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12/01/2013

**OBAMACARE WEBSITE UPDATE**

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The government claims more than 50,000 people can log on to its troubled health care website and more than 800,000 people will be able to shop for insurance coverage each day. Officials from the Department of Health and Human Services on Sunday released a progress report on fixes to the website, which saw its first weeks plagued by technical errors. Officials say the website is improved but acknowledge it's far from perfect. There is no way to independently verify the administration's figures. Even with the repairs in place, the site still won't be able to do everything the administration wants, and companion sites for small businesses and Spanish speakers have been delayed. Questions remain about the stability of the site and the quality of the data it delivers to insurers.

**WORLD AIDS DAY**

GALO ARELLANO/ MIAMI, FL

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World AIDS Day is held on 1 December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day and the first one was held in 1988. The battle against Aids is being won, with deaths down, record numbers of people being treated, and new cases among children down by more than half. But ongoing discrimination against sufferers is the biggest obstacle to winning the war, according to the head of the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS).

**CAMPAIGN FOR SOLIDARITY**

LILIANA ESCALANTE/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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The Hermandad Mexicana hosted a coat drive in Los Angeles for the homeless that live in Tijuana. These homeless tend to be people who were deported from the U.S and end up living in this city. Among other services this non-profit organization gives would be legal advice in immigration matters.

**THANKSGIVING GUN BUY BACK**

VO: 26

The Sheriff's Department of San Diego County in California, the United States offered gift cards for guns turned in during the Thanksgiving holiday. The gun buy-back ran from 07:00 to 14:00 on Saturday, during which a total of 899 guns and a hand grenade were collected. According to police there, a pistol or shotgun could be exchanged for a 100-dollar supermarket gift card, while a rifle was worth a 150-dollar card. Funding for the gift cards came mainly from crime capital confiscated by the district attorney's office. Residents who turned in guns were required to make sure the weapons were safe in the trunks of their vehicles. All weapons handed in to the sheriff's deputies will be destroyed. Bill Gore, San Diego County Sheriff, said the gun buy-back program is all about keeping the county safe.

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12/02/2013

**E-CIGARETTES WARNING**

VO :22

The Dutch Health Ministry on Thursday announced plans to tighten regulations on electronic cigarettes, citing their possible health risks after an analysis of research on e-cigarettes by the Dutch National Institute for Public

Health. The report continues Citing the institute's findings, Dutch deputy health minister Martin Van Rijn argued that e-cigarettes are as addictive as tobacco cigarettes because they contain nicotine, and he said there was no proof of claims by manufacturers that they help smokers quit. An e-cigarette is a hollow tube that contains a battery, electronic controls and an atomizer. Inhaling from the e-cigarette activates a sensor, which triggers the atomizer to heat liquid nicotine that has been placed inside the cartridge. The heated liquid turns into vapor, which the user inhales into the lungs without the tar and chemicals present smoking conventional cigarettes. Meanwhile, exhaling the vapor creates an illusion that the user is exhaling smoke.

#### FAT BUT FIT

VO :24

Being fat is bad for your health, plain and simple, that's what doctors have always said. But recent studies have suggested that people who are "overweight but active" live longer than people who are normal weight but inactive... leading many people to believe that being fat is not a danger, as long as you are fit. To get to the bottom of this question, Canadian researchers looked at eight studies, which included more than sixty thousand people. They found that regardless of fitness level, people who are overweight or obese have an increased risk of heart disease and early death. It's an important finding. Over one-third of adult Americans are obese.... and now we know that simply being active is not enough. We need to work to lower the number on the scale as well.

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12/03/2013

#### HUNGER STRIKE / IMMIGRATION REFORM

PABLO SANCHEZ/ WASHINGTON, D.C

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Three immigrant advocates on a hunger strike to pressure lawmakers to reform the country's broken immigration system ended their three-week fast on the National Mall, while a new group of fasters including U.S. Rep. Joe Kennedy Jr. took their place. About half a dozen congressional lawmakers, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, were on hand as the fasters left the tent Tuesday. Meanwhile, immigration advocates in a handful of cities around the country announced their own fasts in solidarity with those in D.C. Nearly a dozen activists in central and South Florida embarked on one-day fasts, as did groups in California and Oregon. President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Cabinet secretaries and top White House advisers have also visited the activists.

#### LETTERS TO CONGRESS

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Children with undocumented parents got together to write letters but not Santa instead to congressmen. These group of children are campaigning to congress asking for an immigration reform that will allow their parents to stay in their country. Most if not all of the kids who are participating are natural U.S born citizen. The leaders of the campaign are expecting to collect a total of 6,000 letters across the nation.

#### ENERGY DRINKS AND ALCOHOL

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ/LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:14

More and more college students are using alcohol and energy drinks together - and a new study suggests this is a dangerous trend. The study, published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, was conducted by Megan Patrick of the University of Michigan and Jennifer Maggs of Penn State University. They analyzed data on 652 college students over four semesters, looking at how often they drank energy drinks and alcohol and any negative consequences they experienced. "We found that college students tended to drink more heavily and become more intoxicated on days they used both energy drinks and alcohol, compared to days they only used alcohol," said Patrick, the study's lead author. "Our findings suggest that the use of energy drinks and alcohol together may lead to heavier drinking and more serious alcohol-related problems." Researchers said dangers include blacking out, alcohol poisoning and being "wide awake drunk" after a night of partying. The federal government no longer permits companies to premix high-caffeine products with alcohol. But now students are making their own mixed drinks that do the same - such as vodka Red Bulls.

#### OBAMACARE WEBITE

VO: 27

President Barack Obama's chief of staff said on Tuesday that more than 1 million new visitors had checked out the HealthCare.gov website on Monday, the first day after a major overhaul of the troubled site used to shop for health insurance required under new reforms. White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough said the website's new queuing system, used in times of high traffic, worked "pretty well," with 13,000 visitors choosing to receive an email to return later on Monday when there was less traffic, and half of that group accepting that invitation.

#### HOLIDAY SALES LATEST

VO :33

Mobile devices made this cyber monday the biggest online shopping day in history. That's the word from i-b-m who also says that sales jumped 20-point-six percent from 20-12 to 20-13. Purchases made on mobile devices made up 17 percent of the day's total sales, with more people using smartphones than tablets. This is in stark contrast to black friday sales, which fell 13-point-two percent from last year. But analysts say that's partly because retailers opened their stores on thanksgiving thursday before black friday.

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12/04/2013

#### BOEHNER MCCAIN AIDE IMMIGRANTS

VO: 26

House Speaker John Boehner's hiring of a former top aide to Sen. John McCain to advise him on immigration issues has renewed hopes that House Republican leaders are planning to move forward on reform legislation next year. Boehner's hiring of Rebecca Tallent as assistant to the speaker for policy handling immigration issues comes amid intensifying pro-reform activism on Capitol Hill as time runs out on the 2013 legislative calendar. Tallent, most recently director of immigration policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C., worked for McCain, R-Ariz., for years, including a stint as his chief of staff. Before that, she was an aide to then-Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., who, like McCain, was a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform.

#### FARM WORKERS AND OBESITY

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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California's agricultural workers have little access to health care and high rates of obesity, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia. There is an obvious irony in the fact that this group of workers is responsible for growing and gathering much of our food supply, but their own diets and health status are poor. Much of what we know about farm workers' health comes from the California Agricultural Workers Health Survey, conducted by the California Institute for Rural Studies.<sup>1</sup> Eighty percent of workers surveyed had no health insurance whatsoever. Perhaps we should not be surprised, given the predominantly seasonal, part-time nature of their employment and the extremely competitive and cost-conscious pressures within the food industry. In addition, 34% of workers said that they were undocumented immigrants, which makes them ineligible for Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid) or other forms of publicly supported health insurance.

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12/05/2013

#### FAST FOOD SALARY STRIKE

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

PKG 1:51

Fast-food workers in about 100 cities will walk off the job this Thursday, organizers say, which would mark the largest effort yet in their push for higher pay. The actions are intended to build on a campaign that began about a year ago to call attention to the difficulties of living on the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, or about \$15,000 a year. The protests are part of a movement by labor unions, Democrats and other worker advocacy groups to raise pay in low-wage sectors. Last month, President Obama said he would back a Senate measure to raise the federal minimum wage to \$10.10. Protesters are calling for \$15 an hour, although many see the figure as a rallying point rather than a near-term possibility. It's not clear how large the turnout will be at any given location, or whether the walkouts will be enough to disrupt operations. Similar actions this summer had varying results, with some restaurants unable to serve customers and others seemingly unaffected. The National Restaurant Association, an industry lobbying group, called the demonstrations a "campaign engineered by national labor groups," and said the vast majority of participants were union protesters rather than workers. The group added that past demonstrations "have fallen well short of their purported

numbers. Kendall Fells, a New York City-based organizer for Fast Food Forward, said demonstrations are planned for 100 cities, in addition to the 100 cities where workers will strike. He said plans started coming together shortly after the one-day actions in about 60 cities this summer.

**ASTHMA AND HISPANICS**  
**MARIA ANN. COLLINS / EL PASO TEXAS**  
**PKG 2:22**

Pollution in the environment may harm children more than adults. This is because children's bodies are still growing. Also, they eat more, drink more, and breathe more in proportion to their body size than adults. And children's normal behavior can expose them more to pollution. This means that exposure to a given amount of pollution results in a larger quantity of the pollutant in children's bodies compared to adults. Children of racial and ethnic minorities and poor children may be exposed to more pollution.<sup>93</sup> Thus, they may face the biggest health risks from pollution. This fact sheet describes Hispanic children's environmental health risks related to asthma. It also tells you how you can take actions to protect all children. The burdens of asthma fall heavily on Black and Hispanic children. Overall, 8% of Hispanic children have asthma. But there are big differences among ethnic groups. Puerto Rican children have the highest rates of asthma at 20%, compared with 7% for Mexican-American children. There are also differences in hospitalizations due to asthma. Hispanic children are almost twice as likely to be hospitalized for asthma as White children.

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12/06/2013

**MESSY BABIES**  
**VO, 20**

The next time your child leaves a big ol' mess while eating on his or her high chair, don't despair. According to a new study out of the University of Iowa, kids who smoosh, smash and even throw their food are actually learning as they play with their meals. The study also suggests that these messy eaters may be better and faster learners in the long run. Published this week in the journal *Developmental Science* the study looked at how a group of 72 toddlers learned to identify nonsolid objects like oatmeal, applesauce and milk. The researchers found that the children who, quite literally, got their hands dirty playing and messing with each substance tended to learn words associated with these goopy items more quickly than those who didn't. As the study points out, previous research has shown that toddlers can identify solid objects, like cup and apple, more readily due to their unchanging size and shape. Mushy, gooey and liquid substances, on the other hand, often prove to be a bit more tricky. (Consider, for example, how much more challenging it might be to identify a substance like soup, which looks similar to milk or glue and can form a puddle on the ground or take the shape of a bowl.) To test how toddlers learn the names of nonsolid substances, the team of researchers at the University of Iowa introduced 14 items, including pudding, jelly, juice and applesauce, to a group of 16-

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12/07/2013

**OBAMA CALLS ON CONGRESS**  
**VO, 20**

President Barack Obama is calling on Congress to extend benefits for the long-term unemployed before they expire at the end of the year. In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama says more than one million Americans will lose benefits if lawmakers don't act. He says unemployment insurance is one of the most effective ways to boost the economy and that providing benefits does not stop people from trying to find work. Republican House Speaker John Boehner has said he is President Barack Obama is calling on Congress to extend benefits for the long-term unemployed before they expire at the end of the year. In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama says more than one million Americans will lose benefits if lawmakers don't act. He says unemployment insurance is one of the most effective ways to boost the economy and that providing benefits does not stop people from trying to find work.

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**GENE THERAPY-CANCER**

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Doctors are reporting a major advance against leukemia and other blood cancers. They say an experimental treatment, gene therapy, is giving strikingly high success rates in tests on more than 120 patients with various types of leukemia, lymphoma and other blood and bone marrow cancers.

The treatment involves removing certain white blood cells from a patient, altering them in a lab to contain a gene that attacks cancer, and returning them to the patient. In one study, all five adults and 19 of 22 children with one type of leukemia had a complete remission, meaning no cancer could be found after treatment, although a few have relapsed since then. Doctors will describe the studies at an American Society of Hematology conference that began Saturday in New Orleans.

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12/09/2013

#### **CAN OBAMA STOP DEPORTATIONS USING HIS EXECUTIVE POWER?**

**PABLO SANCHEZ/ WASHINGTON, D.C**

**PKG 2:25**

President Obama has said he can't, but the immigration reform network believes he can but will not. Stop deportations, that is. A Korean immigrant student raised the challenge to Obama during the president's recent visit to San Francisco. Obama muttered he does not have that power. He has always maintained that any law to halt removal proceedings would require an act of Congress. The FilAm sought the wisdom of four immigration lawyers who explained that Obama can, indeed, use his executive power to stop deportations. He has used the same power to enforce the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to grant legal status to qualified DREAM Act youth and also to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act paving the way for same-sex couples to wed.

#### **AIRLINE MERGERS**

**LOURDES DEL RIO/ MIAMI, FL**

**PKG 2:12**

American Airlines has emerged from bankruptcy protection and US Airways culminated its long pursuit of a merger partner after the two completed their deal Monday to create the world's biggest airline. The merger survived a challenge from the government and criticism from consumer groups, who fear it will lead to higher prices. It's the latest in a series of mergers that will leave four airlines controlling more than 80 percent of the U.S. air-travel market and with more power than ever to limit seats and boost profits. American emerges from bankruptcy as American Airlines Group Inc. It will mark a monumental victory for CEO Doug Parker and his executive team at smaller US Airways, who convinced American's creditors that a merger made more sense than letting American remain an independent company. Plans call for Parker to mark the day by ringing the opening bell on the Nasdaq Stock Market, where the new company will debut under the ticker symbol AAL. Parker's team will spend the next two years or longer combining the two carriers. The American Airlines name will live on, while US Airways will join Continental, Northwest and other airlines that now exist only in the memories of employees and longtime travelers.

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12/10/2013

#### **ORGANIZER EMBEDDED WITHIN DETENTION CENTER**

**JAIME GARCIA/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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Organizers working with the National Immigrant Youth Alliance (NIYA) have intentionally allowed for themselves to be detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, in order to gain access to the El Paso Processing Center. A NIYA organizer has been embedded within the El Paso center for nearly three weeks now; the organizer has helped uncover nearly 100 instances of ICE officials refusing to release parole eligible individuals. The El Paso Detention Center houses nearly 800 immigrants, many of which are detained after surrendering themselves at the U.S. Port of Entry, seeking asylum. "The stories in here are crazy; there are some people in here who passed their [credible fear] interviews back in June or July, and they still haven't been released." An unidentified NIYA Organizer inside the El Paso Detention Center

#### **OBAMACARE IN SPANISH WEBSITE UPDATE**

**LOURDES DEL RIO/ HIALEAH, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:11**

The Spanish language Obamacare enrollment website, ciudadodesalud.gov, is running smoothly in its first week online and does not appear to be suffering the same growing pains as its English-language counterpart. On Tuesday afternoon, an error screen appeared once at the Spanish language site, offering an apology "Lo sentimos," but the problem was quickly resolved. Logging in and getting information from ciudadodesalud.gov was fast and easy. It's a different story at the English language site. Most attempts to log in or get information about insurance options were denied Tuesday - more than a week after the Obama Administration promised the site would be working for a "vast majority of users."

**BUDGET AGREEMENT**

**VO: 22**

The congressional budget agreement announced Tuesday avoids a government shutdown in January and sets spending for defense and domestic programs. A look at the deal: Establishes overall discretionary spending for the current fiscal year at \$1.012 trillion. The House budget level had been \$967 billion and the Senate \$1.058 trillion. Eases the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts by \$63 billion over two years, split between defense and domestic programs. In the current fiscal year, defense would be set at a base budget of \$520.5 billion and domestic programs at \$491.8 billion. Working-age military retirees would see a change in their retirement benefits. The cost-of-living adjustment would be modified equal to inflation minus 1 percent. The changes would be phased in, with no change in the current year, a .25 percent reduction in December 2014 and a .5 percent decrease in December 2015. The change would not apply to retirees who left the service because of disability or injury. It would apply to retirees under the age of 62

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**TRAFFIC TICKET QUOTA CASES**

**JAIME GARCIA/ LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The City Council today approved a \$5.9 million settlement to resolve lawsuits filed by LAPD officers who said they were pushed to meet quotas for issuing traffic tickets. Officers Philip Carr, Kevin Cotter, Timothy Dacus, Peter Landelius, Kevin Ree, Kevin Riley, Josh Sewell, Vincent Stroway, James Wallace, Jason Zapatka and Marvin Brent contended they were denied overtime and were given bad performance reviews because they did not implement traffic ticket quotas. Their attorney, Matthew McNicholas, said the officers were ordered to issue 18 tickets per shift. If they did not meet that number, a performance review would be written up saying they did not meet the goal, he said. The settlement came after "grueling discussions," according to Gregory Smith, another attorney for the officers.

**PARENTS ARE DEMANDING FOR A RECALL**

**LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

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12/12/2013

**SUPPORT IMMIGRATION REFORM WITH PATH TO CITIZENSHIP**

**JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ, LOS ANGELES**

**PKG 2:03**

United Farm Workers, UFW Foundation and other immigrant rights group to host procession and vigil outside Tacoma Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington to urge U.S. Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Greg Walden to support immigration reform with path to citizenship, demand protection for workers' families

and end deportations- As the nation's Catholics come together to celebrate La Virgen de Guadalupe, Mexican Catholics' patron saint, on Dec. 12, the United Farm Workers, UFW Foundation, Radio Campesina and other immigrant rights groups will host a procession and vigil in Tacoma asking Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) and Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) to endorse comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. Farm workers, students, families and members of the faith community will come together for a procession and vigil culminating at the Tacoma Northwest Detention Center to demand an end to deportations and the separation of families and that Congress overhaul our country's broken immigration system.

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12/13/2013

**CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT SEEKS TO LIMIT MANDATORY DETENTION OF IMMIGRANTS IN CALIFORNIA**

**LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

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San Francisco - Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus ("Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus") and the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California (ACLU-NC), with co-counsel Keker Van Nest LLP, filed a statewide class action lawsuit Thursday to challenge the current federal policy of detaining certain immigrants without giving them the opportunity to prove they pose no flight risk or danger to the public. The advocates urge that immigrants are entitled to go before an immigration judge to request release while they fight their deportation cases. Many immigrants are being caught in a vast bureaucratic dragnet. The sheer arbitrariness is breathtaking and the needless suffering must be stopped." said Jon Streeter, lead counsel on the case for Keker & Van Nest. "What is perhaps most troubling is the Department of Homeland Security's policy is in clear contravention of the letter of the law. conditional detention.

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