

NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS

APRIL 1, 2012 - APRIL 30, 2012

4/1/12

Duration: 30

Topic: REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE ROMNEY

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

Anticipating a win for Mitt Romney in Wisconsin, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan on Sunday predicted the contest in his home state would close the deal for the candidate moving forward. "If Romney gets a big delegate count, which I think he'll get, we believe as conservatives we should coalesce around our nominee and focus on the task at hand, which is the fall election, and not drag this thing out," Ryan said.

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4/2/12

Duration: 30

Topic: SMART PHONE APPLICATION FOR IMMIGRANTS

Time Aired: 3:30

Synopsis:

A San Diego research team is close to releasing a smart phone application to help illegal immigrants navigate safely across the border. The 'Transborder Immigrant tool' - once downloaded into Motorola phones equipped with GPS - is a humanitarian tool designed to save lives, according to the application's creators at the University of California San Diego.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRANT RAIDS

Time Aired: 5:30

Synopsis:

As part of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) ongoing commitment to prioritizing the removal of criminal aliens and egregious immigration law violators, the agency announced today the results of a six-day national "Cross Check" enforcement operation--which led to the arrest of more than 3,100 convicted criminal aliens, immigration fugitives and immigration violators.

Duration: 30

Topic: BEST FLYING IN 22 YEARS

Time Aired: 5:30

Synopsis:

The latest Airline Quality Rating study reveals airlines are performing at their highest level in 22 years. Researchers at Wichita State University and Purdue University tracked the 15 largest U-S carriers. The 2011 rating was the highest in more than two decades since the study began.

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4/3/12

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRANTS CALL FOR ¡MÁS RESPETO!, SEEK CITIZENSHIP

Time Aired: 2:24

Synopsis:

Immigrants and Latinos have personally felt the impact of harsh immigration laws in Arizona and across the country and they are turning their frustration into full participation in the American political process. Civic, immigrant and civil rights organizations are encouraging the 8.1 million eligible immigrants to apply for naturalization by the end of April to meet key deadlines and be able to vote in the historic November elections.

Duration: 30

Topic: PRE-K KIDS DONT PLAY OUTSIDE

Time Aired: 9:47

Synopsis:

A new study shows roughly half of America's pre-school-aged children are not getting a daily dose of outdoor playtime. Researchers looked at nearly nine-thousand pre-schoolers nationwide. 42-percent did not go outside daily. The study found gender and race played a role. Researchers also found mothers are more likely than fathers to take their children outside to play. Experts recommend children play outside for at least 60 minutes a day.

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4/4/12

Duration: 30

Topic: PEW CENTER HISPANIC

Time Aired: 9:47

Synopsis:

Most Americans of Hispanic descent prefer to identify themselves with the fatherland of their families as 'Hispanic' or 'Latin American', according to a survey by the center of studies of the Pew Hispanic Center. The opinion poll showed that 51 % adult Hispanics identify with the fatherland of their relatives, while 24 % prefer the terms 'Hispanic' or 'Latin', designated almost four decades ago by the American government.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION

Time Aired: 9:47

Synopsis:

Tens of thousands of Alabama businesses have missed a deadline set by the state's strict immigration law to register with a federal database that lets employers verify the citizenship status of would-be workers. The federal government says 18,137 Alabama companies had enrolled in the E-Verify system by Monday, the day after the deadline. But state figures show there are at least 85,000 companies with employees in the state, and some 368,000 businesses filed state tax returns last year. That means thousands of the state's employers missed complying with the law by the deadline. The immigration crackdown requires every business entity or employer in the state to register with E-Verify. There aren't any penalties for failing to register, and the state is encouraging employers to comply.

Duration: 30

Topic: MISSISSIPPI IMMIGRATION

Time Aired: 9:47

Synopsis:

A proposed draft law seeking the Mississippi police force to enforce laws of Immigration died in the State legislature when the head of one judicial Commission decided not to put it to the vote before the deadline on Tuesday. However, the issue - one of the priorities of Governor Phil Bryant - is not dead at all. Some representatives seek to include provisions to enforce immigration laws in other ongoing projects. The director of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Democrat Hob Bryan, said he decided not to submit it to vote.

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4/05/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA JOBS ACT

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

President Obama has signed into law a new jobs bill aimed at making it easier for small businesses to fundraise and find investors...without adding to the deficit. The bill passed Congress with rare bipartisan support but some critics say it's too good to be true.

Duration: 30

Topic: HISPANIC VOTE

Time Aired:

Synopsis:

Latino Decisions will reveal a ground-breaking new model analyzing Latino voter influence in the 2012 presidential, Senate, and gubernatorial races. Supported by America's Voice Education Fund, the political scientists and statisticians at Latino Decisions developed a framework to identify how various Latino voter turnout and vote preference scenarios could impact these races. The model uses historical turnout information and real-time polling data to develop different scenarios that could play out in the upcoming election in key Latino influenced states.

Duration: 30

Topic: PAINKILLERS

Time Aired: 6:30

Synopsis:

Sales of prescription painkillers are exploding in new areas, and experts are worried that's creating a wave of addiction. Pharmacies, hospitals and physicians dispensed the equivalent of 69 tons of pure oxycodone and 42 tons of pure hydrocodone in 2010. That's enough to give 40 5-mg Percocets and 24 5-mg Vicodins to every man, woman and child in the United States. An analysis by The Associated Press shows distribution of the two drugs is booming from New York's Staten Island to Santa Fe., N.M. Some places saw effective per-capita sales increase sixteenfold between 2000 and 2010.

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Time Aired: 9:30

Synopsis:

The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits fell to a four-year low last week, suggesting employers kept hiring in March at a healthy pace. Weekly applications dropped 6,000 to a seasonally adjusted 357,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the fewest since April 2008. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to 361,750, also the lowest in four years.

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04/06/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: JOB MARKET

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama is warning that the U.S. job market will still face "ups and downs" despite news Friday that the economy added 120,000 jobs last month. The March employment numbers were down from the more than 200,000 jobs the economy added in each of the previous three months. The unemployment rate dipped to 8.2 percent, but mostly because more Americans stopped looking for work. The nation's unemployment rate will factor prominently in the November presidential election. Obama says no issue is more important than restoring economic security for all American families. Obama spoke at a White House forum focused on the role of women in the economy.

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04/07/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

Changes could be coming to Alabama's tough immigration law that has been challenged by the courts, churches and businesses. Its author, Republican Rep. Micky Hammon, on Thursday offered revisions that he said would make the law more workable for local governments, more enforceable for police, and less burdensome for law-abiding citizens and businesses. It also addresses sections that courts have put on hold. The wide-ranging law requires police to determine citizenship status during traffic stops and requires government offices to verify legal residency for everyday transactions like obtaining a car license, enrolling a child in school, getting a job or renewing a business license.

Duration: 30

Topic: NY DREAM ACT

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

Ten students plan to walk from New York City to the capital of the State, Albany, to demand that the State Legislature adopts a measure whereby it would facilitate financial assistance to young immigrants who want to go to college without legal immigration authorization to reside in the country. The march of 150 miles will begin on Monday. Its aim is that lawmakers approve the so-called New York Dream Act, a measure that would allow undocumented students access to the so-called program of educational assistance (Tuition) Assistance Program, (TAP) of the State. A second draft law proposed would create a private fund to which students could go to apply for financial aid.

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04/08/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: AT&T - UNION EXTEND TALKS AFTER CONTRACTS EXPIRES

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

Union contracts for 40,000 AT&T workers expired at midnight, but a strike was averted with officials saying early Sunday that talks were continuing. Though expiration of the deadline left the Communications Workers of America free to call a walkout, spokeswoman Candice Johnson said employees would report for work without a contract. AT&T spokesman Marty Richter also said talks were ongoing. He said earlier that the company has been planning for the possibility of a strike for two years, and managers and vendors will step in to keep service running if there is one.

Duration: 30

Topic: EASTER CHICKS CAN CARRY SALMONELLA THAT SICKENS KIDS

Time Aired: 3:30

Synopsis:

The cute little birds can carry salmonella and each year send dozens of children to the doctor's office. Last year 68 people got salmonella in 20 states from handling baby chicks and ducklings, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Almost a third were under age 6. Since 1990, there have been more than 35 outbreaks of salmonella caused by exposure to chicks, ducklings and other live poultry, and most of those who got sick were young children, says the CDC's Casey Barton Bahravesh. Salmonella infection can cause diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps. No deaths from salmonella linked to handling live poultry have been reported, but there have been numerous hospitalizations, Bahravesh says.

Duration: 30
Topic: FORD RECALL
Time Aired: 6:30
Synopsis:

Ford is recalling more than 140,000 Focus compact cars because the passenger side windshield wiper can fail. Federal Safety regulators say a seal in the wiper motor wiring may be missing. Water can get inside and cause the wiper to stop working, increasing the risk of a crash. Ford Motor Co. says there haven't been any crashes or injuries from the problem. The cars were built from Aug. 1, 2010 through Oct. 18 of last year. Ford dealers will clean and seal the wiring free of charge and fix any wipers that don't work. Ford expects to begin the repairs in late May.

Duration: 30
Topic: APPLE - VIRUS COULD INFECT THOUSANDS OF COMPUTERS
Time Aired: 7:30
Synopsis:

A new computer virus has popped up infecting half a million Mac users. The malware is called flashback. It can make its way into your computer to gain access to user info. This is reportedly the largest attack ever on the Mac operating system.

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04/09/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: BORDER PATROL CAMPAIGN
Time Aired: 4:30 PM
Synopsis:

The U.S. Border Patrol is asking Mexican and Central American TV, radio stations and newspapers for the opportunity to tell of the dangers to migrants of crossing illegally, particularly through the Sonora Desert.

Duration: 30
Topic: AUSTISM MOMS OBESITY
Time Aired: 4:30 PM
Synopsis:

A new study in the Journal of Pediatrics says that women who are obese during their pregnancies are much more likely to give birth to Autistic children. The study found that obese pregnant women are 60 percent more likely to have an autistic child than those who aren't. Approximately one-third of American women, of child-bearing age, are obese.

Duration: 30
Topic: IMMIGRATION CASES REOPENED
Time Aired: 10:30 PM
Synopsis:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today announced it continues to accept H-1B nonimmigrant petitions that are subject to the fiscal year (FY) 2013 cap. The agency began accepting these petitions on April 2, 2012. USCIS has received approximately 17,400 H-1B petitions counting toward the 65,000 cap, and approximately 8,200 petitions toward the 20,000 cap exemption for individuals with advanced degrees.

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04/10/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: TEEN BIRTH LOWEST IN 70 YEARS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

According to a new government report, teen births are at their lowest level in nearly 70 years. The National Center for Health Statistics says the number of teenagers giving birth dropped nine-percent from 2009 to 2010. There were 34.3 births for every 1,000 teens in 2010.

Duration: 30

Topic: CELLPHONE THEFT

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Later today, the FCC plans to announce a national database aimed at disabling stolen phones. It's a multi-phase plan. Over the next six months, the nation's largest carriers will launch programs that prevent reported devices from being reactivated on its current network.

Duration: 30

Topic: DENTAL X RAYS BRAIN TUMOR

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new warning this morning about dental x-rays. A study published in the "Cancer" journal shows a link between frequent x-rays and developing a certain brain tumor called meningioma. Researchers found patients who had bitewing x-rays at least once a year had a 40-to-90 percent greater risk of the tumor. They say this doesn't mean you should stop going to the dentist, nor does it prove x-rays cause tumors. They do say annual x-rays put you at greater risk.

Duration: 30

Topic: 30% OF WEB TRAFFIC IS PORN

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

What's the average internet surfer spending all their time clicking on? Porn - according to an article in the New York Daily news. It cites a report by Extreme Tech that suggests the average visit to a typical news site is between three to six minutes, but surfers spend upwards of 15 to 20 minutes on porn sites.

Duration: 30

Topic: AZ LATE TERM ABORTION

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

Arizona's state House of Representatives voted to enact a bill on Tuesday that bans most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, sending the closely watched measure on to the Republican governor for approval. House members passed the bill by a 37-22 vote. The measure would bar health care professionals from performing abortions after 20 weeks, except in the case of a medical emergency.

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4/11/12

Duration: 30

Topic: ICE INMATE TRANSFER

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Crowding, violence and allegations of civil rights abuses are among the reasons the embattled Los Angeles County jail system is under federal investigation. But the county has also faced criticism in recent years in some circles for its federal-local partnerships with immigration authorities. Sheriff Lee Baca is a supporter of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's controversial Secure Communities

enforcement program, which allows for the fingerprints of people booked into local jails to be shared with immigration officials. The county has also long participated in a smaller voluntary federal-local partnership called 287(g), in which deportable inmates are identified and released post-conviction to immigration officials.

Duration: 30
Topic: H-1B VISAS
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:
More than 67,000 H-1B visas for fiscal year 2013 have not been awarded because there is a low number of applications, the U.S. immigration service said Tuesday. The U.S. fiscal year begins October 1 and ends on September 30 the following year.

Duration: 30
Topic: LENDERS AGAIN DEALING CREDIT TO RISKY CLIENTS
Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:
Annette Alejandro just emerged from bankruptcy protection and doesn't have a job, and her car was repossessed last year. Still, after spending her days job hunting, she returns to her apartment in Brooklyn where, in disbelief, she sorts through the piles of credit card and auto loan offers that have come in the mail.

Duration: 30
Topic: GAS PRICES DROPS
Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:
The price of natural gas has dropped below \$2 for the first time in more than a decade. A mild winter and production boom have left the U.S. with more natural gas than Americans can consume. Storage facilities are quickly filling up. The glut has pushed down the futures price of gas 59 percent since it peaked at \$4.85 last summer.

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4/12/12

Duration: 30
Topic: CALIF HIGH COURT TO DECIDE LUNCH BREAK LAWSUIT
Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:
The California Supreme Court says employers are under no obligation to ensure that workers take legally mandated lunch and rest breaks. The ruling Thursday comes after worker's attorneys argued that abuses are routine and widespread when companies aren't required to issue direct orders to take breaks. But the high court sided with business when it ruled that requiring companies to order breaks is unmanageable and that those decisions should be left to workers. The case was initially filed nine years ago against Brinker International, the parent company of Chili's and other eateries, by restaurant workers complaining of missed breaks in violation of California labor law.

Duration: 30
Topic: U.S. COUPLES LIVING TOGETHER HAVING MORE BABIES
Time Aired: 15:30 PM

Synopsis:
Unmarried couples who live together are increasingly likely to have children, with the rate nearly doubling since 2002, according to a study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Twenty-two percent of first births from 2006 to 2010 were to women in a cohabiting couple, up from 12 percent in 2002, the study by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics said. The increase came even as the picture for U.S. births and parenthood remained largely unchanged from the 2002 data, the report said.

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4/13/12

Duration: 30
Topic: TAX EXTENSION
Time Aired: 3:30PM

Synopsis:

The government is giving you last-minute tax filers a little breathing room this year. Your federal income taxes are due on April 17th this year rather than the usual deadline on the 15th. That's because April 15th falls on a Sunday, and April 16th is Emancipation Day in Washington D-C. The holiday celebrates the freeing of slaves in the district. The tax code prohibits filing deadlines falling on weekends or holidays. The IRS says it has already received 91 million of the 144-million tax returns it expects to receive this year.

Duration: 30
Topic: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LATINOS EARN LESS
Time Aired: 9:30PM

Synopsis:

In the fourth quarter of 2011, African Americans' median weekly earnings were \$674 and Latinos' earnings were \$549. In comparison, whites earned \$744 per week, and Asian Americans earned \$866. Poverty rates, already much higher for communities of color, rose faster in recession and recovery than for whites. African Americans and Latinos showed poverty rates of 24.2 percent and 24 percent, respectively, in 2010, compared to poverty rates of 9.3 percent for Asian Americans and 7.3 percent for whites. Poverty rates rose faster from 2007 to 2009 for African Americans-by 2.4 percentage points- for Latinos by 3.5 percentage points, and for Asian Americans by 2.2 percentage points, compared to whites, whose poverty rate increased by 1.6 percentage points during the same time period.

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04/14/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: GAS PRICES
Time Aired: 5:38PM

Synopsis:

The price of gasoline, six weeks before Memorial Day is doing something practically unheard of this time of year: it's going down - not up! Nationally, prices are down from \$3.97 a gallon to \$3.93. Some say the decline is thanks to an easing demand from a slowing global economy. Also an increased production from Saudi Arabia and an over-reaction from traders to strong rhetoric from Iran is a considerable factor.

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04/16/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: MANY U.S. IMMIGRANTS' CHILDREN SEEK AMERICAN DREAM ABROAD
Time Aired: 4:20PM

Synopsis:

Samir N. Kapadia seemed to be on the rise in Washington, moving from an internship on Capitol Hill to jobs at a major foundation and a consulting firm. Yet his days, he felt, had become routine. By contrast, friends and relatives in India, his native country, were telling him about their lives in that newly surging nation. One was creating an e-commerce business, another a public relations company, still others a magazine, a business incubator and a gossip and events Web site. "I'd sit there on Facebook and on the phone and hear about them starting all these companies and doing all these dynamic things," recalled Mr. Kapadia, 25, who was born in India but grew up in the United States. "And I started feeling that my 9-to-5 wasn't good enough anymore."

Duration: 30
Topic: TAX DAY AND ACCIDENTS
Time Aired: 5:38PM
Synopsis:

The deadline for filing income tax returns can drive up the collective blood pressure of the nation. But even those who filed early may not be able to rest easy. The stress of tax day may be linked to a slight rise in fatal motor vehicle crashes, according to a study this month in The Journal of the American Medical Association. The report is the latest to link cultural events to a rise in accidents. Deaths on the road are known to climb on New Year's Eve, but also on Super Bowl Sunday - notably in the state of the losing team. In the new report, researchers at the University of Toronto collected tax deadline data from the Internal Revenue Service and reviewed all deadly motor vehicle crashes that occurred on public roadways in the United States around tax day over a 30-year period. The researchers compared crash rates on tax day with those in the weeks before and after the filing deadline.

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04/17/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: OBAMA SEEKS TO CONFRONT OIL MARKET MANIPULATION
Time Aired: 2:30
Synopsis:

President Barack Obama pushed Congress Tuesday to give oil market regulators more muscle to deter price manipulation by speculators, the latest White House response to determined Republican attacks on administration energy policies amid high gas prices at the pump. Obama wants Congress to strengthen federal supervision of oil markets, increase penalties for market manipulation and empower regulators to increase the amount of money energy traders are required to put behind their transactions.

Duration: 30
Topic: TAX DAY
Time Aired: 3:30
Synopsis:

Today is the last day to file your taxes for 2011. You have until midnight to file them. Usually, April 15th is the deadline, but this year, tax payers got two extra days. One of the quickest ways to file is online. In a few clicks, the IRS will have your taxes. Plus, your refund could be back a lot faster. If you can't file your tax returns in time, you can always file a six month extension. But that has to be done by midnight too. We're told once midnight hits, those of you who haven't filed will face penalties. Those penalties could be as high as 25% of your tax bill.

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04/18/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: HISPANIC VOTE
Time Aired: 2:30
Synopsis:

Obama for America today released the first in a series of Spanish language television and radio ads. The ads feature first person accounts from Obama for America organizers sharing their personal stories of how the President's policies have empowered Latino families and communities. The release of the ads coincides with the launch of Latinos for Obama, the largest ever national effort to engage Latino Americans in their communities and involve them in the upcoming election through voter registration, volunteering and voting. In the month the President took office, more than 800,000 Americans lost their jobs. To rebuild an economy that gives everyone a fair shot and the opportunity to succeed, the President took action to keep two million Latinos out of poverty during the worst recession of our lifetimes, to help an additional 150,000 Hispanic students afford to go to college, and expanded access to credit for small businesses, including more than 9,000 Small Business Administration-supported loans that went to

Hispanic-owned small businesses through 2011. The President also passed health care reform, which will ensure up to nine million previously uninsured Hispanics have improved access to affordable health care.

Duration: 30
Topic: CHILD ABUSE
Time Aired: 3:30

Synopsis:
As per a report given by a group of prosecutors, about 77,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect in New York in 2010, more than 200 per day, of which 114 were killed. "Fight Crime - Invest in Kids" is a study that reveals the extent of child abuse in the State, and prosecutors of the counties of Brooklyn, Charles J. Hynes, Richard A. Brown, Queens and Richmond are calling for funds to maintain a program that seeks to reduce such crimes. Daniel M. Donovan proposes to ask the Governor and the State legislature to keep the funds for the program of visits by nurses to homes at risk of this type of abuse. Prosecutors also requested Governor Andrew Cuomo to "aggressively" fight for federal funds to expand the program of visits in New York.

Duration: 30
Topic: BRAIN CANCER VACCINE
Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:
A vaccine made from patients' own tumor cells has shown promise against the most common form of adult brain cancer, according to a new, small study. The vaccine is one of the latest developed to treat cancer, though it has proven to be far more challenging than researchers had hoped. Glioblastoma is the most common form of adult brain cancer, with 17,000 new cases diagnosed each year. The outlook for the cancer is particularly grim; the majority of patients don't survive beyond five years. The vaccine, called HSPPC-96, uses cells from a patient's own tumor to help the immune system fight the disease. Using cell parts -- called heat shock proteins taken from the tumor, scientists created versions of the vaccine unique to each patient's cancer, designed to help the immune system recognize and fight the tumor. The approach can be used for any kind of tumor, not just brain cancer.

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04/19/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION
Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:
A proposed law that makes some changes to the controversial law of Alabama immigration was approved by a panel of the lower House of the State, but Democratic lawmakers complained that it does enough to address concerns that the law allows racial labeling by the police. The Committee on public safety and national security of the House Baja voted 6-3 on Tuesday for the proposal submitted by Micky Hammon of Decatur, Republican. It responds to some concerns of critics of the Immigration Act, which was passed by the legislature last year. The proposal adds text to specify that religious groups and their members can attend to people regardless of their migratory status.

Duration: 30
Topic: "VAWA"
Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:
The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a landmark piece of legislation that sought to improve criminal justice and community-based responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking in the United States. The passage of VAWA in 1994, and its reauthorization in 2000 and 2005, has changed the landscape for victims who once suffered in silence. Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking have been able to access services, and a new generation of families and justice system professionals has come to understand that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are crimes that our society will not tolerate. VAWA is currently scheduled for

reauthorization in 2010. Hearings and briefings were underway in mid-2009 for the reauthorization effort which falls under Commerce, Justice and Science, and Labor, Health and Human Services and Education committees.

Duration: 30

Topic: SYNTHETIC MARIHUANA

Time Aired: 9:30

Synopsis:

A substance known as Spice (also called Kronic, voodoo, chaos or puff) has recently become popular in various countries. Apparently it's a legal substitute for marijuana, or at least that is how it has been promoted for its commercialization. This synthetic version causes similar effects to the legendary cannabis but with the mediocre advantage that is legal. In fact it's a mixture of herbs (Mint, blue lily, among others) sprayed with multiple chemicals with a view to projecting sensations similar to those experienced by smoking marijuana.

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04/21/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: PHONE APP COULD HELP DIAGNOSIS ORAL CANCER

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

One day your Smartphone may be able to help diagnose if you have oral cancer. According to a story published in the Huffington Post, researchers at Stanford University are working on an app for that. A device attached to your phone could take a photo of the inside of your mouth, and that picture could be sent to dentists who could see if any lesions might be cancerous. The screening tool is still being tested. The idea is to use the scanner in places where it's hard to get a dental checkup.

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04/22/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA SB1070 SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR 2 STRIKLING DIFFERENTS VIEWS

Time Aired: 6:45

Synopsis:

For Arizonans, SB 1070 is about illegal immigration. For the U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear arguments about the constitutionality of some of its provisions on Wednesday, the issue is federalism -- the respective authority and roles of the federal and state governments. The court will hear starkly different views about that. Because of distrust of the attorney general at the time (Terry Goddard), the Legislature gave Gov. Jan Brewer unusual control of litigation regarding SB 1070. According to the Brewer administration, Arizona is disproportionately affected by illegal immigration and has a sovereign right to try to address those effects. The Brewer brief to the Supreme Court acknowledges the singular right of the federal government to determine who can be in the country legally and under what conditions. But it asserts the right of the state to supplement enforcement of federal law so long as state efforts don't directly contravene federal law.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Time Aired: 9:36

Synopsis:

According to the Lundberg Survey of fuel prices, the average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline has dropped a nickel over the past two weeks, putting the price of a gallon of regular at \$3.91. It's the first decline in the U.S. average since December. Midgrade costs an average of \$4.06 a gallon, and premium is at \$4.18. Diesel dropped four cents to \$4.17 a gallon. Of the cities surveyed, Tulsa, Okla., has the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.52. Chicago has the highest at \$4.26.

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04/23/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: SB 1070 HEARING PREVIEW

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

On April 25, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments about Arizona's controversial 2010 immigration law that seeks to crack down on undocumented immigrants. At stake is whether it is constitutional for states to create their own immigration legislation, since the decision could set a precedent for other state-based immigration laws. The case could also potentially impact the Latino vote during the upcoming U.S. presidential election. It may also stir concerns in Latin America, given that several countries in the regions voiced opposition to the legislation.

Duration: 30

Topic: US SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

An aging population and an economy that has been slow to rebound are straining the long-term finances of Social Security and Medicare, the government's two largest benefit programs. Those problems are getting new attention Monday as the trustees who oversee the massive programs release their annual financial reports. Medicare is in worse shape than Social Security because of rising health care costs. But both programs are on a path to become insolvent in the coming decades, unless Congress acts, according to the trustees.

Duration: 30

Topic: LESS MEXICANS IN THE US

Time Aired: 6:30

Synopsis:

The number of Mexican immigrants living illegally in the U.S. has dropped significantly for the first time in decades, a dramatic shift as many illegal workers, already in the U.S. and seeing few job opportunities, return to Mexico. An analysis of census data from the U.S. and Mexican governments details the movement to and from Mexico, a nation accounting for nearly 60 percent of the illegal immigrants in the U.S. It comes amid renewed debate over U.S. immigration policy as the Supreme Court hears arguments this week on Arizona's tough immigration law.

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04/24/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: SUPREME COURT HEARING ON SB1070

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

The decision the Supreme Court makes regarding Arizona's vehemently anti-immigrant law will show whether the justices value human rights, said members of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), a network of community-based immigrant advocacy organizations in 25 states.

Duration: 30

Topic: EMERGENCY HAND SANITIZER

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

Doctors are warning parents about a dangerous new trend after six teenagers drank hand sanitizer and ended up in San Fernando Valley emergency rooms with alcohol poisoning. Teenagers are using salt to separate the alcohol from the sanitizer, doctors said. Although there have been only a few cases, Rangan

said the practice could easily become a larger problem. Bottles of hand sanitizers are inexpensive and accessible and teens can find instructions on distillation on the Internet.

Duration: 30

Topic: STUDENT LOAN COSTS

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

The White House said on Tuesday that it was reviewing whether a small business tax loophole should be closed to pay for an extension of low interest rates on student loans that President Barack Obama wants Congress to deliver. The loophole allows some shareholder-employees of so-called "S corporations" to avoid paying the Medicare payroll tax on their earnings.

Duration: 30

Topic: HOME PRICES

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

Home prices dropped in February in most major U.S. cities for a sixth straight month, a sign that modest sales gains haven't been enough to boost prices. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home-price index shows that prices dropped in February from January in 16 of the 20 cities it tracks.

Duration: 30

Topic: CHOLESTEROL LEVELS

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

U.S. health officials say only 13 percent of U.S. adults have high total cholesterol. That may seem incredible in a nation where two-thirds of adults are overweight. Experts believe it's largely because so many Americans take cholesterol-lowering drugs, but dropping smoking rates and other factors also contributed. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the report Tuesday. The numbers come from interviews and blood tests of nearly 6,000 U.S. adults in 2009 and 2010.

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4/25/12

Duration: 30

Topic: SB 1070 SUPREME COURT

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

Supreme Court justices strongly suggested Wednesday that they are ready to allow Arizona to enforce part of a controversial state law requiring police officers to check the immigration status of people they think are in the country illegally. Liberal and conservative justices reacted skeptically to the Obama administration's argument that the state exceeded its authority when it made the records check, and another provision allowing suspected illegal immigrants to be arrested without a warrant, part of the Arizona law aimed at driving illegal immigrants elsewhere.

Duration: 30

Topic: MAD COW

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

A non-descript building in the heart of California's dairy country has become the focus of intense scrutiny now that mad cow disease has been discovered in a dead dairy cow. The finding, announced Tuesday, is the first new case of the disease in the U.S. since 2006 - and the fact that the discovery was made at all was a stroke of luck. Tests are performed on only a small portion of dead animals brought to the transfer facility near Hanford.

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4/26/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Time Aired: 3:30

Synopsis:

The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits remained stuck near a three-month high last week, a sign that hiring has likely slowed since winter. The Labor Department says weekly applications dipped 1,000 to a seasonally adjusted 388,000. That's little changed from the previous week's figure, which was the highest since Jan. 7. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose to 381,750, also the highest in three months. Applications jumped sharply three weeks ago, a sign that employers had stepped up layoffs and added fewer jobs. Economists said the increase might have been inflated by temporary layoffs during the spring holidays, when many school employees are laid off.

Duration: 30

Topic: MARCO RUBIO ON DREAM ACT

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

Gaby Pacheco, a vocal immigrant activist, accepted a tantalizing invitation last week from an unlikely source: Republican Sen. Marco Rubio wanted her to help craft a bill that could legalize the children of some illegal immigrants. Two hours later, Pacheco and other activists got a different pitch from their more familiar White House allies. Be wary of Rubio and his plan, two of President Obama's top advisers told them in a meeting. It wouldn't go far enough and wasn't likely to succeed. The group was polite but noncommittal. "We're not married to the Democratic or Republican parties," said Pacheco, 27. "We're going to push what's best for the community."

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04/27/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: SLOW ECONOMY GROWTH

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

The U.S. economy grew more slowly in the first three months of this year. Stronger consumer spending was offset by cutbacks in government spending and by businesses restocking their shelves at a slower pace. The Commerce Department says the economy expanded at an annual rate of 2.2 percent in the January-March quarter, compared with a 3 percent gain in the final quarter of 2011. Consumers spent at the fastest pace in more than a year. In 2011, the economy grew just 1.7 percent. But growth is expected to rebound to around 3 percent for all of 2012 as stronger job growth spurs increased consumer spending.

Duration: 30

Topic: STUDENT LOANS

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

Republican leaders are ready to try pushing legislation through the House holding down interest rates on federal loans to millions of college students. Democrats say that's a goal the GOP has adopted only lately, but the top House Democrat is opposing the measure anyway in a fight that highlights how election-year politics is coloring Congress' work. The House planned to vote Friday on the bill, which would keep interest rates at 3.4 percent for subsidized Stafford loans, instead of rising as scheduled to 6.8 percent on July 1. The GOP-written package would cover its \$5.9 billion cost by plucking money from a preventive health fund established in President Barack Obama's 2010 health care overhaul law -- a cut many Democrats are reluctant to make.

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04/28/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION EASES UP ON MINOR TRAFFIC CASES

Time Aired: 3:22

Synopsis:

Immigration officials say they will no longer immediately detain suspected illegal immigrants who are arrested only on minor traffic violations and have no criminal history. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Barbara Gonzalez said Friday that immigration agents will now consider detaining people arrested on minor traffic offenses -- provided they have no criminal history -- only if they are convicted of these offenses. The change responds to recommendations from a task force that reviewed a federal program that checks arrestees' fingerprints against immigration records. Immigrant advocates say the modifications are too minor to revamp a program they say leads to racial profiling and lands too many people without criminal records in detention.

Duration: 30

Topic: DEPORTATION REVIEW

Time Aired: 5:18

Synopsis:

The U.S. government is offering to shelve some deportation cases, but some immigrants are rejecting the deal, preferring to take a shot at winning asylum or a green card in immigration court. That's because the offer doesn't end the specter of deportation or promise a work permit or green card. Immigrant advocates say another problem is authorities are only offering the deal to immigrants with very compelling cases who tend to be long-time residents with a decent shot at winning in immigration court. The government is reviewing the country's 300,000 immigration court cases to focus on those involving criminals. So far, officials have screened nearly 220,000 cases and decided to offer to put on hold 7.5 percent of them. Officials could not say how many immigrants had accepted the deal.

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04/29/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Time Aired: 10:20

Synopsis:

Gasoline prices continue to ease. Triple-A says prices fell by a nickel this week, with the average price for a gallon of regular at \$3.82 nationwide. The auto club says prices are 8 cents lower than a month ago and 5 cents lower than this time last year when the average price topped out at \$3.99 per gallon. Crude oil remained relatively stable last week, trading within its recent comfort zone of \$101 to \$105 per barrel. That's helped move gas prices lower. Flatter crude oil prices continue to push the amount you pay at the pump down.

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04/30/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Time Aired: 3:24 PM

Synopsis:

Police are encountering more domestic violence related to the sluggish economy, a national survey of law enforcement agencies finds.

The review, part of a continuing examination of how economic conditions are affecting law enforcement by the Police Executive Research Forum found that 56% of the 700 responding agencies reported that poor economy is driving an increase in domestic conflict, up from 40% of agencies in a similar survey in 2010.

Duration: 30

Topic: PAIN KILLERS ADDICTED BABIES

Time Aired: 7:41 PM

Synopsis:

The number of babies born addicted to the class of drugs that includes prescription painkillers has nearly tripled in the past decade, according to the first national study of its kind. Babies born in withdrawal are often born small and are at a higher risk of death than other infants, according to the study.

Duration: 30

Topic: TX PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Time Aired: 8:27 PM

Synopsis:

A federal judge on Monday temporarily blocked a new Texas rule that would have excluded Planned Parenthood clinics from offering women's health services for the poor in the state because the organization provides abortions. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel in favor of Planned Parenthood means thousands of women enrolled in the Texas Women's Health Program who go to its clinics will not be required to find new healthcare providers, at least for now.

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05/02/12

Duration: 30

Topic: MORE TEENS SMOKING POT

Time Aired: 4:27 pm

Synopsis:

More teens are smoking pot. A new survey of young people by The Partnership at Drugfree.org says nearly 1 in 10 teens light up at least 20 or more times a month. The group also says abuse of prescription medicine may be easing a bit among young people in grades 9 through 12, but still remains high.

Duration: 30

Topic: CITIZENSHIP TEST

Time Aired: 6:23 pm

Synopsis:

Apparently, one in three native-born Americans would fail a 10-question civics test given to immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship. 97.5 percent of immigrants pass the test, which asks basic questions about American history and government.

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5/3/12

Duration: 30

Topic: ECONOMY-UNEMPLOYMENT

Time Aired: 2:30 pm

Synopsis:

The number of Americans who sought unemployment benefits last week fell more than expected, according to a report Thursday that could allay fears that the labor market recovery is stagnating. Initial claims for unemployment benefits fell by 27,000 to a seasonally adjusted 365,000, said The Department of Labor. This was the biggest drop since early May last year.

Duration: 30

Topic: SMALL COMPANIES STARTUPS

Time Aired: 3:30 pm

Synopsis:

According to an analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data, the rate of new business startups fell in 2010 to the lowest point on record. New companies as a percentage of all businesses dropped below 8 percent in 2010, the latest year for which numbers are available. Census Bureau data found that in 2010, 394,000 startup businesses created 2.3 million jobs at a time when the private sector lost 1.8 million jobs overall. The report, by two Census Bureau researchers and an economics professor at the University of Maryland, found that young firms those five years or younger now account for less than 35 percent of all businesses. That's down from nearly 50 percent in the early 1980s. And while they created more than 40 percent of new jobs in the 1980s, that has fallen to about 30 percent. Researchers found that the average size of new business was largely unchanged at fewer than 10 workers.

Duration: 30

Topic: MORE PLAYERS SUE THE NFL

Time Aired: 8:30 pm

Synopsis:

More than 100 former NFL players on Thursday sued the league claiming ongoing debilitating effects from head injuries, joining a group of some 1,500 retired players who have brought legal action on the same grounds, a plaintiff's attorney said. The latest lawsuit on behalf of over 100 plaintiffs was filed in federal court in Atlanta, said lawyer Kirk Pope. It seeks an unspecified amount of damages for lost wages, pain

and suffering, and medical treatment. Among the top athletes in the latest suit are Chris Doleman, Jamal Anderson and Jessie Tuggle, Pope said.

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5/4/12

Duration: 30

Topic: US HIRING SLOWS SHARPLY

Time Aired: 4:30 pm

Synopsis:

U.S. employers pulled back on hiring in April for the second straight month, a sobering reminder that the economy remains weak. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent, but only because more people gave up looking for work. The Labor Department says employers added 115,000 jobs in April. That's below March's upwardly revised 154,000 jobs and far fewer than the pace from earlier this year. The unemployment rate has fallen a full percentage point since August to a three-year low. But last month's decline was not due to job growth. The government only counts people as unemployed if they are actively looking for work.

Duration: 30

Topic: MISSING CHILDREN

Time Aired: 4:30 pm

Synopsis:

The likelihood of finding an abducted child has sharply increased in recent years due to technological advances in the way searches are conducted and a greater awareness that fast action saves lives, said Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. That has boosted the recovery rate for missing children involved in the most dangerous cases in America to 97 percent in 2011 from 62 percent in 1990, according to the center's statistics. That rate is even higher when it includes all missing children, not just the highest-risk cases, which include abductions by a stranger or a family member wanted on a felony arrest warrant.

Duration: 30

Topic: TENNESSEE APPROVES LAWS AGAINST ANTI-INMIGRANTS

Time Aired: 5:30 pm

Synopsis:

Tennessee joined the anti-immigrant wave, approving several laws against illegal immigrants. It requires police detain drivers that don't have driver licenses and insurance of vehicles involved in serious accidents. Another one forces judges to consider the illegal status of a person before analyzing the amount of the bond. And also requires verifying the immigration status of local, state or federal claimants.

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05/07/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: TSA LOG USERS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

The accelerated security check process began in October for pre-approved passengers on American, Delta and Alaska flights. The program, now at 14 airports, will expand to 21 more sites by year's end.

Duration: 30
Topic: JOGGING AND LIFE EXPECTANCY STUDY
Time Aired: 4:20 PM

Synopsis:
A Copenhagen City Heart study finds that jogging regularly adds a little more than six-years to the life expectancy of men and about five-and-half-years for women. The study found that running between one and two-and-a-half-hours a week at a slow or average pace would do the job.

Duration: 30
Topic: OBESITY STUDY
Time Aired: 5:24 PM

Synopsis:
A new report estimates about 42 percent of the American population will be obese when reaching age 20-30. The report, in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, suggests an additional 30 million Americans will be obese in 18 years. This level of obesity would cost an additional 549.5 billion dollars in medical expenditures.

Duration: 30
Topic: YOUNG HISPANICS ARE NOT REGISTERING TO VOTE
Time Aired: 6:27 PM

Synopsis:
According to a study, many young Hispanics are turning 18 years old and are not registering to vote.

Duration: 30
Topic: CHRYSLER RECALL
Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:
Chrysler Group is recalling about 119,000 Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger sedans in the United States because of a problem that could cause the anti-lock brakes and electronic stability control systems to malfunction.

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05/08/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: BORDER PATROL STRATEGY
Time Aired: 2:42 PM

Synopsis:
The U.S. Border Patrol on Tuesday unveiled its first national strategy in eight years, a period in which the number of agents more than doubled and apprehensions of people entering illegally from Mexico dropped to a 40-year low. The new approach - outlined in a 32-page document that took more than two years to develop - uses buzzwords like "risk-based" and "intelligence-driven" to describe a more nuanced, targeted response to constantly evolving threats.

Duration: 30
Topic: STUDENT LOANS
Time Aired: 2:42 PM

Synopsis:
The Senate is steaming toward a showdown on a Democratic proposal to keep student loan interest rates from doubling for 7.4 million students. In a measure of how the upcoming election is driving work in Congress these days, it's a vote Democrats won't terribly mind losing -- which is probably what will happen. The Senate planned a Tuesday roll call on the plan, which would extend today's 3.4 percent interest rates on subsidized Stafford loans for another year. Without congressional action, those rates will double July 1.

Duration: 30
Topic: GAY MARRIAGE AMENDMENT
Time Aired: 2:42 PM
Synopsis:

The national debate over gay marriage turns its attention South on Tuesday, as North Carolina could be on the verge of becoming the next state to pass a constitutional amendment defining marriage as solely between a man and a woman. In the final days before the vote, members of President Barack Obama's cabinet expressed support for gay marriage and former President Bill Clinton recorded phone messages urging voters to oppose the amendment.

Duration: 30
Topic: OBESITY REPORT
Time Aired: 3:37 PM
Synopsis:

In the battle against obesity, just about everything is on the table, from creating healthier kids' meals to nagging people to exercise. Specialists meeting in Washington on Tuesday are looking for a blueprint on reducing America's weight problem as they debate what strategies should be a priority. Today, just over a third of adults are obese. A government-funded study suggests that by 2030, 42 percent will be. That's not nearly as many as experts once predicted, before years of the rapid rise in obesity rates began leveling off. But Americans aren't getting thinner either.

Duration: 30
Topic: TEEN DRIVERS STUDY
Time Aired: 4:24 PM
Synopsis:

A new warning for parents of young drivers: teens are far more likely to die behind the wheel when they have other teens in the car. That's the finding of a new study released today by Triple-A. The auto club says its report found a 16 or 17-year-old driver was 44 percent *more* likely to die in a crash, per mile driven, with one passenger under 21 years old as compared to driving alone. The risk of a fatal wreck doubled with two more passengers under 21, and no older adults present. And the study found deadly crash risk *tripled* with three or more young passengers.

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05/09/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: MORTGAGE LATE PAYMENTS
Time Aired: 2:30 PM
Synopsis:

A new report says the percentage of U.S. homeowners behind on their mortgage payments dropped in the first three months of this year to the lowest level since 2009. Credit reporting agency TransUnion says 5.78 percent of the nation's mortgage holders were behind on their payments by 60 days or more in the January-to-March quarter. That's down from 6.19 percent in the same period last year, and below the 6.01 percent delinquency rate in the last three months of 2011.

Duration: 30
Topic: SCREENING AIRPORT MACHINE
Time Aired: 2:30 PM
Synopsis:

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) did not properly test new passenger screening machines designed to detect nonmetallic underwear bombs before installing them at U.S. airports. The agency should have had an approved testing plan for the new machines before it moved ahead with buying and installing them but did not, investigators from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) will tell a joint hearing of two House committees.

Duration: 30
Topic: HOMEOWNER DEBT REDUCTION
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:
Homeowners with a Bank of America mortgage have good reason to check their mailbox. The lender said Tuesday it has begun mailing out letters to customers who may qualify to have their home loans reduced as part of a multistate settlement over alleged foreclosure abuses. The Charlotte, N.C.-based company estimates that more than 200,000 of its customers could potentially be in line for a reduction in the principal balance on their mortgage.

Duration: 30
Topic: OBAMA GAY MARRIAGE
Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:
President Barack Obama says he now supports same-sex marriage, ending months of equivocation on a subject with powerful election-year consequences. Obama says he has concluded that it is important for him to affirm that he thinks same-sex couples should be able to get married. He says he came to the conclusion over the course of several years of talking to family and friends.

Duration: 30
Topic: POST OFFICES WON'T CLOSE
Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:
The U.S. Postal Service said it is abandoning for now its plan to close thousands of post offices in rural locations and will instead keep them operating with shorter opening hours. The cash-strapped agency faced significant backlash from Congress and communities last summer when it began considering about 3,600 post offices for closure this year. Instead, now 13,000 post offices with low traffic will shorten their operations to between two and six hours a day.

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05/10/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: OPPORTUNITY AROUND COUNTRY
Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:
Economic mobility -- the ability of Americans to move up or down the economic ladder -- varies by state. A look at mobility shows eight states do better than the national average. Nine states have worse mobility than the national average. The ability of individuals to achieve the American dream depends on where they live, according to the first state-by-state look at the opportunity to move up the economic ladder. People who live in Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Utah are more likely to improve their economic standing after their prime working years than the typical American, a study by the Pew Charitable Trusts finds. In Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Carolina Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas, people are less likely to improve their economic standing.

Duration: 30
Topic: MEDICARE INVESTIGATION
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:
Government investigators have found Medicare paid \$5.6 billion to 2,600 pharmacies with questionable billings, including a Kansas drugstore that submitted more than 1,000 prescriptions each for two patients in just one year. The new report by the inspector general of the Health and Human Services department finds the corner drugstore is vulnerable to fraud, partly because Medicare does not require the private insurers that deliver prescription benefits to seniors to report suspicious billing patterns.

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05/11/12

Duration: 30

Topic: HIV PREVENTION PILL

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A pill to prevent HIV infection is already being given to some healthy people, but without government approval, it remains out of reach and too costly for many who need it. Doctors, patients and advocates say that would change if the Food and Drug Administration takes a landmark step and allows the pill, Truvada, to be marketed for prevention. The drug has been used for some time as a treatment for those already infected with the AIDS virus. A panel of advisers to the Food and Drug Administration late Thursday endorsed using Truvada as a preventive. In the 30-year battle against AIDS, "it's the first time we have talked about a medication for prevention of HIV". Doctors are allowed to prescribe Truvada "off-label" for prevention, but FDA approval would formally allow the pill's maker Gilead Sciences to market it for that use. It would probably lead many more insurance companies to pay for the costly drug. The FDA usually follows advisers' recommendations and a decision is expected by June 15.

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05/12/12

Duration: 30

Topic: THOUSANDS TO LOSE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

More than 200,000 long-term jobless Americans will lose their unemployment checks this week, when eight states roll off the federal extended benefits program. Nearly half of them live in California, and the rest reside in Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, Colorado, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Texas. The federal extended benefits program has provided the jobless with up to 20 weeks of unemployment checks after they've run through their state and their federal emergency benefits, which together last up to 79 weeks. But the extended benefits program is expiring throughout the country as the economy improves. To be eligible for these benefits, a state must show that its unemployment rate is at least 10% higher than it was in at least one of the past three years.

Duration: 30

Topic: YOUNG ADULTS IGNORING SKIN CANCER WARNINGS

Time Aired: 3:20 PM

Synopsis:

There's been a lot of talk about tanning lately -- and doctors say it's a good opportunity to warn sun-worshippers about the dangers of skin cancer. But those warnings are being *ignored* by many young people. In a report issued this week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said *half* of Americans age 18 to 29 were sunburned at least once in the last year. Among whites, the number jumped to two out of three. And six percent of adults said they have used indoor tanning beds.

Duration: 30

Topic: : HIV-HOME TEST

Time Aired: 4:18 PM

Synopsis:

The Food and Drug Administration is considering approval of the first over-the-counter HIV test that would allow consumers to quickly test themselves for the virus at home, without medical supervision. FDA reviewers said Friday the OraQuick In-Home HIV test could play a significant role in slowing the spread of HIV, according to briefing documents posted online. But they also raised concerns about the accuracy of the test, a mouth swab that returns results in about 20 minutes. The review comes one day after an FDA advisory panel endorsed the HIV pill Truvada for preventive use. If FDA follows the group's advice, the daily medication would become the first drug approved to prevent healthy people from becoming infected with the virus that causes AIDS.

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05/13/12

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA FARMERS

Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:

Some Alabama farmers say they are planting less produce rather than risk having crops rot in the fields a second straight year because of labor shortages linked to the state's crackdown on illegal immigration. Farmers interviewed by The Associated Press say they had no choice but to reduce acreage. They fear there won't be enough workers to pick crops at harvest time. The crops are often picked by Hispanic migrants, both legal and illegal. It's unclear exactly how many farmers are changing their planting patterns this year because of the law.

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05/14/12

Duration: 30

Topic: EXTREME WEATHER ALERT

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Wireless carriers and the federal government are launching a system to automatically warn people of dangerous weather and other emergencies via a special type of text messaging to cell phones.

Duration: 30

Topic: AUTISM IN YOUNG ADULTS

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

A study finds that one in 3 young adults with autism have no paid job experience, college or technical schooling nearly seven years after high school graduation. That's a poorer showing than those with other disabilities including those who are mentally disabled, the researchers said.

Duration: 30

Topic: TEENS TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Virtually all teenagers agree that texting while driving is dangerous but nearly half admit they have done it anyway, according to a new nationwide survey released on Monday. Three-quarters of teenagers also said in an online poll that texting while driving was common among their friends, and reported that their parents text at nearly the same rate as they do while driving.

Duration: 30

Topic: NJ BANS TEXTING WHILE WALKING

Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:

One city in New Jersey is cracking down on texting while walking. Officials in Fort Lee have begun issuing tickets up to \$85 for each offense. The measure was implemented after a rise in pedestrian related accidents.

Duration: 30

Topic: SECURE COMMUNITIES

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Secure communities will begin tomorrow in NY. City Council members, immigration advocates and religious officials criticize Tuesday's planned implementation of the "Secure Communities" immigration

enforcement program by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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05/15/12

Duration: 30

Topic: DREAMERS CONGRESS LAWSUIT

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

After years of advocacy and risking deportation numerous times, undocumented youth in 2010 were able to push for the DREAM Act to be voted on in the U.S. House and Senate. The DREAM Act would allow undocumented youth a path to legal status if they graduated from college or the military.

Duration: 30

Topic: ACLU LAWSUIT

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Detainees file into San Francisco immigration court linked together like a "chain-gang," bound at their wrists, waists and ankles. A metal chain or seatbelt-style restraint is wrapped around the detainees' waists and connected to their wrists with a link to the detainee in front of them. The detainees often must sit four to a bench and remain bound to each other throughout the court proceedings. While sitting bound, they are limited in movements and the restraints prevent simple tasks, such as taking notes during the proceeding.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALZHEIMER GOVERNMENT INCITIATIVE

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Today Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius laid out the Obama administrations plans to help those suffering from Alzheimer's and their families. In addition to the \$50 million that will be spent by the NIH on research, money will be spent for education and assistance to families of Alzheimer patients.

Duration: 30

Topic: AIRPORT SECURITY BREACH

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

Alarmed by a federal report that says security breaches at major airports are underreported more than half the time, the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee said yesterday he will hold a hearing on the issue tomorrow in Washington.

Duration: 30

Topic: FOREIGN SKILL WORKERS VISA

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

A leading Republican in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday unveiled legislation to raise the number of temporary visas for skilled technical workers from foreign countries, but prospects of passage this year could be clouded by election-year politics. Senator John Cornyn, the senior Republican on a panel that oversees immigration, introduced a bill that would make an additional 55,000 visas available each year for graduates with master's and doctoral degrees who have studied at U.S. research institutions.

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05/16/12

Duration: 30

Topic: FEMALE FARMWORKERS SUFFER SEX ABUSE

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new report says female immigrant farm workers in the U.S. are commonly subject to sexual harassment and assault, in part because their immigration status makes them fearful of reporting an offender, particularly an employer. The report by Human Rights Watch included dozens of interviews with farm workers, attorneys and advocates in seven states. The organization calls for laws to protect the workers, who "see these abuses as an unavoidable condition of agricultural work." An estimated 630,000 of the 3 million people who perform farm work are female. The study released Wednesday mirrors two previous reports that focused on California. A spokesman for the California Farm Bureau Federation says sexual harassment is a universal problem not confined to the agricultural industry, which is why laws were enacted to prohibit it.

Duration: 30

Topic: LOS ANGELES ADOPTS 'RESPONSIBLE BANKING' ORDINANCE

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Joining a growing number of municipalities, the Los Angeles City Council on Tuesday adopted a "responsible banking" ordinance that will require banks doing business with the city to disclose detailed data on loans and foreclosure activity by community. Much of the information is already reported under federal law but can be hard to find in voluminous federal banking reports, said Miguel Santana, city administrative officer. The new law would bring the information together on a city website that the public could search by census tract, he said. Banks that decline to provide the information will be deemed unqualified to bid for a piece of the city's \$6 billion in deposits and pension funds, Santana said. The law will enable the city and its residents to identify which banks are helping the community and which aren't, said Councilman Richard Alarcon, who wrote the legislation.

Duration: 30

Topic: GUIDELINES DEFINING ALCOHOLICS MAY CHANGE

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

New guidelines are redefining addiction in a revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The American Psychiatric Association produces the book. A New York Times article suggests 30 million more Americans could be diagnosed as having some sort of addiction - whether drugs, alcohol, shopping or gambling. Currently drug and alcohol problems are categorized as substance abuse - a short term problem like binge drinking in college... Then there's substance dependence - a long term problem like alcoholism. The new guidelines would give only one diagnosis for addiction - with varying degrees - mild, moderate or severe. Supporters say untreated illness would get the attention it deserves under the revisions. But opponents say it will artificially inflate the number of people categorized as addicts and end up costing hundreds of millions of dollars in what could be unnecessary treatment.

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05/17/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: COFFEE DRINKERS ARE A LITTLE MORE LIKELY TO LIVE LONGER

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Coffee has always been thought of as a guilty pleasure, a way to help you wake up in the morning even though it does more harm than good. Or so was the thought. Now a new study has found that coffee drinkers are more likely to live longer. Regular or decaf, it doesn't matter. The study of 400,000 people is the largest ever done on the issue, and the results should reassure any coffee lovers who think it's bad for them.

Duration: 30

Topic: USA MINORITIES BIRTH

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

For the first time in U.S. history, more than half of all babies born last year were members of minority groups. It's a sign of how swiftly the USA is becoming a nation of younger minorities and older whites. Hispanics, blacks, Asians and other minorities in 2011 accounted for 50.4% of births, 49.7% of all children under 5 and slightly more than half of the 4 million kids under 1, the Census Bureau reports today. The nation's growing diversity has huge implications for education, economics and politics. In all, minorities had 5.9% fewer babies last year than in 2010, but births among non-Hispanic whites fell even more, down 10.1%, Johnson says. A key reason: A greater share of the minority population is of child-bearing age.

Duration: 30

Topic: 96% OF RESTAURANT ENTREES EXCEED USDA LIMITS

Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:

A whopping 96% of main entrees sold at top U.S. chain eateries exceed daily limits for calories, sodium, fat and saturated fat recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, reports the 18-month study conducted by the Rand Corp. and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The restaurant industry is "employing a wide range" of healthier-living strategies. Among them: putting nutritional information on menus, adding more healthful items and launching a 2011 program at nearly 100 brands in more than 25,000 locations that offers children's meals in line with 2010 dietary guidelines.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA HB56

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley is sending lawmakers back to the drawing board to rework proposed revisions to the state's immigration law - considered the toughest in the nation. Bentley, a Republican, said he wants the legislature to remove a provision in Alabama's immigration law that requires school officials to ask students about the legal status of their parents. Bentley signed a proclamation calling for a special session of the Alabama legislature starting May 17. The special session is to cover measures dealing with the state budget, redistricting as well as immigration. A press release issued by the governor's office expressed concern about two key provisions of a bill that contained revisions to an existing immigration bill, HB 56, which was signed into law last year. Bentley appears to be concerned that the revised measure tramples on constitutional rights.

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05/18/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL RESPONSE

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

When Javier Ortiz collapsed in his backyard in Echo Park, rescuers were stationed in a firehouse just a half-mile away. But the Los Angeles Fire Department dispatcher who answered the 911 call from Ortiz's daughter took more than 2 1/2 minutes to send the firefighters - nearly three times longer than a national standard for processing calls for help. By the time rescuers arrived, more than six minutes had passed since the Fire Department picked up the call, records show. Ortiz later died, and it is impossible to say whether a faster response would have saved him. But his case illustrates a significant weakness at one of the nation's largest fire agencies: Dispatchers lose precious seconds in hundreds of thousands of calls for medical aid each year.

Duration: 30
Topic: DROWNING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR KIDS UNDER AGE 4
Time Aired: 4:30 PM
Synopsis:

Drowning remains the leading cause of death in children under age 4 other than birth defects, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From 2005 to 2009, about 3,880 people died from drowning each year in the United States, and more than 5,700 received emergency care for near-drowning incidents. Death rates were highest for children between ages 1 and 4. In this age group, about 2.5 deaths occurred for every 100,000 children in the population, the report said. Overall, there were 1.3 deaths per 100,000 people in the United States. More than half of all people treated in emergency rooms for near drowning were less than 4 years old.

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05/19/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: ALABAMA HB 56
Time Aired: 4:30 PM
Synopsis:

Gov. Robert Bentley on Friday signed into law revisions to the state's stringent immigration law after his efforts to change the bill fell flat among lawmakers. The governor had hoped to change two provisions of the law -- including one that would create a new public database of illegal immigrants who have appeared in court -- during a special session on redistricting that convened Thursday. "However, as we worked with legislators during the special session, it became clear that the Legislature did not have the appetite for addressing further revisions at this time," Bentley said in a statement. Bentley said he still had some concerns about the legislation, but said it made too many helpful changes for citizens and law-abiding businesses for him to cast it aside with a pocket veto.

Duration: 30
Topic: DRIVER LICENSE FRAUD
Time Aired: 4:30 PM
Synopsis:

Before Randy Wilson stepped in front of the camera at the DMV last Thursday, he was told to remove his glasses for his driver's license photo. Wilson, from Fargo, didn't think much of it. He figured it was probably because the camera's flash might cause a glare in the photo. As it turns out, though, it's a little bit more complicated than that. For the last two years, North Dakota has been using facial recognition software as a way to prevent driver's license fraud. Drivers like Wilson are asked to remove their glasses because the frames make it difficult for the software to identify a face. While the concept might seem like something out of a science fiction novel, it's actually pretty basic, said Glenn Jackson, director of the Driver's License Division of the Department of Transportation. The goal of the program, Jackson said, is to prevent a person from having more than one license. The software compares a new driver's license photo with old photos in the database to make sure that a driver isn't in the system under a different name.

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05/21/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: OBESITY RISK
Time Aired: 4:30 PM
Synopsis:

New federal research is revealing alarming new statistics about heart risks in the nation's overweight teens. The study in the journal "Pediatrics" says half the nation's overweight teens have unhealthy blood pressure, cholesterol or blood sugar levels that put them at risk for future cardiac problems. One expert says it could mean the battle for good health is being lost early on with many kids. Overall, the study found

that 50 percent of overweight young people and 60 percent of obese adolescents had at least one risk factor for future heart disease. Even in normal-weight kids, 37 percent had at least one risk factor.

Duration: 30

Topic: US SUPREME COURT / PARENTS STAY

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Monday that the length of lawful residence in the United States by immigrant parents cannot be considered by the federal government in deciding whether their children should be deported. The justices unanimously handed a victory to the Obama administration and overturned a ruling by a U.S. appeals court that immigrants who entered the United States as children may count their parents' years in this country to satisfy the residency requirements.

Duration: 30

Topic: CARWASHERS LAWSUIT

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

MALDEF held a press conference to announce the details of a class action lawsuit against multiple southern California car washes. The car washes have maintained unlawful labor policies and practices resulting in thousands of hours of free labor at each car wash and a work environment depriving workers of their right to be paid. Workers were also forbade legally required meal breaks and rest breaks without compensation; and consistently provided inaccurate statements of work. The CLEAN Carwash Campaign, a coalition of nonprofit organizations dedicated to ensuring that car washes are held accountable for their routine labor violations, investigated these violations.

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05/22/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: AIRLINE CHARGE FOR SEATS

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

If you're flying this summer, be prepared to kiss your family goodbye at the gate. Even if they're on the same plane. Airlines are reserving a growing number of window and aisle seats for passengers willing to pay extra. That's helping to boost revenue but also making it harder for friends and family members who don't pay this fee to sit next to each other. At the peak of the summer travel season, it might be nearly impossible.

Duration: 30

Topic: PROSTATE CANCER

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Doctors should no longer offer the PSA prostate cancer screening test to healthy men because they're more likely to be harmed by the blood draw - and the chain of medical interventions that often follows - than be helped, according to government advisory panel's final report.

Duration: 30

Topic: CENSUS ACCURACY

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new government analysis shows the 2010 census generally was accurate, although it continued to disproportionately overlook minorities. The Census Bureau reports it over-counted the total U.S. population by about 36,000 people, or 0.01 percent. That is compared to a census over-count of 0.5 percent in 2000.

Duration: 30

Topic: ONLINE IMMIGRATION SERVICE LAUNCHES

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today launched the first phase of its electronic immigration benefits system, known as USCIS ELIS. The system has been created to modernize the process for filing and adjudicating immigration benefits.

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05/23/12

Duration: 30

Topic: JAILS ABUSE ACT

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Corrections officers at the only women's prison in Alabama regularly sexually harass, abuse and even rape female inmates with few consequences, according to a new report by a civil rights organization. Numerous female inmates at Tutwiler Prison for Women in Wetumpka, Ala., reported becoming pregnant after being raped by male correctional staff over the past five years, said Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), which investigated the allegations. Other sexual misconduct, including pervasive harassment, unwanted touching and invasion of privacy, is commonplace, Stevenson said. Consensual sex between staff and inmates is strictly forbidden by prison regulations, but is also a regular occurrence, with staff requiring women to perform sexual favors in exchange for smuggled contraband goods, the report found.

Duration: 30

Topic: WEIGHT LOSS REDUCES BREAST CANCER RISK

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Even a moderate amount of weight loss can significantly reduce levels of circulating estrogens that are associated with an increased risk of breast cancer, according to a study by researchers at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center - the first randomized, controlled clinical trial to test the effects of weight loss on sex hormones in overweight and obese postmenopausal women, a group at elevated risk for breast cancer.

Duration: 30

Topic: GRAND FAMILIES

Time Aired: 7:30 PM

Synopsis:

Howard Dubowitz, a Maryland pediatrician and researcher who specializes in child protection issues, knows how hard it can be to raise other people's children. Over the years while talking with grandparents and others who take on the role of guardian when parents struggle, "my heart went out to them - they were trying so hard," said Dubowitz, trained to help treat children who have been abused or neglected. The number of youth living with relatives or friends instead of their parents has risen nearly 18 percent in the past decade as a growing number of grandparents take on caring for their grandchildren, an analysis of government data shows. More than 2.7 million children and teenagers have such "grand families" or other alternative living arrangements, up from 2.2 million in 2000, according to a review of the U.S. Census Bureau's latest 2010 data by The Annie E. Casey Foundation released on Wednesday.

Duration: 30

Topic: HEWLETT PACKARD JOB CUTS

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

Hewlett-Packard Co. plans to jettison 27,000 workers as the growing popularity of smart phones, the iPad and other mobile devices makes it tougher for the company to sell personal computers. The cuts announced Wednesday represent HP's largest payroll purge in its 73-year history. The reductions will

affect about 8 percent of HP's nearly 350,000 employees by the time the overhaul is completed in October 2014. HP hopes to avoid as many layoffs as possible by offering early retirement packages.

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05/24/12

Duration: 30

Topic: COUPON FRAUD

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Food stamp recipients are ripping off the government for millions of dollars by illegally selling their benefit cards for cash -- sometimes even in the open, on eBay or Craigslist -- and then asking the government for replacement cards. The Agriculture Department wants to curb the practice by giving states more power to investigate people who repeatedly claim to lose their benefit cards. It is proposing new rules Thursday that would allow states to demand formal explanations from people who seek replacement cards more than three times a year. Those who don't comply can be denied further cards. Overall, food stamp fraud costs taxpayers about \$750 million a year, or 1 percent of the \$75 billion program that makes up the bulk of the department's total budget for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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05/25/12

Duration: 30

Topic: MEMORIAL DAY TRAVEL / GAS

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

California drivers will pay record gasoline prices over the Memorial Day weekend but could get relief in the weeks ahead - unless more unplanned refinery outages occur. Then all bets are off, analysts say. The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in California was \$4.311 on Thursday, down 5.5 cents from a week earlier, according to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report. That beats the previous state record for the traditional start of the summer driving season: During the Memorial Day weekend of 2008, average high prices ranged from \$4.168 to \$4.228. Prices are moderating on the West Coast partly out of the wholesale market's anticipation that several hobbled refineries will return to operation, the Energy Department said. "This means if the wholesale market ... is not subject to new disruptions, retail prices should see continuing downward movement in the coming weeks," the agency said in its weekly petroleum report.

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05/26/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: 1 IN 3 OBESE - INCLUDING THE HOMELESS

Time Aired: 4:28PM

Synopsis:

Obesity is a widespread epidemic, even among the homeless. While the popularized image of a homeless individual is one of skin and bones, a new study shows the reality is not so. One in three (32.3%) homeless individuals in the United States is obese, highlighting a hunger-obesity paradox. The paradox is that hunger and obesity can exist in the same person. And although a person may be overweight or obese, he or she can lack proper nutrition. Nutrition is a daily challenge for homeless people, as the foods they manage to get are often full of preservatives and high in sodium, fats and sugars. They may not have access to healthier options like fresh fruits and vegetables.

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05/27/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: OBESITY CAUSES KIDNEY STONE RATES TO DOUBLE

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Cases of kidney stones are on the rise... and new research links it to obesity. Researchers at U-C-L-A and the RAND Corporation found that between 2007 and 2010, the number of people with kidney stones nearly doubled from the rates from 1994. Researchers say the findings suggest it is because of the rise in obesity and diabetes in America. The study will appear in the July edition of the journal European Urology.

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05/29/12

Duration: 30

Topic: COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA LARGELY A THING OF THE PAST

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Community college students are especially hard hit as many campuses virtually eliminate summer classes because of budget cuts, affecting the students' plans.

Duration: 30

Topic: NY DRUNK TEENS ON EMERGENCY ROOMS

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

The number of fall-down teenage drunks is going up. Dangerously drunken revelers, whose numbers have nearly doubled citywide in the last five years, are now the fifth-leading cause of emergency room visits at public hospitals. City records show teenage binge drinking is a key culprit behind the number of ER visits, which have skyrocketed city-wide from 7,958 in 2007 to 15,620 in 2011.

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5/30/12

Duration: 30

Topic: "STARS ACT BILL"

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Sisters Daniela and Dayana Pelaez may be one step closer to helping young undocumented students like themselves adjust their legal status. The sisters left for Washington D.C. Wednesday to meet with Congressman David Rivera and introduce the Studying Towards Adjusted Residency Status (STARS) Act into Congress. The STARS Act would allow undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States before the age of 16 the opportunity to adjust their residency status if they earn a degree from an accredited four-year institution of higher education and meet certain criteria.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALZHEIMER DRUG SHOPAHOLIC

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new study found a drug used to treat the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease may curb compulsive buying in. The drug helps people with Alzheimer's disease think more clearly by reducing over activity in the brain. But it also eases impulsivity, a trait tied to rash decisions and impractical purchases.

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5/31/12

Duration: 30

Topic: RIVERA SEEKS TO RESTRICT SOME CUBANS FROM RETURNING TO CUBA

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

A congressman seeks to impose sanctions on Cubans if they return to the island within a few years after leaving. U.S. Rep. David Rivera said Tuesday he wants to sanction Cuban-Americans who return to the island less than five years after they left, alleging that they are abusing a loophole in the Cuban Adjustment Act and helping the country's communist system. The South Florida Republican submitted a bill on Aug. 1 to deal with the growing complaint that Cubans benefit from the CAA as refuge-seekers but then return to the island just to visit relatives or even to vacation. Approved in 1966 for the tens of thousands of Cubans who were fleeing the communist government at the height of the Cold War, the CAA offers U.S. residency 366 days after arrival and other benefits. Citizens of no other country receive such benefits.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW YORK OVERSIZED SODAS

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is proposing a ban on the sale of large sodas and other sugary drinks in the city's restaurants, delis and movie theaters in the hopes of combating obesity -- an expansion of his administration's efforts to encourage healthy behavior by limiting residents' choices. The proposal -- expected to be announced formally on Thursday in a City Hall briefing -- would take 20-ounce soda bottles off the shelves of the city's delis and eliminate super-sized sugary soft drinks from fast-food menus. It is the latest health effort by the administration to spark accusations that the city's officials are overstepping into matters that should be left in the hands of individual consumers.

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NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS

JUNE 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2012

06/01/12

Duration: 30

Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT RISE

Time Aired: 2:30PM

Synopsis:

The government's May jobs report is worse than economists had been expecting. The Labor Department says U.S. employers created 69,000 jobs in May, the fewest in a year. It also revised the figures for the previous two months down to show 49,000 fewer jobs created. It all adds up to an increase in the nation's unemployment rate to 8.2 percent. The economy is averaging just 73,000 jobs per month over the past two months -- roughly a third of jobs created per month in the first quarter. Other economic data out today show consumer spending, personal income and construction spending all edging up, while a private sector report on manufacturing activity shows growth in May, but less than April.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION LAW

Time Aired: 8:30PM

Synopsis:

Today was the deadline for public participation for analysis, criticism, etc. of what will be the implementation of the new discretion of immigration that would allow spouses, and/or children of citizens who qualify to legalize their immigration status, not having to travel to their countries of origin and stay away from their families for years, but that they will be able to do from here. This initiative seeks to avoid the separation of families. The White House predicts that this shall enter into force in autumn. Critics call for flexibility to further benefit couples of residents and not just citizens.

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06/02/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: PROSTATE CANCER DRUG

Time Aired: 4:30PM

Synopsis:

A hormone-blocking pill approved last year for some men with advanced prostate cancer now also seems to help a wider group of men who were given it sooner in the course of treating their disease. In a study of nearly 1,100 such men, Johnson & Johnson's Zytiga doubled the time patients lived without their cancer getting worse. The drug also seems to be improving survival, but it will take longer follow-up to know for sure. Independent monitors stopped the study once it was clear the drug was helping and let men who had been getting dummy pills to switch to Zytiga. At that point - after a median treatment time of two years - 34 percent of men on dummy pills had died versus 27 percent of those taking Zytiga. "Our hope is that this can become a new option" for up to 30,000 men each year in the United States, said study leader Dr. Charles Ryan of the University of California, San Francisco.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Time Aired: 8:23PM

Synopsis:

Gas prices have fallen another nickel over the past week to a national average of \$3.61 per gallon. That's according to Dustin Coupal, a co-founder of GasBuddy.com. He says prices are down about 20 cents in the past month. Coupal says the best place to buy gas is Greenville, South Carolina, where it's \$3.10 per gallon. Washington State has the highest prices -- about \$4.26 per gallon -- due to supply distribution problems.

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06/03/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: BREAST CANCER DRUG
Time Aired: 5:23PM

Synopsis:
New research shows a sharp escalation in the weapons race against cancer. Scientists are reporting success with several high-tech approaches long dreamed of but not possible or proven to work until now. At a weekend conference of more than 30,000 cancer specialists in Chicago, researchers described new tools to make the immune system attack a broad range of cancers, new "smart bomb" drugs that target the disease while sparing healthy cells, and new ways to predict which patients will benefit from which treatments.

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06/04/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: NEW YORK MARIHUANA
Time Aired: 9:23 PM

Synopsis:
New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced new legislation on Monday to decriminalize public possession of small amounts of marijuana, lowering the penalty from a misdemeanor to a non-criminal offense. The measure - which strikes indirectly at the New York Police Department's controversial stop and frisk program - seeks to eliminate a nuance in state law that differentiates between public and private possession of the drug.

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06/05/2012

Duration: 30
Topic: CALIFORNIA GAY MARRIAGE
Time Aired: 4:23 PM

Synopsis:
The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cleared the way for the U.S. Supreme Court to consider California's gay marriage ban, declining an appeal to revisit the case. Supporters of the 2008 ban have lost two rounds in federal court but have made clear they will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and hope for a favorable response from the conservative court.

Duration: 30
Topic: OBESITY IN NEW YORK
Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:
Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Linda I. Gibbs and Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas A. Farley today visited Montefiore Medical Center to highlight the impacts of obesity, which kills an estimated 5,800 New Yorkers per year and is one of the leading causes of preventable death in the United States, second only to smoking. As a result of obesity, one in three adult New Yorkers now has diabetes or pre-diabetes and obesity increases the risk of some cancers, heart disease, arthritis and depression. Obesity is the only major public health crisis in America that is getting worse and nearly 60 percent of New York City residents are currently overweight or obese.

Duration: 30
Topic: DC SECURE COMMUNITIES
Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:
The Washington, DC Council was praised by a wide coalition of community, faith, and labor organizations for passing the Immigration Detainer Compliance Emergency Amendment Act in response to today's federally imposed activation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's controversial "Secure Communities" deportation program. The act, which was introduced by Councilmember Mendelson, will limit Immigration and Customs Enforcement's use of District facilities and equipment and also narrows S-Comm's deportation dragnet by only responding to immigration detention requests for individuals who are over 18 and have been convicted of a dangerous crime.

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06/06/12

Duration: 30
Topic: PUBLIC PENSIONS CALIFORNIA
Time Aired: 3:30PM

Synopsis:
Voters in two major California cities have overwhelmingly approved measures to cut retirement benefits for city workers. In San Jose, 71 percent voted in favor of Measure B and 29 percent were opposed. Nearly half of precincts have reported. With more than half of precincts reporting in San Diego, 68 percent voted in favor of Proposition B, while 32 were opposed. The votes were closely watched in California and beyond as more state and local governments struggle with ballooning pension payments.

Duration: 30
Topic: MARIHUANA LEGALIZATION
Time Aired: 3:30PM

Synopsis:
After California's failed Proposition 19 initiative in 2010, marijuana legalizers are optimistic about two new ballot measures in Colorado and Washington. At least three states are likely to vote on marijuana-legalization initiatives in 2012, but the measures in Colorado and Washington - two states with legalized medical pot and some permissive local laws - may stand the best chances of succeeding, having already qualified for the respective November ballots.

Duration: 30
Topic: BABY CHAIR RECALL
Time Aired: 3:30PM

Synopsis:
Convertible high chairs distributed by Evenflo Inc., of Miamisburg, Ohio; sold at Toys "R" Us and Walmart stores nationwide, and online at Walmart.com and Wayfair.com between December 2011 and June 2012. The Evenflo high chairs can convert from a high chair to toddler-size table and chair. The recalled convertible high chairs come in three models: Dottie Lime, Dottie Rose and Marianna. Model numbers are located on a label on the lower portion of one of the high chair's legs. The high chairs were manufactured in China. WHY: The activity tray on the high chair can unexpectedly detach and allow an unrestrained child to fall, posing an injury hazard to the child.

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06/07/12

Duration: 30

Topic: FLORIDA VOTER PURGE

Time Aired: 2:30PM

Synopsis:

Florida on Wednesday disputed a Justice Department claim that its controversial voter purge efforts may be illegal and said it was the federal government that appeared to have run afoul of the law. Supporters of Florida's voter purge, which has been vigorously pursued under Republican Governor Rick Scott, say it is aimed at clearing voter rolls of non-citizens. But critics call it part of long-running Republican effort to deter minorities and the poor, who tend to vote Democratic, from casting ballots. Florida is expected to be a key state in the November 6 presidential election.

Duration: 30

Topic: FAST AND FURIOUS HRG-HOLDER ON 'LEAKS' IN WHITE HOUSE

Time Aired: 9:30PM

Synopsis:

After refusing to turn over documents involving a possible leak of state secrets, the attorney general is having a change of heart. Eric Holder told the Senate Judiciary Committee he is prepared to negotiate a compromise, to avoid being held in contempt. The documents in question involve the botched "Fast and Furious" gun-running sting operation -- which led to illegal weapons ending up in the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

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06/08/12

Duration: 30

Topic: ALZHEIMER VACCINE

Time Aired: 2:30

Synopsis:

A groundbreaking vaccine that could cut cases of Alzheimer's disease by half has been discovered. The jab developed by scientists in Sweden could delay the onset of the debilitating illness and be the first step towards finding a cure. Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia and attacks nerves, brain cells and neurotransmitters that carry messages to and from the brain. The vaccine, known as CAD10, helps patients create protective antibodies to defend against deposits that develop in the brain of sufferers. Researchers from Karolinska Institute in Sweden and from the Swedish Brain Power Network claimed in the Lancet Neurology journal that their discovery could help people with mild to moderate versions of Alzheimer's.

Duration: 30

Topic: E. COLI

Time Aired: 4:30

Synopsis:

The nation's top disease detectives are urgently trying to find and contain this deadly strain of e-coli. The problem is they're not sure where to start. So far, at least 11 people have contracted e. coli in 4 states: Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. Officials believe they all contracted the same deadly strain of e-coli. It carries a genetic fingerprint that produces a deadly toxin and can cause violent reactions, kidney damage, even death. In New Orleans a 21 month baby girl died of the disease last week. The largest cluster is in Atlanta where they had 5 cases.

Duration: 30

Topic: COCA-COLA OBESITY

Time Aired: 9:30

Synopsis:

Until now, beverage giant Coca-Cola hasn't put a face to its staunch opposition to last week's proposal by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg to limit to 16 ounces the size of sugary drinks sold at New York

restaurants, movie theaters and street carts. But in an exclusive interview, Katie Bayne, Coca-Cola's 45-year-old president of sparkling beverages in North America, explains to marketing reporter Bruce Horovitz where she differs with Bloomberg and discusses which beverages she permits her young sons to drink.

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06/09/12

Duration: 30

Topic: BREAST CANCER DRUG

Time Aired: 3:23

Synopsis:

U.S. health regulators have approved a new breast cancer drug from Roche Holding AG that the company hopes will become the standard treatment for women with an aggressive, incurable form of cancer. Roche unit Genentech announced Friday that the Food and Drug Administration approved the injectable drug Perjeta for women with a type of breast cancer known as HER-2 positive, which makes up about a quarter of all breast cancers and has no cure.

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06/10/12

Duration: 30

Topic: CHAGAS DISEASE

Time Aired: 2:20

Synopsis:

Chagas disease, a parasitic infection spread to humans by insects, is not the new HIV/AIDS of the Americas, according to infectious disease experts who called the comparison "unrealistic" and "unfortunate." Responding to an editorial posted Monday in PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases and the media attention that followed, Rick Tarleton, president of the Chagas Disease Foundation said the diseases have little in common beyond disproportionately affecting poor people. "I think it's an unfortunate comparison," said Tarleton, a distinguished research professor at the University of Georgia studying Chagas disease. "There are stigmas attached to HIV/AIDS that are inappropriate, but it would be even more inappropriate to apply them to something like Chagas disease." About 300,000 people in the U.S. have Chagas disease an infection transmitted to humans by blood-sucking insects. But almost all of them became infected before coming to the U.S. from Mexico, Central America and South America, where roughly 10 million people have the disease.

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06/11/12

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW IMMIGRATION POLICY

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

After a growing outcry by immigrants, allies, and Members of Congress who were outraged at the record number of deportations carried out by the Obama Administration, last June the Department of Homeland Security announced a new policy that was immigration enforcement on the "worst of the worst" and spare individuals who have been in the U.S. for years, raising families. These policy changes, detailed in memos from ICE Director John Morton and DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano from the summer of 2011, involved an unprecedented review of hundreds of thousands of pending deportation cases. The Department pledged to close the cases of individuals who didn't meet their enforcement "priorities."

Duration: 30
Topic: FBI CRIME STATS
Time Aired: 4:30 PM
Synopsis:

The number of violent crimes reported to police across the country fell 4 percent last year when compared to 2010, the fifth straight year of declines. The FBI also said Monday that the number of reported property crimes went down 0.8 percent, the ninth straight year-to-year decline.

Duration: 30
Topic: ILLINOIS ANTI GANG LAW
Time Aired: 10:30 PM
Synopsis:

Governor Pat Quinn has signed into law an anti-gang law which will hold gang leaders responsible for the actions of their underlings. The law, modeled after Federal RICO laws, was sponsored by Chicago legislators. Chicago has been hit particularly hard with violence this summer. Five people died, and at least 35 others were wounded in shootings this weekend.

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6/12/12

Duration: 30
Topic: FAMILY NET WORTH PLUMMETS
Time Aired: 5:30 PM
Synopsis:

The recent economic crisis left the median American family in 2010 with no more wealth than in the early 1990s, erasing almost two decades of accumulated prosperity, the Federal Reserve said Monday. A hypothetical family richer than half the nation's families and poorer than the other half had a net worth of \$77,300 in 2010, compared with \$126,400 in 2007, the Fed said. The crash of housing prices directly accounted for three-quarters of the loss.

Duration: 30
Topic: FLORIDA REVIEWS SELF DEFENSE LAW
Time Aired: 6:30 PM
Synopsis:

In the wake of the controversial shooting of Florida teen Trayvon Martin, Gov. Rick Scott's task force on Citizen Safety and Protection will hold its first public meeting just miles from where the 17-year-old was killed to examine the state's "stand your ground" law. The group will meet Tuesday at a church in Longwood in the first of several meetings to take place around the state. Martin's shooting, following an altercation with a neighborhood watch volunteer as the teen walked through a gated community, prompted the review.

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6/13/12

Duration: 30
Topic: DIESEL CANCER
Time Aired: 3:30 PM
Synopsis:

Diesel engines power commerce and transportation around the world, but the exhaust they produce can prove deadly. The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on Tuesday that it now classifies diesel exhaust as a cause of cancer. While major advances in technology have helped clean up some diesel pollution in the United States, the findings could have serious implications for developing countries still relying on dirty diesel power. Following a week-long meeting of experts, the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded there was sufficient evidence that diesel exhaust can cause lung

cancer, and noted it may also increase the risk of bladder cancer. Gasoline exhaust remains classified as a "possible" carcinogen, a WHO status that has not changed since a 1989 evaluation.

Duration: 30
Topic: LATINO VOTE
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:
The liberal Center for American Progress put some numbers on the potential power of the untapped Latino vote. The think tank found significant numbers of unregistered U.S. citizens of Latino background in many states, a pool that expanded greatly when they added the number of permanent Latino residents eligible for citizenship before Election Day.

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6/14/12

Duration: 30
Topic: POPCORN NEW YORK
Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:
New York City's obesity battle may no longer be limited to just banning sugary drinks in cups larger than 16-ounces. The controversial proposed obesity ban initiated by Mayor Michael Bloomberg is now evolving to possibly include movie theater popcorn and milkshakes, according to The Blaze. The citywide ban on large sugary drinks is still in the planning stages and may face legal challenges from the New York Restaurant Association.

Duration: 30
Topic: NEW YORK PROSTITUTES AND TAXIS
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:
A \$10 thousand in fine and suspension of a taxi license for transporting prostitutes is unconstitutional. The NYS Federation of Taxi Drivers (NYSFTD) spokesman Fernando Mateo will stand on the steps of city hall with "hot & sexy" women who work as bar tenders, bottle hosts, bookkeepers, bar managers, executives, and entertainers who will invite NYC lawmakers & TLC to step out and identify what a prostitute looks like. Cab drivers need a clear description of a prostitute to avoid a stiff fine and losing a hack license. "We transport drug addicts, crack heads, drunks, murderers, drug dealers, executives, housewives, porn stars, politicians and cops everyday and now we must ask women who "pump it up" if they are prostitutes. Obeying this law is ridiculous and outrageous. This law is CRAZY & WACKY. The nation will laugh at how silly some NYC council members have become "said Mateo.

Duration: 30
Topic: NEW CANCER TREATMENT
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:
In a significant step forward for the development of a potential new cancer treatment, scientists have found how a common cold virus can kill tumors and trigger an immune response, like a vaccine, when injected into the blood stream. Researchers from Britain's Leeds University and the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) said by hitching a ride on blood cells, the virus was protected from antibodies in the blood stream that might otherwise neutralize its cancer-fighting abilities. The findings suggest viral therapies like this, called reovirus, could be injected into the blood stream at routine outpatient appointments - like standard chemotherapy - making them potentially suitable for treating a range of cancers. The study, part-funded by the charity Cancer Research UK and conducted on 10 patients with advanced bowel cancer, confirmed that reovirus attacks on two fronts - killing cancer cells directly and triggering an immune response that helps eliminate leftover cancer cells.

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6/15/12

Duration: 30
Topic: DREAMERS
Time Aired: 230 PM

Synopsis:

The Obama administration will stop deporting and begin giving work permits to younger illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and have since led law-abiding lives. The election-year initiative addresses a top priority of a growing Latino electorate that has opposed administration deportation policies. The administration's decision will affect as many as 800,000 immigrants. Two senior administration officials described the plan on condition of anonymity ahead of its expected announcement Friday. Illegal immigrants will avoid deportation and be eligible for work permits if they arrived in the U.S. before age 16, are younger than 30, have been in the country for at least five continuous years, have no criminal history, graduated from a U.S. high school or earned a GED, or served in the military.

Duration: 30
Topic: HEALTH CARE & SB-1070
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Monday is the beginning of the final three weeks of the Supreme Court's 2012 term, a period when the court will be releasing decisions, generally on Mondays, on cases they've heard this year. The two big cases awaiting decisions, which can be handed down between now and June 28, are the constitutionality of President Obama's health care plan and the Arizona immigration case, both of which have received national attention.

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6/17/12

Duration: 30
Topic: OBAMA'S NEW POLICY REACTIONS
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Mitt Romney is refusing to say that he would overturn President Barack Obama's new policy allowing some young illegal immigrants to stay in the United States. Romney was asked three times in the interview if he would overturn Obama's order, but he didn't directly answer. He said he would work to pass a law to help young people who were "brought in by their parents through no fault of their own." The candidate's comments represent a further softening of his rhetoric on immigration since the GOP primary campaign ended.

Duration: 30
Topic: SB1070
Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Police agencies that would enforce the most controversial part of Arizona's 2010 immigration law are expected to get squeezed by legal challenges from opposite sides if the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the law in the coming days. Opponents of the Arizona law, known as SB1070, are likely to sue police departments on claims that officers racially profile people as they enforce the provision of the law that requires police to check the immigration status of people they stop for other reasons. But legal challenges also are expected from the other side: from supporters who could claim that a police agency has broken the law if it restricts the enforcement of SB1070. A little-known section of the law lets anyone sue an agency that has a policy that restricts the enforcement of immigration law.

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06/18/2012

Duration: 30

Topic: "TODOS SOMOS ARIZONA"

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Nearly two-dozen media outlets serving Arizona's Latino community will interrupt their regular programming to jointly air a special on the state's immigration law ahead of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the controversial measure. Television and radio stations in Phoenix, Tucson and Yuma will broadcast the 30-minute feature at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday as part of the "Hoy Somos Arizona" (Today We Are Arizona) initiative. The effort aims to address the fears and concerns of Hispanics as they await the high court's decision on Arizona law SB 1070, which aims to criminalize the presence of undocumented immigrants in the state. The Supreme Court will rule by the end of this month on the U.S. Justice Department's challenge to SB 1070.

Duration: 30

Topic: YOUNG LATINOS DIABETES

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new study released by research affiliates with the American Diabetes Association found that the number of Latino children and youth under 20 years of age diagnosed with diabetes is growing at an alarming rate -- the fastest of any ethnic group in the U.S. It might be hard to tell a chubby-cheeked *gordito* that he can have only one helping of flan after dinner, but doctors say a healthy diet and good exercise habits are the key to fixing one of the Latino community's scariest health problems.

Duration: 30

Topic: AMERICANS MORE POSITIVE ABOUT IMMIGRATION

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama's decision not to deport young people who came to the U.S. illegally as children comes at a time when Americans' views toward immigration are much more positive than they have been in recent years. Currently, 66% say immigration is a "good thing" for the U.S. today, up from 59% last year and one percentage point off the high of 67% in 2006. The findings reflect a June 7-10 Gallup poll, conducted just days before the Obama administration put U.S. immigration back into the headlines by announcing that it would bypass Congress and stop deporting undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally as children -- a change that would affect hundreds of thousands of people. An update to one of Gallup's longest-standing questions on immigration finds more Americans in favor of keeping levels the same (42%) than in favor of decreasing them (35%). For most of the past 40 years, the opposite has been true, with more calling for decreased immigration than keeping the status quo.

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6/19/12

Duration: 30

Topic: TIPS FOR DREAMERS TO AVOID SCAMS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Dreamers are preparing to get their status fixed after Obama's announcement last week. They have to be careful with scams when they try to get licenses.

Duration: 30

Topic: MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS AVERAGE \$430 PER MONTH IN 2010

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

Monthly child support payments in the United States averaged \$430 per month in 2010, according to new U.S. Census Bureau statistics. The statistics show that **59 percent** of the \$41.7 billion in total payments

were for child support for children under 21 (\$24.4 billion), which was paid by 4.8 million parents. The remainder was paid to children over 21, parents, and other relatives or nonrelatives of the providers. Monetary support in 2010 was primarily for children, although it also included support for other non-household members, such as parents or other relatives.

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6/20/12

Duration: 30

Topic: FOOD STAMPS MAY BE REDUCED

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

With 1 in 7 Americans now receiving food stamps, Republicans in Congress are leading efforts to cut back the social safety net program that has swelled to one of the largest in the federal government - and they are getting some support from Democrats. The farm bill being debated in the Senate reduces funding for food stamps and is finding support from both sides of the aisle as lawmakers look for ways to cut the nation's rising debt in an election year. Trimming back on eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, as food stamps are called, would save \$4 billion over the decade. Republicans are pushing to reduce that even more.

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6/21/12

Duration: 30

Topic: NO INSURANCE

Time Aired: 3:30 PM

Synopsis:

As the nation anxiously awaits the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the constitutionality of the health care reform law that guarantees health coverage for all Americans, a study released today shows that California has the highest number of people who die prematurely each year because they do not have health insurance. In 2010 alone, about 3,164 Californians between the ages of 25 and 64 died prematurely for lack of health insurance said the study released by the national organization for health care consumers.

Duration: 30

Topic: MORTGAGE RATES

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

The average U.S. rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell this week to a record low for the seventh time in eight weeks. The average rate on the 30-year mortgage slipped to 3.66 percent. That's down from 3.71 percent last week. The average rate on the 15-year mortgage fell to 2.95 percent, nearly matching the record-low rate of 2.94 percent reached two weeks ago. The average rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage has been below 4 percent since December. Cheap mortgages have made home-buying and refinancing more attractive to those who can qualify.

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6/22/12

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA NALEO IMMIGRATION

Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama, in a strikingly personal appeal, renewed his call for an overhaul of America's immigration laws before a supportive Latino audience Friday. He portrayed rival Mitt Romney as an

obstacle to measures that would give young illegal immigrants a path to citizenship. Obama spoke of his directive last week that immigrants brought illegally to the United States as children be exempted from deportation and granted work permits if they applied.

Duration: 30

Topic: AMERICANS ADDICTED TO CHECKING SMARTPHONES

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

Approximately 58 percent of U.S. Smartphone owners check their phones at least every hour -- and a large share check their phones while in bed or in the bathroom. If in some catastrophic event they were to lose their device, 73 percent of people admit they would feel "panicked" while another 14 percent would feel "desperate." It's safe to say Americans have an obsession with their mobile devices. The study also illustrates changing notions regarding what is considered rude or inappropriate when it comes to phone use.

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6/25/12

Duration: 30

Topic: SUPREME COURT SB1070

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

The Supreme Court has struck down key provisions of Arizona's crackdown on immigrants. But the court said Monday that one part of the law requiring police to check the status of someone they suspect is not in the United States legally could go forward. The justices said the provision could be subject to additional legal challenges.

Duration: 30

Topic: ROMNEY: STATES HAVE RIGHT TO SECURE THEIR BORDERS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Mitt Romney on Monday said states have a duty and a right to secure their borders even as he declined to address the merits of the Supreme Court's decision to strike down key parts of Arizona's tough immigration enforcement law. The likely Republican nominee instead used Monday's ruling as an opportunity to criticize President Barack Obama for inaction on immigration reform until recently. Romney called for a bipartisan national immigration strategy.

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6/26/12

Duration: 30

Topic: SB1070 DECISION IMPACT

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

With a major provision of Senate Bill 1070 upheld, states are free to pursue similar enforcement measures allowing law officers to determine someone's legal status; how aggressively remains to be seen. Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah passed immigration-enforcement laws of their own after Arizona's 2010 law. Officials there are now assessing how the U.S. Supreme Court ruling affects them.

Duration: 30

Topic: STUDENT LOAN CLOSE TO AGREEMENT

Time Aired: 9:30 PM

Synopsis:

Democratic and Republican negotiators neared a pair of election-year deals on Tuesday - one for a massive transportation bill, the other to prevent a doubling of interest rates on federal student loans, said U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Reid, a Democrat, said it was possible that final bipartisan agreements could be reached on both long-stalled pieces of legislation before lawmakers leave at the end of the week for a holiday recess.

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6/27/12

Duration: 30

Topic: SUPREME COURT ON OBAMA CARE

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Saving its biggest case for last, the Supreme Court is expected to announce its verdict Thursday on President Barack Obama's health care law. The outcome is likely to be a factor in the presidential campaign and help define John Roberts' legacy as chief justice. But the court's ruling almost certainly will not be the last word on America's tangled efforts to address health care woes. The problems of high medical costs, widespread waste and tens of millions of people without insurance will require Congress and the president to keep looking for answers, whether or not the Affordable Care Act passes the test of constitutionality.

Duration: 30

Topic: COFFEE HEART HEALTHY

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

Sipping your daily cups of coffee could benefit your heart, depending on how much you drink. A new study by the American Heart Association suggests that drinking two 8-ounce cups of coffee a day gives people an 11-percent lower risk of developing heart failure. That's compared to people who don't drink any at all. Researchers analyzed data from other studies to come to their conclusion. The study's authors say they think coffee lowers the risk for diabetes which in turn lowers the risk for heart failure.

Duration: 30

Topic: HIV KITS IN PHARMACIES

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Pharmacists and other drugstore staff already conduct tests for high-blood pressure, cholesterol levels and diabetes at in-store clinics. Now, in a pilot program with federal health officials announced Tuesday, Walgreen Co. and other pharmacies will examine whether they can become a go-to stop for those seeking HIV testing. So far, seven stores - including three operated by Walgreen in Chicago, Washington D.C. and Lithonia, Ga. - are offering the HIV tests for free. Spotting a patient early on with HIV decreases the likelihood the disease will be transmitted to other people and helps get an infected individual on drug treatment and therapy earlier.

Duration: 30

Topic: ACLU LAWSUITS

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

The American Civil Liberties Union has a response to Arizona following the Supreme Court's ruling on the state's SB 1070 immigration law: "We'll see you in court." The ACLU said Monday it has amassed an \$8.7 million fund to sue Arizona and other states with so-called "show me your papers" laws, arguing that such laws amount to racial profiling. "Bring it on," said ACLU National Director Anthony Romero in a telephone conference call. "We will fight you anywhere and everywhere." In a split decision, the Supreme Court

struck down three out of four of the contested provisions of Arizona's controversial immigration law on Monday.

Duration: 30
Topic: GAS PRICES
Time Aired: 5:30 PM

Synopsis:
The sharp fall in gasoline prices over the last 3 months should give a strong boost to economic activity over the summer months. Since April 30, the daily national average gasoline price has fallen from \$3.93 per gallon to \$3.39. As a general rule of thumb, for each one cent increase/decrease in the price of gasoline, the impact is to subtract/add \$1 billion of disposable income.

Duration: 30
Topic: UNSAFE BEACHES
Time Aired: 6:30 PM

Synopsis:
A report from the natural resources defense council reveals that last year U.S. Beaches had the third highest number of closings and swimming advisories in the twenty two year history of the report. The report examines government data for over three-thousand U.S. Beaches. Over two-thirds of closings were the result of routine water tests that showed unhealthy levels of bacteria. The report says storm water runoff is one of the biggest sources of beach water pollutants. The BP oil spill also contributed to the spike in closings.

Duration: 30
Topic: WEIGHT-LOSS PILL
Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:
Federal Food and Drug Administration officials approved a new weight-loss pill Wednesday, giving the nod to Belviq used in combination with a reduced-calorie diet and exercise to combat obesity. The Arena Pharmaceuticals drug, which also goes by the generic name Lorcaserin, is one of three new potential weight-loss treatments the agency is considering and the first new weight-loss medication approved in 13 years. More than two-thirds of adult Americans are overweight or obese.

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6/28/11

Duration: 30
Topic: HEALTH CARE REFORM
Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:
The Supreme Court has upheld the heart of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul -- ruling in favor of the requirement that most Americans can be required to have health insurance, or else pay a penalty. The decision means the historic overhaul will continue to take effect over the next several years, affecting the way countless Americans receive and pay for their personal medical care. The ruling also hands President Barack Obama a campaign-season victory. The court found problems with the law's expansion of Medicaid. But even there, it said the expansion could proceed as long as the federal government does not threaten to withhold the entire Medicaid allotment to states if they don't take part in the extension. The court's four liberal justices, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, joined Roberts in the outcome.

Duration: 30
Topic: SMARTPHONES-EMERGENCY ALERTS
Time Aired: 10:30 PM

Synopsis:
Millions of Smartphone users will soon begin receiving text messages about severe weather from a sophisticated government system that can send a blanket warning to mobile devices in the path of a

dangerous storm. The National Weather Service's new Wireless Emergency Alerts system offers a new way to warn Americans about menacing weather, even if they are nowhere near a television, radio or storm sirens. Beginning Thursday, the system will notify people about approaching tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards and other threats. When a warning is issued for a specific county, a message of no more than 90 characters will cause late-model Smartphone in that area to sound a special tone and vibrate. Users do not have to sign up for the service or pay for the text message. And people who prefer not to get the warnings can opt out of the system.

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6/29/12

Duration: 30

Topic: COLLEGE LOANS

Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Synopsis:

The House has passed a bill aimed at salvaging 2.8 million jobs and forestalling a sharp increase in interest rates on college loans. The measure, cleared the House on a 373-52 vote, and Senate approval is expected shortly. The legislation also would shore up the federal flood insurance program. The bill would spend more than \$100 billion on highway and transit programs over two years. And it would also prevent a doubling of interest rates on new student loans, which is scheduled to go into effect Sunday. A deal clearing the way for passage of the bill was reached after Republicans gave up their demands that the bill require approval of the contentious Keystone XL pipeline and Democrats gave way on environment protections.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

Americans are saving \$200 million per day on gasoline, compared to April. The national average price of regular gasoline has dropped 41 cents since April 2, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's "This Week in Petroleum" June 20 report. Gas prices continue to fall. The current average nationwide for a gallon of regular is \$3.83, down 26 cents from a month ago and 18 cents from a year ago, according to AAA's Fuel Gauge Report. Americans are now spending roughly \$200 million per day less on gas than in early April, when gas peaked at \$3.94 per gallon. And analysts are expecting further declines. One economist on Tuesday forecast the national average will soon fall to \$3.10 per gallon, according to Bloomberg Business week.

Duration: 30

Topic: RIM CUTS 5,000 JOBS, DELAYS NEXT VERSION OF BLACKBERRY

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis: The company has just reported its first quarter results, which saw a significant drop, and has announced that it will be delaying the next versions of its phones. According to the official release from the company, it brought in \$2.8 billion in revenue during the first quarter of the 2012 fiscal year, down 33 percent from \$4.2 billion in the previous quarter. Sales of BlackBerry handhelds were at an all time low of 7.8 million units. And even though the company cut the price of its Playbook tablet, it only sold 260,000 of them. RIM has lost significant Smartphone market share to Apple and Android device makers over the last few years. To that end, RIM announced that it will be cutting 5,000 employees, which should amount to over \$1 billion in cost savings.

Duration: 30

Topic: SMOKING VACCINE

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

A new vaccine successfully blocks nicotine addiction in mice. The vaccine creates antibodies against nicotine. These antibodies target nicotine cells, preventing them from reaching receptors in the brain that provide the pleasurable feeling associated with smoking. Previous vaccines designed to block nicotine

addiction have created antibodies that disappear within a few weeks, the news report notes. The new vaccine contains a virus made from a genetic sequence engineered from a nicotine antibody. It was injected in the liver, where it continually produced nicotine antibodies.

Duration: 30

Topic: ONE-A-DAY, AIDS PILL

Time Aired: 8:30 PM

Synopsis:

An experimental once-daily pill that combines four drugs to fight HIV is as safe and effective as commonly-prescribed treatments against the AIDS virus, researchers reported in "The Lancet" Friday. Doctors tested the new drug, called Quad, for the third and final phase in which new pharmaceutical products are vetted for safety and effectiveness. Publication in the British journal follows a recommendation in May by a US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advisory panel to approve Quad for previously untreated adults infected with HIV-1. A final decision is expected by August. The first trial entailed testing Quad against a three-in-one pill, Atripla, which since 2006 has been a standard treatment for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

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6/30/12

Duration: 30

Topic: STUDENT LOANS

Time Aired: 4:30 PM

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama has signed a short-term bill that avoids interest rate increases on new loans to millions of college students and maintains jobs on transportation projects across the nation. Obama signed a one-week extension of the measure to give time for the full legislation, approved Friday by Congress, to reach his desk. The president is expected to sign the full law in the coming days.

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