



FCC Local Community Issues/ Programs Report

QTR: 3rd

YEAR: 2011

DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	EVOLUTION (NEW 3RD QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO INFORM AOUR VIEWERS THAT THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE AND THAT WE SHOULD START HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH GOD.				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	T-SHIRTS (NEW 2 ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS DESIGNATED TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO GET THEIR FAMILIES HEATLHIER THROUGH PROPER NUTRITION AND INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	FIRE CALIFORNIA (NEW 3 RD QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA HIGHTLIGHTS THE GUARDS ROLE DURING NATURAL DISASTERS THROUGH SERVICE TO COMMUNITY.				

DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	TOUGH ECONOMY (NEW 3RD QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO INFORM DRIVERS WHO ARE HAVING A HARD TIME FINANCIALLY WISE THAT THERE IS AUTO INSURANCE AVAILABLE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT A MODERATED COST.				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	FLOOD CALIFORNIA (NEW 3RD QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA HIGHLIGHTS THE GUARDS ROLE DURING NATURAL DISASTERS THROUGH SERVICE TO COMMUNITY.				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	VOCES DE LA MENINGITIS (NEW 1 ST QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO EDUCATE OUR VIEWERS AND TO TELL THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THEIR TEENAGERS VACCINATED AGAINST MENINGITIS, A DISEASE THAT CAN CAUSE DEATH.				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	HUNGER PREVENTION ANA FERNANDA (NEW 2 ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS DESIGNED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE HUNGER ISSUE, OF FEEDING AMERICA & ITS NETWORK OF FOOD BANKS AND ENGAGE THE PUBLIC AND HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT THAT HUNGER IS CLOSER THAN WE ALL THINK.

DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	ALZHEIMERS (NEW 1 ST QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO INFORM OUR COMMUNITY THAT THERE IS HELP WITH ALZHEIMER AND ALSO IT ENCOURAGES OUR VIEWERS TO GET INFORMED ABOUT THIS DISEASE.				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	CHOICES SAVING LIVES (NEW 3RD QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA TALKS ABOUT MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES FOR TODAY AND BE READY FOR THE CHALLENGES TOMORROW WITH AIR FORCE.				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	THE CAMPING TRIP (NEW 1 ST QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA HIGHLIGHTS PARENTS VISIONS OF PERFECTION VERSUS REALITY. PARENTS DO NOT ALWAYS SEE THINGS THE WAY KIDS DO. IT ILLUSTRATES TO POTENTIAL PARENTS THAT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE DON'T NEED PERFECTION THEY NEED COMMITMENT AND LOVE.				
DATE:	JULY-SEPT		TITLE:	MACULAR DEGENERATION (NEW 2ND QT 2011)

LENGTH: 30SEC

PROGRAM: PSA

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO HELP AND INFORM THE COMMUNITY WHAT IS MACULAR DEGENERATION AND HOW CAN YOU PREVENT IT. ALSO IT GIVES TIPS AND A WEB PAGE WHERE CHILDRE CAN GET INFORMATION AND INTEREACT WITH GAMES ABOUT THAT DISEASE.



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TITLE: UNA BUENA IDEA (NEW
3RD QT 2011)

LENGTH: 20SEC

PROGRAM: PSA

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND TO INFORM THAT THERE IS HELP FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE IN DANGER OF LOOSING THEIR HOME.

DATE: JULY - SEPT

TITLE: LINEA DE META (NEW
3RD QT 2011)

LENGTH: 10 SEC

PROGRAM: PSA

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES AND THAT THEY CAN OVERCOME EVERY OBSTACLE IN LIFE BUT THEY NEED TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES FIRST IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISHED THEIR GOALS.

DATE:	JULY - SEPT		TITLE:	REPLANTEMOS NUESTROS BOSQUES (NEW 3RD QT 2011)
LENGTH:	20SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO SEND A MESSAGE THAT REPLANTING IS URGENTLY NEEDED IN OUR NATIONAL FOREST.				

DATE:	JULY - SEPT		TITLE:	I'M HOME (NEW 2ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	10 SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA TARGETS DISTRESSED HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE FALLEN BEHIND OR ARE AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF FALLING BEHIND ON THEIR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. IT ALSO HELPS HOMEOWNERS PREVENT FORECLOSURE.				

DATE:	JULY - SEPT		TITLE:	GET THE FACTS (NEW 2 ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	15SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO LEAD PUBLIC EDUCATION TO UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS. CHARTER SCHOOLS CAN BE A POWERFUL CATALYST FOR ACHIEVING THIS PURPOSE.				

DATE:	JULY - SEPT		TITLE:	HS DROPOUT PREVENTION ATIVA (NEW 2 ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	15 SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA ENCOURGAEES TEENS TO NOT DROP SCHOOL BECAUSE SCHOOL WILL GIVE YOU A BETTER FUTURE.

DATE: JULY - SEPT

TITLE: SE NECESITA APOYO
(NEW 3RD QT 2011)

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NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS

JULY 1, 2011 – JULY 31, 2011

Duration: 30

Topic: GEORGIA IMMIGRATION LAW PROTESTS

Synopsis:

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7/2/11

Duration: 30

Topic: GEORGIA IMMIGRATION PROTEST

Synopsis:

The Rev. Al Sharpton joined members of a Washington D.C. based labor union in a rally Saturday at the Georgia capitol, protesting the state's tough new immigration law. "We're fired up! Can't take it no more!" chanted the union members. Sharpton said his main interest is protecting citizens who can be profiled because they might look like illegal immigrants. "They'll start with Latinos, say they look like illegal Mexicans," said Sharpton. "Then it'll be blacks, saying they look like illegal Caribbean." Lee Saunders, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), told CBS Atlanta news that his group is outraged about the effect of the law on immigrant working families. "I think you've got to have labor, civil rights organizations coming together and fighting back and making our voices heard," said Saunders.

Duration: 30

Topic: FIREWORKS WARNING

Synopsis:

Vancouver police are increasing security for this year's Celebration of Light fireworks festival, and have put a warning out that parents could be held responsible for kids who get drunk and damage property. Chief Jim Chu announced Thursday that police would "vigorously enforce liquor laws" and patrol for property crimes during the popular event - but said parents should keep an eye on their own children. "If we stop a youth under 19 for drinking, we may be phoning his or her parents to deal appropriately with them," Chu said in a statement. If they fail to respond and the child ends up damaging private property, Chu said the parents could be liable under B.C.'s Parental Responsibility Act.

Duration: 30

Topic: TEXAS UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE LICENCE

Synopsis:

The recent Texas legislative session should provide a sensible lesson for those who support Arizona-like immigration laws for the state. Despite strong political pressure from the governor's office and elsewhere for anti-sanctuary city legislation, nothing passed. The Legislature also declined to enhance penalties against employers who hire undocumented workers. In the aftermath, Texas can continue its proud tradition of tolerance that was exemplified in 1996 when then-Gov. George W. Bush welcomed GOP primary candidates to Texas as long as they didn't bash immigrants

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7/5/11

Duration: 30

Topic: LA POLICE DISCIPLINE

Synopsis: New discipline policy at LAPD results in some officers avoiding punishment. In many cases, misconduct that once brought suspension without pay now brings a warning that future offenses will bring severe penalties. Members of the Police Commission express skepticism about the approach. A growing number of Los Angeles police officers who have used excessive force, driven while intoxicated, falsely imprisoned people or committed other serious misconduct are being let off without punishment as part of a new, controversial approach to discipline at the LAPD.

Duration: 30

Topic: E-VERIFY

Synopsis: As Congress considers legislation to mandate the use of E-Verify - a federal, electronic program to verify the work authorization of new hires - without pairing it with a path to legal status for the approximately seven million undocumented workers in the U.S. workforce, Members of Congress should look to the experience of state legislatures which struggled mightily with the issue this year. Several state legislatures will close this month after considering, but not passing, mandatory E-Verify legislation largely modeled after Arizona's mandatory E-Verify law, but in some cases more extreme. At least five states (Alabama, Georgia, Utah, South Carolina and Indiana) passed harsh anti-immigrant measures that include burdensome E-Verify provisions, but many more rejected them or failed to consider them at all.

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA SEEKS DONATIONS TO BUILD BORDER FENCE

Synopsis: Arizona lawmakers want more fence along the border with Mexico - whether the federal government thinks it's necessary or not. They've got a plan that could get a project started using Internet donations and prison labor. If they get enough money, all they would have to do is get cooperation from landowners and construction could begin. Gov. Jan Brewer recently signed a bill that sets the state on a course that begins with launching a website to raise money for the work. Arizona - mired in a budget crisis - is

already using public donations to pay for its legal defense of the SB1070 illegal immigration crackdown law.

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7/7/11

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION FRAUD FIGHT

Synopsis: The University of Northern Virginia is currently the subject of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigation, but while that investigation continues, the school's chancellor is facing some interesting personal questions. David Lee, UNVA's chancellor and board of trustees chair, has had parts of his private life go public, and it appears he and his girlfriend are in search of a sex slave to join their poly-amorous household. According to Lee's ad on collarme.com, an online BDSM community, the couple is looking for someone to share the basement-turned-dungeon with them.

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNERS DEMAND

Synopsis:

New York's and Delaware's investigation could lead to criminal charges against financial executives. 'California was disproportionately harmed by the mortgage crisis, and our homeowners badly need relief,' the state's attorney general says. California is considering joining New York and Delaware in a wide-ranging investigation into Wall Street's role in the mortgage meltdown that could lead to criminal charges against financial executives. California Atty. Gen. Kamala Harris met with New York Atty. Gen. Eric Schneiderman on Thursday in San Francisco to discuss cooperating on the investigation, which is already one of the broadest to probe how banks encouraged the financial crisis through the creation of risky financial instruments backed by mortgages.

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7/8/11

Duration: 30

Topic: PHOENIX IMMIGRANTS & JOE ARPAIO AGREEMENT RACIAL PROFILE

Synopsis:

Sheriff Joe Arpaio faces four more lawsuits from people - two of them attorneys - who say Arpaio's officers abused them after illegally arresting them last year for protesting Arizona's immigration law.

Sunita Patel, an attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights, claims she was "falsely arrested and imprisoned for approximately 15 hours, during which time she was repeatedly subjected to illegal and abusive custodial interrogations, and then maliciously prosecuted for almost a year thereafter, all in retaliation for exercising her constitutional rights to engage in the First Amendment protected activity of observing and documenting Maricopa County Sheriff's Office officers' behavior during a peaceful political protest."

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW YORK IMMIGRATION FRAUD

Synopsis:

For immigrants seeking asylum, winning the right to stay in the United States is often a game of chance that comes down to one thing: which judge hears their tale. A report out this month shows two New York immigration judges with strikingly different records on granting safe haven - illustrating what experts call "refugee roulette." "One of the most important issues you ask, if they're in court already, is, 'Who's your judge?'" said Zachary Sanders a New York immigration lawyer. At 26 Federal Plaza, lawyers hope for Judge Terry Bain whose asylum acceptance rate is higher than that of any jurist in the nation. From October 2005 through this May, Bain approved 94.5% of applicants, well above the national rate of 46.8%, according to a new report by Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE

Synopsis:

Facing a dismal jobs report, President Barack Obama called on Congress Friday to end uncertainty over their debt standoff and pass a litany of administration-backed proposals, including a payroll tax cut extension and three free trade agreements. Obama's top economist said implementing those policies would reduce the jobless rate a full point by the time Obama faces re-election in the fall of 2012. But Republican opposition and Washington's heated partisan atmosphere would likely make passing the full slate of administration proposals a political pipe dream. Obama spoke from the Rose Garden shortly after the release of fresh figures that showed employers added just 18,000 jobs in June, the fewest in nine months, and the unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent. The president said the numbers were yet another sign that a full economic recovery is still elusive.

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7/9/11

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis: Alabama's new law cracking down on illegal immigration, widely considered the toughest such law in the nation, was challenged in federal court Friday by opponents who argued that many of its provisions - including bans on knowingly driving illegal immigrants and renting them property - were unconstitutional. The law signed by Republican Gov. Robert Bentley last month is one of a number of recent bills approved by state lawmakers frustrated by what they say is Washington's failure to address the presence of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. Thus far, however, federal courts have temporarily suspended portions of laws in Arizona, Utah, Indiana and Georgia, including those sections giving police broader immigration enforcement powers. Courts have blocked a Utah law in its entirety.

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7/11/11

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION HATE CRIMES INCREASE

Synopsis: Police officials in Washington D.C. are reporting that racially motivated hate crimes against Hispanics are on the rise in the nation's capital. Typically hate crimes in D.C. have targeted someone for their sexual orientation not their race. In the past 18 months, 39 percent of all hate crimes were racially motivated. Police Chief Cathy Lanier noted that the new targets "are largely Hispanic and white residents." Last year D.C. police responded to numerous robberies targeting Hispanics as they left their place of work. The department's Latino Liaison Unit has been advocating for Hispanic residents to be on the lookout and to be aware they are being targeted for certain crimes. Chief Lanier did not cite any example of white hate crimes. Experts believe the rise in hate crimes against Hispanics is being fueled by the deepening racial divide between the haves and have not's and some people not wanting the city to be defined by its minority populations.

Duration: 30

Topic: HISPANIC LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT MEETING

Synopsis: When President Barack Obama spoke to a major U.S. Hispanic group last week about his unsuccessful efforts to change this country's outdated immigration rules, many in the crowd broke out in a spontaneous chant: "Yes you can!" The chant at the annual convention of the National Council of La Raza in Washington, a mocking reminder of the president's 2008 campaign slogan, marked a rare moment of confrontation between Obama and his Hispanic constituents. Obama got 67 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2008, and used to get warm welcomes from U.S. Hispanic audiences. Hispanic leaders are not happy with the Obama administration's nearly 1 million deportations over the past three years, which they say is more than took place during former President George W. Bush's eight years in office. And they are not buying the president's line that he cannot do anything to change immigration rules because of the Republican Party's hard-line anti-immigrant stands.

Duration: 30

Topic: VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAM

Synopsis: An annual program of voluntary repatriation flights to take Mexican illegal immigrants nabbed in the Arizona desert back to their homes in the Mexican interior resumed on Monday, authorities said. The joint program coordinated by U.S. and Mexican authorities has operated each summer since 2004. It aims to save lives while disrupting Mexican human smuggling networks, the U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement agency said in a news release. Last year 249 people perished after crossing into Arizona, according to a tally kept by the Arizona Daily Star newspaper. The most common cause of death is heat exposure in the summer months, when desert temperatures frequently top 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

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7/13/11

Duration: 30

Topic: HOMEOWNERS HELP

Synopsis: Keep Your Home California offers a variety of assistance to families trying to keep their homes during hard times. These include mortgage payment subsidies for homeowners who have lost their jobs and fallen behind in their payments. There is also a program to reduce the principal of mortgages when borrowers are squeezed by a combination of economic hardship and a drastic drop in their home's value (although, unfortunately, not all banks are yet participating in principal reduction). These are all good things, with the potential to help tens of thousands of Californians, maybe more, avoid foreclosure. That would be good not only for these hard-working families, but also for their communities and California's struggling economy.

Duration: 30

Topic: AIRPORT SECURITY

Synopsis: A Republican congressman wants to know why U.S. airports remain vulnerable to terror attacks nearly a decade after 9/11 and despite billions spent to enhance security, and he's holding a hearing Wednesday to find out. Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah says U.S. airports have sustained more than 25,000 security breaches since November 2001. That averages to slightly more than five security breaches a year at each of the 457 commercial airports. Chaffetz says the number of security breaches is "stunningly high," but a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration says the number is a "tiny fraction of 1 percent" of the more than 5.5 billion travelers screened since 9/11.

Duration: 30

Topic: MEN MORE LIKELY THAN WOMEN TO DIE OF CANCER, STUDY SHOWS

Synopsis: Men are at higher risk than women of developing cancer within their lifetime, and a study released Tuesday shows they are also more likely to die from it. The analysis, published in the journal Cancer, Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, examined 36 types of cancer by gender, using almost 30 years of data, from 1977 and

2006. It found that for the vast majority of cancers, men have higher mortality rates than women, with the highest disparities for conditions such as lip, throat and the rare hypo pharyngeal cancer, which affects the area where the larynx and esophagus meet. Men were found to be about five times more likely to die from these diseases.

Duration: 30

Topic: AMERICA-BABY BOOMER POLL

Synopsis: The "golden years" may lose some luster for many baby boomers worried about the financial pressures that come with age. Many of the nation's 77 million boomers are worried about being able to pay their medical bills as they get older, a new poll finds. The concern is so deep that it outpaces worries about facing a major illness or disease, dying, or losing the ability to do favorite activities. Another major concern among the boomers: losing their financial independence. The struggling economy, a longer life expectancy, ever-increasing health care costs and challenges facing Social Security are putting added pressure on the boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964.

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7/14/11

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION BILL

Synopsis: House Judiciary Committee Takes Up Two Restrictive Immigration Bills. Tomorrow, the House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to take up two immigration bills that supposedly address community safety, but in reality are simply the latest attempts to restrict immigration and limit due process for immigrants. Neither Chairman Lamar Smith's (R-TX) "Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2011," or Rep. Bob GOODLATTE's (R-VA) "Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2011" (SAFE Act) offer solutions to the immigration crisis. Instead, Chairman Smith's bill would authorize indefinite detention for a wide range of immigrants, while Rep. Goodlatte's bill would eliminate the diversity visa-a lottery that offers 50,000 visas per year to immigrants from countries that send few people to the U.S. Once more, the House Judiciary Committee is using fear to restrict our immigration system.

Duration: 30

Topic: CENSUS MEXICAN POPULATION

Synopsis: The Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center, released a report that finds that in the last decade, births have far surpassed immigration as the main driver of the dynamic growth of the Mexican-American population. This is a departure from the two previous decades when the number of new immigrants either matched or exceeded births. The report analyzes some of the reasons for this change. Overall, Mexican-Americans are younger and have higher fertility than other U.S. groups. And in recent years, Mexican immigration to the U.S. declined steeply. The report, based on an analysis of U.S. and Mexican data sources, also compares fertility

patterns of Mexican-American women with other demographic groups in the U.S. and women in Mexico. It also looks at trends in Mexican migration to the U.S. since 1970.

Duration: 30

Topic: NYPD TO BUY ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Synopsis: The New York City Police Department is going green. It's purchasing 70 electric vehicles. About 50 Chevrolet Volts will be used to conduct police work. Automaker General Motors says the Volt can travel up to 35 miles on a fully charged battery. After that, a gasoline engine kicks in to power the vehicle. The Volts won't be chasing down bank robbers just yet. Traffic enforcement agents who cruise the city's streets writing parking tickets will get first dibs. The Volt will be the first electric car used by the New York City Police Department.

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7/15/11

Duration: 30

Topic: LOS ANGELES FREEWAY

Synopsis: When the sun rises above Los Angeles on Saturday, residents in this car-dependent, traffic-choked city will see a rare sight: a 10-mile stretch of one of the nation's busiest freeways turned into a virtual ghost road. Interstate 405, a freeway normally so clogged that locals like to joke that its name is shorthand for "traffic that moves no faster than 4 or 5 miles an hour," is closing for 53 hours for a major construction project. As crews worked feverishly to get the freeway open in time for Monday morning's rush-hour, residents have been making plans for weeks to stay off local roads, lest they trigger what officials dubbed "Carmageddon."

Duration: 30

Topic: U.S. DEBT

Synopsis: Democrats and Republicans have been meeting behind closed doors on Capitol Hill to assess the debt limit situation, and they've emerged giving no ground on their hardened positions. Republicans say they're planning a vote next week on a balanced budget constitutional amendment that would force the government to balance its books. President Barack Obama says there's no need for an amendment -- he says, "What we need to do is do our jobs." He says lawmakers shouldn't be getting this close to an Aug. 2 deadline to raise the debt ceiling without an agreement. Obama says he still wants to strike a big deal that would raise the debt limit as well as cut spending and raise revenues.

Duration: 30

Topic: VISAS LOTTERY

Synopsis: In a blow to thousands of hopeful would-be immigrants who had been told they'd won a chance to apply for a green card, a federal judge ruled that the State Department can toss out the results of its May visa lottery, which were deemed invalid because of a computer error. The State Department said the results of a fresh drawing

would be available Friday. Members of the group had been seeking class action status in their bid to stop the government from nullifying their selection in the visa lottery.

Duration: 30

Topic: INTERNET AND MEMORY

Synopsis: The widespread use of search engines and online databases has affected the way people remember information. The scientists, led by Betsy Sparrow, an assistant professor of psychology at Columbia, wondered whether people were more likely to remember information that could be easily retrieved from a computer, just as students are more likely to recall facts they believe will be on a test. Dr. Sparrow and her collaborators, Daniel M. Wegner of Harvard and Jenny Liu of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, staged four different memory experiments. In one, participants typed 40 bits of trivia - for example, "an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain" - into a computer. Half of the subjects believed the information would be saved in the computer; the other half believed the items they typed would be erased. The subjects were significantly more likely to remember information if they thought they would not be able to find it later. "Participants did not make the effort to remember when they thought they could later look up the trivia statement they had read," the authors write.

Duration: 30

Topic: ARPAIO RAID

Synopsis: The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is investigating 31 workers at Mesa's Alpine Valley Bread bakery outlet as possible illegal immigrants who obtained their jobs through stolen Social Security numbers and fake driver's licenses. The sweep by Sheriff Joe Arpaio and deputies started about 10 a.m. Thursday. As of 2 p.m., 24 workers had been arrested and the bakery had closed as deputies continued to investigate other workers, according to Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was present at the sweep. No Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials were at the bakery Thursday morning, but Arpaio said he plans to continue cracking down on illegal immigrants who commit crimes to obtain their jobs and the companies who knowingly employ them during a time when many American workers are out of work.

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7/16/11

Duration: 30

Topic: "CARMAGEDDON" FREEWAY 405 LABORS

Synopsis:

The closure of the 405 Freeway didn't stop one car from participating in one of the region's favorite freeway activities: a high-speed chase zooming across a half a dozen Southland highways, with the California Highway Patrol and television trucks in hot pursuit. In fact, light traffic may have cleared a path for the fleeing driver. The chase began about 8 p.m. and was still continuing as of 9:45 p.m. A routine drunk-driving stop in the San Fernando Valley turned into a far-reaching high-speed chase Saturday evening, with police and the Highway Patrol chasing a black Hyundai across several freeways and two counties. Apparently, the driver knew enough to avoid the 405, but

instead took a high-speed, looping detour that hit almost every other freeway in the region, including the 101, the 5, the 605, the 60, the 15 and the 210 both east and westbound and then, as of 9:35 p.m., the 10 west. The speeding vehicle travelled at speeds of 80 to 85 mph most of the way. A man and a woman inside the car were seen dumping white objects out the window, a Highway Patrol official said. One of the people in the car is a parolee facing a third strike, said Krystal Carter of the California Highway Patrol.

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7/17/11

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA CARMAGEDON LATEST

Synopsis: Officials are considering reopening a 10-mile stretch of a major Los Angeles freeway sometime Sunday because bridge work on the roadway is so far ahead of schedule. There have been no major problems since Interstate 405 was shut down at midnight Friday, despite warnings of the "Carmageddon" of epic traffic jams. Crews finished demolition work on the bridge Sunday morning, toppling two massive pillars hours ahead of schedule. They're now working on cleanup.

Duration: 30

Topic: HEAT WAVE

Synopsis: It is relentless, dangerous and gripping the country. A major heat wave this weekend has prompted officials in 17 states to issue heat warnings and advisories. On a temperature map of the nation Sunday, there were several large areas in the 90s and a patch that had highs above 100 degrees. At least two hot weather-related deaths have been reported, and forecasters say the high heat is expected to spread over the next few days. CBS News correspondent Cynthia Bowers reports that it's been so hot for so long in Oklahoma, the governor called for a statewide day of prayer in hope of some divine intervention "I think if we have a lot of people praying, it moves the heart of God," Gov. Mary Fallin says. For 47 straight days, temperatures in Oklahoma City have topped 90 degrees. There has only been one day below 100 so far this month, and it's expected to top the century mark through at least next Friday. This summer's searing heat is setting new records. This month alone high temperatures have been tied or broken over 800 times.

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07/18/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: 9/11 WORKERS HEALTH

Synopsis: Inside the National September 11 Memorial, due to open in a month, stands a pear tree that is still charred from the terrorist attacks a decade ago, but has sprouted new branches. Dubbed the "Survivor Tree," it was nursed back to health at a park in the Bronx. It is symbolic of the horrors of 9/11 - and of the rebirth of the 8-acre World Trade Center itself. Construction workers are toiling to ready a tree-lined plaza and two pools

constructed in the footprints of the towers toppled by hijacked commercial jets on 9/11. The pools, with 30-foot waterfalls cascading down four sides before the water is sucked downward, are topped with panels etched with the names of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks in Manhattan, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, plus those killed in a 1993 WTC bombing.

Duration: 30

Topic: HEAT WAVE ON 17TH STATES

Synopsis: Folks living in the Midwest are planning for another day of dripping sweat today. There are heat advisories and warnings in 17 states, from Texas to Michigan, and the sweltering conditions aren't expected to let up anytime soon. If temperatures reach 100 or above in Oklahoma City today, it would be the 28th day it's done so this year. It's even worse in western Oklahoma, where in recent weeks temperatures of 110 or above have been nothing unusual. In Chicago, city officials say a half-dozen cooling centers will remain open. Temperatures as high as 105 are expected in Illinois.

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07/19/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: SAN FRANCISCO TO CUT BUDGET FOR TRIAL COURTS

Synopsis: California judicial leaders voted Friday to pass along most of a \$350 million state funding reduction to the courts, despite a plea from San Francisco's chief judge and others to cushion the blow to trial courts by making deeper cuts in statewide administration. Meeting in San Francisco, the Judicial Council, which allocates funds to the courts, unanimously approved reductions that are slightly less severe for Superior Courts in the 58 counties than for the rest of the judicial branch. Budget reductions for trial courts for 2011-12 will be 6.8 percent, compared with 9.7 percent for the state Supreme Court and appellate courts and 12 percent for administrative agencies.

Duration: 30

Topic: HEAT WAVE CONTINUES THIS WEEK

Synopsis: Utilities in parts of the broiling Midwest are asking people to conserve energy, as the intense heat wave continues for another day. Cooling centers are open in many cities to offer residents someplace to escape, and they're expected to remain open during the day until the heat wave eases, perhaps next week. By then, forecasters say, the East Coast will be sharing in the misery. The heat index in many parts of the Midwest has easily surpassed 100 degrees. The misery was widespread Monday, with the worst conditions blanketing a broad band from Texas to Minnesota and Dakotas. Seventeen states issued heat watches, warnings or advisories.

Duration: 30

Topic: NO TEXTING AND WALKING IN PHILADELPHIA

Synopsis: You may have heard the rumor, that texting while walking is illegal in Philadelphia and that if you are caught committing the "crime," you will be fined. Guess what? It's not true! "Pedestrians may be reminded to be more aware of their

surroundings; however, there are no citations issued by the PPD for texting while walking," said Rina Cutler, Philadelphia Deputy Mayor for Transportation and Public Utilities. Mayor Nutter's administration also confirms in the statement that it is concerned about public safety - including the safety of pedestrians, motorists and bikers. The statement adds that "if a Philadelphia police officer observes a driver, cyclist or pedestrian participating in any kind of potentially dangerous behavior, the officer will remind them to be careful."

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA SOCIAL SERVICE BUDGET CUT PROTEST

Synopsis: Bread for the World, along with several other Christian organizations, will urge California's members of Congress-Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), House Majority Whip Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)-to form programs that meet the essential needs of hungry and poor people in California and abroad. "Congress has already slashed a vital nutrition program for women, infants, and children-WIC-by more than \$685 million, which could result in more than 47,000 low-income California mothers and young children losing benefits," said Rev. Bill Epps, senior pastor, Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, and Bread for the World board member.

Duration: 30

Topic: ILLINOIS MAJOR PLAN FOR NEW CITIZENS

Synopsis: Making Chicago the city more friendly in the United States with immigrants is the purpose of Mayor Rahn Emanuel, who announced today the creation of the "New Americans" office, an initiative to provide services to the immigrant community that resides in the city. But some community leaders believe that this initiative may be to ingratiate himself with the immigrant community. At least one third of the population in Chicago between the ages of 5 and 17 have an immigrant parent. The basic idea is to expand programs for them.

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07/20/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA BORDER FENCE WEBSITE

Synopsis: Arizona launched a website Wednesday to accept donations to pay for fencing along the Mexico border, and a supporter says the \$3.8 million people donated to defend the state's 2010 immigration enforcement law could be just a taste of what to expect. The launch of buildtheborderfence.com was keyed to Wednesday, being the date most new laws passed during the Legislature's 2011 regular session go into effect. Smith, who sponsored the legislation authorizing the fence project, said Tuesday that his initial goal is \$50 million. The fencing would go on private or government land. The federal government will be asked to allow construction of fencing on its easements along the border, but Smith said he also has specific state-owned and private land in mind.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW MEXICO DRIVER LICENSES

Synopsis: An immigrant organization in Santa Fe says the governor's new driver's license verification policy could be illegal. Gov. Susana Martinez today announced that the state Motor Vehicle Division would run residency verification checks on at least 10,000 people in the state's foreign national database. She wants to identify illegal immigrants who do not reside in New Mexico and are therefore ineligible for a state driver's license. But Elsa Lopez, of the immigrant group Somos Un Pueblo Unido, said Martinez's policy is flawed. For one thing, she said, New Mexico's database of "foreign" license holders contains plenty of U.S. citizens. One consequence was that U.S. citizens in some cases used a passport or other accepted form of identification to obtain driver's licenses. In doing so, they ended up in the state's "foreign" database.

Duration: 30

Topic: MEDICARE CUTS

Synopsis: U.S. deficit-reduction proposals that would limit Medicare supplemental insurance plans could save money but raise costs for some elderly beneficiaries, a study said Wednesday. Requiring higher out-of-pocket costs and deductibles for private "Medigap" plans is contained in most deficit reduction proposals being weighed by Congress. Medicare is a big-ticket item in the federal budget because its costs will balloon as baby boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, hit retirement age and begin drawing on health benefits.

Duration: 30

Topic: VISA LOTTERY HOUSE VOTE

Synopsis: Every year millions of would-be immigrants take a gamble and submit their names for the U.S. government's annual visa lottery. The odds of getting permission to move to the United States are slim at best -- nearly 15 million people applied in 2010 for 55,000 visas -- and could get slimmer. A bill to abolish the annual lottery was referred by the Judiciary Committee to the full House Wednesday. Republicans who supported the bill introduced by Virginia Republican Bob Goodlatte argued that problems of fraud and the potential for the program to be exploited by terrorists make it a threat to national security.

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07/21/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: SONOMA IMMIGRATION

Synopsis: An agreement announced yesterday by the American Civil Liberties Union limits the involvement of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office in enforcing federal immigration laws. In a lawsuit filed in September 2008 on behalf of the Committee for Immigrant Rights of Sonoma County and three individuals, the ACLU argued the sheriff's office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement went beyond their authority to detain Latino immigrants, many of whom had not been arrested on criminal

charges. The lawsuit originally focused on ICE's practice of issuing immigrant detainees - 48-hour holds on suspected illegal immigrants - without criminal charges. ICE issued a policy clarification last August saying detainees were meant only for individuals already being held on criminal charges.

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Duration: 30

Topic: CENSUS HISPANIC FAMILIES

Synopsis: Next time you wonder why consumer spending seems stuck in neutral, consider this: some demographic groups have more reason than others to keep their wallet closed. In fact, Hispanic families lost more ground in overall spending ability than any other demographic group in the United States during the recession, according to a new analysis of U.S. Census data published by the Pew Research Center. The Pew analysis looks in depth at the new U.S. Census numbers on household wealth, defined as assets such as a house, car, savings account or stock holdings minus debt such as mortgages, car loans or credit card balances. Not only did Hispanics fare most poorly in the Pew analysis, the gap between white households and black or Hispanic households is the largest in more than two decades. In fact, the gap has almost doubled since before the recession. The median household wealth of whites slipped 16 percent to \$113,149. In contrast, the median household wealth of Hispanics slipped 66 percent to \$6,325, while the household worth of blacks slipped 53 percent to \$5,677. The median wealth for a much smaller percentage of the U.S. population, Asians, also slipped: median wealth declined 54 percent to \$78,066.

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07/25/2111

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA POPULAR MEDICINES LESS PRICES

Synopsis: A little over a year from now, some popular medicines could cost a whole lot less. That's because generic versions of the drugs will be allowed to hit the market. The popular cholesterol fighting drug Lipitor is one of the drugs that will go generic, and cost considerably less, but Barnes Jewish cardiologist Dr. Andy Cates says we need to be careful when substituting "With statins there will be several statins now that are on the market that are generic. Each one of those has potentially different side effects in different patients. Some of the drugs interact with medications and other statins within that same family of drugs may not interact with other drugs so there needs to be good communication between physician, patient, and pharmacist." Other drugs going generic include the blood thinner Plavix and allergy fighting Singulair.

Duration: 30

Topic: BARACK OBAMA TALKS TO HISPANIC COUNCIL

Synopsis:

President Obama's approval rating among Latinos has plunged since his inauguration, says a recent Gallup poll. Yesterday, Obama spoke to the U.S.' largest Latino civil rights group. The group is the National Council of La Raza, holding its annual conference in Washington, D.C. The group is the largest Latino civil rights organization in the country. And the president talked about his efforts to reach out to the community, including a recent meeting of Latino leaders at the White House.

Duration: 30

Topic: DREAM ACT CALIFORNIA

Synopsis: California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Monday a bill allowing illegal immigrants to receive privately funded scholarships to attend the state's public colleges and universities. The bill, dubbed the California Dream Act, passed the state Legislature earlier this month and aims at helping illegal immigrants who have earned a high school diploma after attending at least three years of high school in the state.

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07/26/2111

Duration: 30

Topic: HEALTH REFORM FAILURE

Synopsis: A slip of wording could lead to a sharp disparity between the beneficiaries of the law reform American health care: people of the same age, economic status and medical history may have to pay different amounts for health insurance, research reveals. The disparity is such that, for example, a person 62 years of age may have to pay \$ 1,200 more annually than its neighbor. Experts believe that the imbalance is even greater with married couples. President Barack Obama is aware of the flaw and says it is trying to find possible solutions to avoid another controversy over the plan which has been rejected by the Republican opposition. Beginning in 2014, the reform will include some 30,000 additional people who now lack health insurance and provide that most people must have some medical coverage.

Duration: 30

Topic: PEW REPORT: HISPANIC HERITAGE

Synopsis: Across the country, lawmakers are working to limit illegal immigration and reform policy so that more individuals can honorably and legally become American citizens. Last year's notorious immigration battle in Arizona was met with hostility from pro-illegal immigration forces who misunderstood the Founders' intent for a legal and meaningful naturalization process into America. Now, the same kind of battle is heating up in Alabama. With an estimated 120,000 illegal immigrants (according to the Pew Hispanic Center), Alabama leaders felt the federal laws weren't protecting the state adequately.

Duration: 30

Topic: ONE MILLION UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES

Synopsis: A new report in which taxpayer records were used to estimate California's undocumented immigrant population by county is interesting on a couple of counts. First, the report from the Public Policy Institute of California estimates that Los Angeles County is home to a little under one million undocumented immigrants, 9.3 percent of its population. Second, it provides a sense of how many undocumented immigrants file income tax returns. The population count report accompanies a broader report from the institute on the state of illegal immigration today, as well as related political and public attitudes. But back to the methodology: Because it's so difficult to get a good count of the undocumented population, the researchers used public records for Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, or ITINs, as a basis for the estimates.

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Duration: 30

Topic: ENGLISH CLASSES PLANNED AT NYC LAUNDROMAT

Synopsis: An artist who wants to help immigrants in his New York City neighborhood learn English is offering free classes at his local laundromat. Hector Canonge told the Daily News he plans to teach English as a second language at the Magic Touch Laundromat in the upper Manhattan neighborhood of Inwood next month. The school is sponsored by The Laundromat Project, a nonprofit that sets up artist residencies in laundries. Canonge says the first lessons will be tailored to the setting. He'll start with words like "soap" and "shirts." Canonge has been a customer at the Magic Touch Laundromat for years. He said he loves how a laundry can turn into a community space as people get to know each other while washing their clothes.

Duration: 30

Topic: CITIZENS WORRY THEY WON'T RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS

Synopsis: While lawmakers battle out a compromise on whether or not to raise the nation's debt ceiling, a disabled veteran says he is worried sick he will not receive his Social Security check on Wednesday. William Hutchinson, a veteran who served his country in the Vietnam War, says the federal system is broken and fears he will not be able to keep the lights on or feed himself in the event lawmakers cannot come to an agreement. Hutchinson says he has been running up against a brick wall when he tries to get an answer from the Social Security office in Topeka on if he will actually get his check in a few days if the national debt does default. "I really think that the politicians are holding the American people at bay," says William Hutchinson. "If you call somebody to ask them a simple question the responses you get is we can't talk to you, we don't know." After contacting the Topeka Social Security office, the Kansas City office and the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington D.C., Kansas First News reporters were also passed along in the system and didn't receive an answer. 28 million Americans are anticipating a Social Security check on August 3. Hutchinson took matters into his own hands as he protested on the steps of the statehouse a few weeks ago. He held a sign asking lawmakers to raise the debt ceiling.

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07/28/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: DEBT SHOWDOWN-HOUSE DELAY

Synopsis: House Republican leaders have abruptly delayed a vote on a bill extending the government's debt limit and cutting federal spending. House Speaker John Boehner's spokesman, Michael Steel, said it was "a sensible assumption" that Boehner was still trying to round up the needed votes. The House was nearing the end of its debate on the legislation when Republicans suddenly shifted gears. They instead moved to a bill renaming a post office in Peoria, Ill. GOP leaders have been laboring to line up the 216 votes the debt bill would need to pass the House, and they have encountered opposition from some conservatives. There are 240 Republicans in the House.

Duration: 30

Topic: NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Synopsis: In 33 states, an HOA does not need to go before a judge to collect on the liens. It's called no judicial foreclosure, and in practice it means a house can be sold on the courthouse steps with no judge or arbitrator involved. In Texas the process period is a mere 27 days - the shortest of any state. A Houston lawyer, who advises homeowners, says that in Texas, the law is so weighted in favor of HOAs; he advises people that instead of hiring him, they should call their association and beg for mercy.

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07/30/2111

Duration: 30

Topic: US DEBT CRISIS

Synopsis: The Republican-controlled House of Representatives rejected Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's plan to raise the nation's debt ceiling Saturday -- partisan payback for the Democratic-controlled Senate's rejection of Speaker John Boehner's plan Friday night. One hundred seventy-three House members backed the plan while 246 were opposed. Most Democrats supported the measure; every Republican rejected it. GOP leaders conducted the vote on Reid's bill under rules requiring a two-thirds majority for passage, thereby ensuring its defeat. The vote was a likely prelude to a long weekend of furious back-room negotiations between congressional leaders looking for a way to end a tense political standoff and avoid a potentially catastrophic federal default next week. Reid, D-Nevada, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California, will meet behind closed doors with President Barack Obama at the White House at 3:30 p.m. ET, according to an administration official. The Senate voted 59-41 Friday evening to table Boehner's measure -- effectively killing it -- almost immediately after the speaker's plan was approved by the House in a 218-210 vote.

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Duration: 30

Topic: DEBT SHOWDOWN LATEST

Synopsis: President Barack Obama's top ally in the Senate has signed on to a long-delayed agreement to raise the government's borrowing cap and cut spending -- subject to approval by his fellow Senate Democrats. A spokesman for Majority Leader Harry Reid says the Nevada Democrat supports the measure. He's the first top congressional leader to announce support. Republican Senate leaders said Sunday they were close to a deal. The tentative agreement would guarantee enough borrowing authority to keep the government afloat into 2013. The measure would provide an immediate hike in the debt limit, accompanied by the promise of trillions of dollars in future spending cuts.

Duration: 30

Topic: CUT JOBS 1000

Synopsis: Europe's biggest bank plans to announce thousands of job cuts on Monday as part of a wide-ranging cost-reduction program that started in May, a person with direct knowledge of the decision said Sunday. HSBC plans to cut about 10,000 jobs, or 3 percent of its global work force, said the person, who declined to be identified before the figures are made public. HSBC, which employed 307,000 people at the end of last year, is expected to announce the job cuts when it reports earnings for the first half of this year on Monday. HSBC declined to comment on the job cuts, which were first reported by Sky News. Meanwhile, the bank announced on Sunday that it would sell 195 of its branches in upstate New York to the First Niagara Financial Group for about \$1 billion. The branches being sold hold about \$15 billion in deposits.

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Topic: DEBT DISCUSSION LATEST

Synopsis:

Prospects for a serious debate about U.S. tax reform got a lift Monday as Congress edged toward a deal to raise the debt ceiling. As part of that pact, a special congressional committee would be set up to find \$1.5 trillion in budget savings, some of which could come from overhauling the tax code. The committee's deadline for a proposal would be Nov. 23, with Congress required to act on it a month later.

Duration: 30

Topic: AUGUST IS DEADLIEST MONTH ON THE ROAD

Synopsis:

Drivers in the U-S need to be extra cautious over the next few weeks. August is the deadliest month on the road, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The agency says the odds of getting into a fatal crash are higher in August because more people are on the roads. September is the second-deadliest month for drivers. March is the safest month. As for days of the week, Saturdays have the most fatalities, while Tuesdays have the least.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION DEMAND

Synopsis:

The Obama administration Monday sued to block enforcement of Alabama's new immigration law, widely considered to be the toughest measure in the United States to try to crack down on illegal immigrants. The law, known as H.B. 56, was signed by Republican Governor Robert Bentley in June and is due to take effect on Sept. 1. Civil rights groups brought a separate lawsuit challenging the law about a month ago. "If allowed to go into effect, H.B. 56's enforcement scheme will conflict with and undermine the federal government's careful balance of immigration enforcement priorities and objectives," administration lawyers said.

Duration: 30

Topic: FREE BIRTH CONTROL

Synopsis:

Beginning one year from today, all private health insurance plans will be required to cover women's preventive services without a co-pay or deductible. The White House says the move is intended to help women avoid health problems before they start. All well-woman visits, screening for gestational diabetes, breast-feeding support, domestic violence screening and all FDA approved birth control methods, including emergency contraception like the highly controversial morning after pill will be covered.

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08/02/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: SENATE DEBATES DEBT LIMIT BILL

Synopsis:

Emergency legislation to allow the government to borrow more money headed toward passage in the Senate Tuesday with just hours to spare before the national debt bumps against its ceiling. Expected approval sends the bill to President Barack Obama, averting a potentially disastrous, first-ever government default and making a down payment toward taming out-of-control budget deficits. "Finally Washington is taking responsibility for spending money it doesn't have," Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said at the start of debate.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis:

Alabama Christian leaders have filed a lawsuit this week to stop the state from enacting the "nation's most merciless" anti-immigration law, claiming it would prohibit Christians from living out their faith and the mandates of Scripture. Plaintiffs in the suit filed Monday include leaders of the Episcopalian, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches in Alabama, who represent 338,000 of the state's faithful. The ecumenical group insists the new immigration law, effective September 1, could ensnare Christian leaders who unknowingly administer religious sacraments, such as Holy Communion, to illegal immigrants.

Duration: 30

Topic: US TO ASSIST IMMIGRANT JOB CREATORS

Synopsis:

In its quest to spur job growth and jump-start the economy, Washington is reaching out to foreign entrepreneurs. Alejandro Mayorkas, chief of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a unit of the Department of Homeland Security, will unveil on Tuesday several initiatives designed to attract and retain foreign entrepreneurs, particularly in the high-tech sector, who wish to launch start-up companies in the U.S.

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA SALMONELLA DEATH

Synopsis:

Federal officials said on Tuesday that they were investigating an apparent link between ground turkey meat and a nationwide outbreak of salmonella illness that has so far killed one person in California and sickened at least 76 more people in 26 states. No meat has yet been recalled. Federal officials said the evidence found so far points to a single ground turkey plant, but they declined to identify it or the company involved. However, Cargill the meat processor said that it had been contacted by the Agriculture Department and asked to provide information as part of the salmonella investigation.

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08/03/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION CASES INCREASE

Synopsis:

A federal judge has consolidated three pending lawsuits against Alabama's strict new immigration law following requests from the state and the U.S. Justice Department. In a motion filed with U.S. District Judge Sharon Blackburn today, the Alabama Attorney General's office said the claims in the three lawsuits overlap, and that consolidating the case would allow the government to answer all questions at once. "Setting a unified briefing schedule would permit the defendants to submit a single responsive brief, reducing repetitive arguments and the resulting drain of the Court's time," the brief says.

Duration: 30

Topic: SALMONELLA RECALL ALERT

Synopsis:

Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation announced Wednesday an immediate voluntary recall of approximately 36 million pounds of ground turkey meat because it may be contaminated with salmonella bacteria. Cargill's plant in Springdale, Arkansas, processed the suspect fresh and frozen ground turkey products between February 20 and August 2, the company said in a news release. Federal health authorities said Tuesday that an outbreak of multi-drug-resistant Salmonella Heidelberg that has killed one person and sickened 76 others in 26 states appears to have been traced to ground turkey products.

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08/04/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: HAZLETON IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis:

A Federal appeals court has set aside its decision invalidating Hazleton's controversial anti-illegal immigration law and will consider new arguments. The move comes nearly two months after the Supreme Court ordered the Philadelphia based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to revisit its decision striking down Hazleton's ordinance, which punished businesses and landlords for hiring or renting to illegal immigrants. The court's order means its September decision finding the law unconstitutional no longer applies and sets the stage for attorneys to make new arguments. The court could potentially reach the opposite conclusion, allowing the city to enforce the law.

Duration: 30

Topic: STOCK MARKET PLUNG

Synopsis:

The news just keeps getting worse on Wall Street, where the Dow industrials have been more than 400 points lower in afternoon trading. Amid the continued jitters about the economy, one market strategist says investors have decided that "now is the time to take risk off the table." Large investors have been taking money out of stocks and putting it into cash accounts -- so much so that the Bank of New York says it's going to start charging some clients a fee to hold their cash.

Duration: 30

Topic: FAA DEAL REACHED

Synopsis:

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says there is bipartisan compromise to end the partial shutdown of the Federal Aviation Administration that has left 74,000 transportation and construction workers idled. In a statement Thursday, the majority leader did not specify details. But other officials say they expect the Senate to accept a House-passed bill as early as Friday. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity, saying the precise terms remain confidential.

Duration: 30

Topic: BORDER SECURITY

Synopsis:

Despite the conservative "border security first" rhetoric-the primary obstacle to comprehensive immigration reform - a recent article shows that border communities are safer on average than U.S. cities and a New York Times report suggests that net illegal immigration from Mexico may now be at zero. As a result of increased DHS personnel along the southern border and a number of major improvements in technology and infrastructure, the Border Patrol can more effectively monitor the border and curb the flow of unauthorized crossings

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08/05/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST

Synopsis:

One private economist says today's unemployment numbers "should lessen fears that the recovery is truly faltering." Jim O'Sullivan of MF Global was reacting to news that employers added 117,000 jobs last month, as the unemployment rate dipped to 9.1 percent. Among the many industries that added workers last month were retailers, factories and health care firms. Still, the economy needs twice as many net jobs per month to rapidly reduce unemployment. Another economist, Tom Porcelli of RBC Capital Markets, says today's report "pauses the conversation on the U.S. slipping back into recession" -- but he says it "does not end the conversation."

Duration: 30

Topic: EXPERTS GROW MOUSE SPERM TO HELP WITH HUMAN INFERTILITY

Synopsis:

Researchers in Japan used embryonic stem cells to grow healthy mouse sperm on laboratory dishes, a development which could help treat human infertility, they said on Friday. The finding, published in the journal Cell, marks a step forward for using stem cells for regenerative medicine. Stem cells are the body's master cells and source of all cells and tissues. Because they can grow into different types of cells and multiply, experts hope to harness them to treat diseases and disorders, including cancer and diabetes. Scientists at Kyoto University removed stem cells from mouse embryos and managed to coax them into a type of precursor cell known to grow into either mouse eggs or sperm.

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08/06/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: STANDARD & POOR DOWNGRADED

Synopsis: The downgrade of the U.S.'s AAA credit rating by Standard & Poor's on Friday may end up having little to no effect on interest rates for U.S. securities, according to analysts who have examined past credit rating downgrades in other countries. When S&P did the exact same thing to Japan in 2000, demand for Japanese bonds actually increased in the following months, analysts note, because the market still saw Japan as safe for investment relative to the rest of the world. The history of downgrades in Japan, Canada and other countries suggests the U.S. market could well shrug off the downgrade, rather than consider it an indicator of any real change in the status of U.S.

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08/08/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: SECURE COMMUNITIES LAW REQUIREMENTS

Synopsis: The Department of Homeland Security announced that local police agencies could not opt out of a program known as Secure Communities, which started in 2008, is now active in 1,300 local jurisdictions and is expected to be in place nationwide by 2013. On Monday, civil rights groups said they were reviewing the decision to see why states like Illinois and New York where governors recently sent letters to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) requesting to get out of the program, are now being told that they have no choice. "ICE and the federal government don't get to rule by decree," said B. Loewe, a spokesman for the National Day Laborer Organizing Network. He said his group is considering a lawsuit to try to block the program.

Duration: 30

Topic: SCHOOL LUNCHES UNSAFE TEMPERATURES

Synopsis: A new study shows that school lunches brought from home aren't stored at the right temperature and may not be safe to eat. Researchers at the University of Texas at Austin tested the temperatures of 700 packed lunches of three to five year old children at one daycare center. Their findings showed that even in a heated thermal container or in a bag with ice packs, as many as 90 percent of lunches were in the "thermal danger zone" that could cause foodborne illness. Experts recommend freezing beverages like water or milk, which will act as an additional ice pack to keep foods colder and will thaw by lunchtime.

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08/09/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: HOUSE PRICE FALLS

Synopsis:

House prices are still falling, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) reports today, wiping a total of £250bn off homeowners' wealth since the beginning of the credit crisis, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML). But the good news is that most homebuyers are better placed to ride out the storm in the property market now than they were during the last housing slump - and only half as many have fallen into negative equity as did then. More than a fifth of the surveyors questioned by RICS said house prices were lower last month than in the one before, with 7pc of the sample reporting fewer properties for sale in July and only 5pc noting an increase in inquiries from potential buyers. Spokesman Ian Perry commented: "The housing market continued to stall during July; prices edged lower and sales levels remained subdued."

Duration: 30

Topic: MEDICARE FUTURE

Synopsis:

What does a 76-cent decrease in Medicare drug premiums say about the future of health policy? That's been the subject of much debate, ever since news broke last week that Medicare's Prescription Drug Benefit premiums would drop from \$30.76 in 2011 to \$30 in 2012. This will be the first drop in premiums in the program's six-year history. The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, or Part D, is the only Medicare program delivered entirely by private insurers. The slight dip in premiums has set off a new round of debate about how private insurance fits into Medicare. Run the slight premium decrease by health policy experts on both sides of the Part D debate, and you get a much more measured response: while Medicare Part D has served its target population well - much better than Democrats initially projected - it does not necessarily lay the groundwork for private insurance in the rest of Medicare.

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08/10/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BILLS KEEP STATE LEGISLATORS BUSY

Synopsis:

State lawmakers considered a record number of immigration-related bills this year, highlighting their continued frustration with federal government inaction on immigration laws, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. A total of 1,592 bills were introduced in all 50 states and Puerto Rico in the 2011 legislative session that ended June 30, a report by the bipartisan research organization found. Legislators in 40 states enacted 151 of the bills, which mainly addressed law enforcement, identification and employment issues, said Ann Morse, program director of the conference's immigrant policy project. An additional five laws were vetoed by governors. Five states - Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah - created laws similar to a controversial Arizona immigration law, known as SB 1070, which requires law enforcement to check the immigration status of people they lawfully stop and whom they suspect to be in the country illegally.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW YORK CITY TO MANDATE SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Synopsis:

For the first time in nearly 20 years, New York City's public middle and high schools will be required to teach students about sex. In an email to principals last night, Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott said mandatory sex education will start in the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year. The curriculum will be flexible but will include lessons on how to use condoms, how to avoid unwanted sexual encounters and how to respect relationship partners. "We have students who are having sex before the age of 13; students who have had multiple sexual partners; and students who aren't protecting themselves against sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS," wrote Walcott. "I believe the school system has an important role to play with regard to educating our children about sex and the potential consequences of engaging in risky behavior." The mandate applies strictly to the New York City public school system. New York State currently requires one semester of health education in both middle and high school, but does not mandate sex education. Only 20 states and the District of Columbia mandate sex education.

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA APPEALS IMMIGRATION LAW CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Synopsis:

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer appealed to the Supreme Court to revive the state's disputed immigration policing law, seeking a ruling that could free states to take aggressive enforcement action against illegal immigrants. "Arizona bears the brunt of the problems caused by illegal immigration (and) is the gateway to nearly half of the nation's illegal border crossings," said former Bush administration Solicitor General Paul Clement on behalf of the state. He urged the justices to rebuke the Obama administration for its "extraordinary step" of intervening in court to block the Arizona law from taking effect. If

the justices agree to hear the Arizona case, they would hear arguments in the winter and likely hand down a ruling in the late spring as the presidential race gets under way.

Duration: 30

Topic: DEPORTATION APPEALS

Synopsis:

Adding insult to injury, the Homeland Security Department has turned its back on state and local governments by deciding to unilaterally implement the discredited Secure Communities deportation program. The decision to ignore state and local governments and simply impose the Obama administration signature enforcement program was announced last Friday by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director in a letter to 40 governors. Morton said the Homeland Security Department is terminating its Memorandum of Agreements with state governments that allowed them to opt out of the program. States have no choice but to comply with Secure Communities, he said. New York immigrant advocacy groups reacted quickly. "ICE's decision to now eradicate the very agreements that it had worked so hard to bully states into accepting demonstrates yet again the agency's lack of accountability to both the public and the state governments it supposedly wants to partner with," said Michelle Fei co-director of the Immigrant Defense Project.

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08/11/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ECONOMY LATEST

Synopsis:

Stocks are rising at the close of trading after investors latched onto some small signs that the economy might not be headed into another recession. Fewer Americans joined the unemployment line last week, and a technology bellwether said revenue could grow faster this quarter than analysts expected. The news is pushing down prices on long-term Treasuries down, and gold is down from its record high. The Dow Jones industrial average is up 423 points Thursday, or 3.9 percent, to 11,143. It's the first time the Dow has ever had four straight 400-point days.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMPOUNDED IMMIGRANT CARS

Synopsis: Wednesday's meeting about Santa Ana Police Department's policy on impounding vehicles from unlicensed drivers began with a disclosure: the City Council has no authority to tell the Police Department what the policy should be. This was conveyed by Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Alvarez to a roomful of people who had come to urge the three members of the council's Public Safety Committee to alter the policy so that fewer unlicensed - but sober - illegal immigrant drivers would be separated from their cars at the Police Department's twice-a-month DUI/license checkpoints.

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08/12/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ECONOMY LATEST

Synopsis:

The wildest week in Wall Street's history is ending on an up note. A rebound in retail sales in July helped the stock market push higher Friday. The week has been marked by seesaw trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose or fell by more than 400 points each of the first four days of the week as investors reacted to concerns about the global economy and Europe's debt problems. The Dow is finishing with a gain of 125 points, or 1.1 percent, to 11,269. The S&P 500 is up 6, or 0.5 percent, to 1,279. The Nasdaq is up 15, or 0.6 percent, to 2,508. Two shares rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was an above average 4.9 billion shares.

Duration: 30

Topic: POSTAL SERVICE CUTS

Synopsis:

The U.S. Postal Service is considering cutting as many as 120,000 jobs, due to financial problems. Facing a second year of losses totaling \$8 billion or more, the agency also wants to pull its workers out of the retirement and health benefits plans covering federal workers and set up its own benefit systems.

Duration: 30

Topic: RETAIL SALES

Synopsis:

Consumers spent more on autos, furniture, clothing and gas in July, pushing up retail sales by the largest amount in four months. The gain signaled that Americans are a little more confident in the economy and could help dispel fears that the country is headed for another recession. Retail sales rose 0.5 percent last month, the Commerce Department said Friday. It was the best showing since March. The government also revised sales higher in the previous two months.

Duration: 30

Topic: RULING OBAMA HEALTH PLAN

Synopsis:

A U.S. appeals court ruled Friday that President Barack Obama's healthcare law requiring Americans to buy healthcare insurance or face a penalty was unconstitutional, a blow to the White House. The U.S. Appeals Court for the 11th Circuit, based in Atlanta, found that Congress exceeded its authority by requiring Americans to buy coverage, but also ruled that the rest of the wide-ranging law could remain in effect. The legality of the so-called individual mandate, a cornerstone of the 2010 healthcare law, is widely expected to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Obama administration has defended the provision as constitutional.

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08/14/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION ARRESTS DECREASE

Synopsis:

More than 60 percent of the illegal immigrants living in Rhode Island who have been deported after being flagged by a controversial immigration program did not have criminal records, recent federal figures show. The Secure Communities program data released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is the first glimpse of how the fingerprint-sharing system is working in Rhode Island, where officials in the capital city of Providence had sought not to participate. Since the program began on March 22, 14 people who were arrested by local police have been deported, figures show. The data spans the time period from March 22 to June 30. Under the program, fingerprints of detainees arrested locally are shared with federal immigration authorities. ICE classifies nine deportees as "non-criminal immigration violators" because they were arrested for a minor offense, did not have a criminal record and broke a federal immigration law. Two deportees had violent criminal histories and three deportees had misdemeanor convictions, figures show.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICE DROP

Synopsis:

The Lundberg Survey says the average U.S. price is down nine cents a gallon over the past three weeks. The national average for regular self-serve gasoline is \$3.61 a gallon. Why the drop? Experts believe it's because of a decline in crude oil prices and a poor economy stemming the demand. The survey was published today.

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8/15/11

Duration: 30

Topic: E-VERIFY IN SPANISH

Synopsis:

USCIS has launched the Spanish version of its E-Verify web pages. Please visit www.uscis.gov/espanol/E-Verify to view important information for both employees and employers now available in Spanish. USCIS plans to expand the E-Verify Spanish website with additional sections on a recurring basis.

Duration: 30

Topic: SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Synopsis:

Today is a national call-in day against the Secure Communities immigration enforcement program, otherwise known as S-Comm. New York suspended participation in S-Comm two months ago, and the Obama administration responded by telling states that it would continue the program without state consent. A national coalition of

immigrant organizations asks you to call the White House and insist that this program be stopped.

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA BUS TOUR

Synopsis:

Hitting back against an emboldened GOP, President Barack Obama launched a rare direct attack Monday on the Republican presidential field, criticizing his potential 2012 rivals for their blanket opposition to any deficit-cutting compromise involving new taxes.

Duration: 30

Topic: GROUND BEEF RECALL

Synopsis

At least three major grocery store chains have recalled some of their ground beef packages because they could be contaminated with E. coli bacteria. Winn-Dixie Stores Inc., Publix Super Markets Inc. and Kroger Co. announced the recalls mainly in the southeastern U.S. and said they stem from problems at the National Beef Packaging Co. of Dodge City, Kan.

Duration: 30

Topic: MEAN PEOPLE EARN MORE \$\$

Synopsis:

According to a new study, men who weren't as agreeable earned about 18 percent more--or about nine-thousand-700 dollars more a year-- than nice guys. When it comes to women, those who are ruder earn about five percent--or nearly 18-hundred dollars more a year--than their kinder counterparts. The study of nearly 10-thousand workers, being presented at the annual Academy of Management meeting, also discovered men who were described as "highly agreeable" were less likely to get a position.

Duration: 30

Topic: DETENTION CENTER CRITICS

Synopsis:

U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg asked immigration authorities to review the bidding process for running a proposed immigrant detention center in northern New Jersey. Lautenberg, a Democrat, sent a letter asking the director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to look into allegations raised in an article in The New York Times this week. The article suggested that a politically connected firm had gained advantage in the bidding process and that two executives of the company are high-level allies of Governor Christie.

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8/16/11

Duration: 30

Topic: COFFEE CAN REDUCE SKIN CANCER

Synopsis:

Applying caffeine to the skin in sunny weather may protect against a type of skin cancer, US researchers hope. Experiments on mice, reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggest that caffeine prevents UV damage. Tumors took longer to develop and there were fewer of them, the study reports.

Duration: 30

Topic: PERRY VS OBAMA CAMPAING

Synopsis:

The White House denounced Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry Tuesday for his threatening remarks toward the head of the U.S. Federal Reserve that represented some of the most inflammatory rhetoric of the 2012 election campaign. Campaigning in Iowa Monday, the Texas governor said he would consider it "treasonous" if Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke "prints more money between now and the election" in November 2012 -- a fresh sign of the political heat the Central Bank faces as it tries to right the stumbling U.S. economy.

Duration: 30

Topic: SECURE COMMUNITIES PROTESTS

Synopsis:

Hundreds of immigrants rights advocates in Los Angeles staged a walkout during a federal task force field hearing about the Secure Communities program, blamed for the deportations of tens of thousands of non-citizens living peacefully in America. Activists implored the members of the task force to resign their post, and recommend that the Obama Administration end Secure Communities, before exiting the meeting to a chant of "we don't need a hearing, we need to end the program."

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8/17/11

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA JOBS

Synopsis:

U.S. President Barack Obama will announce a double-barreled economic package that aims to boost hiring and find budget savings that surpass the \$1.5 trillion goal of a congressional deficit-cutting committee. His ideas will be outlined in a major speech immediately after the Sept. 5 Labor Day holiday, White House officials said.

Duration: 30

Topic: TOBACCO LAWSUITS

Synopsis:

Tobacco companies want a judge to put a stop to new graphic cigarette labels that include the sewn-up corpse of a smoker and pictures of diseased lungs, saying they unfairly urge adults to shun their legal products. Four of the five largest U.S. tobacco companies sued the Federal Government Tuesday, saying the warnings violate their free speech rights.

Duration: 30

Topic: RED MEAT DIABETES

Synopsis:

A new study finds that processed products such as bologna and hot dogs, and red meat in general can increase the risk of type 2 diabetes by almost half, and that by getting protein from other rich sources such as nuts, whole grains and dairy low in fat will actually have the reverse effect. A daily serving of 50 grams of processed meat, equivalent to one hot dog or sausage or two slices of bacon, was associated with a 51% increased risk of diabetes.

Duration: 30

Topic: VERIZON BENEFITS

Synopsis:

Verizon has said that picketing workers will lose their benefits on Aug. 31 if the two sides do not reach an agreement on a new contract. The end date is part of the now-expired contract the union and the company signed in 2008. Verizon said that it sent a letter outlining the provision to striking workers on Tuesday in response to questions about the benefits. Health care benefits are among issues at the heart of the strike, which began Aug. 7.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN BUS CONTROVERSY

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama has logged more than 300 miles in the rural Midwest so far on what Republican front runner, Mitt Romney, is calling his "Magical Misery Tour." The three-day bus trip will take President Obama through Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. But many are more interested in the mystery than any economic misery. The mystery is of course what kind of bus \$1.1 million buys.

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8/18/11

Duration: 30

Topic: DEPORTATIONS- ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Synopsis:

The government says many illegal immigrants who don't have criminal records but are facing possible deportation will get to stay in the U.S. indefinitely and have a chance to apply for a work permit. Deporting illegal immigrants who are convicted criminals will be the Obama administration's priority. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says authorities will make a case-by-case review of the approximately 300,000 illegal immigrants who are facing possible deportation. Immigration advocates say the Obama administration hasn't lived up to its promise to only deport the "worst of the worst," as the president has said. Announcement about the new review probably will anger Republicans who contend that Obama has been too lenient on illegal immigrants.

Duration: 30

Topic: AMEIBA ATTACKS

Synopsis:

Two children and a young man have died this summer from a brain-eating amoeba that lives in water, health officials say. This month, the rare infection killed a 16-year-old Florida girl, who fell ill after swimming, and a 9-year-old Virginia boy, who died a week after he went to a fishing day camp. The boy had been dunked the first day of camp, his mother told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Those cases are consistent with past cases, which are usually kids -- often boys -- who get exposed to the bug while swimming or doing water sports in warm ponds or lakes. The third case, in Louisiana, was more unusual. It was a young man whose death in June was traced to the tap water he used in a device called a neti pot. It's a small teapot-shaped container used to rinse out the nose and sinuses with salt water to relieve allergies, colds and sinus trouble.

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8/19/11

Duration: 30

Topic: DEADLIEST SKIN CANCER TREATMENT

Synopsis:

Melanoma is the most deadly of all skin cancers. But the FDA has just approved a new medicine that can treat people who have the most advanced forms of the disease. Melanoma skin cancer kills almost 9,000 Americans every year. Dr. Anna Pavlick of the NYU Cancer Institute said, "Close to 50 to 60 percent of patients are going to derive benefit from this, which ultimately leads to long-term survival for these patients." The drug, Zelboraf, is targeted at a protein called, "B-Raf." Normally, B-Raf regulates the growth and proliferation of cells, but in about half of melanomas, that protein is mutated, leading to uncontrolled growth of the cancer. The drug turns off that mutation and stops the growth.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW DEPORTATION POLICY

Synopsis:

The Obama administration announced on Thursday it will do a case-by-case review of deportations, allowing many undocumented immigrants without criminal records to stay in the United States indefinitely and apply for work permits. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano will send a letter on Thursday to Senate members who had asked for details on how the agency would prioritize its immigration enforcement. The policy change is meant as a framework to help prevent non-priority undocumented immigrants from "clogging the system," senior administration officials said on a conference call with reporters Thursday. First, the agency will look at its pending immigration cases and close the low-priority cases, so immigration courts can focus on the most serious ones, administration officials said. The low-priority cases can be reopened if circumstances require. Next, guidance will be given to immigration enforcement agents to help them better detect serious criminals and other high-priority undocumented immigrants.

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8/20/11

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA ON ECONOMY

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama says members of Congress should put country before politics, set aside their differences and find ways to get people back to work. The president is vacationing on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, but he recorded his weekly Saturday radio and Internet address earlier in the week while in Alpha, Ill., during an economy-focused Midwestern bus tour. He said lawmakers in Washington could learn something from the people in small towns in Illinois and Iowa. Obama said there are some things they could get done right away, such as passing a road construction bill or extending a reduction in the payroll tax that pays for Social Security.

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8/21/11

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA REELECTION

Synopsis: President Barack Obama says his low approval rating is a reflection of public unhappiness with Congress. Obama tells in an interview broadcast Sunday that he's "impacted," just like Congress, when people aren't happy with Washington. He says he understands that his arguments that the country would have been worse off if he hadn't taken certain actions don't resonate with the millions of unemployed people.

Duration: 30

Topic: DEAD BUT NOT REALLY SOCIAL SECURITY PROBLEMS

Synopsis:

More Americans are being erroneously killed off by the Social Security Administration every day. Of the approximately 2.8 million death reports the Social Security Administration receives per year, about 14,000 -- or one in every 200 deaths -- are incorrectly entered into its Death Master File, which contains the Social Security numbers, names, birth dates, death dates, zip codes and last-known residences of more than 87 million deceased Americans. That averages out to 38 life-altering mistakes a day.

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8/22/11

Duration: 30

Topic: PRESSURE CHANGES IN FLIGHTS CAN AFFECT DIABETICS

Synopsis:

Changes in cabin pressure during flights may cause insulin pumps to deliver too much or too little of the medication, possibly putting extremely sensitive diabetics at risk, according to a study. Researchers led by Bruce King at John Hunter Children's Hospital in Newcastle, Australia, decided to investigate after learning of a 10-year-old girl with type 1 diabetes whose blood sugar got too low an hour after takeoff.

Duration: 30

Topic: UNIVERSITY COSTS

Synopsis:

A recent study revealed that 96 % of parents want university studies for their kids, but they can't afford it.

Duration: 30

Topic: LATINOS VOTING FOR OBAMA

Synopsis:

A recent survey revealed that only 39% of Hispanics are going to vote again for Barack Obama. This is a problem that the president needs to fix if he wants to win the reelection next year.

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8/23/11

Duration: 30

Topic: HATE CRIME

Synopsis:

Law enforcement officials from around the country say that the current immigration system creates obstacles to their work because undocumented immigrants who are

victims of hate crimes are often afraid to report them. The comments came in the same week that a civil rights organization reported that a hate crime occurs in the nation every hour on average and Attorney General Eric Holder called for updating the laws against those attacks.

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8/24/11

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis:

Lawyers for the federal government and for a coalition of civil rights groups asked a federal judge Wednesday to block a new Alabama law cracking down on illegal immigration, arguing that it stomps on such basic rights as free speech and free travel. But attorneys for the state argued the new law allows the state to regulate illegal immigration in the absence of action from the federal government and that many opponents have overreacted about the law's expected impact.

Duration: 30

Topic: DEPORTATION ANNOUNCEMENT AND SCAMS

Synopsis:

The announcement that President Obama made about stopping deportations can create scams to illegal immigrants. Luis Megis gave advice to prevent it.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW MEXICO DRIVERS LICENSES

Synopsis:

New Mexico state legislators are asking a judge to stop Gov. Susana Martinez's administration from trying to verify whether immigrants who received a driver's license are still residents of the state. A group of lawmakers filed a lawsuit Wednesday in state District Court in Santa Fe, N.M., seeking to block the Taxation and Revenue Department from checking a random sample of 10,000 license holders who are foreign nationals to determine their residency.

Duration: 30

Topic: HYPERTENSION STUDY

Synopsis:

Taking repeated blood pressure readings over a 24-hour period rather than a one-off measurement in the clinic is the most cost-effective way of deciding who should be prescribed drugs for hypertension, according to a study published Wednesday. The findings in favor of so-called ambulatory blood pressure monitoring were immediately adopted by Britain's health costs watchdog, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), in new guidelines on how to diagnose and when to treat high blood pressure.

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8/25/11

Duration: 30

Topic: PAPAYAS CONTAMINATED WITH SALMONELLA

Synopsis:

The federal Food and Drug Administration is banning imports of all papayas grown in Mexico because of widespread and ongoing salmonella contamination, the agency announced Thursday. More than 15 percent of fresh papayas entering the U.S. from Mexico were contaminated with the food-borne bacteria, an FDA investigation between May 12 and Aug. 18 found. That included papayas from 28 different firms and included all the major papaya-producing regions in Mexico. The investigation followed an outbreak of salmonella Agona infections earlier this year that sickened 100 people in 23 states, and sent at least 10 victims to the hospital, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those papayas were imported via Agromod Produce Inc., a distributor in McAllen, Tex. All raw fresh and raw fresh refrigerated papaya may be halted at the U.S. border, unless the items are on a exempted list, the FDA import alert said

Duration: 30

Topic: BIRTH DEFECTS IN KETTLEMAN CITY

Synopsis:

There are between 30 and 64 births each year in Kettleman City. In 15 of the 22 years since California's public health department began tracking birth defects, all babies in the town were healthy, and in five other years, only one birth defect occurred. But in the last two years and 10 months, residents say, at least 11 babies have been born with serious birth defects; three eventually died. Its residents are exposed to a startling array of toxic chemicals. Nearly 100 trucks spewing diesel fumes roll through town daily on Highway 41, and many more come by on Interstate 5. More than half of Kettleman City's labor force consists of farm workers who are routinely exposed to toxic pesticides, and residents can smell the chemicals sprayed on the fields that border the town on three sides. Kettleman City's two municipal wells are contaminated with naturally occurring arsenic and benzene. And there are projects in the works to build a massive natural gas power plant nearby, as well as to deposit 500,000 tons per year of Los Angeles sewage sludge on farmland a few miles from the town.

Duration: 30

Topic: US MORTGAGE PLAN

Synopsis:

The Obama administration is considering further actions to strengthen the housing market, but the bar is high: plans must help a broad swath of homeowners, stimulate the economy and cost next to nothing. One proposal would allow millions of homeowners with government-backed mortgages to refinance them at today's lower interest rates, about 4 percent. A wave of refinancing could be a strong stimulus to the economy, because it would lower consumers' mortgage bills right away and allow them

to spend elsewhere. Administration officials said on Wednesday that they were weighing a range of proposals, including changes to its previous refinancing programs to increase the number of homeowners taking part. They are also working on a home rental program that would try to shore up housing prices by preventing hundreds of thousands of foreclosed homes from flooding the market.

Duration: 30

Topic: APPLE SHARES DOWN

Synopsis:

Apple shares were down a little less than \$4, or about 1%, in mid-afternoon trading. That's less than half the loss in Thursday's after-hours trading, after Apple said Jobs would be ceding the CEO job to Tim Cook.

Duration: 30

Topic: JOBLESS CLAIMS INCREASE

Synopsis:

Jobless claims climbed by 5,000 to 417,000 in the week ended Aug. 20, Labor Department figures showed today in Washington. Economists surveyed by Bloomberg News projected a drop in claims to 405,000, according to the median forecast. At least 8,500 applications were filed by workers at Verizon last week, compared with 12,500 the prior week, the agency said. The report signals that excluding the communications dispute, companies are slowing the pace of firings, which may ease concern that consumers will cut back on spending. At the same time, an unemployment rate at 9.1 percent is a reminder that a sustained labor-market rebound has yet to develop two years into the economic recovery.

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8/26/11

Duration: 30

Topic: OBESITY DANGER

Synopsis:

News today reported that the "health hazards of obesity may have been grossly underestimated because we are not measuring the condition adequately". Its website says that we should not focus on weight gain alone, but also look at how long it persists. This news story was based on an analysis of data from the Framingham Heart Study, a long-running research project started in 1948 that went on to study participants for up to 48 years. As part of the study, researchers measured whether participants were obese every two years, as well as recording various aspects of their health. This new analysis found that the longer people stayed obese the greater their risk of dying from any cause (all-cause mortality), as well as cardiovascular diseases specifically.

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8/29/11

Duration: 30

Topic: HOME SALES DOWN IN JULY

Synopsis:

Pending sales of existing U.S. homes fell in July from June in the latest sign of weakness in the housing industry, data from a real estate trade group showed on Monday. The National Association of Realtors Pending Home Sales Index, based on contracts signed in July, was down 1.3 percent to 89.7 from 90.9 in June. Economists polled by Reuters ahead of the report were expecting pending home sales to fall 1.3 percent.

Duration: 30

Topic: CHOCOLATE IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEART

Synopsis:

Go ahead and grab a piece of chocolate. It's actually good for you. High consumption of the sweet treat can cut the risk of heart disease, diabetes and stroke by about one-third. That's the finding of researchers who reviewed several previously published studies. The studies don't spell out exactly how much chocolate is good for us -- and how much is too much. But, one Yale University researcher says they do show us that it's okay to "love food that loves us back." The findings are reported in today's British Medical Journal.

Duration: 30

Topic: JUDGE BLOCKS HARSH ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW FOR MONTH

Synopsis:

A federal judge in Alabama has temporarily blocked a controversial state law that is designed to sharply curtail illegal immigration in the state. The ruling was released early Monday afternoon, three days before the law, considered one of the most expansive in the United States was scheduled to go into effect. Judge Sharon L. Blackburn said the courts need at least a month "to adequately address the numerous challenges" to the law and that the injunction will remain in effect until Sept. 29, "or until the court enters its ruling, whichever comes first."

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8/30/11

Duration: 30

Topic: FEDERAL JUDGE BLOCKS ALABAMA'S IMMIGRANT LAW

Synopsis:

A federal district judge has blocked Alabama's tough new immigration law from going into effect and says she will decide whether it is constitutional. Sharon Lovelace Blackburn chief judge for the Northern District of Alabama (a post for which she was nominated by the elder President Bush), acted on behalf of a coalition of Hispanic activists and leftist lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern

Poverty Law, the Obama administration, and various leftist churches. The Montgomery Advertiser reported that Blackburn's ruling will last until September 29 or until she issues an order on the specific injunction requests, whichever comes first. That order would come no later than Sept. 28. The law was scheduled to go into effect on September 1. By the stroke of a pen, Blackburn overturned months of work of the Alabama legislature and Governor Robert Bentley, who are trying to get control of the state's burgeoning population of illegal aliens. More importantly, note critics, she overruled the people who put those legislators and the Governor in office.

Duration: 30

Topic: CONCORD FATHER AND SON GET LAST-MINUTE DEPORTATION REPRIEVE

Synopsis:

A father and son set to be deported to Peru won a last-minute, temporary reprieve on Tuesday after an Illinois senator intervened on their behalf. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is delaying for a month the deportation of longtime Concord resident Arturo Rengifo, Sr., and his son, Arturo Rengifo, Jr. "My mom is able to relax more," said the 24-year-old son, who would have left his mother and older brother in Concord had he been forced to take the one-way flight to Lima on Tuesday night. "She can actually breathe now. Hopefully more good things will happen, and I will be able to stay in this country." The Rengifos are hoping a more lenient Obama administration deportation policy, announced on Aug. 18 but not yet implemented, could keep the family of four together in the Bay Area. "I have more hope now; I have more faith now. I didn't pack my bags," said Arturo Rengifo, Jr., a student at Diablo Valley College and customer service representative at an AT&T store in Richmond. His father is a janitor, and the parents run a day care business at their home.

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8/31/11

Duration: 30

Topic: ENGLISH SCHOOLS ARIZONA

Synopsis:

State education officials will no longer force schools to retrain - or reassign - English immersion teachers because they speak with an accent. In an agreement with two federal agencies, the Arizona Department of Education will stop trying to single out teachers it believes do not have a good command of the English language. That practice resulted in complaints that the state was illegally discriminating against teachers solely because they are Hispanic or are not native-English speakers.

Duration: 30

Topic: CANCER LUNG PILL

Synopsis:

From Pfizer, a drug maker known best for medicines to treat millions, there is now a twice-a-day pill to treat lung cancer that will be prescribed for only a few thousand

people each year. The Food and Drug Administration approved Xalkori to treat patients with a particular form of non-small cell lung cancer one that is marked by a genetic variation called ALK. Only people with tumors that test positive for ALK - about 3 to 5 percent of NSCLC patients, or around 6,500 to 11,000 U.S. patients a year are candidates for the treatment. By comparison, last year more than 45 million prescriptions were dispensed for Lipitor, the cholesterol-fighter that is Pfizer's biggest seller. The FDA approved the pill in combination with a genetic test to detect the ALK variation to figure out who has the best chance of responding to the medicine

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Duration: 30

Topic: TEXAS: FAKE FACEBOOK ILLEGAL

Synopsis:

A new law that went into effect Thursday means it could be considered illegal to have a phony page. Lawmakers decided last session that making a fake profile page on Myspace or Facebook could cost you. Also, posing online as someone you are not and then sending an email to a victim is a crime. House Bill 1666, which Gov. Perry signed into law, expands the current statutes by making spoofing a state crime on all websites, not just popular social networking sites. Some parents are skeptical of the changes. They feel the law only helps if it's really enforced.

Duration: 30

Topic: DANGEROUS FUEL GEL

Synopsis:

About 2 million units of highly flammable gel fuel used by everyday consumers are being recalled, following dozens of injuries and at least two deaths. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall of pourable gel fuel Sept. 1 in cooperation with nine companies based in various parts of the country. The fuel - used in fire pots and things like personal fireplaces and patio torches - can ignite unexpectedly, splattering people and objects nearby, when it's poured into firepots that are still burning, according to the commission.

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09/02/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT 9.1%

Synopsis:

No jobs were added in the U.S. last month, the government said early Friday. It was the worst employment report in 11 months and renewed fears that another recession could be on the way. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note briefly fell below 2 percent and gold jumped \$48 an ounce as cash flowed into investments seen as less risky than stocks. The lack of hiring in the U.S. last month surprised investors. Economists were expecting 93,000 jobs to be added. Previously reported hiring figures for June and July were revised lower. The average work week declined and hourly earnings fell.

Duration: 30

Topic: 9/11 FIREFIGHTERS CANCER

Synopsis:

Male firefighters who were exposed to toxic dust and smoke from the 9/11 attacks on New York's World Trade Center have a 19 percent higher risk of getting cancer of all kinds than colleagues who were not exposed, U.S. researchers said on Thursday. The study is the first to look at cancer rates among all of the exposed firefighters, and the findings may help pave the way for federal health benefits for rescue workers now suffering from cancer nearly a decade after the attacks.

Duration: 30

Topic: DREAM ACT CALIFORNIA

Synopsis:

The state Assembly voted today to send Gov. Jerry Brown a bill that allows undocumented immigrant college students to receive publicly-funded financial aid. After a lengthy debate, Assembly Bill 131 -- the second part of the controversial measure known as the California Dream Act -- cleared the lower house on a 45-27 vote. Republicans didn't see it that way. They argued that giving taxpayer-funded scholarships to students who are in the country illegally will encourage more immigrants to come to the state without authorization. They also said it doesn't make sense to subsidize the education of students who aren't allowed to legally work after they graduate.

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09/04/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: OHIO SCHOOL DISCRIMINATION

Synopsis:

A second federal agency is investigating one of Ohio's largest school systems for possible civil rights violations. The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio are looking at differences in the ways Toledo Public Schools disciplines racial minority students, as well as how the district provides services to students who don't speak English as a first language. The probe follows a 2010 U.S. Department of Education investigation into complaints that the district doesn't provide black students with equal resources to prepare them for college or careers. Justice Department spokesman Mike Tobin tells The Blade newspaper that he believes the investigation was prompted by complaints from community members. A July 12 Justice Department letter reads, "The Department is conducting a preliminary inquiry into the complaints we have received, but we stress that we have reached no conclusions as to whether a violation of any federal law has occurred."

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09/05/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: TERROR ALERT FOR PLANES

Synopsis:

The FBI and Homeland Security officials have issued a nationwide warning about Al Qaeda threats to small planes, just days ahead of the anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Security has been stepped up across the nation and aviation businesses have been put on alert.

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA UNEMPLOYMENT LABOR DAY

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama used a boisterous Labor Day rally to put congressional Republicans on the spot, challenging them to place the country's interests above all else and vote to create jobs and put the economy back on a path toward growth.

Duration: 30

Topic: POSTAL SERVICE BANKRUPTCY

Synopsis:

The United States Postal Service warns it may soon be in default. According to the New York Times, the agency is struggling to pay its bills and might not be able to make a five-and-a-half billion dollar payment due this month. The Postal Service is calling on Congress to step in and help straighten out its finances. Without help the agency says they may be forced to shut down this winter.

Duration: 30

Topic: HONDA RECALL

Synopsis:

Honda Motor Co. said on Monday (September 5) it would recall about 960,000 Fit subcompacts and other models globally to repair defects including malfunctioning power window switches. No accidents have been reported due to the defects, a Honda spokesman in Tokyo said. In Japan, the recall covers Fit vehicles produced between October 2005 and October 2009. The subcompacts were also sold overseas, mainly in China and other Asian countries. The spokesman said the company was not disclosing the cost of the global recall.

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9/6/11

Duration: 30

Topic: FLU VACCINE

Synopsis:

This fall, people seeking flu shots may be able to skip the big, scary needle and choose a new short-needle flu shot, called Fluzone intradermal. Fluzone intradermal uses a shorter, thinner needle called a microneedle to give flu shots just under the skin, rather than deeper in the muscle like standard flu shots. The shots' manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, said the microneedles are less than one-10th of an inch long and are about the width of a human hair. Standard flu shots are given with needles up to one and a half inches long. Dr. William Schaffner, chairman of preventive medicine at Vanderbilt

School of Medicine, said that when he tried a short-needle shot earlier this year, he barely felt it.

Duration: 30

Topic: POSTAL SERVICE WARNS IT COULD LOSE \$10 BILLION THIS YEAR

Synopsis:

U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe will ask Congress on Tuesday to take drastic measures to prevent the Postal Service from becoming insolvent and going out of business as early as this year. Never before has the Postal Service been in such dire straits: the agency is so low on cash that it may not be able to make a \$5.5 billion payment due this month for retirees and could have to shut down entirely this winter unless Congress takes emergency action. In a hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday, Donahoe will likely request that Congress allow the agency to override the anti-layoff provisions in its union contracts, Donahoe will also likely ask permission to withdraw his 563,000 employees from the health and retirement plans that cover federal employees so that the the agency can offer less generous programs.

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9/7/11

Duration: 30

Topic: JOB OPENINGS

Synopsis:

Companies in July advertised the most jobs in three years, and layoffs declined -- a bit of hope for a weak economy. Still, many employers are in no rush to fill openings. The Labor Department said Wednesday that employers increased their postings to 3.23 million from 3.17 million in June. That is the largest number of openings since August 2008. Typically, it takes anywhere from one to three months to fill an opening.

Duration: 30

Topic: REPUBLICAN DEBATE

Synopsis:

Rick Perry is looking to make a strong first impression on the national stage. Mitt Romney is hoping for another flawless debate performance. And Michele Bachmann, perhaps, is shooting for relevance in what increasingly appears to be a two-man GOP presidential race. With the national unemployment rate stuck at 9.1 percent, the economy was likely to dominate Wednesday's debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Republicans competing for the chance to challenge President Barack Obama next fall were taking the stage one day before the incumbent Democrat rolls out a jobs-creation plan. It's the first of three Republican presidential debates scheduled over the next three weeks.

Duration: 30

Topic: NYC SECURITY CAMERAS 9/11/11

Synopsis:

The so-called "ring of steel" is nearing completion in lower Manhattan. It's a network of security measures intended to counter-terrorism and fight crime. They are the sentinels of our high-tech age, monitoring the comings and goings of millions through a network of cameras across lower Manhattan. It's all coordinated on the 28th floor of a building downtown.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION AND AGING CHILDREN

Synopsis:

A federal appeals court has ruled that immigrants might have to wait years to bring their now-adult children to the country. A three-judge panel for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, Calif., has ruled that a 2002 law on children's immigration does not enable these now-grown children to come here more quickly. It can take more than a decade to obtain a green card through a relative, but only children under 21 can immigrate on their parents' petitions.

Duration: 30

Topic: AIRPORT SECURITY

Synopsis:

Homeland Security Department Secretary Janet Napolitano predicts that airline passengers in the future will no longer be instructed to remove their shoes at airport security checkpoints. But she adds that the technology to scan shoe-wearing passengers for bombs doesn't yet exist and may not be available soon.

Duration: 30

Topic: MEDICAID FRAUD

Synopsis:

A nationwide law enforcement crackdown has charged 91 people -- including doctors and other medical professionals -- with participating in Medicare fraud schemes involving \$295 million in false billing. Attorney General Eric Holder and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Wednesday that 70 people were charged in indictments unsealed Tuesday and Wednesday and 21 others were charged earlier, beginning Aug. 24. Charges were filed in Baton Rouge, La.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston; Los Angeles and Miami.

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9/12/11

Duration: 30

Topic: GLOW-IN-THE-DARK CATS, JELLYFISH AND MONKEYS MAY PREVENT AIDS

Synopsis:

Scientists may be locating a protection against AIDS, thanks in part to cats that glow in the dark, jellyfish and monkeys. Researchers at what is, according to The Washington Post, "a world-renowned medical complex that is often cited by President Obama as his model for national health-care reform," may have found a way to pass along a protective

gene that fights AIDS. Researchers are studying feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), which causes AIDS in cats in a similar manner as HIV causes the disease in humans. The study works to insert genes into cats that fight off the disease and can be passed on from mother cat to kittens, effectively wiping out the disease for future generations. The experiments use a glowing gene taken from a jellyfish that allows scientists to track the success of gene transference. The results are literally visible in the dark. If the transfer works, cats glow green or red.

Duration: 30

Topic: HISPANIC MAJORITY SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Synopsis:

Garance Burke of the Associated Press is reporting that more than half of all people sent to federal prison for committing felony crimes so far this year were Hispanic, a major demographic shift swollen by immigration offenses, according to a new government report released Tuesday. Hispanics, who already outnumber all other ethnic groups sentenced to serve time in prison for federal felonies, reached a new milestone for the first time this year, making up the majority of all federal felony offenders sentenced in the first nine months of fiscal year 2011, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Hispanics made up 50.3 percent of all people sentenced in that time period, blacks 19.7 percent and whites 26.4 percent. Last year Hispanics made up just 16 percent of the whole U.S. population. The commission's statistics also reveal that sentences for felony immigration crimes -- which include illegal crossing and other crimes, such as alien smuggling -- were responsible for most of the increase in the number of Hispanics sent to prison over the last decade. The demographic change in who is being sent to federal prison has already prompted debate among commissioners and experts studying the impact of expedited court hearings along the border. Critics of the arrests point to what this means for Hispanic families, especially when breadwinners are incarcerated for nonviolent offenses.

Duration: 30

Topic: BANK OF AMERICA LAYOFFS

Synopsis:

Bank of America Corp., the largest U.S. financial institution by assets, announced Monday a restructuring plan that calls for \$5 billion in annual cost reductions by 2014 and the elimination of 30,000 positions. Project New BAC - the name is based on the company's stock ticker symbol - aims to make Bank of America "a more focused, leaner, and more efficient company," according to a press release. "The company continues to sell non-core business units and assets that don't support its strategy, thereby strengthening the balance sheet, and improving capital and liquidity," the statement said. BAC said it expects much of the staff reduction to be accomplished through attrition. The Wall Street Journal reported last Friday that BAC was contemplating up to 40,000 layoffs. Project New BAC got under way last week with a management shakeup that saw David Darnell and Tom Montag named as co-chief operating officers of the giant bank, which currently has 288,000 employees. BAC is still trying to resolve the problems associated with the 2008 purchase of mortgage lender Countrywide Financial, a move that saddled the bank with massive losses. In a bid to

shore up confidence, BAC reached a deal last month with billionaire investor Warren Buffett, who paid \$5 billion to 50,000 preferred shares in the bank.

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9/13/11

Duration: 30

Topic: POVERTY RATE RISES, ESPECIALLY FOR HISPANICS

Synopsis:

More Americans are living in poverty than ever before - and for Hispanics, the trends are especially bleak. Their poverty rate went up 1.3 percent in 2010, the sharpest annual rise of any group except blacks. More than a quarter of Hispanics - some 13.2 million people - were living below poverty level, more than double the 9.9 percent rate of non-Hispanic whites, according to a new report from the US Census Bureau. The median household income for Hispanics dropped from \$38,667 to \$37,759 - a decrease of 2.3 percent.

Duration: 30

Topic: DIABETES STRIKE 366 MILLION PEOPLE

Synopsis:

Diabetes has gone global - and the epidemic is getting worse, says a global diabetes authority. A "staggering" 366 million people around the world have either Type 1 or 2 diabetes, says the International Diabetes Federation. The disease has taken a deadly toll, causing 4.6 million deaths each year, or one death every seven seconds. The diabetes epidemic is also heavy on healthcare spending, to the tune of \$465 billion a year to fight the disease. The federation says it's time for global officials to step up and commit more time and research to prevent diabetes. "The clock is ticking for the world's leaders," Jean Claude Mbanya, president of the federation, said in a written statement "We expect action from their meeting next week at the United Nations that will halt diabetes' relentlessly upwards trajectory." The federation, which represents associations from more than 160 countries, announced the figures in Lisbon, Portugal on Tuesday. It wants officials to outline concrete measures to stop the epidemic. Some experts suggest diabetes treatment should be integrated into local health clinics.

Duration: 30

Topic: E-COLI TESTING

Synopsis:

The six additional types of E. coli bacteria the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Monday it will begin testing for in beef next year can be just as dangerous as the one type it tests for now, and are more pervasive, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack said Tuesday. The USDA plans to declare the six strains as adulterants but won't begin barring raw beef sold in stores that is contaminated with them until March 2012, after it has accepted and analyzed public comment on the plan. Illness from E. coli O157:H7, the type the USDA currently tests for, is actually on the decline, as illnesses from other E. coli types increase, Mr. Vilsack said. In the last decade, he said, government data have indicated a 284% increase in confirmed illnesses as a result of other E. coli

bacteria, and a 27% decrease from E. coli 0157:H7. These other types of E. coli, including the six the USDA said it will add to the bacterial-adulterant list, are just as virulent as E. coli 0157:H7 and are responsible for twice as many illnesses in the U.S., Mr. Vilsack said. "All of the [E. coli bacteria] we are talking about today are capable of killing people," USDA Undersecretary for Food Safety Elisabeth Hagen said.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW MEXICO DRIVERS LICENSES

Synopsis:

Governor Susana Martinez last month ordered the state to verify that foreign nationals who've obtained a New Mexico driver's license actually live here to avoid fraud. Shortly after 10,000 letters were sent to people to confirm their residency earlier this month, several democratic lawmakers and a civil rights group sued to block the residency checks. In a packed courtroom Tuesday, Santa Fe Judge Sarah Singleton ordered a one-week extension of the temporary restraining order issued August 31st against the crackdown. Singleton told both sides to use that week to reach an agreement on how the state can investigate license fraud. "You have potentially 85,000 people who may be unfairly targeted by this program and the judge has said this is an unconstitutional program," said attorney Vincent Ward, who is representing the plaintiffs in the case. The state claimed the letters mailed out were sent to random homes. But Singleton is questioning that because all the letters went to license holders who never provided the state with their Social Security numbers.

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9/14/11

Duration: 30

Topic: TSA CHANGES RULES ON CHILD SHOE REMOVAL

Synopsis:

In a move that is sure to please many parents, the Transportation Security Administration will no longer ask children under 12 to remove their shoes at airport security checkpoints and will take steps to avoid invasive pat-downs. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced the changes to Congress on Tuesday. To avoid pat-downs on kids, screeners will send them through detectors and image machines multiple times and use hand swabs to check for traces of explosives, the AP reports. Still, some children may be required to randomly undergo these checks. "There will always be some unpredictability built into the system," Napolitano said. The move comes after several incidents of children being screened in a way that outraged parents and members of the public.

Duration: 30

Topic: NATIONWIDE USE OF E-VERIFY GOES BEFORE COMMITTEE

Synopsis:

After months on the back burner, the immigration issue returns to the political forefront Thursday when House Republicans take the first steps to require all businesses to verify their employees' work status electronically. The action starts in the House

Judiciary Committee, which will begin considering a bill to mandate use of E-Verify, a government-run system that enables businesses to check potential employees' Social Security numbers against a government database. The program is available currently on a voluntary basis. Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, Texas Republican and author of the bill, said he considers it a jobs measure that could help put Americans back to work in tough economic times by weeding out unauthorized employees. The bill has gained the support of businesses, which want a uniform national standard. "This legislation represents a legitimate balancing of many competing interests," the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said in announcing its backing earlier this year.

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA JOBS UPDATE: SMALL BUSINESSES

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama urged enthusiastic college students Wednesday to join him in his fight to get Congress to act on his new jobs bill. "Every single one of you can help make this bill a reality," the president called out at a hot and noisy rally at North Carolina State University. Someone in the crowd yelled out, "I love you!" "If you love me you got to help me pass this bill," the president responded. It was Obama's second campaign-style rally in two days as he pushes for action on his \$450 billion jobs plan. His program is running into a buzz saw of opposition from Republicans - and even some in his own Democratic Party - over his plans to raise taxes on the wealthy and corporations to pay for it. The president was in Ohio Tuesday, and last week in Virginia, as he travels key electoral states to sell the plan with the economy stuck in neutral heading into his 2012 re-election campaign. On Wednesday Obama's focus was small businesses, which would be helped by Social Security payroll tax cuts. Before speaking, he toured WestStar Precision, a small business in the Raleigh suburb of Apex. It makes specialized components for the aerospace, medical and alternative energy industries.

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9/15/11

Duration: 30

Topic: FORECLOSURES RATES

Synopsis:

More homeowners who've fallen behind on their mortgage payments have been getting that first default notice from the bank. The firm RealtyTrac says the number of U.S. homes that received an initial foreclosure notice in August went up 33 percent from the month before. The increase is a nine-month high and the biggest monthly gain in four years. The spike signals that banks are starting to take swifter action against homeowners, nearly a year after processing issues led to a sharp slowdown in foreclosures.

Duration: 30

Topic: E-VERIFY

Synopsis:

A House Republican bill that would require businesses to screen for undocumented immigrants is facing a growing bloc of opposition -- even from within the GOP. At a Thursday markup of the bill, which would mandate the use of an electronic screening system called E-Verify, one Republican Judiciary Committee member worried aloud that it would hurt agriculture businesses and drive workers underground. Democrats, who by and large oppose the bill, have been airing the same complaints for months, and are now forming an unlikely coalition with conservatives and Tea Partiers who oppose parts of the bill.

Duration: 30

Topic: CHIEF VENEGAS RESIGNS FROM SECURE COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

Synopsis:

This afternoon the federally appointed Task Force on Secure Communities submits its report to the Homeland Security Advisory Council with recommendations to improve the Secure Communities program. After weeks of hearing expert testimony and participating in deliberations and drafting of recommendations, Task Force Member, Arturo Venegas, retired Police Chief of Sacramento and Director of the Law Enforcement Engagement Initiative, was unable to endorse the final report and, submitted his resignation from the Task Force.

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9/17/11

Duration: 30

Topic: SECURE COMMUNITIES PLAN

Synopsis:

Secure Communities, a controversial immigration enforcement program, is under fire again. This time from a retired police chief. Arturo Venegas, a former Sacramento police chief, was appointed to serve on a federal task force created to review the program. This week he announced he was resigning from the task force because Secure Communities was "undermining public safety" and he couldn't endorse a forthcoming report by the group. A draft of the report states that Secure Communities could actually result in "greater levels of crime" because members of immigrant communities would be afraid to step forward as victims of or to report crimes. Under Secure Communities, state and local law enforcement officers are required to share the fingerprints of everyone booked into a jail with federal immigration officials. The program was launched in 2008 as a way to find and deport serious criminals, but it has led to the deportation of thousands of undocumented immigrants with no criminal convictions, or only minor ones.

Duration: 30

Topic: LESS LUNG CANCER

Synopsis:

Lung cancer rates are falling in the U.S., particularly in the western states of California and Nevada, the Associated Press reports. Lower smoking rates in the West are being credited for the decline in lung cancer cases, 90 percent of which are attributed to

smoking. Though lung cancer rates among men have been declining for years, the drop in female cases is much more recent, the Associated Press reports. Lung cancer rates for women nationally decreased about 2 percent from 2006 to 2008, the last year studied, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tells the AP. But the rate for women in select Western states fell about 4 percent in the same period. Female lung cancer rates did not decline in every state, but six states saw significant drops, including California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Florida, according to the Associated Press. That was enough to pull down the national rate, even though female cancer incidence rose slightly in 14 states.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION EXODUS

Synopsis:

Legal experts say they are concerned the draft legislation allowing asylum seekers to be processed offshore may be structured so it cannot be challenged in court. The proposed changes to the Migration Act were announced on Friday night and have drawn strong criticism from the Opposition, the Greens and human rights advocates. Under the changes, Immigration Minister Chris Bowen would have broad powers to send refugees to a third country for processing if he can prove to Parliament that it is in the public interest. The Government needs the changes to be allowed in order to resurrect the so-called Malaysian solution which was scuttled in the High Court last month. Mr Bowen has stood by the draft legislation even after being heckled and chased by protesters at a press conference in Sydney on Saturday. Among those against the changes are legal experts, who say the legislation would shred Australia's obligations under the United Nations Refugee Convention. Australian Lawyers Alliance president Greg Barns says he is concerned Mr Bowen will include a clause in the legislation that would mean the powers cannot be challenged in court. "Which means that it will say that a decision of the Minister is not appealable in any court of law in Australia," he said. "In other words, it'll just leave it to the Minister effectively to play God, with people's lives." But he says even if that is the case the laws may still be open to challenge as Australia has obligations under international human rights conventions. "It may be that this particular clause is so offensive through the rule of law that the courts might find creative ways of dealing with it," he said.

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9/18/11

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA TAXES

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama is expected to seek a new base tax rate for the wealthy to ensure that Millionaires pay at least at the same percentage as middle income taxpayers. A White House official said the proposal would be included in the president's proposal for long term deficit reduction that he will announce Monday. The official spoke anonymously because the plan has not been officially announced. The measure would be in addition to \$447 billion in new tax revenue that Obama is seeking to pay for his

short-term spending and tax cutting plan to jump start the economy. House Speaker John Boehner said Thursday he would oppose tax increases to reduce the deficit. The tax proposal was first reported by the New York Times.

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9/19/11

Duration: 30

Topic: CHILD ABUSE RECESSION

Synopsis:

An increase in child abuse, mostly in infants, is linked with the recent recession in new research that raises fresh concerns about the impact of the nation's economic woes. The results are in a study of 422 abused children from mostly lower-income families, known to face greater risks of being abused, and the research involved just 74 counties in four states. But lead author Dr. Rachel Berger of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh said the results confirm anecdotal reports from many pediatricians who've seen increasing numbers of shaken baby cases and other forms of brain-injuring abuse. Berger decided to study this type of injury, known as abusive head trauma, after noticing an increase at her own hospital from late 2007 through June 2009. Her hospital averaged 30 cases per year during those recession years versus 17 yearly before 2007. Though this abuse is still uncommon, the number of cases in the counties studied increased sharply, rising from about 9 cases per 100,000 children in pre-recession years, to almost 15 per 100,000 kids during the recession -- a 65 percent increase.

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9/20/11

Duration: 30

Topic: DON'T ASK DON'T TELL EXPIRATION

Synopsis:

I'm 32 years old. I'm a woman. I'm a United States Marine...and I'm a lesbian." With the repeal of the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy, Captain Sarah Pezzat can now say those words without fear of losing the job she loves. "I'm grateful now to be able to serve my country with integrity and with my dignity intact. I can now look forward to getting mobilized to active duty instead of feeling like I have to shove my family back into the closet," she said. President Obama signed the law allowing gays to serve openly in the military last December. The Department of Defense used the last nine months to put the new rules and training in place. Its leaders, who supported the law's repeal, addressed the historic day during a press briefing Tuesday. Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "It was fundamentally against everything we stand for as an institution to force people to lie about who they are just to wear a uniform. We are better than that. It's the right thing to do, it's done, it's time to move on." And Pezzat agrees there should be little fan fare. "I'm a Marine who happens to be a lesbian," she said. "I'm not a lesbian who happens to be a Marine. I'm not at work or deployed or anything like that to celebrate. That's what I do on my own time." Pezzat is now back in active duty, a choice she made before the 18-year-old law was repealed. But for others wishing to re-enlist, there's no special treatment or guarantee

they will get back in. New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand though says she believes the transition back for many will be smoother than anticipated.

Duration: 30

Topic: DIABETES AND ALZHEIMER

Synopsis:

To the long list of complications that should make you want to avoid diabetes, Japanese researchers have added this: People with diabetes are more than twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease and also have an increased risk of developing some kind of dementia. Diabetes, of course, is a metabolic disorder in which the body can't use insulin properly, causing a dangerous buildup of blood sugar (glucose). Nearly 11% of American adults have it, according to the National Institute of Health. The disease can lead to complications including kidney failure, nerve damage.

Duration: 30 .

Topic: UNITED STATES POVERTY INCREASE

Synopsis:

This past week, the Census Bureau reported that the poverty rate in America rose to heights not seen in decades. Georgia's poverty rate of 18.7 percent was higher than the national average of 15.1 percent. What do these figures mean, and what can be done about them? Perhaps the most visible face of these poverty statistics may be seen among the homeless who crowd around the shelters, the soup kitchens and the service providers in Atlanta. The people waiting in these lines are no longer just men who cannot afford housing. They are joined by women, some with children, who must struggle to secure their daily needs on the streets. Talk to them and to those who serve these poor. You'll hear the stories of higher numbers of people in need and tough times for the agencies that are trying to help.

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09/21/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: E VERIFY

Synopsis:

House Republicans on Wednesday jump-started the immigration debate, pushing through the Judiciary Committee a key immigration-enforcement measure to require businesses to check new employees' work status against a government database - but the fight highlighted deep divides that make it unlikely any bill clears Congress in the near future. In a sharp turnaround from their usual stances, Democrats fighting to defeat the bill accused Republicans of offering "amnesty" to at least some illegal-immigrant agriculture workers who would be exempt from checks for three years. Meanwhile, Republicans, who usually argue on behalf of states' rights, defended their bill, which would override existing state laws on electronic background checks. The bill was approved by the committee on a party-line 22-13 vote



09/22/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ECONOMY LATEST

Synopsis: The number of people applying for unemployment benefits fell last week, though the decline isn't enough to signal improvement in the job market. The Labor Department says weekly applications dropped 9,000 to a seasonally adjusted 423,000. The four-week average, a less volatile figure, rose slightly for the fifth straight week to 421,000. Applications are at about the same level as they were four weeks ago. Applications typically need to fall below 375,000 to significantly lower the unemployment rate. They haven't been that low since February.

Duration: 30

Topic: "SECURE COMUNITIES"

Synopsis: The future of the Department of Homeland Security's controversial Secure Communities program may not be so secure, thanks to the findings of a scorching new department report. Immigration watchers wonder whether the agency will dig deeply enough to address flaws identified in the program--which aims to prioritize deportation of serious criminals among illegal immigrants--whether any changes will merely be cosmetic, or whether the program's soiled reputation means it will have to be canceled outright. A draft of the report, produced by a special department task force and released last week, marks a critical point for the program: It would be painfully obvious if the agency ignored its own task force, and that would only compound its public relations problem. Secure Communities, a fingerprint-sharing system that returns the immigration status of those arrested in local jurisdictions, has faced mounting criticism from those who say it undermines trust between police officers and immigrant communities and sweeps up people for low-level violations, like driving with a broken taillight. In response, the Department of Homeland Security convened a collection of law enforcement officials, academics, union leaders, lawyers, and other experts into a task force to weigh the merits of the mounting criticism.

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09/24/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: BARACK OBAMA EDUCATION MESSAGE

Synopsis:

Young people in the United States are falling behind their overseas peers in reading, math and science, President Barack Obama said on Saturday (September 24), calling education reform an essential part of economic recovery. In his weekly address released on the Internet, Obama said as many as a quarter of American students are not finishing high school and far too few young people are getting college degrees. "It is an undeniable fact that countries who out-educate us today will out-compete us tomorrow. Businesses will hire wherever the highly skilled, highly trained workers are located," the Democrat said. "We have to pick up our game and raise our standards."

With the 2012 campaign for the U.S. presidency heating up, Obama is speaking increasingly often about education, a key issue for his political base. His \$447 billion job creation plan includes money for hiring teachers and school repairs, and on Friday he announced a loosening of "No Child Left Behind," a decade-old education measure introduced by former President George W. Bush that seeks to hold schools accountable for students' performance. "No Child" has been widely criticized for being inflexible, requiring teachers to adhere to a narrow curriculum targeted mostly at ensuring that students pass standardized tests.

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09/25/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: 40,000 LBS OF GROUND BEEF RECALLED

Synopsis:

A possible E. coli contamination has prompted a recall for 40-thousand pounds of ground beef, intended for Georgia school lunches. The beef was produced by Palo Duro Meat in Amarillo, Texas, and was to be distributed to a variety of institutions in Georgia, including six school districts. U-S-D-A authorities say they are not aware that the beef was served in schools. Neither the company nor the U-S-D-A has received any reports of illnesses related to consumption of the beef.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Synopsis:

The average price for a gallon of gasoline in the U.S. has dropped 12 cents over the past two weeks. That's according to the Lundberg Survey of fuel prices, released Sunday. It puts the average price of a gallon of regular at \$3.54. Midgrade costs an average of \$3.70 a gallon, and premium was at \$3.82. Diesel prices fell 4 cents, to an average of \$3.91 a gallon. Of the cities surveyed, St. Louis had the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.08. San Francisco had the highest at \$3.90.

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09/26/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis:

State officials announced Monday they've figured out a way to comply with Alabama's tough new immigration law without requiring motorists to stand in long lines at county courthouses to renew their license plates. Gov. Robert Bentley said Monday the new ALVerify system uses driver's license numbers and expiration dates to verify the legal status of people purchasing or renewing vehicle tags and when getting vehicle titles. Officials demonstrated the system at a news conference by trying the governor's driver's license. It worked - prompting comments from Bentley about how relieved he was.

Probate judges and other county officials had been worried about the impact of Alabama's new immigration law requiring them to verify the legal status of people purchasing or renewing license plates. They had feared it would require everyone to show up at the courthouse with their driver's licenses, state-issued identification cards or other documents during the first year of the law to renew their tags. Then county officials would have to copy the documents and store the information. For vehicles with joint ownership such as a husband and wife, they were worried that both would have to show up at the same time with their documents.

Duration: 30

Topic: LOCAL COLLEGES GET MILLIONS FROM FEDS TO ENHANCE EDUCATION

Synopsis:

More than 100 Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) will receive a total of \$107.4 million to strengthen and expand educational opportunities for Latino students, the U.S. Department of Education announced today. The HSI program provides grants to make college more attainable for Hispanic students and allows institutions to enhance their academic offerings, program quality and institutional stability. About \$100 million is designated for 109 grants that will enhance science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) components at schools that enroll a high percentage of Hispanic students. The grants may be used for purposes such as scientific or laboratory equipment for teaching, the construction or renovation of facilities, purchasing educational materials, academic tutoring or counseling programs, teacher education, and student support services. In addition, approximately \$7.8 million is being awarded through the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions program. Thirteen grants will be given to schools to assist them in furthering educational opportunities for students through faculty development, curriculum development, academic tutoring and mentoring, and other services.

Duration: 30

Topic: COFFEE AND DEPRESSION RISK

Synopsis:

In what might be good news for coffee drinkers, a new study found that women who regularly consume the caffeinated beverage are less likely to suffer depression. Women who had two to three cups of coffee a day had about a 15% lower risk of developing depression during a 10-year period than women who had only one cup of coffee or less per week. Consuming four or more cups a day reduced the risk of depression even more, by 20%. The study, by Harvard University researchers, analyzed health data of more than 50,000 women who were part of the Nurses' Health Study, a federally funded effort that has followed thousands of registered nurses for decades to assess risk factors for cancer and other diseases.

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09/27/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: MACYS EMPLOYMENT

Synopsis:

Macy's plans to fill 78-thousand temporary spots this holiday season. That's a four-percent increase from last year. The company needs to staff Macy's and Bloomingdale's stores, call centers, distribution centers and warehouses. Most of the seasonal positions are part-time. But the company says in some cases, they could lead to permanent jobs. Macy's stock rose two-percent following the announcement.

Duration: 30

Topic: ARMY 50,000-SOLDIER DRAWDOWN

Synopsis:

The Army is preparing to launch in March a five-year, nearly 50,000-soldier drawdown, using a combination of accession cuts and voluntary and involuntary separations, similar to the post-Cold War drawdown of the 1990s, according to Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, service personnel chief. Bostick, the Army G-1, said the pending drawdown initially will focus on the temporary 22,000-soldier increase launched three years ago to support the Afghanistan troop surge. These soldiers can be removed from the force primarily through offsets in accessions and retention, sources say.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis:

Alabama officials Monday morning unveiled a system of verifying driver's licenses that they say will comply with the state's strict new immigration law while allowing drivers to renew tags online. The system, called ALVerify, was developed by the Center for Advanced Public Safety at the University of Alabama. The system allows individuals to type in a last name, driver's license number and license expiration date into a site on the Alabama Department of Revenue website. The site then checks the information against the Alabama Department of Public Safety's driver's license database to verify the information, and returns a confirmation number if the information exists in the database. The immigration law, signed by Gov. Robert Bentley on June 9, requires proof of citizenship to renew driver's licenses and motor vehicle tags. Several license commissioners and probate judges around the state said that the requirement meant that even people renewing tags online would have to first go into offices to prove citizenship. Some feared that would mean additional burdens for staff and long lines for those renewing tags.

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09/28/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ICE RAID "CROSS CHECK"

Synopsis:

A month after promising to focus on deporting the most serious criminal immigrants, the Obama administration says it has rounded up nearly 3,000 criminals. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said Wednesday they have arrested 2,901 criminal immigrants in the last week.

The arrests come just a month after Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced that immigration officials would focus enforcement efforts on serious criminals and delay deportation cases for most non-criminal immigrants who don't pose a threat to public safety or national security.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA ANTIIMMIGRANT LAW HB 6

Synopsis:

A federal judge Wednesday blocked parts of Alabama's crackdown on illegal immigration but let stand a provision requiring public schools to determine the legal residency of children. The Alabama law is widely seen as the toughest state measure on illegal immigration, and supporters hailed the judge's decision as "a great victory."

Duration: 30

Topic: CANTALOUPE LISTERIA

Synopsis:

Cases of illness in the U.S. listeria outbreak linked to tainted cantaloupes -- already the deadliest in a decade -- likely will rise in the next month as more people who have been infected with the bacteria begin to develop symptoms, health officials said on Wednesday. To date, 13 people have died and 72 people have been infected in the outbreak in 18 states, including two pregnant women, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Duration: 30

Topic: BRONX OBESITY

Synopsis:

Senator Gustavo Rivera (D,WF-Bronx) and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. came together to announce the launch of the Bronx CAN Health Initiative at the Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center in the 33rd Senate District alongside community partners. The Bronx CAN Health Initiative brings together individuals, doctors and other health providers, places of worship, community gardens and community centers, schools, and civic-minded groups of all kinds to promote the types of behaviors that lead to healthy lifestyles. The goal of the Bronx CAN Health Initiative is to have all the members of our community - young and old alike - build healthier lives, free of ailments like obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, and cardiovascular

disease. Goals included losing weight, exercising a certain amount of times a week, quitting smoking, and bringing down cholesterol levels.

Duration: 30

Topic: INMATEST ABUSE COMPLAINTS

Synopsis:

Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies brutalized inmates on multiple occasions and their supervisors failed to take complaints of the abuse seriously, according to sworn declarations from two chaplains and a Hollywood producer who volunteered in the jails. Two of the volunteers said they heard deputies yell "stop fighting" as deputies pummeled inmates who appeared to be doing nothing to fight back. The allegations come on the heels of Los Angeles Times stories detailing probes into deputy misconduct in the jails. The declarations are expected to be filed in court Wednesday as part of a report compiled by the American Civil Liberties Union, which is a court-appointed monitor of jailhouse conditions.

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Duration: 30

Topic: HB-56

Synopsis:

A coalition of civil rights and immigrant advocacy groups filed an appeal Thursday of a federal judge's ruling that let stand much of Alabama's tough new immigration law. The groups, along with President Barack Obama's administration and church leaders, have sought to block what is widely seen as the toughest state crackdown on illegal immigration. Chief U.S. District Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn ruled Wednesday that Alabama could begin requiring public schools to determine the legal residency of children. She also gave the green light for police to detain people suspected of being in the United States illegally if they cannot produce proper documentation when stopped for any reason. Alabama Governor Robert Bentley and fellow Republican lawmakers hailed the judge's decision as a major win in their efforts to curb illegal immigration in their state. Federal judges have previously blocked key parts of immigration laws passed in Georgia, Arizona, Utah and Indiana. The Obama administration argues that the Constitution bars states from adopting immigration measures that conflict with federal laws.

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9/30/11

Duration: 30

Topic: LETTUCE RECALL

Synopsis:

A California farm said Thursday it was voluntarily recalling bags of chopped romaine lettuce because of possible contamination with listeria, though no illnesses have been reported. True Leaf Farms of Salinas announced the recall of 90 cartons that were

shipped to an Oregon food service distributor. From the distributor, it might have gone to at least two other states, Washington and Idaho. The Food and Drug Administration notified the company that a sample from one bag taken as part of a random check tested positive for listeria.

Duration: 30

Topic: HB 56 IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis:

The parties opposed to Alabama's HB 56, who are petitioners in the federal courts in Alabama regarding the constitutionality of Alabama's HB 56, the State's anti-immigrant law passed and signed into law this summer, have filed today an Emergency Motion to Stay /Enjoin Portions of HB 56 Pending Appeal. This comes after yesterday's order staying portions of the anti-immigrant law, which was to go in effect on September 1, 2011, and permitting other sections of the law to go into effect. The appeal is to the Sections that the court did not stay. The object of the motion is to have the court stay the implementation of those sections that were not stayed by yesterday's court order until the appeals court which will hear the appeal on the lower court's decision renders a decision on the appeal.

Duration: 30

Topic: FREDDIE MAC MORTGAGES

Synopsis:

Mortgage rates have skated near record lows for weeks. But now it can finally be said: Long-term rates in the United States have never been lower. This week, the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell to 4.01 percent, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said in its weekly report. That's the lowest since it began keeping records in 1971. For months, Freddie had pointed to data from the National Bureau of Economic Research showing that rates were lower in the early 1950s, when long-term mortgages typically lasted just 20 or 25 years.

Duration: 30

Topic: BANK OF AMERICA FEE

Synopsis:

Bank of America plans to start charging customers a \$5 monthly fee for using their debit card for purchases. The fee will be rolled out starting early next year. A number of banks have either rolled out or are testing such fees. Bank of America's announcement carries added weight because it is the largest U.S. bank by deposits.

=====END OF THE SEPTEMBER REPORT=====

AGENDA WASHINGTON / HOST: MARIO SOL / airs on WFDC Univision Washington

June the 29th, 2011 - SHOW #25 –FOCUS DRIVEN-

GUEST: JOSE ALBERTO UCLES –DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-

TOPIC: SAFETY DRIVING AND DISTRACTING DRIVING.

ON AIR WFDC: JULY THE 03RD, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JULY THE 10TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

July the 06, 2011 - SHOW #26 -EVERGREEN-

GUEST: ELMER CARREÑO M.D.

TOPIC: COLON CANCER

ON AIR WFDC: JULY THE 10TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JULY THE 17TH, 2010 AT 7:30AM

July the 13th, 2011 - SHOW #27 –SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM-

GUEST: NANCY NAVARRO –MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCELOR -

TOPIC: SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

ON AIR WFDC: JULY 17TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JULY 24TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

July the 20th, 2011 - SHOW # 28 NATIONAL DEBT.

GUESTS: MARICRUZ MAGOWAN –ECONOMIST AND REPUBLICAN STRATEGIST- AND CARLOS INDACOCHEA – PROFESSOR AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY-.

TOPIC: NATIONAL DEBT.

ON AIR WFDC: JULY THE 24TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JULY THE 31ST, 2011 AT 7:30AM

July the 27th, 2011 - SHOW #29 CHILDREN OBESSITY

GUESTS: CLAUDIA CAMPOS –PSYCOLOGIST- AND MD. MARGARITA KULLICK –NEFROLOGIST -.

TOPIC: CHILDREN OBESSITY

ON AIR WFDC: JULY THE 31ST, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: AUGUST THE 07TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

August the 03rd, 2011 - SHOW# 30 –ELDERLY PEOPLE-

GUESTS: CRISTINA MARTIN FIRVIDA –AARP- AND ANGEL IRENE –VIDA CENTER DIRECTOR-.

TOPIC: ELDERLY PEOPLE.

ON AIR WFDC: AUGUST THE 07TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: AUGUST THE 14TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

August the 10th, 2011 - SHOW# 31 –DEPORTATIONS-

GUESTS: CECILIA MUNOZ –WHITE HOUSE- AND KATHERINE VARGAS –NATIONAL IMMIGRATION FORUM-.

TOPIC: DEPORTATIONS

ON AIR WFDC: AUGUST THE 14TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: AUGUST THE 21ST, 2010 AT 7:30AM

August the 17th, 2011 - SHOW #32 –CITIZENSHIP TUTORIAL-

GUESTS: GLORIA MONTANO GREENE –NALEO- AND JOSE PERTIERRA –LAWYER IMMIGRATION TOPICS EXPERT-.

TOPIC: CITIZENSHIP TUTORIAL

ON AIR WFDC: AUGUST 21ST, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: AUGUST 28TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

August the 24th, 2011 – SHOW # 33 –DEPORTATIONS-

GUEST: LUIS MIRANDA –WHITE HOUSE-.

TOPIC: GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEPORTATIONS

ON AIR WFDC: AUGUST THE 28TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: SEPTEMBER THE 04TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

August the 31st, 2011

SPECIAL PROGRAMMATION ON UNIVISION - SHOW WAS NOT ON AIR

ON AIR WFDC: SEPTEMBER THE 04TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

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ON AIR WMDO: SEPTEMBER THE 11TH, 2010 AT 7:30AM

GUESTS: LIGIA PERALTA M.D –PEDIATRICIAN AND EPIDEMIOLOGIST FROM UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND- AND LEONEL FLORES M.D –SPECIALIST ON MEDICINE FOR TEENEGERS AND SEXUAL DISEASES FROM UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

TOPIC: CONCERN ABOUT HOW HISPANIC YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPOSED TO BE INFECTED OF SEXUAL DISEASES.

September the 07th, 2011 –NO RECORDING- SPECIAL PROGRAMATION ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11TH.

ON AIR WFDC: SEPTEMBER THE 11TH, 2011.

ON AIR WMDO: SEPTEMBER THE 18TH, 2010 AT 7:30AM

GUEST: ELMER CARREÑO M.D.

TOPIC: COLON CANCER

September the 14th, 2011 - SHOW# 34 –EVERGREEN-

GUEST: ELMER CARREÑO M.D.

TOPIC: COLON CANCER

ON AIR WFDC: SEPTEMBER THE 18TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: SEPTEMBER THE 25TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

September the 21, 2011 - SHOW# 35 –EVERGREEN-

GUEST: ROCIO SALAS-CARRILLO M.D. ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES AND METABOLISM ESPECIALIST AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

TOPIC: OBESITY AND THE MAIN CONSEQUENCES FOR HEALTH.

ON AIR WFDC: SEPTEMBER THE 25TH, 2010 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: OCTUBER THE 09TH, 2010 AT 7:30AM