

**NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS JULY 2012**

July 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012

**07/02/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CAFFEINE LINKED TO LOWER SKIN CANCER RISK**

**Time Aired: 2:30PM**

**Synopsis**

News about skin cancer with the summer sun blazing down experts say be sure to use sunscreen and to cover exposed skin. A study by the American Association for Cancer Research looked at more than 100-thousand people who consumed caffeine. It found that those who drank more caffeinated coffee developed, on average, less basal cell skin cancer.

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**07/03/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ARPAIO SB1070 ARRESTS**

**Time Aired: 2:30PM**

**Synopsis**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have responded to Maricopa County Sheriff deputies' request to take custody of two suspected illegal immigrants in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Sheriff Joe Arpaio said Monday evening's encounter was the first between his deputies and federal officers since the recent Supreme Court decision to uphold part of Arizona's controversial immigration law. The Supreme Court upheld the provision in the law that allows police to try to determine the immigration status of people they stop or arrest if they have a reasonable suspicion that they're in the country illegally.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HEALTHCARE LAW CALIFORNIA**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis**

Close to two million Latinos in California will be covered under the Affordable Care Act either through Medi-Cal expansion or through the Health Exchange. It's really the most important [sector] for a couple of reasons -- because that's the population that's going to pay the most out-of-pocket for health services, medications and other services, and also because it's the largest uninsured population that we have in California.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: 5 MILLION IN VITRO BABIES**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis**

The International Committee for Monitoring Assisted Reproductive Technologies, an independent, international non-profit organization that collects and disseminates world data, presented their estimates of successful births resulting from IVF and ICSI treatments at the 28th annual meeting of ESHRE the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology, on Sunday. They based their 5 million estimate on "the number of IVF and ICSI treatment cycles recorded worldwide up to 2008 with estimations added for the following three years," according to an ESHRE press release. The release goes on to say that the cumulative total of births was put at 4.6 million for last year, and that this year it will reach about 5 million.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: FIRST EVER HIV HOME TEST**  
**Time Aired: 5:30PM**  
**Synopsis**

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first over-the-counter HIV test, allowing Americans to test themselves for the virus that causes AIDS in the privacy of their homes. The OraQuick test from Orasure is designed to detect the presence of HIV using a mouth swab within 20 minutes. Government officials estimate one-fifth, or about 240,000 people, of the 1.2 million HIV carriers in the U.S. are not aware they are infected. Testing is one of the chief means of slowing new infections, which have held steady at about 50,000 per year for two decades.

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**07/04/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CHEESE RECALL LISTERIA**  
**Time Aired: 2:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

A state official is warning consumers, especially in Queens, the Bronx, and Brooklyn, to not eat certain Queso Fresco, Fresh Cheese products made by Mexicali Cheese Corp. because of possible listeria contamination. The product affected is in a rigid 14-ounce plastic tub that displayed the plant number 36-0128 and a code of 071512 and is labeled "Mexicali Queso Fresco Mexicano, Mexican Style Fresh Cheese" or "Acatlan Queso Fresco, Fresh Cheese." An inspector from the Division of Milk Control and Dairy Services took a routine sample of the cheese on June 20, 2012, that later tested positive for Listeria monocytogenes, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail, or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: RECORD HEAT 4th OF JULY**  
**Time Aired: 6:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

George Washington never had air conditioning, but he knew how to keep cool: a mansion with lots of windows elevated on the banks of a wide, rolling river and lots of ice cream, maybe with a little brandy. It was a little like the old days without electricity Wednesday, as the nation's capital region celebrated Independence Day the better part of a week into a widespread blackout that left millions of residents sweltering in 90-plus degree heat without air conditioning. Utilities have slowly been restoring service knocked out by a freak storm Friday from the Midwest to the Mid-Atlantic, and at least 26 people have died in the storm or its aftermath.

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**07/06/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CALIFORNIA IMMIGRATION LAW**  
**Time Aired: 2:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

A bill that that would restrict California law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement efforts passed the state Senate on Thursday. The Trust Act would prohibit police and sheriff's officials from detaining arrestees for possible deportation unless the suspects have previous convictions for a serious or violent felony. The measure is aimed at blunting federal immigration enforcement, in particular the Secure Communities program, under which fingerprints of arrestees are shared with immigration officials who issue hold orders. The legislation now goes to the Assembly, where even opponents say it is likely to pass. If signed into law, the measure would mark another in a string of state legislative efforts on behalf of California's estimated 2.55 million illegal immigrants. The bill follows

several months of controversy over whether Secure Communities can be imposed on local jurisdictions, some of which adopted rules to keep local law enforcement separate from immigration enforcement.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT**

**Time Aired: 2:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. employers added only 80,000 jobs in June, a third straight month of weak hiring that shows the economy is struggling. The Labor Department says the unemployment rate was unchanged at 8.2 percent. The economy has added just 75,000 jobs a month in the April-June quarter. That's one-third of 226,000 a month created in the first quarter. Job creation is also trailing last year's pace through the first six months of 2012. A weaker job market has made consumers less confident. They have pulled back on spending, even though gas prices have plunged. High unemployment could shift momentum to Mitt Romney, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee. An Associated Press-GfK poll released last month found that more than half of those surveyed disapproved of President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MORTGAGE RATES**

**Time Aired: 6:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

They've enabled banks to pay almost nothing to depositors and on money borrowed from other banks or the government. They're paying an average of 0.5 percent on money-market accounts and interest checking accounts. Yet they charge their own borrowers much higher rates on credit cards and other loans. They're taking in an average of around 16 percent on credit cards, 5.7 percent on home equity loans, 3.8 percent on auto loans and 3.6 percent on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages.

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07/08/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES UP**

**Time Aired: 2:20**

**Synopsis:**

Consumers have enjoyed falling gasoline prices at the pump, which show few signs of heading higher, analysts and traders said. Benchmark gasoline futures-known as reformulated gasoline blend stock, or RBOB-have plunged 20% from the highs reached in March, settling Friday at \$2.7160 a gallon. Prices at the pump topped out this year at \$3.936 a gallon in April but have fallen 17%, according to the auto club AAA, with a gallon of regular nonleaded gasoline averaging \$3.358. Gasoline stockpiles are growing, and consumer demand remains weak. The recent purchase of one of the East Coast's biggest refiners by a private-equity firm eased fears of a supply squeeze. Market participants are pointing to ample supplies of the fuel and little pressure pushing up prices.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: INTERNET WOES**

**Time Aired: 3:21**

**Synopsis:**

Internet users scanning their Twitter feeds or Facebook accounts Sunday might want to add one quicker click to check their computer for malware. Thousands of people around the country whose computers were infected with malicious software more than a year ago faced the possibility of not being able to get online after midnight EDT. At 12:01 a.m. EDT. The FBI planned to shut down the Internet servers set up as a temporary safety net to keep infected computers online for the past eight months. The court order the agency obtained to keep the servers running expired, and it was not renewed.

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07/09/2012

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ONLINE VIRUS**

**Time Aired: 2:21**

**Synopsis:**

Some may find their Smartphone's working overtime because the family computer couldn't seem to connect to the Internet Monday morning. You may be one of thousands across the country who waited too long or simply didn't believe the warnings, and your Internet may have shut down just after midnight because of malware that took over computers around the world more than a year ago. At 12:01 a.m. EDT, the FBI turned off the Internet servers that were functioning as a temporary safety net to keep infected computers online for the past eight months. The court order the agency had gotten to keep the servers running expired, and it was not renewed. Now, if your computer is infected, your only hope is your Internet service provider's help desk.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: LANDLORD WATCH LIST, NEW YORK**

**Time Aired: 4:21**

**Synopsis:**

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio today announced the latest additions to his New York City's Worst Landlords Watch List. There are now 330 landlords listed who own a total of 360 buildings. The site, which is featured on Craigslist.org to assist apartment hunters, also includes an updated list of 255 buildings that have been officially removed from the Watch List because violations like lead paint, infestations and mold have been addressed. The new #1 Worst Landlord is College Management in the Bronx, which owns three Watch List buildings at 1259, 1265 and 1269 College Avenue in the Bronx, with a combined 724 housing code violations. Tenants in the buildings are working with Community Action for Safe Apartments-New Settlement Apartments, Bronx Legal Services and New York Lawyers for the Public Interest to secure a court-appointed "7A Administrator" who will make necessary repairs neglected by College Management.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA & GOP TAX FIGHT**

**Time Aired: 4:21**

**Synopsis:**

President Barack Obama is launching a push to extend tax cuts for the middle class, starting with an address from the White House on Monday. A senior administration official says Obama will call for a one-year extension of tax cuts for people making less than \$250,000 a year. House Republicans are expected to push this month for a measure to extend all of the Bush-era tax cuts due to expire at the end of the year, including reductions on wealthier income earners. An official at Obama's re-election campaign says it will promote the president's economic agenda in a series of events this week in battleground states, including New Hampshire, Colorado and Nevada. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity in order to preview Obama's announcement.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: WORKING WITHOUT SALARY**

**Time Aired: 5:21**

**Synopsis:**

A new survey from good technology, a mobile security firm, found we're putting in an extra 45 days a year and not getting paid for it. The problem is that 80-percent of people keep working even after they've left the office. Between Smartphone's, I-pads, and tablet computers, it's easy to stay connected. Some people keep working to stay organized. Others say they don't have a choice because their customers demand quick responses. And some workers are just addicted.... they can't turn their devices off. They check them when they're out with family and at the dinner table. But families are getting used to this growing trend. Many people say their significant others aren't upset with them when they work while they're off the clock.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: DOGS AND KIDS**  
**Time Aired: 5:21**

**Synopsis:**

Dogs are no longer just man's best friend: The furry family members may also protect infants against breathing problems and infections, a new study suggests. Researchers found that Finnish babies who lived with a dog or - to a lesser extent - a cat spent fewer weeks with ear infections, coughs or running noses. They were also less likely to need antibiotics than infants in pet-free homes.

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07/10/2012

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: LETTUCE RECALL OVER SALMONELLA CONCERNS**  
**Time Aired: 2:30**

**Synopsis:**

Some lettuce lovers in California and Nevada are being told to take a close look at their vegetable crispers. Pacific International Marketing is voluntarily recalling cases of bulk romaine lettuce because of possible salmonella contamination. They were sold at Vons and Pavilions stores in bulk produce bins between July second and fourth. The lettuce was banded with red twist ties reading "Safeway." The Food and Drug Administration says there haven't been any illnesses reported. No carton or bagged romaine lettuce are impacted by this recall.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: BORDER PATROL STATIONS TO CLOSE**  
**Time Aired: 4:30**

**Synopsis:**

The Obama administration is moving to shut down nine Border Patrol stations across four states, triggering a backlash from local law enforcement, members of Congress and Border Patrol agents themselves. Critics of the move warn the closures will undercut efforts to intercept drug and human traffickers in well-traveled corridors north of the U.S.-Mexico border. Though the affected stations are scattered throughout northern and central Texas, and three other states, the coverage areas still see plenty of illegal immigrant activity -- one soon-to-be-shuttered station in Amarillo, Texas, is right in the middle of the I-40 corridor; another in Riverside, Calif., is outside Los Angeles.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: BLOOMBERG APARTMENT PROPOSAL**  
**Time Aired: 4:30**

**Synopsis**

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has yet another idea to improve the lives of New Yorkers: micro apartments. Yesterday he proposed that single people should live in studios no larger than 300 square feet. The size of this apartment is now considered illegal because it's so small, but never fear, the good mayor plans on changing the zoning laws so the new tiny apartments will be legal. One might think that an apartment that's barely large enough for a toaster would be cheaper to rent. Does \$2,000 a month sound cheap? The mayor said that single-person apartments are rare in the city and are in high demand. But it's an apartment that people want, not a room that's the size of half a train car.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: OBESITY CONTAGIOUS**  
**Time Aired: 4:30**

**Synopsis**

Obesity is contagious - with people who have a higher number of fat friends or relatives at greater risk of becoming obese themselves, new research warns. And while standing beside a fat pal has long been regarded as a way of looking good in pictures, the new findings could spell the end of fat-thin friendships. Researchers have found a number of ways that fat people could influence their pals' girth.

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07/11/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HEALTHCARE REPUBLICANS**

**Time Aired: 2:30**

**Synopsis**

Pressing an election-year point, Republicans pushed yet another bill through the House on Wednesday to repeal the nation's two-year-old health care law, a maneuver that forced Democrats to choose between President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement and a public that is persistently skeptical of its value. The vote was 244-185, with five Democratic defectors siding with Republicans.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CAFFEINE LINKED TO KID BEHAVIOR**

**Time Aired: 4:30**

**Synopsis**

If your kindergartner is hyperactive, there's no reason to blame the caffeine you had during pregnancy, new research suggests. In a study of more than 3,400 five- and six-year-olds, reported in the journal Pediatrics, researchers found no evidence that the children's behavioral problems were related to their mothers' caffeine intake during pregnancy. The odds of hyperactivity, inattention or other issues at home or school were not raised among kids whose moms had downed more than 425 milligrams of caffeine per day during pregnancy. That's roughly equivalent to the amount in three cups, or 24 ounces, of coffee a day. But that doesn't mean caffeine is completely in the clear, according to Eva M. Loomans, of Tilburg University in the Netherlands, who led the study.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NO MORE CAVITIES**

**Time Aired: 7:30**

**Synopsis**

Two scientists have discovered a molecule that kills the bacteria that can cause tooth decay, meaning a treatment for cavity-proof teeth could be on the way. José Cordova of Yale University and Erich Astudillo from the University of Chile named the molecule "Keep 32" a reference the number of teeth in the human mouth -- and now the duo is waiting to begin performing trials on humans, Gizmodo reports. The molecule targets Streptococcus Mutans, the bacteria that turns sugar into the lactic acid that affects tooth enamel and can lead to decay.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SKIN CANCER**

**Time Aired: 10:30**

**Synopsis**

A simple and painless test can help doctors diagnose one of the most deadly forms of cancer-Melanoma. Using a full body scan, doctors can detect skin cancer even before you can see it on your skin.

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07/12/2012

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: LARGE SODAS**

**Time Aired: 2:30**

**Synopsis**

Mayor Bloomberg, flexing the government's regulatory muscle, has proposed legislation banning sugary beverages over 16 ounces in New York city's restaurants, sports venues, movie theatres, deli's, and street carts. His critics, furious over this measure, have nicknamed him "Nanny Bloomberg." Rather than fearing

government overreach, however, they should look at the proposed ban through its appropriate lens-as a preventative health measure with the potential to combat obesity and its related diseases.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MINORITIES TO BE COMPENSATED FOR BAD LOANS**

**Time Aired: 5:30**

**Synopsis**

The Justice Department announced a fair-lending settlement with Wells Fargo & Co., Thursday morning that will compensate tens of thousands of the bank's African-American and Hispanic borrowers who were steered into high-cost, subprime mortgages. A \$175 million price tag is attached to one part of the national settlement, compensating more than 34,000 Wells' customers nationally whose loans were originated by non-bank mortgage brokers. Another undetermined sum, expected to be many more millions of dollars, will be used to compensate victims who received bad mortgages directly from Wells Fargo employees. The bank still has to review its records to identify those customers. In Illinois, the known part of the settlement includes \$8 million in cash payments that will be made to 3,300 customers.

**Synopsis:**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MORTGAGE RATES**

**Time Aired: 7:30**

**Synopsis**

Average U.S. rates on fixed mortgages fell again to record lows, giving would-be buyers more incentive to brave the housing market. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac says the average rate on the 30-year loan fell to 3.56 percent. That's down from 3.62 percent last week and the lowest since long-term mortgages began in the 1950s. The average rate on the 15-year mortgage, a popular refinancing option, dipped to 2.86 percent, below last week's previous record of 2.89 percent. The rate on the 30-year loan has fallen to or matched record low levels in 11 of the past 12 weeks.

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**7/13/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FREE INTERNET**

**Time Aired: 9:30PM**

**Synopsis**

With fewer people using pay phones, New York City has launched a pilot project to make the kiosks more relevant. Some pay phones will now work as free Wi-Fi hotspots, an amenity that service providers hope to eventually monetize through advertising. Just when you thought that the New York City pay phone was becoming obsolete, city officials decided to breathe new life into the ubiquitous kiosk. Access is currently available at 10 locations, with additional hotspots expected to follow in coming months.

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**7/16/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SEIZING MOTGAGES**

**Time Aired: 3:30PM**

**Synopsis**

In the foreclosure-battered inland stretches of California, local government officials desperate for change are weighing a controversial but inventive way to fix troubled mortgages: Condemn them. Officials from San Bernardino County and two of its cities have formed a local agency to consider the plan. But investors who stand to lose money on their mortgage investments have been quick to register their displeasure.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PARENTS PULLING BACK ON COLLEGE SPENDING**

**Time Aired: 3:30PM**

**Synopsis**

Families have implemented more cost-saving strategies to cut college spending in the past academic year, choosing less expensive schools and finding more economical ways for students to attend. More students also are living at home in order to help afford college, according to new survey results. The findings are from an annual study released Monday by Sallie Mae, the country's largest student lender. They show that the average amount spent on college by families responding to the survey declined by 5 percent in the 2011-12 school year. More parents and students alike said they make their college decisions based on the cost they can afford to pay than in the previous four studies.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HIV DRUG FDA**

**Time Aired: 5:30PM**

**Synopsis**

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first drug shown to reduce the risk of HIV infection, a milestone in the 30-year battle against the virus that causes AIDS. The agency approved Gilead Sciences' pill Truvada as a preventive measure for people who are at high risk of acquiring HIV, such as those who have sex with HIV-infected partners.

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**7/17/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NISSAN RECALL**

**Synopsis**

Nissan is recalling 11,076 Nissan Jukes because the rear seatback may not be secured, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The affected vehicles were built from February 3, 2012 through May 26, 2012. The problem was discovered during internal component testing. No other Nissan or Infiniti vehicles are affected by the recall. Nissan dealers will replace the seatback strikers in the affected vehicles. The recall is expected to begin at the end of July. Owners can contact Nissan at 1-800-647-7261.

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**7/18/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: US ARIZONA NEW OFFENSIVE**

**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis**

Arizona's hard-line immigration enforcement law launched a new effort Tuesday aimed at thwarting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that will allow police to enforce the so-called "show me your papers" provision. A coalition of civil rights groups, religious leaders and business organizations filed a new request seeking a court order that would prevent authorities from enforcing a rule that requires police to check the immigration status of people they stop for other reasons. The groups are asking U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton to block enforcement of the requirement before it takes effect, arguing that Latinos in Arizona would face systematic racial profiling and unreasonably long detentions under the contentious section of the 2010 law.



**Duration: 30**

**Topic: VIAGRA FOR THE MIND**

**Time Aired: 2:30PM**

**Synopsis**

Provigil, a medication for adults affected by narcolepsy and other sleep disorders, is being abused by successful people who refer to it as "Viagra for the mind," according to ABC News. The report chronicled the use of the drug by a computer programmer, a Washington lobbyist and a brain researcher who praised the focused, wakeful sensation they claim to achieve by taking the pill.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NO EXERCISING CAUSES DEATHS**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis**

When it comes to being couch potatoes, Americans aren't alone. Physical inactivity has become a global pandemic, say researchers in a series of related papers published in the journal *Lancet*. According to one of the reports, lack of exercise causes as many as 1 in 10 premature deaths around the world each year - roughly as many as smoking. About 5.3 million of the 57 million deaths worldwide in 2008 could be attributed to inactivity, the new report estimates, largely due to four major diseases: heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, breast cancer and colon cancer. The study finds that if physical inactivity could be reduced by just 10%, it could avert some 533,000 deaths a year; if reduced by 25%, 1.3 million deaths could be prevented. Say we got everyone off the couch and eliminated inactivity altogether: the life expectancy of the world's population would rise by about 0.68 years (more, if you discount those who were already active), comparable to the effect of doing away with smoking or obesity.

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7/19/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NAPOLITANO ON IMMIGRATION**

**Time Aired: 3:30PM**

**Synopsis**

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is heading to Congress to discuss immigration. Napolitano, who is to appear Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee, is testifying for the first time since the Obama administration announced plans to stop deporting many illegal immigrants brought to the United States as children who don't have a criminal record. The policy change, which could affect more than a million illegal immigrants, allows eligible people to stay in the country and apply for work permits. House Republicans have widely criticized the plan, calling it "backdoor amnesty" that circumvents the will of Congress.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FORECLOSURES OLDER AMERICANS**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis**

A new report from AARP says more than 1.5 million older Americans have lost their homes, and millions more are at risk as the national housing crisis takes its toll on those who are among the worst positioned to weather the storm. The report says older African Americans and Hispanics are the hardest hit.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SAN BERNARDINO BANKRUPTCY**

**Time Aired: 6:30PM**

**Synopsis**

The city of San Bernardino, Calif., took a giant step towards filing for bankruptcy protection from its creditors Tuesday when it declared a fiscal emergency. The designation allows the Southern California city of about 210,000 to skip lengthy negotiations with its debt holders and go straight to filing for Chapter

9, which gives financially-stressed cities and towns protection from its creditors while it renegotiates the terms of its debt.

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**7/23/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: LAWSUIT PENNSYLVANIA VOTING ID**

**Time Aired: 11:20 PM**

**Synopsis**

Pennsylvania's new voter ID laws will face a challenge on Wednesday in the state courts led by civil rights groups. The Justice Department launched an investigation into the laws, which make it more difficult for 758,000 mostly lower-income residents to get to the polls. The plaintiff in the state case is Viviette Applewhite, woman whose ID was in her purse when it was recently stolen. The attorneys defending Pennsylvania's laws admit that there have been no investigations or prosecutions of in-person voter fraud in the state.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CARGILL MEAT RECALL**

**Time Aired: 11:20PM**

**Synopsis**

Nearly 15 tons of ground beef have been recalled by a unit of agriculture conglomerate Cargill Inc in connection with a seven-state outbreak of salmonella across the northeast and Virginia. Cargill Meat Solutions, based in Wichita, Kansas, voluntarily recalled 29,339 pounds of fresh ground beef products produced at its Wyalusing, Pa., plant that may be contaminated with salmonella, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced. The products were produced on May 25, 2012, and shipped to distribution centers in Connecticut, Maine and New York. The recalled meat was sold in Hannaford supermarket stores in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont, said the USDA. Though the meat's use-by date has passed and it is no longer sold at retail, the recall was made on concerns that some product may be frozen in consumers' freezers.

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**7/24/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PUBLIC HEARING SET ON PROPOSED NY SUGARY DRINK BAN**

**Time Aired: 6:30PM**

**Synopsis**

Whether they think the mayor is combating obesity or infringing on their rights, New Yorkers are scheduled to have their say on a proposed ban on large sugary drinks served at restaurants, movie theaters and other eateries. The proposal requires only the approval of the Board of Health -- appointed by the mayor -- to take effect. But opponents could still sue to block the ban, or they could convince legislators to step in and block the proposal. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, and the board is scheduled to vote on the measure Sept. 13.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HOME VALUES RISE FOR FIRST TIME IN 5 YEARS**

**Time Aired: 6:30PM**

**Synopsis**

Home prices hit a bottom and are finally bouncing back, according to an industry report released Tuesday. Nationwide, home values rose 0.2% year-over-year to a median \$149,300 during the second quarter, the first annual increase since 2007, real estate listing site Zillow reported. Prices were up 2.1% from the first

quarter. Even though June marked the fourth consecutive month of home value increases, overall home prices are still down almost 24% since April 2007, when Zillow began to track home values.

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7/25/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TAXES**

**Time Aired: 3:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

Democrats pushed a yearlong extension of tax cuts for all but the highest-earning Americans through the Senate on Wednesday, giving President Barack Obama and his party a significant political victory on a measure that is fated to go no further in Congress. Senators approved the Democratic bill by a near party-line 51-48 vote, with Vice President Joe Biden presiding over the chamber in case his vote was needed to break a tie. Minutes earlier, lawmakers voted 54-45 to kill a rival Republican package that would have included the best-off in the tax reductions. The \$250 billion Democratic measure would extend tax cuts in 2013 for millions of Americans that otherwise would expire in January. But it would deny those reductions to the earnings of individuals exceeding \$200,000 yearly and of couples surpassing \$250,000.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: "DREAMERS"**

**Time Aired: 3:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Obama Administration's plan to bolster the future undocumented students known as the "dreamers" has resulted in more than one million request beginning August 15th, reported a preliminary study by AP. Of these requests, about 900,000 would meet the criteria and be accepted. The petitions to delay or altogether stop the deportation of undocumented students is reported to cost over \$585 million in just the first two years, as well as require the use of hundreds of federal employees, an additional \$465 cost. The government disputes these claims saying that these requests will meet total spending. A source tells Univision that the "costs ought to be covered by the taxes paid by the petitioners and that it does not require any funding by contributors." These preliminary statistics are just that, preliminary, and a conclusive study will be done before making any final decisions on the program.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DEPORTATION LATEST**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

Despite the Obama's administration's executive order in August of 2011 to suspend the active deportation of thousands of undocumented immigrants without a criminal record, the authorities have failed to review the majority of relevant cases. Of the 300,000 persons waiting to be deported only 1.9% of the cases have been reviewed. Undocumented immigrants have had to wait, on average, 800 days after their initial arrest for their case to come to a close, compared to only 385 days that it takes for most other immigrant cases to conclude. After a year of Obama's order to halt deportation, statistics indicate that the president's act may have been more of a symbolic gesture than a practical tactic to combat unnecessary deportation.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MEDICAL MARIJUANA, LOS ANGELES**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Los Angeles City Council decided unanimously on Tuesday to ban all storefront in violation of federal law but has become the largest collection of pot dispensaries in California. The 14-0 vote by the council comes after conflicting court decisions on how far local jurisdictions in California can go in cracking down on the cannabis shops. Some observers say the issue could end up before the state's Supreme Court. The state's voters in 1996 became the first to allow the drug as medicine, which inspired dispensaries to open. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia now allow medical marijuana, but the federal

government holds that pot is a dangerous and illegal narcotic and has shut down dispensaries in several states.

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7/26/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: IMMIGRANTS WELCOME IN BALTIMORE**

**Time Aired: 3:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

Baltimore puts out welcome mat for immigrants, hoping to stop population decline. Immigrant outreach - such as the city-run classes in Spanish - is just one part of the mayor's agenda for growing Baltimore. She has programs that aim to improve public schools, reduce crime, cut property taxes and create jobs, increasing the city's appeal to all residents. The mayor's order has been her only action aimed at immigrants, though other initiatives are being considered. Baltimore is the largest city in the U.S. state of Maryland The group plans to provide training on how to start "micro enterprises" and has created a "welcome mat" network of social service agencies that offer English and citizenship classes. It hopes to draw both entrepreneurial engineers who graduate from the state's universities and working-class immigrants who can start small neighborhood businesses.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PART TIME JOBS**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

While the job market remains sluggish, temporary work is one area that's done very well in the economic recovery. Companies are keeping their temps longer and are even using them to fill professional and high-ranking positions. The average daily number of temporary workers employed during the first quarter of 2012 was more than 2.5 million. That's up from a low of 2.1 million in early 2009, according to the American Staffing Association. Temporary work was once considered a leading indicator for the job market - a harbinger of improved prospects for people seeking permanent positions. But in this recovery, staffing agencies say fewer employers are taking temps onboard as permanent workers.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: AIRPORT INFECTIONS**

**Time Aired: 4:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

If you're traveling by plane this summer, you might get a souvenir you don't want. That's according to researchers from M-I-T. They looked at our 40 largest airports to figure out which are most likely to spread a disease in the event of an outbreak in their cities. New York's J-F-K airport tops the list. Los Angeles International airport comes in at number two. But, the third airport on the list may surprise you. It's Honolulu International. Researchers say it's because of where Hawaii is -- in the Pacific Ocean, with many connections to distant, large, and well-connected hubs. Public health crises like the SARS outbreak, have shown how easy it is for diseases to travel. Researchers say this information can help determine ways to contain an infection or steer treatment and vaccination decisions in the early stages.

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7/27/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DREAMERS, ICE**

**Time Aired: 2:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

Union heads representing thousands of America's immigration agents slammed the Obama administration Thursday over a policy they claim is forcing officials to ignore the law and allowing illegal

immigrants to exploit the system. In a startling allegation, the president of the union representing Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers claimed illegal immigrants are "taking advantage" of a new directive allowing some undocumented residents who came to the U.S. as children to stay in the country. Union boss Chris Crane said the policy ends up allowing illegal immigrants to avoid detention without any proof -- particularly so-called "dreamers," or those illegal immigrants who would benefit under the "DREAM Act" proposal, which Congress has not passed but the administration has partially implemented.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: ECONOMY**  
**Time Aired: 3:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

This morning's news that the economy grew at only a 1.5 percent annual rate in the second quarter of the year hasn't darkened the mood on Wall Street. The Dow has been up by more than 200 points today, after European leaders promised action to preserve the euro. The economic growth figures released in Washington represent a slowdown from the previous quarter's 2 percent rate, but the number is not as weak as some traders had been expecting.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: AIDS CONFERENCE**  
**Time Aired: 6:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

Call it a triple win for fighting the AIDS epidemic: Treating people with HIV early keeps them healthy, cuts their chances of infecting others, and now research shows it's also a good financial investment. The International AIDS Conference closed Friday with the message that getting treatment to more of the world's 34 million people with HIV is key to curbing the epidemic, short of a vaccine and cure that still are years away. Spreading treatment will be hugely expensive up-front, but Harvard researchers said Friday that the investment would actually save hard-hit South Africa some money over five years, as savings from treating AIDS-related illnesses exceed the medications' price. Eventually those savings will be overtaken by the costs of treating millions for decades, but treatment-as-prevention still is highly cost-effective, said Dr. Rochelle Walensky of the Harvard Center for AIDS Research.

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**7/28/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: HYUNDAI RECALL**  
**Time Aired: 6:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

Hyundai Motor Co. is recalling some Santa Fe SUVs and Sonata sedans because of problems with their air bags. The Santa Fe recall involves nearly 200,000 vehicles in the 2007 to 2009 model years. Hyundai dealers will reprogram the front passenger air bag sensors so they will accurately detect when a small adult is seated. Hyundai said it has received complaints from some adults under 130 pounds whose air bags didn't deploy. The air bags were originally programmed not to go off to protect children.

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7/29/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: US POSTAL SERVICE IN CRISIS**

**Time Aired: 2:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Postal Service is facing a financial crisis. It's losing millions of dollars a day and needs congressional help to get back on track. Next week will mark an important milestone in the service's struggle to pay an important debt to the government. The U.S. postal service is losing money and the situation is growing more serious by the day, something the postmaster general acknowledged on capitol hill this spring.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES INCREASE**

**Time Aired: 8:22PM**

**Synopsis:**

The average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline has increased by 9.5 cents over the past two weeks, the first price rise since April. The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices on Sunday put the average price for a gallon of regular at \$3.51. Analyst Trilby Lundberg says even with the increase, the price remains 46 cents below the April 6 peak of \$3.97. Nationally, a gallon of mid-grade averages \$3.66 and premium \$3.78 Jackson, Miss., has the nation's lowest price at \$3.18, while Long Island, N.Y., had the highest at \$3.83. In California, the price rose 9.8 cents per gallon to an average \$3.76 for regular, \$3.87 for mid-grade and \$3.96 for premium. Bakersfield had the lowest price, \$3.67 for regular, and San Francisco had the highest, \$3.80.

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7/30/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: INTERNET WEAPON SALES LEGISLATION**

**Time Aired: 4:22PM**

**Synopsis:**

Federal lawmakers from New York and New Jersey are promoting legislation that would restrict ammunition sales over the Internet and by mail. New York Rep. Carolyn McCarthy and New Jersey Sen. Frank Lautenberg discussed their Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act at a news conference Monday outside City Hall in Manhattan. Only licensed dealers would be allowed to sell ammunition. They would have to report, within five business days, any sale of more than 1,000 rounds to an unlicensed person. It also would require buyers who are not licensed dealers to show a photo ID.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DISTRACTED WALKING**

**Time Aired: 5:37PM**

**Synopsis:**

Government officials and safety experts say distracted walking is a growing problem. On city streets, in suburban parking lots and in shopping centers, there are usually people strolling while talking on a phone, texting with their heads down, listening to music, or playing a video game. Reports of injuries to distracted walkers treated at hospital emergency rooms have more than quadrupled in the past seven years and are almost certainly underreported. There has been a spike in pedestrians killed and injured in traffic accidents, but there is no reliable data on how many were distracted by electronics.

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7/31/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: BACK TO SCHOOL SPENDING**

**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Parents of K-12 children will spend an average of \$688 on school supplies this year, up from \$603 in 2011, according to the federation. Meanwhile, college families will spend an average of \$907 in 2012, compared with \$808 last year. The online shopping boom has reshaped the retail landscape, pushing businesses to be more competitive and shifting the advantage to larger retailers with more Web-based resources.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PIERCING LAW**

**Time Aired: 3:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Monday, July 30, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation that requires minors in New York have parental consent before obtaining body piercings. New York joins thirty-one other states in mandating parental consent for this popular form of body art.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DREAMERS DAY**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Congressman Luis Gutierrez joined the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) to announce DREAM Relief day on August 15 at Navy Pier's Grand Ballroom from 9 am to 2 pm and unveil the web site <http://www.dreamrelief.org>, where undocumented youth will be able to apply for their work permits starting August 15. Additionally, Congressman Luis Gutierrez updated on the application process that will be issued by USCIS on August 1st.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CA COLLEGE FOR IMMIGRANTS**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

As some states make it tougher for illegal immigrants to attend college, a new program is pledging to do the opposite. A partnership between the University of California, Los Angeles Center for Labor Research and Education and the National Labor College on Monday announced a plan to offer online courses for college credit to young immigrant and labor rights activists. The project called National Dream University was inspired by an effort last year in Georgia to reach out to illegal immigrant students barred from area universities and President Obama's decision to grant temporary work permits to many young illegal immigrants.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CORN PRICES**

**Time Aired: 5:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Benchmark Chicago corn futures touched new highs on Tuesday, heading for their biggest monthly gain in over 5 years, as global concern intensified that time is running out for crops to recover from the worst U.S. drought in more than 50 years. Chicago December corn hit a contract high of \$8.20-1/2 a bushel and was up 0.7 percent at \$8.19. September corn was up 0.5 percent at \$8.24-1/4 a bushel, still within sight of the record price of \$8.28-3/4 the contract hit on July 20. A U.S. Department of Agriculture report late on Monday said corn and soybean crop conditions in the U.S. Midwest deteriorated further last week in the worst drought in the U.S. Midwest since 1956.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PAID SICK DAYS**

**Time Aired: 9:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Small business workers of New York protested for paid sick days arguing these could help save lives.

**=====END OF JULY REPORT=====**



## NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS AUGUST 2012

August 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012

08/01/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR WOMEN

Time Aired: 2:30PM

Synopsis

Starting Wednesday, all new health insurance plans must provide eight preventive health benefits to women for free. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates 47 million women are in health plans that have to offer them new benefits. It's a requirement of the Health Care Reform Law passed in 2010. The Supreme Court upheld most of the law in June. The Secretary of Health and Human Services celebrated the milestone on Tuesday.

Duration: 30

Topic: USPS BANKRUPTCY

Time Aired: 2:30PM

Synopsis

The Postal Service is facing a financial crisis, poised to default today on an important debt to the government. The U.S. Postal Service is losing money and the situation is growing more serious by the day. That's something Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe acknowledged on Capitol Hill this spring. "We've got to get our finances stabilized. The quicker we act and get ourselves back on firm financial footing, the better for the industry." If Congress doesn't act by August 1, the service will default on a \$5.5 billion payment to the federal government to cover retiree health benefits.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Time Aired: 4:30PM

Synopsis

After dipping to \$3.33 a gallon and flirting with \$3 in the South, the nation's average gas price climbed 17 cents over 26 consecutive days in July. It was the first monthly gain since March and the biggest July jump since at least 2000.

Duration: 30

Topic: NYC BREASTFEEDING

Time Aired: 5:30PM

Synopsis

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg wants to make sure new moms know breastfeeding is best. This week, the city is rolling out a new initiative called "Latch on N-Y-C." It's designed to encourage breastfeeding in hospitals, by restricting access to formula. Hospitals will no longer give free formula to mothers when they take their babies home. The plan also prohibits promotional materials for formula. The program is voluntary.

Duration: 30

Topic: CA WORKERS PAYCUT

Time Aired: 8:30PM

Synopsis

Today marks the first time state employee paychecks will show the 4.62 percent furlough pay cut that began last month in an effort to balance the budget. This is the first time wages have been reduced for all 214,000 state workers under gubernatorial authority. Unions that did not reach side-letter furlough agreements with Brown will see their checks drop under an imposed furlough. For top-step employees, the furlough reduction will be offset by 3 percent to 5 percent - but not until next year. The raises, which had been previously negotiated, kick in July 1, 2013.

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08/02/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: ADULT KIDS LIVING AT HOME ON THE RISE ACROSS THE BOARD

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

The number of young adults ages 20 to 34 who lived with their parents jumped from 17% in 1980 to 24% in 2007-09, according to a detailed analysis out today. The rise was sharpest among those under 25 - a new high of 43% vs. 32% in 1980 - but it increased largely across the board. Even among 30- to 34-year-olds, nearly one in 10 lived with parents. The only segment not affected: young adults with graduate degrees. The share living with parents has stayed at 8% since 1980. The number of kids never moving out or coming back after college or divorce had declined in the 1990s but increased faster during the last recession, which hit young adults the hardest. Unemployment among young workers has hovered above 12%. Financial insecurity, coupled with massive student loan debt, has exacerbated another trend that might encourage some to live with their parents: delaying marriage and postponing having children.

Duration: 30

Topic: PRIVATE PRISONS-IMMIGRANTS

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

The U.S. is locking up more illegal immigrants than ever and generating lucrative business for the nation's largest prison companies. An Associated Press review shows the private firms have spent more than \$45 million lobbying lawmakers and contributing to campaigns over the last decade as their share of detention beds has jumped from 10 percent to nearly half. The cost to American taxpayers for locking up the 400,000 immigrants detained is on track to top \$2 billion for this year. The companies are expecting their biggest profits in the next few years because the government plans new facilities. The expansion is expected to continue even as the nation has seen a drop in illegal immigration. Federal officials told the AP privatization isn't necessarily cheaper.

Duration: 30

Topic: TOYOTA RECALL

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Toyota announced the recall Wednesday of some 778,000 vehicles in the United States due to a suspension problem that could cause crashes. The recall comprises roughly 760,000 Toyota RAV4's from model years 2006 to 2011, as well as about 18,000 Lexus HS 250h's from 2010. Toyota said that if the

nuts on the rear suspension arms of these vehicles aren't tightened properly during a wheel alignment service, the arms may come loose or separate. In addition to the United States, some 99,000 RAV4's and 1,000 HS 250h's in Canada are being recalled, though no other markets are involved, Lyons said. The affected drivers may notice a strange noise coming from the rear of their vehicles, Toyota said. The company said it's "preparing the remedy" for the problem, to be performed by dealers at no charge, and will provide further information for car owners by mail.

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits rose last week, though the data was likely skewed higher by seasonal factors. The Labor Department says weekly applications increased by 8,000 to a seasonally adjusted 365,000. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell for the sixth straight week to 365,500, the lowest since March 31. The decline in the four-week average suggests the job market could be improving a bit. But economists are viewing last month's figures with some caution because the government struggles every July to account for temporary summer shutdowns in the auto industry. This year, some automakers skipped shutdowns, resulting in fewer layoffs. When applications consistently fall below 375,000, it suggests hiring is strong enough to pull the unemployment rate down.

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08/03/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

U.S. employers added 163,000 jobs in July, a hopeful sign after three months of sluggish hiring. The Labor Department says the unemployment rate rose to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent in June. July's hiring was the best since February. Still, the economy has added an average of 151,000 jobs a month this year, roughly the same as last year's pace. That's not enough to satisfy the 12.8 million Americans who are unemployed. The rate increased because the government uses two surveys: A survey of businesses showed job gains, but a survey of households showed fewer people had jobs. Economists say the business survey is more reliable. High unemployment could hurt President Barack Obama's re-election hopes. No president since World War II has faced re-election with unemployment over 8 percent.

Duration: 30

Topic: DEMAND FOR VEGETABLES

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

As demand for locally grown fruits and vegetables has increased, so too has the number of urban farmers markets sprouting up across the nation. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will announce Friday that the number of direct-sales markets has increased 9.6 percent in the past year, with California and New York leading the way. After 18 years of steady increases, the number of farmers markets across the country now registered with the USDA is 7,864. In 1994, there were 1,744. Organizations such as

Slow Food, founded in 1989 to counter fast-food, junk-food lifestyles, first ignited consumer demand for fresh, local produce.

Duration: 30

Topic: DROUGHT

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

More than half of all counties in the United States are now considered natural disaster zones -- based on damage and losses by drought and high temperatures. The U.S. Department of Agriculture declared disaster zone designations for an additional 218 counties in a dozen states Wednesday, tipping the u-s past the 50-percent mark. It blames excessive heat and a devastating drought that has spread across the corn belt and contributed to rising food prices. A 92-year-old farmer in Iowa has a bit of perspective. This is about as bad as it was in '36. (in 36.) 36 it was real bad. (wow, it was bad in '56, it was bad in '88, there were some bad patches in 2005.) but they weren't bad like it is this year. this year i think is worse. Tulsa, Oklahoma is begging residents to conserve water. it's not mandatory.

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08/04/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: TOO FAT TO FIGHT - MILITARY REJECTS OBESE RECRUITS

Time Aired: 2:20 PM

Synopsis:

America's battle against obesity has reached the front lines. That's according to a new report that says 25-percent of young Americans- potential recruits for the military-- are simply too fat to fight.

Duration: 30

Topic: BACK TO SCHOOL TAX FREE WEEK

Time Aired: 8:05

Synopsis:

There are several different types of tax free weekend events in the U.S. Some apply to general merchandise, while others are limited to Energy Star products or hurricane preparedness. Most general sales tax holidays take place during August, to help parents save money on their kids' back-to-school needs. Energy Star and emergency planning tax free events tend to take place at different times throughout the year. As a single parent, you'll want to plan ahead and take advantage of the tax free savings whenever possible. Just make sure that you're not buying things you don't really need, just because of the savings. Instead, make an actual list of what you need to buy, and shop around to make sure that shopping during your state's tax free weekend is really going to result in the best deal for your purchases.

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08/06/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: DC OBAMA SIGNS ACT & VETERANS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama signed a measure Monday aimed at helping veterans before heading to Connecticut to campaign for his re-election. The president signed a law called the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012. The bipartisan legislative package helps provide for the needs of veterans and their families with improved health care, housing, education and memorial services.

Duration: 30

Topic: KIDS AND VIOLENCE

Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:

Preschoolers seemed to sleep better when their parents were encouraged to cut kids' exposure to violent or age inappropriate videos throughout the day, in a new study. Researchers found that within months after urging parents to switch their children's viewing to nonviolent and age-appropriate videos, those children were about 20 percent less likely to have a sleep problem than kids whose parents didn't receive the same advice.

Duration: 30

Topic: DRIVERS LICENSE FOR COLORADO IMMIGRANTS

Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:

Immigrant advocates seeking a Colorado ballot measure to allow driver's licenses for illegal immigrants say their petition drive is going slow. The activists say they have less than 5 percent of the signatures they want to collect by August. If approved by voters, the ballot measure would change a law that requires proof of legal residency to be issued a Colorado driver's license. Activists say illegal immigrants are driving anyway, and that the public would be safer if those drivers could seek licenses and auto insurance.

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08/07/12

Duration: 30

Topic: BENEFIT FROM DEFERRAL

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

As many as 1.76 million unauthorized immigrants under the age of 31 who were brought to the United States as children could gain a two-year grant of relief from deportation, according to updated Migration Policy Institute (MPI) estimates that take into account the more detailed eligibility guidelines outlined by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on August 3, 2012.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION RELATED BILLS

Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:

Lawmakers in 41 states enacted 114 bills and adopted 92 resolutions dealing with immigration in the first half of 2012. The immigration activity is detailed in a new report from the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Immigrant Policy Project released Monday at the NCSL Legislative Summit. This marks a decrease of 20 percent from the 257 laws and resolutions enacted in the first half of 2011. Law enforcement and identification/driver's licenses remained the leading issues addressed by state legislatures, comprising 18 percent and 11 percent respectively, of all enacted laws on immigration.

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08/08/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: SOCIAL SECURITY

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Previous generations got a much better bargain, mainly because payroll taxes were very low when Social Security was enacted in the 1930s and remained so for decades. If you retired in 1960, you could expect to get back seven times more in benefits than you paid in Social Security taxes, and more if you were a low-income worker, as long you made it to age 78 for men and 81 for women. As recently as 1985, workers at every income level could retire and expect to get more in benefits than they paid in Social Security taxes, though they didn't do quite as well as their parents and grandparents. Not anymore. A married couple retiring last year, after both spouses earned average lifetime wages, paid about \$598,000 in Social Security taxes during their careers. They can expect to collect about \$556,000 in benefits if the man lives to 82 and the woman lives to 85, according to a 2011 study by the Urban Institute, a Washington think tank.

Duration: 30

Topic: CENSUS

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new study from the Center for Immigration Studies uses Census Bureau data from 2010 and 2011 to provide a detailed picture of the nation's immigrant population (legal and illegal) by country of birth, state, and legal status. A key finding is that immigration has dramatically increased the size of the nation's low-income population. In general, immigrants make significant progress the longer they live in the country. But even with this progress, immigrants who have been in the country for 20 years are still much more likely to be poor, lack health insurance, and access the welfare system than native-born Americans. The large share of immigrants with little education partly explains this phenomenon.

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08/09/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: POST OFFICE

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

The nearly bankrupt U.S. Postal Service on Thursday reported a quarterly loss of \$5.2 billion and warned it will miss another payment due to the Treasury, just one week after its first-ever default on a payment for future retiree health benefits. From April to June, losses were \$2.1 billion more than during the same period last year. The mail agency said it is being hurt significantly by mounting costs for future retiree health benefits. Those expenses made up \$3.1 billion of the post office's quarterly loss. Declining first-class mail volume also contributed to losses.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:

Gas prices have shot up dramatically over the last month. In the last 30 days, gas prices have shot up about 30 cents per gallon. The national average now stands at \$3.66. All this has to do, in large part, to many problems that we're seeing at refineries across the country from the Midwest down to Oklahoma, and into California, where we've seen a dramatic fire that shut down a chevron refinery in Richmond, California, in the san Francisco bay area. because of that, analysts say along the west coast, they expect gas prices to shoot up over \$4 a gallon.

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08/10/12

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION SEE NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis

The work permits that young illegal immigrants can begin applying for next week under policy will let American employers tap a generation of educated workers who have been confined until now to the shadowy corners of the economy, experts on immigration policy say. With the Obama administration about to put its new program in place, the Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan group in Washington, says that 140,000 illegal immigrants in this country are enrolled in college. An additional 80,000 already have college degrees - about 48 percent from two-year programs, 43 percent from four-year programs and 8 percent from graduate school.

Duration: 30

Topic: FOOD STAMPS FRAUD

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis

Agriculture Under Secretary Kevin Concannon today announced a broad range of additional strategies to further improve program integrity in USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and hold those misusing benefits accountable. The measures include tougher financial sanctions for the

small number of retailers that defraud the program and new requirements and tools for States to ensure benefits go solely to eligible individuals.

Duration: 30

Topic: USDA DROP IN CORN PRODUCT

Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis

Today, the U-S Department of Agriculture projected a massive slump in the corn harvest. That means we can soon expect a surge in corn prices. The U-S-D-A is forecasting farm prices for corn to hit record highs this season-- up to eight dollars and 90 cents a bushel. And with the prices of corn and grain rising, we can also expect a sharp increase in the price of meat, since corn is used to feed cattle.

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08/11/12

Duration: 30

Topic: BREASTFEEDING CAMPAIGN

Time Aired: 5:10 PM

Synopsis:

Portland recently launched a campaign to promote the acceptance of public breastfeeding - an effort we hope will have a meaningful effect on the general public's attitude on this matter. A mother breastfeeding her infant is a basic, natural activity that has health benefits for both of them. Those health advantages help all of us in the big picture of society, hence the campaign's name, "Whenever Wherever - We All Benefit." According to the Centers for Disease Control, "breastfeeding protects babies from infections and illnesses that include diarrhea, ear infections and pneumonia; breastfed babies are less likely to develop asthma; children who are breastfed for six months are less likely to become obese; breastfeeding also reduces the risk of sudden infant death syndrome; and mothers who breastfeed have a decreased risk of breast and ovarian cancers." On top of these health benefits, the CDC also notes that families can save between \$1,200 to \$1,500 on infant formula in the first year alone if the baby is breastfed.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW SCHOOL ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS, SB1070

Time Aired: 6:10 PM

Synopsis:

A coalition of civil-rights groups filed motions in federal court Tuesday to prevent enforcement of the single contested provision of Arizona's immigration law that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. The coalition, led by the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Immigration Law Center and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund argues that statements by Arizona law-enforcement officers since the high court's ruling on June 25 indicate the provision of Senate Bill 1070 will be carried out in a way that lengthens the time people are detained by officers. That extended time, required to verify a person's immigration status, will violate the U.S. Constitution, the groups say.

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08/13/12

Duration: 30

Topic: BLOOMBERG ON IMMIGRATION

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg wants the presidential candidates to talk more about immigration policy. So on Tuesday, he visited the cities where their campaigns had headquarters, pressing them on the issue. In the morning, Mr. Bloomberg went to Chicago, home to President Obama's campaign organization, to hold a public discussion on immigrants and their role in the economy with William M. Daley, a former chief of staff in the Obama White House.

Duration: 30

Topic: APPLES LISTERIA

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Some sliced apples sold at McDonald's and Burger King are part of a nearly nationwide recall. Sliced or diced apples may have been contaminated with listeria before being shipped all over the country. A subsidiary of Ready Pac has recalled nearly 300-thousand cases and 300-thousand individually packaged items sent to 36 states and Washington, D-C. Listeria can cause potentially serious or life-threatening illness accompanied by fever, nausea, or diarrhea.

Duration: 30

Topic: GOOGLE CUTTING 4, 000 JOBS

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Google Inc. is making its largest round of layoffs ever as it announced plans to cut about 4,000 jobs at Motorola Mobility just three months after buying the struggling cell phone pioneer. The move isn't surprising given years of plummeting sales at Motorola, but it signals that Google doesn't intend to drag Motorola along as a money-losing venture.

Duration: 30

Topic: SCHOOL JUNK FOOD

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Regulating the foods and beverages sold outside of federal meal programs at schools may help curb the child obesity epidemic, suggests a U.S. study released Monday. Researchers found that fifth graders in states with strong "competitive food laws" packed on fewer pounds than did kids in states with no such legislation.

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Duration: 30

Topic: STUDY COCOA BRAIN HEALTH

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Eating cocoa could help you think in the future. A new study suggests antioxidants in cocoa can help with memory, language, and judgment. The study published in the medical journal Hypertension, looked at 90 elderly people suffering from mild cognitive impairment. They were all given drinks with various levels of antioxidants called flavanols. Those who received medium and high levels of flavanols did better on mental tests. Before you rush out to buy a bunch of chocolate, don't forget to consider any potential confirmation bias.

Duration: 30

Topic: BANK AND ATM FEES ON THE RISE

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new survey from Money-Rates-dot-com finds banks are increasing all kinds of fees -- from monthly service fees to A-T-M and overdraft fees. And that's not all. The requirements to avoid monthly service fees are getting harder to meet. The survey found the average minimum balance needed to avoid fees jumped from about 856 dollars to nearly 45-hundred dollars this year. Banks have been looking for ways to recoup lost revenue from a law that limits how much they can charge stores when customers use their debit cards.

Duration: 30

Topic: SNORING BABIES

Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new study finds that snoring in preschool-aged children may lead to bad, specifically in the areas of hyperactivity, attention, and depression. Interestingly, this study also found a strong association between low socioeconomic status, breastfeeding for less than 12 months, and higher preschool tobacco exposure among the persistent snorers. Researchers suggest that parents and pediatricians should perform routine screening for persistent snoring in 2 and 3 year old children, especially in those children with the above risk factors, to help prevent behavioral problems down the road.

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08/15/12

Duration: 30

Topic: DEFERRED ACTION CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Today, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will begin accepting requests for consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals. Deferred action is a discretionary determination to defer removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion. Under this process, USCIS will consider requests on a case-by-case basis. While this process does not provide lawful status or a pathway to permanent residence or citizenship, individuals whose cases are deferred will not be removed from the

United States for a two year period, subject to renewal, and may also receive employment authorization.

Duration: 30

Topic: US VOTER ID PENNSYLVANIA

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

A judge in the election battleground state of Pennsylvania on Wednesday rejected an effort to block the state's voter identification law, which civil rights groups argued discriminates against minority voters. Pennsylvania, a major electoral prize in the Nov. 6 presidential election between Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, is one of 11 states to pass laws since 2010 requiring voters to show some form of legal identification. The laws have become a contentious issue ahead of the Nov. 6 elections.

Duration: 30

Topic: HAND SANITIZER

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

An antibacterial chemical could weaken your muscles as you wash your hands. A new study suggests the antibacterial chemical, Triclosan, hinders muscle contractions at a cellular level. Triclosan is found in many products advertised as antibacterial and many that aren't. Beyond hand soap, you might find the chemical in mouthwashes and toothpastes, deodorants, lipstick, and trash bags. In the study, researchers at the University of Colorado and the University of California, Davis, found the chemical slowed swimming fish and weakened muscular strength in mice. Triclosan was also found to cause some muscle failure in isolated cells and fibers.

Duration: 30

Topic: CONGRESS VIP MORTGAGES

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

A Democratic committee chairman overrode his own subpoena three years ago in an investigation of former subprime mortgage lender Countrywide to exclude records showing that he, other House members and congressional aides got VIP discounted loans from the company, documents show. The procedure to keep the names secret was devised by Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y. In 2003, the 15-term congressman had two loans processed by Countrywide's VIP section, which was established to give discounts to favored borrowers.

Duration: 30

Topic: MELONS LISTERIA

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A company called Burch Farms is recalling every cantaloupe and honeydew melon it grew this year, because of possible listeria contamination. The Food and Drug Administration found listeria on a melon at the company's North Carolina packing facility. The melons were sold to distributors in 18 states along the East Coast and in the Midwest but may have been resold in other states. Consumers can identify the affected cantaloupes by stickers that say either Burch Farms or Cottle Strawberry on them. Honeydew melons don't have a sticker, so those concerned must call the store where they bought them and ask

where the melons came from. The F-D-A says it doesn't know of anyone getting sick from eating these products.

Duration: 30

Topic: SUFFOLK VOTERS POLL

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Nearly 40 percent of adult U.S. citizens will stay away from the polls this coming November, but if these Americans were to vote, President Barack Obama would coast to a second term in office, according to a Suffolk University-USA TODAY nationwide survey of unregistered and unlikely voters. Obama was the choice of 43 percent of unregistered Americans, while 23 percent said they would choose a third-party candidate over Republican Mitt Romney (14 percent). The Democratic president also pulled 43 percent of registered voters who said they are less likely to cast a ballot, while 20 percent chose Romney, and 18 percent would prefer a third-party candidate, according to the poll.

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8/16/12

Duration: 30

Topic: "DREAMERS"

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

President Obama's decision earlier this year to offer work permits and a two-year stay of deportation for some young undocumented immigrants was ripped by Republicans as an election-year giveaway to Mr. Obama's Latino supporters - but it also carries political risk for the Obama administration itself. The so-called "DREAMers" can begin applying Wednesday under the new Obama program, formally known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The risk is that few people will trust the government enough to apply for the program and that it becomes an election-year sop with little impact among DREAMers - leaving the broader Latino community feeling let down by the president, say advocates for immigrants.

Duration: 30

Topic: GOVERNOR JAN BREWER

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

In Arizona, which passed one of the nation's toughest anti-immigration laws, Gov. Jan Brewer signed an executive order Wednesday directing state agencies to deny driver's licenses and other public benefits to illegal immigrants who obtain work authorizations under the program. Brewer said the federal program doesn't give immigrants legal status and she's following the intent of the current state law denying public benefits to them.

Duration: 30  
Topic: NILE VIRUS  
Time Aired: 3:30 PM  
Synopsis:

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings on Wednesday declared the city's recent West Nile virus outbreak to be a state of emergency and authorized the first aerial spraying of insecticide in the city in more than 45 years. Dallas and other North Texas cities have agreed to the rare use of aerial spraying from planes to combat the nation's worst outbreak of West Nile virus so far this year. Dallas last had aerial spraying in 1966, when more than a dozen deaths were blamed on encephalitis. More than 200 cases of West Nile and 10 deaths linked to the virus have been reported across Dallas County, where officials authorized aerial spraying last week. State health department statistics show 381 cases and 16 deaths related to West Nile statewide.

Duration: 30  
Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT  
Time Aired: 5:30 PM  
Synopsis:

About 366-thousand people filed jobless claims last week. That's up 2-thousand from the previous week, according to the Labor Department. An increase in jobless claims is usually seen as a discouraging sign, indicating layoffs. But the number beat economists' projections. And the statistic's recent volatility has made it difficult to determine the true strength of the job market.

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Duration: 30  
Topic: CHILDREN LEFT IN HOT CARS  
Time Aired: 2:30 PM  
Synopsis:

Parents' leaving their kids in the backseat of cars during the sweltering days of summer has become an all-too-familiar scene in the United States. Twenty-three children have died of hyperthermia in cars in 14 states this year and eight of the deaths occurred in the first week of August. Nearly 40 children die this way each year, according to Kids and Cars. The latest death was Aug. 7 when, police say, Stephanie Gray, 38, forgot to drop off her five-month-old son, Joel, at a church day care in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Instead, Gray dropped off her 11-year-old at school and returned home, leaving Joel in the backseat of the minivan, according to ABC News affiliate KLTN.

Duration: 30  
Topic: NILE VIRUS  
Time Aired: 2:30 PM  
Synopsis:

The united states is experiencing its biggest spike in west Nile virus cases since 2004. The federal government counts nearly 700 cases of the west Nile virus -- which is spread by infected mosquitoes -- in 32 states this year. Of those, 26 people have died. Texas is the hardest-hit state, with at least 16 deaths. The mayor of Dallas declared a state of emergency Wednesday, a week after Dallas county. And in a controversial move to fight the spread of the virus, airplanes began spraying pesticide over the Dallas area Thursday night. That hasn't happened there since 1966. A teen in Arlington, Texas has a rare strand

of the virus that affects her brain. at any moment, she could lose consciousness or control of her limbs. Her mother is thankful she recognized the signs that something was seriously wrong

Duration: 30

Topic: TOBACCO COULD KILL 1 BILLION THIS CENTURY

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

About half the men in numerous developing nations use tobacco, and women in those regions are taking up smoking at an earlier age than they used to, according to what is being called the largest-ever international study on tobacco use. The study, which covered enough representative samples to estimate tobacco use among 3 billion people, "demonstrates an urgent need for policy change in low- and middle-income countries," said lead researcher Gary Giovino, whose report was published in the British medical journal The Lancet. The figures bolster statements by the World Health Organization that while much of the industrialized world, including the United States, have seen a substantial reduction in smoking in recent years, the opposite trend is under way in parts of the developing world.

Duration: 30

Topic: LATINAS UNEMPLOYED

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

At nearly 23 million, people of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity represented 15 percent of the U.S. labor force in 2011. By 2020, Latinos are expected to comprise 19 percent of the U.S. labor force. In 2011, 58.9 percent of Latinos aged 16 and over were employed and just under 1 in 5 of those employed was working part-time. Women comprised 41 percent of all Latinos in the labor force in 2011, compared to 46 percent among the white labor force. Women represent a smaller share of the Latino labor force both because of the high labor force participation of Latino men and the lower labor force participation rate of Latina women when compared to Whites. Employed Latinos are much less likely to have a college degree than are either Whites or African Americans. Approximately one in six employed Latinos aged 25 and over have completed a bachelor's degree, less than half the proportion among employed Whites. Since 2000, this gap in the share of employed Latinos and Whites who are college graduates has widened. Between 2000 and 2011, the gap between employed Whites with a college education and employed Latinos with a college education grew from 17.6 percentage points to 20.1 percentage points.

Duration: 30

Topic: BREWER EDICT CONTRADICTS LAW

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer's executive order telling state agencies to deny driver's licenses to illegal immigrants granted work permits through President Barack Obama's deferred-action program has ignited a debate that likely will spread to other states. On Wednesday, the same day the deferred action took effect nationally, Brewer ordered state agencies to initiate policies to make sure any undocumented immigrant granted deferred action wouldn't receive a driver's license or other public benefits. But her order contradicts the current practice in Arizona, which issues driver's licenses to illegal immigrants who have been granted work permits as part of other types of deferred action.

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8/17/12

Duration: 30

Topic: 300,000 EDUCATION JOBS LOST, WHITE HOUSE URGES INVESTMENT

Time Aired: 2:20 PM

Synopsis:

More than 300-thousand education jobs cut since 2009. That's according to a new report released by the White House. Since the end of the recession in 2009, budget cuts have forced districts to scale back on teachers and staff, resulting in larger class sizes and fewer school days. The report highlights the potential consequences of such cuts: lower graduation rates and overall achievement levels. It also stressed the need to invest in education and praised President Obama's plan to provide 25-billion-dollars to prevent layoffs and strengthen public education. The report slams House Republicans for passing a budget that would cut non-defense discretionary spending by almost 20-percent.

Duration: 30

Topic: WEST NILE VIRUS VACCINE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Time Aired: 3:18 PM

Synopsis:

A second night of aerial spraying got underway last night in Dallas -- part of the fight against mosquitoes in a deadly West Nile virus outbreak. But pilots only got a couple hours of flying time before bad weather forced them to cancel the rest of the aerial drops. Four planes were to cover more than 270 square-miles with pesticide. Texas has been hit especially hard by the outbreak. The virus has killed at least 14 people there, and another 12 in other parts of the U-S.

Duration: 30

Topic: "DREAMERS" DRIVERS LICENSES

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

Governor Jan Brewer ignited a firestorm Wednesday when she signed an executive order making it seemingly impossible for so-called dreamers to get a driver's license in the wake of President Obama's deferred action program. "Deferred action by the president confers neither lawful status or lawful presence on an individual," said Matthew Benson, the Governor's spokesperson. The Governor said that is why she issued an executive order on the issue. "Certainly we have issues here in Arizona we are concerned about in regards to driver's licenses people in the state unlawfully and public benefits," said Brewer.

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8/19/12

Duration: 30

Topic: WESTERN WILDFIRES

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Nervous firefighters kept an eye out for potentially dangerous weather conditions as they struggled to contain a large blaze in central Washington state on Saturday. Many residents who live on the south and east sides of the 35-square mile blaze near Cle Elum returned home to find out whether their homes

were spared. the so-called Taylor Bridge Fire has burned out of control for much of the week, destroying dozens of residential properties and hundreds of other structures on the east side of the Cascades.

Duration: 30

Topic: CANTALOUPE OUTBREAK

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Health officials are now racing to get the tainted fruit which has now been found in 20 states off store shelves. there are at least 141 cases so far...in 20 states and 2 deaths in Kentucky. Authorities now believe they have found the source: cantaloupe from a farm in southwestern Indiana. the centers for disease control and prevention says: - if the melon comes from southwestern Indiana, throw it out - if you don't know where the melon was grown, throw it out. - if in doubt, throw it out. and seek medical help if you experience diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps. This scare comes nearly a year after cantaloupe from Colorado caused an outbreak of listeria, killing 30 people in one of the deadliest food borne crisis in decades.

Duration: 30

Topic: US WEST NILE VIRUS

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

The nation's top health experts call it a "serious, life-altering disease." and tonight, the west Nile virus is now a problem from coast to coast... and we are getting a better sense how severe and historic this outbreak is. The centers for disease control reports 26 deaths so far, and nearly 700 confirmed cases this year.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

Gas prices across the country continue to climb above year-ago prices, a trend that began last week after more than 100 days of holding below 2011 prices. triple-A says the national average price for a gallon of regular gas is \$3.72. This price is 5 cents more than one week ago and 29 cents more than one month ago. It's also 14 cents more expensive to pump gas than last year at this time. While the national price at the pump continues to rise, it's still 22 cents below the yearly peak price for 2012 of \$3.94 on April 5.

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8/20/12

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION EFFECTS ON FAMILIES

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

More often than not immigration enforcement is discussed in terms of numbers, such as the number of people deported or the government dollars spent each year. What often isn't discussed are the families



and communities who feel the impact of record-breaking deportations. In just the first half of last year, 46,000 parents of U.S. citizen children were deported, leaving behind single parents and their children in America. With over 11 million unauthorized immigrants living in the country, and over 16 million people living in mixed-status families (with at least one U.S. citizen, and one undocumented immigrant,) deportations affect a wide swath of the population.

Duration: 30

Topic: BORDER DEATHS HISTORIC RECORD

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

Border deaths at historic highs even as crossings plunge. Historically low numbers of people are crossing the border illegally into Southern Arizona this year, but they're still dying at historically high rates. In the 10 months through July 31, remains of 161 suspected illegal immigrants have been found in Southern Arizona from New Mexico to the Yuma County line. That puts this year's death toll on pace to end up at about the annual average for the last decade - 197 - even though that period includes years when there were three to four times as many attempted crossings.

Duration: 30

Topic: GM RECALL

Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:

General Motors Co will recall 249,260 midsize sport utility vehicles to correct a potential fire hazard, a U.S. government safety agency said. GM, in a filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said the recall affected 2006-2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer and GMC Envoy SUVs, as well as certain 2007 Buick Rainier, Saab 9-7X and Isuzu Ascender SUVs. GM said a possible electrical short could affect power windows and door locks, and in some cases could cause a fire.

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08/21/12

Duration: 30

Topic: SB 1070 ARIZONA

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

A federal judge in Phoenix will begin considering on Tuesday whether Arizona's tough "show me your papers" immigration law can go into effect, as the state grapples with hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants. At the same time, District Court Judge Susan Bolton's hearing marks a fresh bid by immigration rights advocates to halt provisions of the Arizona law, already partially upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, that requires police to check the immigration status of people they stop and suspect are in the country illegally. Attorneys for the ACLU and several immigration groups have asked Judge Bolton to temporarily block the law until she can consider fresh arguments against it that differ from those presented to the high court.

Duration: 30

Topic: HISPANIC MINORITY IN UNIVERSITIES

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

The nation's Hispanic student population reached a milestone number in 2011, according to an analysis of newly available U.S. Census Bureau data by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. For the first time, the number of 18- to 24-year-old Hispanics enrolled in college exceeded 2 million and reached a record 16.5% share of all college enrollments. Hispanics are the largest minority group on the nation's college campuses, a milestone first achieved last year. But as their growth among all college-age students continues to outpace other groups, Hispanics are now, for the first time, the largest minority group among the nation's four-year college and university students. And for the first time, Hispanics made up one-quarter (25.2%) of 18- to 24-year-old students enrolled in two-year colleges.

Duration: 30

Topic: NY COPS FAVOR WHITES

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

If the NYPD has a bias, it's toward saving lives. Our officers, often at great risk to themselves, have saved lives, by the thousands, of those at greatest risk of being murdered, namely young men of color. During the first 10 years of the Bloomberg Administration there were 5,430 murders compared to 11,058 in the 10 years prior, a reduction of 51% or 5,628 lives saved. If history is a guide, the vast majority of those lives saved were young men of color.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION PROTEST

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

Demonstrators gathered outside an apartment complex in Hoover, Alabama to rally for immigrant rights. Immigrants in Hoover and organizers from the National Day Laborer Organizing Network were joined by a group called "No Papers, No Fear." They're a group from Arizona who have been traveling across the Southeast. Its purpose is to fight for immigrant rights. Today the issues at the center of the protest were the living conditions at an apartment complex.

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08/22/12

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA BREWER

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Anti-immigrant legislation in Arizona is creating hurdles for undocumented youth wishing to enroll in the new federal "deferred action" program announced by the Obama Administration last June, that would defer deportation for certain undocumented immigrants and allow them to obtain work permits for a renewable period of two years. To qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), applicants need to have been younger than 16-years-old when they entered the country illegally. They must also

meet other criteria, such as being enrolled in high school or having earned a diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate, and an absence of certain criminal convictions. But in Arizona, a state law - Proposition 300 -- approved by voters in 2006, bars state-funded schools from offering free GED classes to undocumented immigrants, making the path to DACA eligibility difficult for those who may have aged out of the high school system but still wish to become eligible for the new federal program.

Duration: 30

Topic: REPUBLICAN PROPOSAL

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Kris Kobach, the Kansas Secretary of State and author of Arizona's tough immigration law SB 1070, is influencing the GOP platform process in terms of immigration policy. During a meeting of the GOP platform committee in Tampa, Fla., Kobach called for the party to officially back increased border fencing and the E-Verify employment verification system, and to go after two immigrant-friendly initiatives: in-state tuition for some undocumented young people and so-called sanctuary cities. Those measures were in the 2008 Republican platform but had been dropped from the draft this year.

Duration: 30

Topic: WEST NILE VIRUS

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

The number of U.S. West Nile virus infections has jumped more than 60 percent in the past week, putting this year's outbreak on track to be the worst on record, and federal health officials are stumped by its severity. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control on Wednesday said 1,118 cases and 41 deaths have been reported so far this year, up from fewer than 700 cases and 26 deaths just one week ago. Real-life "Contagion" uses DNA to halt outbreak.

Duration: 30

Topic: US-DECLINING MIDDLE CLASS

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

The share of the nation's income earned by the middle class has fallen to its lowest level in recent decades. It's been surpassed by affluent earners as median wages stagnate and wealth concentrates at the top in a relatively weak economy. A study by the Pew Research Center highlights the diminished share for the roughly half of U.S. adults who define themselves as "middle class," with incomes ranging from \$39,000 to \$118,000. The report describes this group as suffering its "worst decade in modern history," having fallen backward in share of income for the first time since World War II and losing faith in the future. In all, 85 percent of middle-class Americans say it is more difficult now than a decade ago to maintain their standard of living.

Duration: 30

Topic: ROMAINE LETTUCE RECALL

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

A California farm is recalling lettuce that may be tainted with E-coli bacteria. The producer says a shipment of romaine lettuce was sold as "Tanimura and Antle Field Fresh Wrapped Single Head

Romaine." It may have a sell-by date of August 19th on its plastic bag. The lettuce was distributed to 19 states as well as Canada and Puerto Rico. There are no reports of illness so far.

Duration: 30

Topic: JET BLUE LEGROOM SPACE

Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:

JetBlue and Canada's WestJet are cutting legroom for some nonpremium seats. At the same time, they're increasing legroom for seats in higher-priced sections. JetBlue, a longtime champion of legroom, still says it offers the "most legroom of any other carrier throughout coach." Now it's cutting leg distance from 33 inches to 32 inches in 11 rows aboard its fleet of 52 Embraer E190 planes. The extra space will be taken up by two more rows of seats near the front of the cabin with 38 inches of legroom. The change puts JetBlue on track to rake in \$150 million in additional revenue this year, says a spokeswoman.

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08/23/12

Duration: 30

Topic: NILE VIRUS

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

It's the largest ever West Nile Outbreak in the U-S. And we are right in the middle of it. There are now more than 11-hundred cases across the country. More than half of those are in Texas - including 21 deaths. Dallas County began its second phase of aerial spraying to combat west Nile. Three planes are covering 82-thousand acres. The targets: Duncanville, Seagoville, Wilmer, Mesquite south of i- 30, Ferris, a portion of Garland, as well as Rowlett, and Sunnyvale.

Duration: 30

Topic: AMERICANS FOOD WASTE

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

Americans waste up to 40% of the food that makes it onto grocery shelves, into their kitchens or that crosses their plates, which makes the potential consequences of the ongoing drought even more painful, reports the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). For those unmoved by the human tragedy of that number, here's another one to chew on: the cost of that waste is close to \$165 billion per year. Indeed, the average American family of four throws out about \$2,275 in food every year, reports the NRDC. Recovering even 15% of the wasted amount would be enough to feed about 25 million Americans annually. What's more, it would address a serious environmental issue: uneaten food accounts for approximately 23% of the methane emissions in the US, as it rots in landfills.

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08/24/12

Duration: 30

Topic: MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR BLOCKS BENEFITS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Gov. Phil Bryant (R-MS) has ordered state agencies to prevent undocumented immigrants who benefit from President Obama's deferred action directive from receiving any state public benefits. He said his executive order stopping the state from granting benefits to DREAM Act-eligible youth who qualify for the federal policy follows current state law. Mississippi already bans state agencies from providing benefits like unemployment payments or food stamps to people who are not U.S. citizens or legal residents. Republican governors in Arizona and Nebraska issued similar orders after the deferred action policy went into effect August 15.

Duration: 30

Topic: CIGARETTE LABELS STRUCK

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

A U.S. appeals court ruled on Friday that cigarette companies do not need to comply with new federal rules requiring their products to show graphic warning images, such as of a man exhaling smoke through a hole in his throat. The 2-1 decision by a court in Washington, D.C., contradicts ruling in a similar case by another court in March, setting up the possibility that the U.S. Supreme Court will weigh in on the dispute. The court's majority found the label requirement from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration violated corporate speech requirements.

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08/25/12

Duration: 30

Topic: UNDECIDED VOTERS

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Almost two months away from the presidential election and almost one-fourth of voters are still undecided according to a poll done by Associated Press-GfK. These voters can be a defining factor in the elections, and a challenge for Barack Obama and Mitt Romney to win them over. Only 29% of voters are interested in the campaign and 51% have made a decision.

Duration: 30

Topic: AGE AND AUTISM

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

New study shows that the father's age may be a factor for children born with autism and schizophrenia. Fathers who are older than 50 years old double the risk of those who are 30 or older. The study recommends freezing the sperm if the father believes he might have children at a later age.

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08/27/12

Duration: 30

Topic: SCHUMER ON TOXIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Senator Charles Schumer has a warning for parents who are making back-to-school purchases for their children. The New York Democrat says a new study finds many children's vinyl products contain a chemical that could cause harmful health effects. Researchers tested products in New York City and found about 75 percent of them contain a toxic chemical.

Duration: 30

Topic: CIRCUMCISION PEDIATRICIANS

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

The nation's most influential pediatricians group says the benefits of circumcision for infant boys outweigh the small risks. Recent research has bolstered evidence that circumcision reduces chances of infection with HIV and other sexually spread diseases, urinary tract infections and penis cancer. In its latest policy statement on circumcision, the American Academy of Pediatrics moves closer to an endorsement, but says the decision should be up to parents and that there's no one-size-fits-all-answer. The group also says pain relief is essential, usually an injection to numb the area and that insurance should pay for the procedure.

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08/28/12

Duration: 30

Topic: DRUGS AND MEMORY

Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:

Teenagers who become hooked on cannabis before they reach 18 may be causing lasting damage to their intelligence, memory and attention, according to the results of a large, long-term study published on Monday. Researchers from Britain and the United States found that persistent and dependent use of cannabis before the age of 18 may have a so-called neurotoxic effect, but heavy pot use after 18 appears to be less damaging to the brain.

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08/29/12

Duration: 30

Topic: YOSEMITE VIRUS RISK

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

The rustic tent cabins of Yosemite National Park -- a favorite among families looking to rough it in one of the nation's most majestic settings -- have become the scene of a public health crisis after two visitors died from a rodent-borne disease following overnight stays. On Tuesday, park officials sent letters and emails to 1,700 visitors who stayed in some of the dwellings in June, July and August, warning them that they may have been exposed to the disease that also caused two other people to fall ill.

Duration: 30

Topic: LEARNING PROBLEMS AND ANESTHESIA

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

The children below three years who have been administered with anesthesia are more likely to develop hearing problems, says a study done in Australia. The research finding is based on an analysis conducted by the University of Western Australia (UWA) of the long-term effects of anesthesia on children. For this study the researcher did study on 2,868 children born in the same region between 1989 and 1992. According to the Britta Regli-von Ungern-Sternberg, professor of pediatric anesthesia at the UWA School of Medicine and Pharmacology, the study assessed the effects of early childhood exposure to anesthesia in the first three years of life on long-term differences in language and cognitive function, says a report published in the journal Pediatrics.

Duration: 30

Topic: NILE VIRUS

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

A total of 1,590 cases of West Nile virus, including 66 deaths, were reported through late August this year in the United States, the highest human toll reported by that point in the calendar since the mosquito-borne disease was first detected in the country in 1999, health officials said on Wednesday. The toll is increasing quickly and "we think the numbers will continue to rise," said Dr. Lyle Petersen, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases.

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08/31/12

Duration: 30

Topic: YOSEMITE: 6 HANTAVIRUS CASES

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a health advisory on Friday over an outbreak of hantavirus at Yosemite National Park, saying 10,000 people who stayed in tent cabins there over the summer may be at risk. An estimated 10,000 persons stayed in the 'Signature Tent Cabins' from June 10

through August 24, 2012," the CDC said in the advisory. ``People who stayed in the tents between June 10 and August 24 may be at risk of developing HPS in the next 6 weeks.

=====END OF AUGUST REPORT=====



**NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS SEPTEMBER 2012**

**September 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012**

**09/01/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: USA IMMIGRANT TAX LAW**

**Time Aired: 4:33**

**Synopsis**

A study released Thursday by the Center for American Progress concludes that the Texas economy would suffer a net economic loss in the billions if group deportations of illegal immigrants occurred at even moderate levels. The progressive think tank concluded that even if as few as 15 percent of Texans living in the state illegally were removed at once, it would mean an annual \$11.7 billion loss for Texas' gross state product, increasing to more than \$77 billion if all 1.65 million estimated illegal immigrants were removed from the state.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: YOSEMITE HANTAVIRUS**

**Time Aired: 6:24**

**Synopsis**

Some 10,000 people who stayed in tent cabins at the world renowned Yosemite National Park, in the US state of California, this summer, may be at risk of contracting the deadly rodent-borne hantavirus, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Friday (August 31). The CDC urged lab testing of patients who exhibit symptoms consistent with the lung disease, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), after a stay at the California park between June and August and recommended that doctors notify state health departments when it is found. Two men have died of hantavirus infection linked to the Yosemite outbreak and four others were sickened but survived, while the CDC said additional suspected cases were being investigated from "multiple health jurisdictions."

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HOME PRICES INCREASE**

**Time Aired: 10:10**

**Synopsis**

Home prices in 20 U.S. cities climbed in June from a year earlier, the first gain in almost two years, indicating the market that triggered the recession is beginning to rebound. The S&P/Case-Shiller index of property values in 20 cities increased 0.5 percent from June 2011, the first gain since September 2010, a report from the group showed today in New York. The median forecast of 29 economists surveyed by Bloomberg News called for a 0.05 percent drop. Nationally, prices jumped last quarter by the most in more than six years.

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**09/02/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CHARTER SCHOOL STUDY**

**Time Aired: 4:33**

**Synopsis**

Parents are responsible for the education of their children. We do not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level. Maintaining American preeminence requires a world-class system of education, with high standards, in which all students can reach their potential. Today's education reform movement calls for accountability at every stage of schooling. It affirms higher expectations for all students and rejects the crippling bigotry of low expectations. It recognizes the wisdom of State and local control of our schools,

and it wisely sees consumer rights in education - choice - as the most important driving force for renewing our schools.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CALIFORNIA GUNS LAW**

**Time Aired: 6:27**

**Synopsis**

California - home to Silicon Valley, the permanent tan and, of course, the word "awesome" - has also penned some of the toughest gun possession laws in the United States. The state Assembly just went one notch further by banning the open display of rifles and shotguns in public. If Gov. Jerry Brown signs AB 1527, it would forbid the "open carrying" of firearms - including handguns, rifles and shotguns - except for current and former law enforcement, hunters, and those in the gun business. The law does not ban the display of unloaded rifles and shotguns while being transported, manufactured or sold.

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**09/03/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS BRAIN**

**Time Aired: 2:44 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Conservatives and liberals may have one less thing in common: neurology. 13 peer-reviewed studies of behavioral and neurological studies and come to the conclusion that differences between Republicans and Democrats are more than skin-deep. "Basically, the different sides have been yelling at each other for millennia, and we're trying to figure out what could be the root cause of this," said Steven Markoff, ProCon.org's founder. The studies looked at things like differences between groups' perception of eye movement, and aversion to threatening noises. Researchers also noted that Democrats had larger anterior cingulate cortexes, which are associated with tolerance to uncertainty, while Republicans had larger right amygdalae, which are associated with sensitivity to fear.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: KIDS FITNESS**

**Time Aired: 3:29 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Children still skip rope and play pickup ballgames, but today's parents also organize play dates, fitness lessons and gym classes to keep their kids active and safe. Almost 17 percent of U.S. children and adolescents were obese in 2009-10, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many adults willingly suffer to banish love handles, but children insist on having a good time. So making fitness fun is key, experts say, along with starting early.

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**09/04/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ORGANIC FOOD**

**Time Aired: 4:21 PM**

**Synopsis:**

We've all been there, in the produce department, trying to decide whether going organic is worth the cost. Now a new study might help you make that decision. It finds organic food has no extra vitamins or minerals than conventional produce, but there is a difference when it comes to pesticides.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: IMMIGRANT TUITION FL**  
**Time Aired: 9:35 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Students at Florida's public colleges and universities cannot be charged higher out-of-state tuition simply because their parents are in the U.S. illegally, a federal judge ruled. U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore determined the policy violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution by forcing those students to unfairly pay three times as much as Florida residents. Children born in this country are citizens whether or not their parents have legal immigration status.

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**09/05/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: GAS PRICES**  
**Time Aired: 3:25PM**

**Synopsis:**

Gasoline prices climbed nearly 7 cents in the past week to the highest level since mid-April after refineries along the Gulf coast shut ahead of Hurricane Isaac, the federal government said on Tuesday. The national price of regular gasoline rose 6.7 cents to \$3.84 a gallon in the week ended Monday, the Energy Information Administration said in its weekly survey of service stations. Gasoline prices had been climbing since mid-July as the cost of oil has spiked. The storm boosted gasoline prices, sending them nearly 17 cents higher than a year ago.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: USA HUNGER**  
**Time Aired: 8:12PM**

**Synopsis:**

The number of poor Americans who repeatedly ran short of food shot up by 800,000 in 2011 to nearly 17 million compared with 2010, the U.S. government said on Wednesday. The Department of Agriculture said in a report that about 5.5 percent of Americans, or nearly 17 million, suffered "very low food security" last year, meaning they had to skip meals or not eat for a day because of a lack of money to buy food. That is a rise of 800,000 over the prior year, it said. The food-security report was released one day after the government said that a record 46.7 million Americans were enrolled for food stamps in June, up by 173,000 in May. High unemployment and slow growth since the deep 2008-2009 recession has driven enrollment in food stamps, the major U.S. anti-hunger program, to record levels.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: ARIZONA SB-1070**  
**Time Aired: 10:25PM**

**Synopsis:**

A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Arizona authorities can enforce the most contentious section of the state's immigration law, which critics have dubbed the "show me your papers" provision. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton clears the way for police to carry out the 2010 law's requirement that officers, while enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally. The requirement has been at the center of a two-year legal battle that culminated in a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June upholding the requirement. Opponents then asked Bolton to block the requirement, arguing that it would lead to systematic racial profiling and unreasonably long detentions of Latinos if it's enforced.

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09/06/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBESITY STUDY**

**Time Aired: 2:24PM**

**Synopsis:**

People "can be obese yet physically healthy and fit and at no greater risk of heart disease or cancer", according to BBC News. This counterintuitive headline stems from a study that was assessing health outcomes for people who were obese but relatively fit, with only one or no risk factors for "metabolic syndrome". Metabolic syndrome is diagnosed when people have multiple risk factors, such as high blood pressure, that make them more prone to diabetes or cardiovascular disease (CVDs). Researchers found that the "metabolic healthy" obese group were significantly less likely to develop a CVD or cancer, or die as a result, than people who were similarly obese but were judged to be "metabolic unhealthy". In fact the risk of CVDs and cancers in the "metabolic healthy but obese" group were broadly similar to people with a healthy weight.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SB 1070**

**Time Aired: 3:26PM**

**Synopsis:**

More than two years after it was signed into law, the most contentious part of Arizona's landmark immigration legislation is expected to go into effect following a federal court ruling issue late Wednesday. But the U.S. Supreme Court laid a legal minefield that Arizona now must navigate when the critical provision takes effect. The clause, one of the few significant ones that the high court left standing in a June ruling, requires all Arizona police officers to check the immigration status of people they stop while enforcing other laws and suspect are in the country illegally. While preserving that requirement, however, the Supreme Court explicitly left the door open to arguments that the law leads to civil rights violations. Attorneys would need actual victims to make that case.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: WEST NILE**

**Time Aired: 7:34PM**

**Synopsis:**

It's the worst year ever for West Nile virus in Texas, which has seen about half of the country's deaths from the illness this year, health officials said Wednesday. At least 43 people have died from the virus in Texas, and the state has recorded at least 510 cases of neuron-invasive West Nile, considered the most serious form of the illness because it affects the nervous system, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That's already worse than in all of 2003, when Texas had 439 neuron-invasive cases and 40 deaths. Officials say the numbers are expected to increase through mid-October. They say there are indications that August marked the peak, especially in the hard-hit North Texas area that includes Dallas and Fort Worth. But since symptoms can take two weeks to appear, reporting cases lags behind when people became infected.

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09/07/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TEXAS: 85 MILES PER HOUR**

**Time Aired: 2:24PM**

**Synopsis:**

Texas will soon open a stretch of highway with the highest speed limit in the country. The Texas Transportation Commission has approved the 85 mph speed limit for a 41-mile-long toll road near the increasingly crowded Interstate 35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio. The road runs several miles east of the interstate between two of the state's largest metropolitan areas. And while some drivers may

be eager to put the pedal to the metal and rip through the Central Texas countryside, others are asking if it is safe.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MAMMOGRAMS DANGER**

**Time Aired: 3:26PM**

**Synopsis:**

Mammograms aimed at finding breast cancer might actually raise the chances of developing it in young women whose genes put them at higher risk for the disease, a study by leading European cancer agencies suggests. The added radiation from mammograms and other types of tests with chest radiation might be especially harmful to them and an MRI is probably a safer method of screening women under 30 who are at high risk because of gene mutations, the authors conclude.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT**

**Time Aired: 3:26PM**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. employers added 96,000 jobs in August, a tepid figure that points to the economy's persistent weakness and slowing prospects for the unemployed. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent in July. But that was only because more people gave up looking for jobs. People out of work are counted as unemployed only if they're looking for a job. The sluggish job growth could slow the momentum President Barack Obama hoped to gain from his speech Thursday night to the Democratic National Convention. They could also make the Federal Reserve more likely to unveil a new bond-buying program at its meeting next week. The goal would be to lower long-term interest rates to encourage borrowing and spending. Hourly pay fell in August, manufacturers cut the most jobs in two years and the number of people in the work force dropped to its lowest level in 31 years. The government also said 41,000 fewer jobs were created in July and June than first estimated.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: YOSEMITE HANTAVIRUS**

**Time Aired: 5:20 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Yosemite National Park doubled the scope of its hantavirus warning on Thursday to some 22,000 visitors who may have been exposed to the deadly mouse-borne disease as the number of confirmed cases grew to eight and a third death was reported. U.S. officials recently sounded a worldwide alert, saying that up to 10,000 people were thought to be at risk of contracting hantavirus pulmonary syndrome after staying at the popular Curry Village lodging area between June and August. As many as 2,500 of those individuals live outside the United States.

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**09/10/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION FLIGHTS**

**Time Aired: 2:36PM**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. government is halting flights home for Mexicans caught entering the country illegally in the deadly summer heat of Arizona's deserts. It's a money-saving move, ending a seven-year experiment that cost American taxpayers nearly \$100 million. More than 125,000 people had been flown deep into Mexico for free since 2004. The flights became a key piece of Border Patrol enforcement in Arizona as the agency moved to end its revolving-door policy of taking migrants to the nearest border crossing.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE**  
**Time Aired: 3:36PM**

**Synopsis:**

Thousands of public school teachers formed picket lines in Chicago on Monday and parents scrambled for child care during teachers' first strike in a quarter century over reforms sought by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and endorsed by President Barack Obama's administration. Some 29,000 teachers and support staff in the nation's third-largest school system were involved, leaving parents of 350,000 students between kindergarten and high school age to find alternative supervision.

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9/11/12

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: GAS PRICES**  
**Time Aired: 2:27 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The price of gasoline is seeing the biggest gain in two weeks Tuesday. But relief should be in sight by the time autumn arrives. AAA says the national average price rose 1.5 cents to \$3.843 per gallon. That's up 15 cents from a month ago. Motorists in about eight states are paying at least \$4 per gallon on average.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: ALZHEIMER DRUGS**  
**Time Aired: 2:27 PM**

**Synopsis:**

New research suggests that an experimental Alzheimer's drug might slow formation of the plaque that clogs the brains of people with the disease. The drug by Pfizer Inc. and Johnson & Johnson failed to stop mental decline, so it won't help people who have dementia now. But doctors say it might work if given earlier in the course of the disease, before so much damage and memory loss have occurred.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE**  
**Time Aired: 3:11 PM**

**Synopsis:**

As Chicago teachers walked the picket lines for a second day, they were joined by many of the very people who are most inconvenienced by their walkout: the parents who must now scramble to find a place for children to pass the time or for babysitters. Mothers and fathers -- some with their kids in tow -- are marching with the teachers. Other parents are honking their encouragement from cars or planting yard signs that announce their support in English and Spanish.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: LIBRARY CARDS IMMIGRATION**  
**Time Aired: 5:18 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Illegal immigrants in California's largest city could use library cards to open bank accounts and access an array of city services under a plan being considered by city officials. Under the plan, anyone with proof of Los Angeles residency could get a library card, the Los Angeles Times reported. The idea is to provide a form of ID to those who cannot get a driver's license because of their immigration status.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: ALABAMA LIBRARY CARDS IMMIGRATION**  
**Time Aired: 6:21 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Alabama's controversial immigration law goes back to a federal appeals court. In August, a three-judge panel blocked some provisions of the law, including language that makes it a crime for undocumented

immigrants to solicit work. Alabama officials have appealed that ruling, asking the full 11th Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate the tough new law in full. The Obama Administration argues the law encroaches on federal authority. Alabama's Republican governor, Robert Bentley, calls it a matter of principal. The Southern Poverty Law Center calls the law "illegal and immoral."

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09/12/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GEORGIA IMMIGRATION LATEST**

**Time Aired: 3:21 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Georgia is asking a federal appeals court to reconsider its decision to block a key part of the state's immigration law from taking effect, potentially keeping another controversial provision on hold and prolonging the legal battle for months to come. The state's move comes as state and local police were preparing to start - possibly as soon as next week - enforcing another part of the law that would authorize them to investigate the immigration status of certain suspects. That part will remain on hold until the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta acts on the state's request for a rehearing. At issue is a part of the law that would punish people who knowingly transport or harbor illegal immigrants while committing other crimes. A first offense for transporting seven or fewer illegal immigrants at the same time would carry up to 12 months behind bars and a fine up to \$1,000.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CHICAGO STRIKE LATEST**

**Time Aired: 4:21 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Chicago teachers stayed away from public schools for a third day on Wednesday in a strike over Mayor Rahm Emanuel's demand for tough teacher evaluations that U.S. education reform advocates see as crucial to fixing urban schools. With more than 350,000 children out of school, the patience of parents and labor negotiators began to fray as hopes of a quick resolution to the biggest U.S. labor strike in a year were dashed. Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, who is based in Chicago, appeared at the site where negotiations were supposed to take place on Wednesday and said that he had met with both sides separately to urge them to settle.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MC DONALDS CALORIE COUNT**

**Time Aired: 5:31 PM**

**Synopsis:**

McDonald's is letting you know just how many calories you're eating. The fast food chains says it will start posting calorie counts on its menus -- both inside the restaurant and at the drive-through. The change was expected to happen anyway but not this soon. That's because the health care reform law requires chain restaurants to post calorie counts -- but no timeline was given for when that requirement should take effect.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: US WEST NILE CASES UP**

**Time Aired: 6:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The number of U.S. cases of West Nile virus climbed by nearly a third in the latest week as the spread of the mosquito-borne disease accelerated and threatened to make the 2012 outbreak the deadliest on record, government figures showed on Wednesday. So far this year, 2,636 cases have been reported to federal health officials, up from 1,993 the previous week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in its weekly update of outbreak data. A total of 118 people have died from the disease, compared with 87 reported one week ago.

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09/13/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NY SODA BAN**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

New York City's Board of Health voted Thursday to ban the sale of sugary drinks in containers larger than 16 ounces in restaurants and other venues, in a move meant to combat obesity and encourage residents to live healthier lifestyles. The board voted eight in favor, with one abstention. But the move is expected to draw further protest from the soda industry and those concerned about government involvement in their personal choices.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ARIZONA IMMIGRATION**

**Time Aired: :730 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Opponents have asked a federal judge to delay Arizona authorities from enforcing the most contentious section of the state's heavily debated immigration law. A Sept. 5 ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton cleared the way for police to carry out the requirement that officers question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally while enforcing other laws. The provision is expected to go into effect soon, once Bolton finalizes her order. But a coalition of civil rights, religious and business groups on Thursday filed an eight-page emergency motion for an injunction pending appeal. Critics have assailed the "show me your papers" provision, saying it paves the way for ethnic discrimination and racial profiling, providing officers a justification for stopping people based on how they look.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DIFFER ACTION DREAMERS**

**Time Aired: 8:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Why the Hispanics are not enrolling in the Obama law that legalize undocumented immigrants who come to this country at early age? Vilchez interview students who fear that their parents would be deported if they provide information about their legal status. Only 30% of potential recipients enrolled in the program until this day.

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9/14/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ONE IN FOUR HISPANICS REMAIN IN POVERTY**

**Time Aired: 2:26 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The number of Hispanics in poverty in the United States dropped by 1.2 percent from 2010 to 2011 - the largest drop of any group - but overall 1 of 4 Latinos remain stuck among America's poorest. A Census Bureau report released Wednesday provides a mixed picture of the economic well-being of Latino U.S. households for 2011. With joblessness persistently high, the gap between rich and poor increased in the last year, according to two major census measures. Also, the median, or midpoint, household income was \$50,054, 1.5 percent lower than 2010 and a second straight decline.



**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CHICAGO TEACHER STRIKE CONTINUES**  
**Time Aired: 3:24 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
A week-long confrontation between Chicago public school teachers and Mayor Rahm Emanuel moved toward resolution on Friday as the two sides reached a tentative agreement that could end a five-day strike and clear the way for classes to resume on Monday in the third-largest U.S. school district. More than 350,000 Chicago students have been out of school since the beginning of the week after some 29,000 Chicago teachers and support staff walked off the job over Emanuel's education reforms.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: OBAMA DREAMERS**  
**Time Aired: 7:34 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
Obama administration approves first 29 work permits for young illegal immigrants. While some remain wary about coming forward, 82,000 young illegal immigrants sought work permits from the Obama administration in the past month, and a small group of 29 people learned their applications were approved in recent days.

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**9/15/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: SALMONELLA MANGOS**  
**Time Aired: 6:25 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
United Salad Co. is voluntarily recalling various products that contain Mangoes due to risk of Salmonella contamination. The product withdrawal is associated with the recall involving Food Source and Agricola Daniella. The recalled products were distributed to retailers and supermarkets from 09/01/12 to 09/17/12 in states including Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

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**9/16/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE CONTINUE**  
**Time Aired: 7:34 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
The Chicago teachers union decided Sunday to continue its weeklong strike, extending an acrimonious standoff with Mayor Rahm Emanuel over teacher evaluations and job security provisions central to the debate over the future of public education across the United States. Emanuel said he would seek a court order to end the strike, which he said is illegal under state law.

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**9/17/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CHICAGO TEACHERS STRIKE**  
**Time Aired: 2:26 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appeal to the courts to end a six-day Chicago teachers strike set off a new round of recriminations Monday but did not appear to be leading to a quick resolution of the walkout that has left

parents hunting for options for 350,000 students. City attorneys asked a Cook County Circuit Court judge for an injunction Monday morning that would force teachers back into the classroom and end an acrimonious standoff with the nation's third-largest school district. The suit claims that the strike violates state law because it threatens the safety of children and is based on issues other than pay and benefits.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CANCER TOP KILLER IN HISPANICS**

**Time Aired: 2:26 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Cancer is now the leading cause of death among Hispanics in the U-S. That's according to a report released today by the American Cancer Society. The finding is due in part to the younger age distribution of Hispanics. There are fewer Hispanics in the United States over the age of 85, where heart disease is predominant. The cancer death rate in Hispanics has been on the decline since 2000. Cancer death rates for all Americans have dropped since 1991.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FOOD CHAIN E-VERIFY**

**Time Aired: 4:32 PM**

**Synopsis:**

California's Mi Pueblo chain, catering to Latinos, was founded by an illegal immigrant. So the company's announcement that it will participate in a worker immigration-status program has spurred anger.

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**09/18/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DREAMERS WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR OBAMACARE**

**Time Aired: 3:21 PM**

**Synopsis:**

In dozens of campaign stops, President Barack Obama has trumpeted young undocumented immigrants, known as DREAMers, as the country's future and said he wants to do everything he can to help them. But the latest news surrounding his Affordable Care Act has left many in the Latino community speechless. A decision was made last month to disqualify young undocumented immigrants - many who will be allowed to stay in the United States as part of a new federal policy - from receiving health coverage under the president's sweeping health care reform.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ARIZONA LAW CLEARED BY JUDGE**

**Time Aired: 7:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A judge has ruled that police in Arizona can immediately start enforcing the most contentious section of the state's immigration law, marking the first time officers can carry out a requirement that officers, while enforcing other laws, question the immigration status of those suspected of being in the country illegally.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBESITY RATES**

**Time Aired: 8:23 PM**

**Synopsis:**

We Americans already know how fat we are. Can it get much worse? Apparently, yes, according to an advocacy group that predicts that by 2030 more than half the people in the vast majority of states will be obese. Mississippi is expected to retain its crown as the fattest state in the nation for at least two more decades. The report predicts 67 percent of that state's adults will be obese by 2030; that would be an astounding increase from Mississippi's current 35 percent obesity rate.

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9/19/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FAST AND FURIOUS REPORT**

**Time Aired: 2:28 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Justice Department's internal watchdog on Wednesday faulted the agency for misguided strategies, errors in judgment and management failures during a bungled gun-trafficking probe in Arizona that disregarded public safety and resulted in hundreds of weapons turning up at crime scenes in the U.S. and Mexico. A former head of the department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and a deputy assistant attorney general in Justice's criminal division in Washington left the department upon the report's release -- the first by retirement, the second by resignation.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HOME SALES**

**Time Aired: 2:28 PM**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. sales of previously occupied homes jumped in August to the highest level in more than two years, adding momentum to the housing recovery. The National Association of Realtors says sales rose 7.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.82 million. That's the most since May 2010, when sales were fueled by a federal home-buying tax credit. The figures were reported the same day the government said U.S. homebuilders broke ground on more new homes in August compared to July.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ARSENIC RICE**

**Time Aired: 3:22 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Consumer Reports is urging U.S. limits for arsenic in rice after tests of more than 60 popular products - from Kellogg's Rice Krispies to Gerber infant cereal - showed most contained some level of inorganic arsenic, a known human carcinogen. The watchdog group said some varieties of brown rice - including brands sold by Whole Foods Markets Inc and Wal-Mart Stores Inc - contained particularly significant levels of inorganic arsenic.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SB 1070 IN EFFECT**

**Time Aired: 4:18 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A day after the most contentious provision of Arizona's immigration law took effect, rallies were planned around Phoenix to protest the law that civil rights activists contend will lead to systematic racial profiling. Leticia Ramirez has been telling immigrants who are in the United States illegally, like herself, that they should offer only their name and date of birth -- and carry no documents that show where they were born, if pulled over by police.

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9/20/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MICHAEL BLOOMBERG ON CITIZENSHIP**

**Time Aired: 2:28 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The city is looking to make it easier for immigrant parents to become U.S. citizens. Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the expansion of the NYCitizenship program Thursday. It will now include parents of students in the city's public schools. The program will provide free legal assistance as well as micro

loans to parents who can't afford to go through the expensive process of becoming a citizen. "When parents become U.S. citizens, their children under age 18 also gain citizenship, so we're working to help as many of these parents as we can before, as we can successfully navigate their naturalization process before their children become adults," said Bloomberg. The first NYCitizenship in Schools event will be held at the Morris Educational Campus in the Bronx. The mayor says the focus of the expansion will initially be on the 30,000 parents of high school students eligible, though he says no parents will be turned away.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: 2011 DEPORTATION RECORDS**

**Time Aired: 3:25 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Samuel Soto, an undocumented Honduran, is free after having been detained for more than three months in a detention center for immigrants in Broward County. Yet, Soto is still in danger of being deported. His freedom could be revoked any time and he could be placed on a plane to Honduras. "It will take a lot of time for my case to be resolved," Soto told El Nuevo Herald this week. "But the important thing is that for now I am back with my family. It made me immensely happy when they released me." Soto, 37, is one of hundreds of thousands of immigrants detained and deported every year by immigration authorities. The magnitude of the number of deportations was revealed recently in a report issued by the Department of Homeland Security's office of immigration statistics. According to the report, officials of various immigration agencies, including the Immigration and Customs Enforcement police, detained and deported an unprecedented number of undocumented immigrants during 2011 fiscal year. Among the most important points in the report, titled Immigration Enforcement Actions: 2011, ICE detained a record 429,000 foreigners without documentation, and expelled about 188,000 immigrants with criminal records - another unprecedented number.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: BANK OF AMERICA LAYOFF**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Bank of America, the second largest bank-holding company in the US, plans to lay off 16,000 workers by the end of the year, according to reports published Thursday in the *Financial Times* and *Wall Street Journal*. Some 200 branches will be closed by the end of the year, in addition to the 178 that were shuttered last year. The company intends to cut 5,300 customer-facing banking jobs, and to slash another 3,200 in the retail mortgage department, according to the *Journal*. The news follows the announcement by American Airlines earlier this week that it is sending layoff notices to 11,000 employees, 4,400 of whom the company says it actually intends to lay off. A group of gloomy economic figures formed the backdrop to the announcements by Bank of America and American Airlines. The four-week moving average of unemployment benefit applications rose for the fifth time in as many weeks, to 377,750, the Labor Department said Thursday. Readings above 375,000 are taken to indicate that the job market is not improving. A blog post from Political Calculations republished on Business Insider noted that the report "indicates that the pace of layoffs in the United States is accelerating at the fastest pace since the 2007 recession began."

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9/21/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GENERAL MOTORS RECALL**

**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

General Motors is recalling nearly 474,000 Chevrolet, Pontiac and Saturn cars to fix a transmission problem that can cause the cars to roll away unexpectedly. The recall affects 2007-10 Chevrolet Malibus, Pontiac G6s and Saturn Auras in the U.S., Canada and Mexico as well as a small number of exports. All of the cars have four-speed automatic transmissions. GM says part of the transmission cables can break.

That can cause the shifter to show that the car is in park when it's really in gear. GM says it knows of four crashes from the problem but no injuries. Owners will be told by letter when to set up appointments with dealers. The problem was discovered as GM gathered data for a U.S. government investigation of a similar problem with transmission cables on the same cars. GM spokesman Alan Adler said that as part of the recall, dealers will put retainer covers over both ends of the cables to fix both problems. In some cases, the whole cable will have to be replaced.

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**9/23/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MISSOURI E-VERIFY**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Springfield officials say legal action between the city and four local businesses has nullified a new city ordinance that required businesses to use the federal E-Verify system to check employees' immigration status. The city said in a release Friday that the lawsuit filed by four local businesses against the E-Verify ordinance was settled after the city agreed to remove several tenets of the law.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PEANUT BUTTER RECALL**

**Time Aired: 6:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A New Mexico-based company has recalled 76 types of peanut butter and almond butter after a product it sold to Trader Joe's groceries was linked to a salmonella outbreak. Sunland Inc. recalled the products under multiple brand names after the Food and Drug Administration and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention linked 29 salmonella illnesses in 18 states to Trader Joe's Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter. Sunland manufactures and packages the Trader Joe's product.

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**09/24/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: VOTING RULE CHANGES MAY DETER 10M HISPANICS**

**Time Aired: 2:24 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The combined effects of voter roll purges, demands for proof of citizenship and photo identification requirements in several states may hinder at least 10 million Hispanic citizens who seek to vote this fall, civil rights advocates warn in a new report. Hispanic voters are considered pivotal to the presidential election this November, and are being heavily courted by both Democratic incumbent Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney. If they turn out in large numbers, Hispanics could sway the outcome in several swing states.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: BREAST CANCER**

**Time Aired: 2:24 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Scientists reported Sunday that they have completed a major analysis of the genetics of breast cancer, finding four major classes of the disease. They hope their work will lead to more effective treatments, perhaps with some drugs already in use. The new finding offers hints that one type of breast cancer might be vulnerable to drugs that already work against ovarian cancer. The study is the latest example of research into the biological details of tumors, rather than focusing primarily on where cancer arises in the body.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: NY SCHOOL ANTICONCEPTIVES**  
**Time Aired: 3:25 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
The New York City Department of Education is making the morning-after-pill available to high school girls at 13 public schools. The DOE says girls as young as 14 will be able to get the Plan B emergency contraception without parental consent. Parents have been notified about the CATCH pilot program and how their daughters can opt out of it.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: BANK ATM FEES UP**  
**Time Aired: 5:32 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
A-T-M fees are rising to new levels as banks cut back on free checking accounts. Financial research firm Bankrate says A-T-M surcharges rose four percent... hitting a record high of two dollars and 50 cents. It's the eighth straight year these fees are up. The charge for using another bank's A-T-M rose 11 percent to one dollar and 57 cents.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: YOUTH VOTE REGISTRATION STATUS**  
**Time Aired: 7:38 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
Nearly half of the young voters who in 2008 registered and cast their first presidential ballot may have not updated their voter registration, according to a new survey, a situation that could most impact President Obama considering that voting bloc helped him to victory four years ago. The finding by the non-partisan group HeadCount found that seven out of 10 young voters changed residence in the past four years, and 43 percent of those potential voters have yet to update their voter registration.

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**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY**  
**Time Aired: 2:38 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
Today is the National Voter Registration Day and it's a coordinated effort between community leaders, celebrities, and volunteers to inform people about voting opportunities and get them registered before deadlines. With less than fifty days until the presidential election, civil rights groups are ramping up efforts to increase voter registration, especially in light of recent attempts by some states to restrict voter rights.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: HOME PRICES**  
**Time Aired: 5:38 PM**

**Synopsis:**  
Home prices kept rising in July across the United States, buoyed by greater sales and fewer foreclosures. National home prices increased 1.2 percent in July, compared to the same month last year, according to the Standard & Poor's/Case Shiller index released Tuesday. That's the second straight year-over-year gain after two years without one. The report also says prices rose in July from June in all 20 cities tracked by the index. That's the third straight month in which prices rose in every city.

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09/26/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: AIRLINE BAG FEES**

**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. airlines collected more than \$1.7 billion in baggage fees during the first half of 2012, the largest amount ever collected in the January through June period. According to a report in the Huffington Post, Delta Air Lines Inc. collected the most in baggage fees - nearly \$430 million. United Airlines came in second with \$351 million in bag fees, according to data from the Bureau of Transportation statistics released Sept. 25. Delta and United serve customers in central New Mexico from the Albuquerque International Sunport. Airlines started charging for a first checked suitcase in 2008 and the fees have climbed since. Airlines typically charge \$25 each way for the first checked bag, \$35 for the second bag and then various extra amounts for overweight or oversized bags, according to the report.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FAST AND FURIOUS**

**Time Aired: 2:30PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Senate's top Republican, who began the investigation into the "Fast and Furious" gunrunning probe nearly two years ago, says it's time those responsible for the botched operation were disciplined. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, noting this week in a speech on the Senate floor that Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. delayed any discipline for the officials responsible for Fast and Furious until after the release of the report by the Justice Department's Office of Inspector General, said the "time for accountability has finally come." The report, released last week, blamed the operation's failure on "misguided strategies, errors in judgment and management failures" by officials at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives headquarters in Washington and in the Phoenix field office and on "questionable judgments" by Justice Department officials in Washington.

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09/27/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FREE HEALTHCARE CLINIC AT L.A. SPORTS ARENA DRAWS 4,800**

**Time Aired: PM**

**Synopsis:** In addition to receiving medical treatment, patients were enrolled in a free coverage program to prepare for the federal healthcare overhaul that takes effect in 2014. On one side of the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Thursday morning, doctors treated patients for swollen feet, breathing problems and high blood pressure. On the other side, county health workers began enrolling them in a free coverage program in preparation for the federal healthcare overhaul. Many of the 4,800 people seeking care at the annual massive free clinic this weekend will become eligible for health insurance in 2014 when the national law takes effect. Organizers said raising awareness about the healthcare changes is crucial.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FDA APPROVES ONYX AND BAYER COLORECTAL CANCER DRUG**

**Time Aired: PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved a new colorectal cancer pill developed by Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Bayer HealthCare. The drug is called Stivarga, and it is designed to block several enzymes that promote cancer growth. The FDA approved Stivarga as a treatment for colorectal cancer that has progressed after treatment and metastasized, or spread to other parts of the body. The agency approved the drug about one month ahead of schedule.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: COLLEGE LOAN DEBT**  
**Time Aired: PM**  
**Synopsis:**

With college enrollment growing, student debt has stretched to a record number of U.S. households -- nearly 1 in 5 -- with the biggest burdens falling on the young and poor. The analysis by the Pew Research Center found that 22.4 million households, or 19 percent, had college debt in 2010. That is double the share in 1989, and up from 15 percent in 2007, just prior to the recession -- representing the biggest three-year increase in student debt in more than two decades. The increase was driven by higher tuition costs as well as rising college enrollment during the economic downturn. The biggest jumps occurred in households at the two extremes of the income distribution. More well-off families are digging deeper into their pockets to pay for costly private colleges, while lower-income people in search of higher-wage jobs are enrolling in community colleges, public universities and other schools as a way to boost their resumes.

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**09/28/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: DEPORTATIONS NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Time Aired: 5:25PM**  
**Synopsis:**

The number of immigrant workers in North Carolina grew by 69.9 percent between 2000 and 2010. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of immigrant, civilian employed workers age 16 and older in North Carolina changed from 244,217 to 414,982, representing a change of 69.9 percent. In comparison, the number of foreign-born workers changed from 65,538 to 244,217 between 1990 and 2000, a difference of 272.6 percent.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: SUPREME COURT MAY LIMIT USE OF RACE IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**  
**Time Aired: 6:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

More than a half-century after the Supreme Court ordered the University of Texas to admit a black man to its law school, the sprawling live-oak-and-limestone campus is again the site of a monumental battle over the use of race in university admissions. But this time the challenge comes from a white woman. Abigail Fisher says the color of her skin cost her a spot in the 2008 freshman class at the university she had longed to attend since she was a child. Under the banner of racial diversity, Fisher contends, the UT admissions process - which considers race as a factor in choosing one-quarter of its students - unfairly favors African Americans and Hispanics at the expense of whites and Asian Americans.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: FDA: BEWARE BUYING PRESCRIPTION *DRUGS ONLINE***  
**Time Aired: 6:30PM**  
**Synopsis:**

A moving target of as many as 40,000 active online pharmacies, a huge majority of them fly-by-night start-ups, may sell products at a cut-rate price but they may also deliver expired, contaminated and fake drugs that can harm consumers, the FDA said today. Today, the FDA launched, a national campaign to alert consumers to the possible dangers of buying pharmaceuticals online. In May, the FDA surveyed more than 6,000 adults and found that almost a quarter of Internet shoppers bought prescription drugs online, and three in 10 said they weren't confident they could do so safely. What many consumers don't realize is they are more likely online to get fake drugs that are contaminated or past their expiration date, or contain no active ingredient, the wrong amount of active ingredient or even toxic substances such as arsenic and rat poison.

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