of travelers were left stranded on interstates or airports. Travel Delay provides reimbursement for any meals or accommodations that are paid for during a trip delay. With Missed Connection, travelers may be covered for the cost of catching up with a trip if a flight is delayed due to an accident or bad weather. Both benefits help reimburse the traveler for expenses associated with resuming scheduled itineraries. However, covered reasons, minimum delay times and policy maximums will vary for each benefit.

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09/02/14

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: INTERNAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO PROCESS COMPLAINTS OF ABUSE AGAINST IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

TIME: 5:35 PM

Synopsis: A group of civil and human rights organizations denounced a new report by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, saying the office's failure to adequately investigate allegations of verbal and physical abuse of unaccompanied immigrant children by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers is an indictment of the agency's commitment to child welfare. The brief Inspector General report dismisses charges of mistreatment and abusive detention conditions by 16 children who were held in CBP custody after crossing the southern U.S. border. The abuse allegations were part of a mass civil rights complaint on behalf of 116 children who entered the country in the past year, before an influx in child migrants began making headlines.

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09/03/14

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: MANY MORE AMERICANS ARE IN FAVOR OF INCREASING SECURITY MEASURES AT THE BORDERS

Time: 5:30 pm

Synopsis: As President Obama considers executive action to delay the deportation of millions of undocumented immigrants, the public's priorities for U.S. immigration policy have shifted, with more people favoring a focus on better border security and tougher enforcement of immigration laws, according to a new national survey by the Pew Research Center. On balance, the public continues to say the priority for U.S. immigration policy should be to provide people in the U.S. illegally a way to become citizens if they meet certain requirements and to enhance border security and stiffen enforcement of immigration laws. But the share prioritizing tougher border security and law

enforcement has risen since Feb. 2013, early in Obama's second term. The survey, conducted August 20-24 among 1,501 adults, finds the share saying that both approaches should be given equal priority has fallen from 47% to 41%, while the percentage prioritizing enhanced border security and stronger enforcement of immigration laws has risen eight points, from 25% to 33%. There has been little change in the percentage saying the priority should be creating a path to citizenship for people in the U.S. illegally (25% in Feb. 2013, 23% today).

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09/04/14

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: FAST FOOD WORKERS PROTEST NATION-WIDE FOR HIGHER PAY

Time: 5:35 pm

Synopsis: Across the country hundreds of workers from more than 14 fast food chains including McDonald's, Taco Bell, Papa John's, Pizza Hut and Wendy's are expected to walk off their jobs Thursday. Some are even saying they are willing to get arrested for the cause by sitting in inside restaurants, according to labor organizers of the latest national protest to push the companies to pay their employees at least \$15 an hour. This time organizers said they plan to engage in civil disobedience, which could lead to arrests, and draw more attention to the cause. They also said home-care workers will join the protests, which are expected to take place at fast-food restaurants in 150 cities nationwide.

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09/05/14

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: OBAMA SPELLS OUT HIS IMMIGRATION GOALS

Time: 2:30 pm

Synopsis: Leaving his timing uncertain, President Barack Obama laid out ambitious objectives for immigration steps he intends to take on his own and said he had already received some recommendations from the Homeland Security and Justice departments for executive action he could implement without Congress. Facing competing pressures from immigration advocacy groups and from Democrats nervous about November's midterm election, Obama made no commitment about whether he would act in the coming weeks as he had earlier pledged. Still, Obama spelled out his goals with a degree of specificity that he had previously not detailed.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: 60 NYPD COPS SET TO BEGIN WEARING BODY CAMERAS IN PILOT PROGRAM

Time: 2:30 pm

Synopsis: Sixty cops will soon wear cameras as part of a program to test a technology that is widely used by law enforcement throughout the U.S. - and could "de-escalate" police-civilian encounters, the city's top cop said Thursday. The pilot program was ordered by U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin in a 2013 verdict that found the NYPD's use of the stop and-frisk tactic was unconstitutional because it targeted minority communities. In coming months, two varieties of cameras will be tested by cops in six police commands, including a precinct in each borough.

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09/06/14

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: AS IMMIGRATION ADVOCATES CRITICIZE HIM, OBAMA DEFENDS DECISION TO DELAY EXECUTIVE ACTION

Time: 2:20 pm

Synopsis: President Barack Obama said Saturday that the surge of immigrant children entering the U.S. illegally changed the politics surrounding the issue of immigration and led him to put off a pledge to use executive action that could have shielded millions of people from deportation. Immigration reform advocates criticized Obama after White House officials said that the President would not act at summer's end as he promised in June but would take up the matter after the midterm elections in November. In an interview taped for NBC's "Meet the Press," Obama rejected the charge that the delay was meant to protect Democratic candidates worried that his actions would hurt their prospects in tough Senate races.

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09/07/14

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: DENVER POLICE WILL EXPERIMENT USING CAMERAS WITH THEIR UNIFORMS

Time: 5:29 pm

Synopsis: Denver police hope to equip 800 officers, including all patrol and traffic officers, with body cameras in 2015. The cameras, which will record audio and video, not only will protect people who make legitimate complaints, authorities say, but the technology also should protect police from false allegations of excessive force. "The body camera will clear up those moments of conflict," Chief Robert White said. "We're very comfortable that we are going in the right direction." The equipment will cost about \$1.5 million; the City Council still must approve the expense.

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09/08/14

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: RESPIRATORY ILLNESS SICKENS MORE THAN A THOUSAND CHILDREN

Time: 5:37 pm

Synopsis: Doctors in ten states have seen about a thousand cases of children who have a severe respiratory illness. This rare respiratory virus is suddenly becoming more common, and that's bad news for children in particular. The symptoms look like those of a bad cold (runny nose, coughing, sneezing, and fever), but it can be much more serious especially for some youngsters. Over the past three weeks, at least a thousand kids- in these ten states have been stricken with a respiratory illness that the CDC believes is the ENTEROVIRUS 68. There is no vaccine for this virus, and the scary part is that doctors say this strain is so new they are still trying to figure exactly how it is transmitted.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: IMMIGRATION ACTIVISTS ARE CALLING FOR GREATER HISPANIC PARTICIPATION

Time: 8:33 pm

Synopsis: The decision by President Obama to delay administrative action to provide immigration relief to immigrant rights movement confronts a political reality: the Latino vote does not have the influence of other groups in the United States. That's why in the aftermath of the new disappointment and anger of many activists to the President by the new delay, some are calling for greater political participation of the Hispanic community, but others consider looking for new alternatives. Even some activists consider the possibility of creating a third political front in the absence of action of bipartisanship on immigration. Pro-immigrant groups plan for the next few days a series of direct actions on President Obama and the Democratic Party, including protests at fundraising events for candidates or the party itself.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SOLUTION TO POLICE BUSES IN NEW YORK

Time: 10:30 pm

Synopsis: The Police Commissioner appeared before the City Council to explain their plans on how to improve agents training procedures. The commissioner and other senior Departments responded to questions from members of the Public Safety Committee of the City Council. Those appearing assured that the best solution to prevent police abuses involves uniformed training again in the use of force. The team also added they are working on several programs to improve the relationship between citizens and the department. The Police Department of New York has been the subject of harsh criticism in recent months, a situation that worsened after the death of Eric Garner in Staten Island last July.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: POLICE SHORT ON MINORITIES

Time: 10:44 pm

Synopsis: An analysis by The Associated Press found that the racial gap between black police officers and the communities where they work has narrowed over the last generation, particularly in departments that once were the least diverse. A much larger disparity, however, is now seen in the low number of Hispanic officers in police departments. In Waco, Texas, for example, the community is more than 30 percent Hispanic, but the police department of 231 full-time sworn officers has only 27 Hispanics. Across the United States, there are police departments that still look like Ferguson, Missouri; a largely white police force protecting a mostly black community.

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09/09/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: HOME DEPOT PAYMENT SYSTEM BREACHED

Time: 5:37 pm

Synopsis: Home Depot confirmed on Monday that hackers had broken into its in-store payments systems, in what could be the largest known breach of a retail company's computer network. The retailer said the exact number of customers affected was still not clear. But a person briefed on the investigation said the total number of credit card numbers stolen at Home Depot could top 60 million. By comparison, the breach last year at Target, the largest known attack to date, affected 40 million cardholders. The retailer operates 1,977 stores in the United States and 180 in Canada. That is about 400 more than Target had when it was compromised. Target's breach went on for three weeks before

the company learned about it, while the attack at Home Depot went unnoticed for as long as five months.

Duration: 1:40

Topic: MYSTERIOUS RESPIRATORY VIRUS

Synopsis: About 475 children have been treated at Missouri's Children Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, at least 60 of who are in intensive care. The CDC confirmed at least 19 cases of enterovirus D68 were found at the hospital. The Children's Hospital Colorado in Denver told the Denver Post that more than 900 children have been treated for respiratory illnesses in the past three weeks, including 86 admitted to the hospital. At least five children at Rocky Mountain Hospital have been admitted to intensive care, but the CDC has not yet confirmed D68 in Colorado.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SEN. TED CRUZ AGAINST IMMIGRATION REFORM

Time: 10:44 pm

Synopsis: Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) called on lawmakers to use "any and all means necessary" - including must-pass government funding measures - to block President Barack Obama from taking executive action on immigration. The tea party hero, who aggressively pushed the anti-Obamacare strategy that spurred last year's 16-day government shutdown, has seized on immigration executive moves from the Obama administration as the root cause of the border crisis this summer. Although Obama said this weekend that he would delay any executive actions on immigration until the end of the year, Cruz indicated Tuesday that he still wanted to target the issue this month.

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09/10/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: VICTIMS REMEMBER 9/11

Time: 5:30pm

Synopsis: Along the hallowed plaza of the National September 11 Memorial, preparation work for the service to honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 continued in earnest as memories and emotions abounded among workers and tourists alike. Hundreds of people strolled around the Memorial's twin reflecting pools dotted in parts with personalized memorials to individual names. The Memorial's twin reflecting pools are each nearly an acre in size. They also represent the largest man-made waterfalls in North America and stand where the Twin Towers once stood. The names of every person who died in the 2001 attacks as well as the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993 are inscribed into the bronze panels edging pools in memory of the largest loss of life from a foreign attack on U.S. soil and the greatest single loss of rescue personnel in American history.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: TRIBUTE TO 9/11 HEROISM

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis: Members of Congress gathered in the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday (September 10) together with relatives of those who died in the 9/11 attacks to pay tribute to their heroism. The legislators presented three special medals awarded by the U.S. Congress, one to the police and firefighters who

died in responding to the attacks on the World Trade Center, another to those who died responding to the attack on the Pentagon, and a third to the passengers who fought back against those who hijacked United Airlines Flight 93, causing it to crash in a Pennsylvania field. One of the medals will be permanently displayed at each of the 9/11 memorials

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: 5 MILLION GMAIL HACK

Time: 8:30 pm

Synopsis: Five million Gmail addresses and passwords appeared on a Russian bitcoin forum today. However, Google says its servers were not breached. The list appears to be a collection of passwords exposed in previous hacks, likely on users' computers. Google says there's no telling if the list is even authentic, but they are warning affected users to take steps to protect their Gmail accounts. These steps include creating stronger passwords and using two-step authentication.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: STUDY ON AUTISM

Time: 10:47 pm

Synopsis: A new pilot study suggests that signs of autism symptoms can be erased if babies begin therapy even before they can toddle. Researchers have long taken the "earlier the better" approach to treatment, but this tiny study - in just seven children - is the first to look at starting therapy in the first year of life. The research, run by the University of California Davis' MIND Institute, provided directed therapy to babies ages 6-9 months old that were identified as having early signs of autism, such as an inability to make eye contact, lack of babbling and fixations. By the time the seven babies reached their third birthday - a time when autism can reliably be diagnosed - five didn't show any autism symptoms and a sixth had only mild symptoms. The treatment now needs to be tried in many more children to make sure that it can be consistently helpful, said study co-author Sally Rogers, a professor and developmental psychologist at UC Davis.

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09/11/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: OBAMA LEADS U.S. IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11 VICTIMS

Time: 5:36 pm

Synopsis: Led by President Barack Obama, Americans commemorated the 13th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on Thursday by observing moments of silence for the thousands killed that day at New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. In what has become an annual ritual, relatives began slowly reciting the nearly 3,000 names of the victims at a ceremony in lower Manhattan, from Gordon Aamoth Jr. to Igor Zukelman. Readers would occasionally pause as a silver bell was rung to mark the exact times when each of the four planes hijacked by al Qaeda militants crashed at the three sites and when each of the World Trade Center's twin towers collapsed. With each bell, a moment of silence was observed.

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09/12/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: DEPORTATIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS DECREASE BY 20 PERCENT

Time: 5:30 pm

Synopsis: President Barack Obama has quietly slowed deportations by nearly 20 percent while delaying plans to act on his own potentially to shield millions of immigrants from expulsion. The Homeland Security Department is on pace to remove the fewest number of immigrants since 2007, according to an analysis of its data by The Associated Press. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the federal agency responsible for deportations, sent home 258,608 immigrants between the start of the budget year last Oct. 1 and July 28 this summer, a decrease of nearly 20 percent from the same period in 2013, when 320,167 people were removed. Over 10 months in 2012, Immigration and Customs Enforcement deported 344,624 people, some 25 percent more than this year, according to federal figures obtained by the AP.

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09/13/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: VOTERS MOSTLY APPROVE OF POLICE, BUT VIEW SPLIT ALONG RACIAL LINES

Time: 3:22 pm

Synopsis: A solid majority of California voters believes local police have a tough job and do it well, but nearly a third say law enforcement targets minorities unfairly, according to a new USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll. The survey found attitudes toward police split along racial and ethnic lines: Blacks, Latinos and Asians were substantially more likely than whites to say that police are too aggressive or treat whites better than others. The contrasting views reflect persistent tension between law enforcement and minority communities in California - even decades after police clashes with African Americans sparked the 1965 and 1992 riots in Los Angeles.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SOFTWARE GLITCH SENDS REGULAR COLORADO DRIVER'S LICENSES TO IMMIGRANTS

Time: 10:33 pm

Synopsis: A software glitch mistakenly sent regular Colorado driver's licenses to hundreds of immigrants living in the United States illegally, rather than the special licenses they were supposed to get. The special driver's licenses created for the first time this year for immigrants do not have an intended disclaimer that makes it clear the holder cannot vote, according to authorities. Specifically, the cards do not have a black band near the top indicating that the license does not offer voting privileges and is not for "public benefit purposes." The glitch resulted in errors that invalidated 524 driver's licenses for those living in this country illegally.

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09/15/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: GENERAL MOTORS ERROR: 19 DEATHS

Time: 5:37 pm

Synopsis: General Motors' compensation expert in cases involving faulty ignition switches has determined that 19 wrongful death claims are eligible for payments from the company. Attorney

Kenneth Feinberg has received 125 death claims due to the faulty switches in older-model small cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt. He says in a report issued Monday that the rest remain under review or require further documentation. GM hired Feinberg to compensate victims of crashes caused by the switches. GM has blamed the switches for at least 13 deaths, but lawmakers have put the death toll closer to 100. Feinberg also has received 320 claims for compensation due to injuries. Of those, 12 have been deemed eligible for payments so far. The switches can slip out of the run position, causing engines to stall.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: CONNECTICUT AND NEW YORK - POSSIBLE CASES OF ENTEROVIRUS D68

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis: Connecticut and New York are the two latest states to report possible cases of Enterovirus D68, the respiratory illness suspected of hospitalizing hundreds of children in 21 states in the South, Midwest and now Northeast. New York became the first state on the East Coast to report cases of the virus that has been attacking children, especially those with asthma. On Friday, the New York State Department of Health announced the virus has been confirmed in more than a dozen children in the capital region and central New York. Onondaga County Health Department's Medical Director Quoc Nguyen said two patients were in Onondaga County. Although Enterovirus D68 has caused concern, particularly among parents of young children, enteroviruses themselves are common. The CDC estimated that 10 to 15 million people are infected with them each year. The Enterovirus D68 strain, in particular, dates to 1962 and hasn't been widely reported in years, which experts said could be part of the problem.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: CAMPAIGN TO HELP UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN FLORIDA

Time: 8:10 pm

Synopsis: To help more than 900,000 undocumented immigrants estimated to be living in Florida, immigration activists have launched a new campaign aimed at convincing the state legislature to pass a law allowing foreign nationals without immigration status to apply for driver licenses. Activists say the issue is all the more relevant in light of President Barack Obama's decision to delay until after the November elections his plan to grant immigration status to many undocumented immigrants via executive orders. FLIC, in coordination with about 70 other organizations, is spearheading the pro-driver license campaign to accomplish these major goals: gathering 10,000 signatures from the public statewide supporting driver licenses for the undocumented; and knocking on the doors of 20,000 voters statewide urging them to vote for candidates who support the drive.

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09/16/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: U.S MEASURES TO COMBAT EBOLA VIRUS

Time: 5:37 pm

Synopsis: President Barack Obama is announcing to ramp up the U.S. response to West Africa's Ebola crisis. The President plans on assigning 3,000 U.S. forces to Monrovia, Liberia, where they will provide command and control support in the region for U.S. military activities and facilitate coordination with U.S. government and international relief efforts. A U.S. Army general will lead the effort. Help build 17 new health care facilities in the region with 100 beds each. Deploy 65 officers from the U.S. Public

Health Service Commissioned Corps to manage and staff a previously announced Department of Defense hospital to care for health care workers who become ill. Establish a site in the region to train up to 500 health care providers per week to help them safely provide medical care to Ebola patients.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: REPEAL OF 'PROPOSITION 187' ANTI-IMMIGRANTS

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis: Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Monday that repeals unenforceable provisions of Proposition 187, the two-decade-old measure that sought to withhold public services from immigrants in the country illegally. In all, Brown said Monday that he has signed 28 bills, also including a measure requiring public schools to stock epinephrine auto injectors on campus so medicine can be administered quickly if a student suffers from a serious anaphylactic allergy reaction during school hours. Senate Republican leader Bob Huff of Diamond Bar authored that bill, SB 1266.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: NEW SURVEY ON OBAMACARE

Time: 6 pm

Synopsis: Federal researchers reported on Tuesday that the number of Americans without health insurance had declined substantially in the first quarter of this year, the first federal measure of the number of uninsured Americans since the Affordable Care Act extended coverage to millions of people in January. The number of uninsured Americans fell by about 8 percent to 41 million people in the first quarter of this year, compared with 2013, a drop that represented about 3.8 million people and that roughly matched what experts were expecting based on polling by private groups, like Gallup. The survey also measured physical health but found little evidence of change.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: NOT ENOUGH DOCTORS IN THE U.S

Time: 10:30 pm

Synopsis: The United States does not have enough primary-care physicians. There are huge swaths of the nation, especially rural and inner-city areas that lack any primary-care physicians. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that the shortage is at least 16,000 doctors. Missouri will allow medical school graduates to work as "assistant physicians" treating patients in underserved rural areas, even though they have not been trained in a residency program. In the U.S., at least one year of residency after medical school is usually required to practice medicine independently. Most medical school graduates spend at least three years in residency before starting to practice on their own. Under the new law, an assistant physician must have passed the first two sections of the national licensing exam for doctors but not the final one. If they want to become full-fledged physicians, they will still have to pass the last test and do a one-year residency.

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09/17/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: EXPANDING WAISTLINES CAUSE INCREASINGLY LARGER PROBLEMS FOR AMERICANS

Time: 2:34 pm

Synopsis: The number of American men and women with big-bellied, apple-shaped figures - the most dangerous kind of obesity - has climbed at a startling rate over the past decade, according to a government study. Fifty-four percent of U.S. adults have abdominal obesity, up from 46 percent in 1999-2000, researchers reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. Abdominal obesity is defined as a waistline of more than 35 inches in women and more than 40 inches in men.

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09/18/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: SHERIFFS IN COLORADO HALT FEDERAL IMMIGRATION HOLDS

Time: 10:42

Synopsis: Colorado's 64 sheriffs will no longer honor federal government requests to hold suspected illegal immigrants beyond their release date on the charges they were arrested for, the American Civil Liberties Union said on Thursday. Earlier this year, the ACLU's Colorado chapter notified the sheriffs they could be held liable for potential civil rights violations if they continued to hold people at the request of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. So-called ICE detainers ask that local law-enforcement agencies hold a person for up to 48 hours after they are eligible for release, but recent court rulings have held that the requests are voluntary and do not have the force of law.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: BORDER PATROL WILL USE CAMERAS

Time: 10:30 pm

Synopsis: The U.S. Border Patrol purchased body cameras and will begin testing them this year at its training academy, two people briefed on the move said Wednesday, as new leadership moves to blunt criticism about agents' use of force. R. Gil Kerlikowske, who has led the Border Patrol's parent agency since March, announced the plans Tuesday to a small group of activists who have pressed for cameras. Testing will occur at the Border Patrol academy in Artesia, New Mexico.

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09/20/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: HUNDREDS OF BABIES POSSIBLY EXPOSED TO TB AT TEXAS HOSPITAL

Time: 2:32 pm

Synopsis: More than 700 newborns and 40 employees of a Texas hospital may have been exposed to a worker who had an active case of the sometimes-deadly tuberculosis, health officials said on Friday. The employee, working in a nursery at Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso, interacted with patients for months before later being diagnosed with the disease, the El Paso Department of Public Health said. A total of 706 babies and 43 employees were possibly exposed to the infected worker between September

2013 and August 2014, the health department said. Health and hospital officials were working to contact the affected families and would provide screening and follow-up care free of charge.

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09/21/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE STILL GROWING

Time: 2:38 pm

Synopsis: An expanding wildfire in Northern California has reached 82,018 acres, or more than 128 square miles, as of Sunday morning, California fire officials said. The fire, which began Sept. 13, about 60 miles east of Sacramento, Calif., is 10% contained. Overnight, the fire grew by just 74 acres, the slowest growth of the week. Fire officials reported that increased humidity Saturday night helped to moderate the fire's activity.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: TAX RETURNS MAY BE NEED TO BE PAID BACK FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM

Time: 10:32 pm

Synopsis: In a few months, millions of Americans will be filing either form 8962 to reconcile the advance premium tax credit they received with the tax credit they were actually due, or form 8965 because they claim an exemption from the shared responsibility (individual mandate) provision of the Affordable Care Act. By the close of open enrollment in April, 6.7 million Americans had chosen a qualified health plan with premium tax credits, and many more have since enrolled in a QHP through a special enrollment period and received tax credits. Each of them will need to file a form 8962. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 30 million Americans are potentially subject to the shared responsibility requirement, and that 23 million of them may qualify for an exemption. Many of the 23 million will have to file form 8965.

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09/23/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: COLORADO IMMIGRATION ASYLUM CASES

Time: 5:37 PM

Synopsis: Immigration judges in Denver will begin to take cases of asylum video from remote deportation center in New Mexico. Federal courts and police immigration and customs cannot cope with the huge influx of migrants from Central America. Immigration lawyers last month filed a lawsuit to stop the deportations from Artesia. They say that immigrants do not have access to lawyers, are forced to clean bathrooms and report cases of violence and rape in the presence of children.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: THE OCEAN, A NEW WAY FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis: In the invisible sea border of San Diego and Tijuana, a team of Coast Guards watched a ship that appeared to engage in fishing. The quiet sea now became a popular route for human trafficking and drugs. The last week of August, two fishing boats with 40 undocumented immigrants were detected and one loaded with drugs in San Diego. 2013 closed with boats and other watercrafts with undocumented immigrants and drugs confiscated, a record for the command that monitors the border. This is 370% more than in 2008; from October 1st, 2013 to August 15th, 79 incidents were counted.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: TWO LATINO STUDENTS AGAINST BULLYING

Time: 5:59 pm

Synopsis: Skinner was nominated by a group of bullies for homecoming queen. However, Martinez and Alvarez vowed to give the crown to her, allowing the prank to backfire. Lillian Skinner, a senior at Grand Prairie High School, was the target of a recent prank in which a group of unidentified girls told her she had been nominated for the homecoming court alongside her longtime friends, Anahi Alvarez and Naomi Martinez reports. Once both girls heard about the prank, they promised to stick up for their classmate and crown Skinner homecoming queen, regardless of the results.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: POLICE BRUTALITY CASE IN NY

Time: 10:38 pm

Synopsis: A new case of alleged police brutality in the ranks of the Police Department of New York emerged. In this occasion, the victims were a five-month pregnant woman and other family members. According to the lawyer of the victims, the incident occurred during the early hours Saturday. Al Sandra Amezcua apparently faced with the agents when they tried to arrest her 17 year old son because they thought he was carrying a knife. Amezcua, her husband and son were eventually arrested and charged with several charges. NYPD ensures that the Department of Internal Affairs is investigating the incident.

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09/24/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: OBAMA AND UN ON ISIS

Time: 2:30 pm

Synopsis: According to U.S. Central command, the latest U.S. strikes against the Islamic State group -- by bombers and fighter jets -- damaged eight vehicles in Syria near the Iraqi border. The statement also says two Islamic State armed vehicles west of Baghdad were hit, along with two militant fighting positions in northern Iraq. A Pentagon spokesman says the strikes in eastern Syria hit a staging area used by the militants to move equipment across the border into Iraq. The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee says an al Qaeda-linked group was close to being capable of assembling an explosive device that could go undetected through airport security.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE UNINSURED

Time: 3:21 pm

Synopsis: The government says the number of uninsured patients admitted to hospitals is down this year, reducing charity care and bad debt cases. The Health and Human Services Department says hospitals in states that have taken advantage of new Medicaid eligibility levels under the federal health care law have seen uninsured admissions fall by about 30 percent.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: PEW RESEARCH AND MARRYING

Time: 10:37 pm

Synopsis:

After decades of declining marriage rates and changes in family structure, the share of American adults who have never been married is at an historic high. In 2012, one-in-five adults ages 25 and older (about 42 million people) had never been married, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of census data. In 1960, only about one-in-ten adults (9%) in that age range had never been married. Men are more likely than women to have never been married and this gender gap has widened since 1960, when 10% of men ages 25 and older and 8% of women of the same age had never married.

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09/25/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: TERRORISM THREAT IN U.S SUBWAYS AND TRAIN LINES

Time: 4:37 pm

Synopsis: Iraq's prime minister said Thursday that captive Islamic State militants told his intelligence agents of an alleged plot to attack subways in the United States and Paris. A senior Obama administration official said no one in the U.S. government is aware of such a plot, adding that the claim was never brought up in meetings with Iraqi officials this week in New York. President Barack Obama met with al-Abadi Wednesday.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: IPHONE USERS ISSUES WITH OPERATING SYSTEM

Time: 5:55

Synopsis: Shares of Apple Inc. fell more than 3 percent as a glitch in an iPhone software update garnered more headlines. The software update caused some customer's new iPhone models to block calls. Apple offered a fix for the issue on Wednesday, telling customers to manually reverse the update by plugging the phone into a computer and to download a file. Apple shares are still near the all-time high of \$103.74 it reached earlier this month.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: POLICE ABUSE

Time: 10:44 pm

Synopsis: Authorities released dash-camera video Wednesday showing what they say is Sean Groubert, then a South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper, shooting Levar Jones, who was unarmed, in the parking lot of a gas station just outside Columbia on September 4. Jones, 35, survived the shooting. But Groubert, who was fired because of the incident last week, has been charged with aggravated assault and battery, a felony that could get him up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

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09/26/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: AT LEAST 850 FLIGHTS CANCELLED IN CHICAGO

Time: 5:37 pm

Synopsis: All flights in and out of Chicago's two airports were halted Friday after a fire at a suburban air traffic control center that authorities said was deliberately set by a contract employee. More than 850 flights were canceled in Chicago alone, and many more cancellations were expected. Emergency crews found the man suspected of setting the fire in the basement, where the blaze began, with self-inflicted knife wounds as well as burns to his body. The man used gasoline as an accelerant, and there was fire damage to some wiring in the building, as well as water damage from the sprinkler system.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS ACCESS TO THE ARMY

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis:

Immigrants have been waiting all summer for the White House to expand the rights of millions of undocumented immigrants living in the country. When the Department of Defense announced Thursday that it would allow a small number of undocumented immigrants brought into the country as children to serve in a specialized military program, immigrants described it as a welcomed step forward. But the announcement left them with even more questions about the Obama administration's plans and disappointed that it didn't go further.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: FOSTER FARM CHICKEN RECALL

Time: 8:41 pm

Synopsis: Foster Farms is recalling nearly 40,000 pounds of frozen, pre-cooked chicken produced in its Louisiana plant because of potential Listeria contamination, federal inspectors said. The recall is for Chicken Breast Grilled Strips sold in 3.5-pound resealable bags. The chicken was produced on Aug. 5 and shipped to retailers in California, Texas, Utah and Washington State, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Thursday. Listeria primarily affects the elderly, pregnant women, newborns and people with weakened immune systems. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and gastrointestinal problems.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: LICENSES FOR UNDOCUMENTED: NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS

Time: 11:27 pm

Synopsis: With an eye on the elections of November 4, Texas and New Mexico revived the debate over undocumented immigrants access to driver's licenses and the desirability of maintaining or changing their now opposed policies. In the Lone Star state, the undocumented lost the right to have or renew driving licenses in 2011, a busy year in terms of legislation for the approval of a package of more than 100 anti-immigration laws. Democratic State Representative Roberto Alonzo drove in two years later, taking advantage of a new, more relaxed about laws pertaining to immigration, a proposal to re-issuing licenses. The rule has caused nearly two million undocumented immigrants driving without license in Texas and therefore at least the same numbers of people are uninsured.

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09/27/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: MISSOURI PROTESTS AGAINST POLICE ABUSE

Time: 2:40 pm

Synopsis: Protesters gathered in the streets of Ferguson, Missouri again on Friday night (September 26), to protest the police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in August, but also to protest the way police have treated demonstrators. On Friday, police dismantled an encampment of demonstrators that had stood in a parking lot for several weeks. Activists said the police used unnecessary force and also failed to wear their name badges, thus preventing protesters from identifying them. The U.S. Justice Department has opened an investigation into the shooting and the police treatment of demonstrators.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: NY RESIDENTS AGAINST POLICE ABUSE

Time: 5:30 PM

Synopsis: Residents of Sunset Park, Brooklyn march to protest police brutality in the wake of several videos showing violent arrests. It comes as police say an officer involved in one of the arrests has been placed on modified duty. Protesters marched from 46th Street and 5th Avenue to the 72nd police precinct station house. The march was sparked by two arrests caught on camera. One video shows a pregnant woman being pushed to the ground by a police officer. Police say the woman interfered when they were arresting her son. Police tell us the officer's gun and shield have been taken away. They say he is still getting paid but is not doing enforcement. Protesters say police brutality expands far beyond their community

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: DREAMERS IN THE U.S ARMY

Time: 5 pm

Synopsis: This week's announcement that young undocumented immigrants can now enlist in the military may benefit only a handful of DREAMers. The program, called Military Accessions Vital to

National Interest (MAVNI), allows the military to recruit immigrants who have unique medical or language skills. On Thursday, the Defense Department quietly announced that recruiters can now enlist those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. But the entire program is capped at 1,500 participants per year, and the languages and skills required are so specific they will almost certainly eliminate the vast majority of DREAMers, according to Stock.

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09/28/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: AIRLINES STRIVE TO CLEAR STUCK FLIERS AFTER CHICAGO FIRE

Time: 5:22 pm

Synopsis: Airlines were assessing how many flights they could resume two days after an employee at an air-traffic control center allegedly set fire to equipment before attempting suicide. More than 670 flights were canceled yesterday at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, the nation's second-busiest, and 125 at the Chicago Midway International Airport because of the incident at a Federal Aviation Administration center near the city, the Chicago Department of Aviation said. More than 2,000 flights were canceled the day before as delays spread to hubs from New York to Dallas.

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09/30/2014

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: FIRST CONFIRMED EBOLA CASE IN THE U.S

Time: 5:37 pm

Synopsis: Federal health officials on Tuesday confirmed the first case of Ebola diagnosed in the U.S., a patient who recently traveled from Liberia to Dallas and a sign of the far-reaching impact of the out-of-control epidemic in West Africa. The unidentified patient was critically ill and has been in isolation at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital since Sunday, officials said. Health authorities have begun tracking down family and friends who may have had close contact with the patient and could be at risk for becoming ill. But officials said there are no other suspected cases in Texas. At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Tom Frieden said the patient left Liberia on Sept. 19, arrived the next day to visit family and started feeling ill four or five days later. He said it was not clear how the person became infected.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: PROFESSIONAL LICENSES TO UNDOCUMENTED

Time: 5:55 pm

Synopsis: Immigration rights activists are applauding Gov. Jerry Brown for signing three immigration reform bills. One of those signed by Brown, Senate Bill 1159, will allow undocumented immigrants to apply for professional state licenses to work as doctors, dentists, nurses and in other professions. Brown

also has signed legislation allocating \$3 million for non-profit organizations to legally represent minors in their deportation cases. The legislation is a response to the surge in the number of unaccompanied Central American children arriving on the U.S.-Mexico border. Opponents say these new laws will attract more immigrants to unlawfully cross the border and use California resources.

Duration: 30 sec.

Topic: HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE FOR NYC WORKERS

Time: 10:27 pm

Synopsis: New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio signed an executive order on Tuesday to raise the minimum hourly wage by more than a dollar to \$13.13 for potentially thousands of people working in the city. The increase, which expands an existing program to cover more New Yorkers, applies to workers employed by large businesses that are tenants of buildings developed with the help of more than \$1 million in city subsidies. The move comes as cities across the United States push ahead with so-called living wage initiatives to raise wages for workers at the bottom of the pay scale.

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