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Topic: UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS WON'T BE DEPORTED

Synopsis: Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Friday that illegal immigrant students and young adults who meet the criteria in last year's failed legalization bill in Congress are not a "priority" for her department's law enforcement efforts. Wading into an increasingly thorny debate, Miss Napolitano said she cannot unilaterally ignore deportations laws for broad groups of illegal immigrants, but said students and young adults who would have been legalized had last year's "Dream Act" legislation passed Congress are not a chief target of federal authorities. "I will say, and can say, that you know what? They are not, that group, if they truly meet all those criteria, and we see very few of them actually in the immigration system, if they truly meet those, they're not the priority," the secretary said at an event sponsored by NDN, a progressive think tank and advocacy group, on the future of the nation's border policies.

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Topic: JOBLESS RATE REACHES LOWEST LEVEL IN 2 YEARS

Synopsis: The nation's job-creation engine revved up last month and pushed the unemployment rate to its lowest level in two years, spreading optimism the economic recovery is firmly in place and giving President Obama a political boost. The economy lured back unemployed Americans who had given up hope of getting another paycheck as increases across nearly all sectors led to 216,000 additional jobs, the Labor Department said. The unemployment rate ticked down to 8.8% - a full percentage point lower than in November and the sharpest four-month drop in 28 years. Obama, trying to fend off a Republican push for deep budget cuts that administration officials warn could derail the recovery, said Friday that the economy was showing "signs of real strength." But he cautioned that millions of Americans still are out of work and that "we have to keep the momentum going."

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Topic: CHICAGO ANTIIMMIGRATION BILL

Synopsis: A youth group meets in Chicago with a clear mission: get to the neighboring state of Indiana to help immigrants as they fight the proposed sb-590, the latest attempt to criminalize undocumented workers. And so they came to the town of East Chicago where they joined hundreds of people. Political, civilian and religious leaders demonstrated in Illinois under the slogan "No to hate", after the legislative assembly rejected 10 anti-immigrant bills attempting to duplicate Arizona's controversial law SB1070, a measure seeking to criminalize undocumented migrants. "Defeating these bills is a great victory for Illinois amid the growing anti-immigrant atmosphere in the United States", Democratic state Rep. Lisa Hernandez said during the event at Chicago Temple.

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04/04/2011

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Topic: SB 1070

Synopsis: At the beginning of the year, it appeared that Arizona's SB 1070 would spread through the country like wildfire, with at least 24 state legislatures having introduced copycat "show me your papers" bills since the original passed in spring 2010. But to date, none of those states have passed the bills and at least 10 legislatures have killed the bills altogether. Now, with many state legislative sessions coming to a close, the fight against SB 1070 copycat legislation appears contained to just a few key battlegrounds. Converging forces have blocked the copycat bills' success. On the one hand, the bills have spurred broad opposition from immigrant and civil rights groups, as well as from business interests. On the other, a ticking clock killed several bills as legislative sessions end before lawmakers have had time to pass the controversial laws-particularly in a season in which most state political debates are dominated by budget battles.

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04/05/2011

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Topic: SB 2040

Synopsis: As the Florida Senate Judiciary Committee gets ready to hear immigration-enforcement bill S.B. 2040 on Monday, Arizona-like measures have been cut in other state legislatures. The Immigration Policy Center points out that the legislative graveyard got a little bit bigger this week as lawmakers in Mississippi pronounced a series of restrictive immigration measures dead. More than 30 immigration-related bills-including an Arizona-style enforcement bill-failed to meet a legislative deadline due to disagreements over the laws' impact on the business community. Mississippi joins nine other states (Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Virginia, and Wyoming) where legislators have cut Arizona-style enforcement bills-bills that are, according to the Washington Post editorial board, causing many businesses to speak out for fear of sharing Arizona's economic fate

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Topic: CALIFORNIA "DREAM ACT"

Synopsis: Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, of Twin Peaks, will host a rally and press conference regarding Assembly Bill 26, the "Secure Immigration Enforcement Act." Special guest, Arizona State Senator Russell Pearce, who was instrumental in passing the Senate Bill 1070 in Arizona, will be speaking at the rally. Assembly Bill 26 would help law enforcement manage illegal immigration in the State and fulfills Assemblyman Donnelly's campaign pledge to introduce a bill similar to the Arizona immigration law in California. This measure would, among other things, end sanctuary cities and enforce immigration laws against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, which will free up jobs for citizens and eliminate incentives for people to come here illegally.

Duration: 30

Topic: SPENDING SHOWDOWNS

Synopsis: U.S. military troops at war in Iraq and Afghanistan would receive one-week's pay instead of two in their next paycheck if the government shuts down this weekend due to the federal budget impasse, according to a senior defense official. The official, who spoke on

condition of anonymity to discuss personnel issues, said the military can't be paid during a funding lapse until a new appropriations bill or continuing resolution is passed by Congress. If the funding bill expires on April 8, it will be in the middle of the military's two-week pay period, so Pentagon would send out paychecks for just the first week of the pay period, said the official.

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Topic: FAA MORE INSPECTIONS

Synopsis: The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to issue an emergency directive requiring inspection of about 175 Boeing 737s for fatigue damage following an incident in which a Southwest Airlines plane was forced to make an emergency landing after a hole ripped open in the roof. The order comes after Southwest canceled nearly 700 flights nationwide - including 16 of the 130 flights in and out of Boston - in the three days since a 5-foot gash opened up in the fuselage of a Boeing 737-300 shortly after takeoff from Phoenix on Friday.

Duration: 30

Topic: FLORIDA IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis: Legislators seeking to discourage the hiring of illegal immigrants are one step closer to overhauling Florida's employment law. The State Senate's judiciary committee on Monday approved a bill requiring companies use the federal government's electronic verification program for new hires or to request those employees show state-issued identification cards. The bill also encourages local enforcement agencies to train officers to enforce federal immigration laws. Unlike previous drafts, though, the bill does not require such training due to budget constraints.

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04/06/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: MICHIGAN ICE RAID NEAR SCHOOL

Synopsis: In a elementary school in southwest Detroit, Michigan, parents say they have experienced moments of panic, when according to them, they were pursued by immigration agents. The actions of March 31, allegedly committed by six immigration agents were denounced by immigrant activists in this city, who claim that ICE violated his own code of ethics in carrying out raids in the vicinity of schools, and so have several demands for the federal agency.

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Topic: CITIES DISPUTE 2010 CENSUS COUNTS

Synopsis: In New York City, some parts of Brooklyn and Queens were mistakenly classified as vacant, according to Joseph Salvo of the city planning department. "People are saying, 'Where are these areas? Because I need an apartment,'" Salvo says. Omissions can be costly. The federal government hands out money for things such as schools and public safety based on the count. In New York, each person left out means \$3,000 a year the city won't get, says Rachael Raynoff, planning department spokeswoman. Government officials may submit Census challenges between June 1, 2011, and June 1, 2013. The bureau won't do recounts, but it will add people when local governments can prove errors. After the 2000 Census, the bureau found possible problems in 1,180 of the country's 39,000 jurisdictions. In the end, it raised the national tally by about 2,700 people. Hidalgo County, Texas, believes 8% of its rural population was missed, and the county may sue, says Jose Garza, a lawyer hired by the county. "We don't want to get caught flat-footed at the end of the day if (an appeal) doesn't work out," he says.

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Topic: MORTGAGE APPLICATIONS FALL LAST WEEK

Synopsis: Mortgage applications on U.S. homes fell last week when a drop in orders for mortgage refinancing offset the high number of borrowers who sought benefit programs for government-insured loans. The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) said Wednesday its seasonally adjusted index mortgage applications, which includes activities home purchase and refinancing, fell 2 percent in the week ended April 1.

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Topic: CALIFORNIA AB 26 AND AB 1018 REJECT

Synopsis: The Assembly Judiciary Committee on Tuesday voted down Assemblyman Tim Donnelly's bills targeting illegal immigration in California. Donnelly, R-Claremont, had presented two bills to the committee, which voted 7-3 against both, on a straight party vote. "While I am disappointed that Assembly Bill 26 will not move forward this year, I am greatly encouraged by the incredible show of support the bill received," Donnelly said on Tuesday. "This is not the end of the fight to protect citizens from the many problems caused by illegal immigration in California, and I look forward to continued work on this critical issue." Donnelly said the state spends between \$11 billion and \$22 billion in services to undocumented workers, and his bill would help reduce the cost by deterring illegal immigrants in the state.

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04/08/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: SOCIAL SECURITY STATEMENTS

Synopsis: Social Security is going to stop mailing workers those yearly statements that say -- here's what you'd get if you retired at 62, 66, or 70. The agency is trying to save money so it's making the information accessible on its website. Social Security is hoping to make the transition by the end of the year. But Commissioner Michael Astrue says there are still some security issues to work out, so workers may have another year of mailed statements. He says those paper statements cost \$70 million a year to mail. The statements are sent to 150 million people each year and project future benefit payments. Some advocates note that not all people have access to computers or the internet. The decision to suspend the mailings is related to Social Security's operating budget not the talk of a possible partial government shutdown.

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04/10/2011

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Topic: CALIFORNIA IMMIGRATION DEBATE CHOICES

Synopsis: 12 hours in Los Angeles Epicenter became the national movement for immigration reform, from organizations and academics to immigrant advocates and activists from around the country, they debated the way forward to ensure the fair integration of immigrants to the United States. They all agreed that the recent failure of the Dream Act gave rise to higher power of anti-immigrant initiatives at the local and state levels. Some seek to criminalize undocumented workers and others intend to deny housing, education and even citizenship to children of illegal immigrants born in the U.S. which has serious potential social effects.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Synopsis: The average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline has jumped 19 cents over the past three weeks. The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices now puts the average price for a gallon of regular at \$3.76. Analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that price is 91 cents higher than it was this time last year. The national average for a gallon of mid-grade is \$3.90. For premium it's \$4.01 a gallon. Lundberg says diesel prices rose 11 cents a gallon over the past three weeks, to \$4.09. Tucson, Ariz., had the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.41. San Francisco had the highest at \$4.13.

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04/11/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA IMMIGRATION APPEAL

Synopsis: A federal appeals court on Monday refused to lift a stay blocking major parts of Arizona's immigration law from taking effect and said the federal government is likely to be able to prove the controversial law is unconstitutional. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down an appeal filed by Gov. Jan Brewer. She had asked the appeals court to lift an injunction imposed by a federal judge in Phoenix the day before the law was to take effect on July 29, 2010. The U.S. Justice Department sued to block the law, saying it violates the U.S. Constitution because enforcing immigration law is a federal issue. U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton issued an injunction preventing four major parts of the law from going into effect pending a trial. Monday's ruling by the three-judge appeals court panel upheld that injunction. The panel's opinion said the government is likely to succeed in its arguments that Congress has given the federal government sole authority to enforce immigration laws, and that Arizona's law violates the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution. One judge dissented.

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04/12/2011

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Topic: GOV. IMMIGRATION REPORT

Synopsis: Today, the Immigration Policy Center will release DHS Progress Report: An Analysis of Immigration Policy in the Second Year of the Obama Administration. In its second year under the Obama Administration, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-which is responsible for the nation's three immigration agencies (USCIS, CPB, and ICE)-continues to struggle with its competing missions of providing immigration benefits and enforcing immigration laws, all within the context of an outdated and broken immigration system. Over the past year, while waiting for Congress to act, the Administration has increased its emphasis on enforcement and deportation and denied its ability to provide administrative relief. The forthcoming report finds that, while DHS has made significant progress in some areas, there is much room for improvement. The report recommends that DHS act in line with its own stated priorities and exert its executive authority to bring about much-needed reforms that can be done in the absence of Congressional action.

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Topic: SPENDING SHOWDOWN

Synopsis: Details of the budget deal struck between the White House and Congress last week reveal that a large portion of the \$38 billion worth of budget cuts would be achieved by pruning money left over from previous years, axing programs President Barack Obama had already been targeting and accounting maneuvers. Cuts include some earmarks, unspent census money, leftover federal construction funding and \$2.5 billion from highway programs that could not be spent because of restrictions set by other legislation. Another \$3.5 billion comes from unused spending authority for a program that provides health care to children of lower-income families.

Duration: 30

Topic: GEORGIA IMMIGRATION FIGHT

Synopsis: Georgia has a day left to pass an immigration bill that has some parts that are similar to Arizona's contentious law, and opposition from agriculture and business groups has made it an uphill battle even with Republicans in control. After months of public debate and private discussions, a major sticking point is whether the law should force private employers to use a federal database, called E-Verify, to check that new hires are in the U.S. legally. The Senate stripped the E-Verify requirement earlier this week, only to have the House restore it the next day.

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Topic: MARYLAND STUDENT "DREAM ACT"

Synopsis: The General Assembly in Maryland approved The Dream Act. After a turbulent journey in both the Maryland State House and Senate, legislation allowing illegal immigrants to qualify for in-state college tuition rates passed last night, as the 428th session of the Maryland General Assembly came to a close in Annapolis. Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) has pledged to sign the bill, paving the way for students to enroll in community college as early as this fall. The bill will allow undocumented high school graduates to receive in-state college tuition rates providing they meet certain criteria. The research arm for the state legislature, The Department of Legislative Services, estimated it would cost Maryland taxpayers \$778,000 in fiscal year 2014 and up to \$3.5 million in fiscal 2016 to subsidize the tuition rate undocumented students would receive. There are currently 16 community colleges in Maryland.

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04/13/2011

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Topic: GAS PRICES INCREASE

Synopsis: Rising U.S. gasoline prices have damaged confidence in the country's future and forced Americans to change their spending habits and lifestyles, a Reuters/Ipsos poll released Wednesday found. The proportion of people who believe the United States is on the wrong track jumped 5 points to 69 percent from March, the poll found, the highest wrong-track figure in an Ipsos poll since President Barack Obama took office in January 2009. More than six of every 10 Americans have cut back on other expenses and reduced their driving as a result of the rising gas prices caused by tumult in North Africa and the Middle East.

Duration: 30

Topic: FLORIDA IMMIGRATION BILL DISCUSSION

Synopsis: B7Committees in the Florida House and Senate are set to take up controversial immigration bills this week. The tougher of the two, which is being carried through the House by Rep. William Snyder, R-Stuart, is now on Thursday's crowded Economic Affairs Committee agenda after languishing for weeks. Snyder's measure faces resistance from business and immigrant-rights groups, and could be open to the same constitutional challenge at the center of the legal battles surrounding Arizona's Senate Bill 1070 because it creates new state-level crimes for immigration.

Duration: 30

Topic: RAISE RETIREMENT AGE TO 70

Synopsis: Three Republican senators on Wednesday will propose a Social Security reform package that would raise the retirement age to 70 and cut benefits for the wealthy. Sens. Lindsey Graham (S.C.), Rand Paul (Ky.) and Mike Lee (Utah) previewed their proposal on Fox News, saying that it will put the entitlement program on a long-term path to solvency without raising taxes. The senators said that their plan would gradually raise the retirement age from 67 to 70 and would not affect individuals age 56 or older. Graham said that the proposal uses the same Congress used to raise the retirement age from 65 to 67, so that people born in 1970 would become the first group to have a retirement age of 70.

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04/14/2011

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Topic: IMMIGRATION BILL INDIANA

Synopsis: Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels called on state lawmakers Wednesday to pass a proposal aimed at implementing immigration reforms in the state, adding that changes in the bill were necessary before passage. Mr. Daniels says a bill aimed at implementing an Arizona-style law should focus more on Indiana employers and less on law enforcement. The Indiana governor is the latest governor to call on state lawmakers to implement immigration reforms. "I think that legislation will be changed," Mr. Daniels said Wednesday. "I support this, to drop the law enforcement provisions that have been the ones that have bothered most people."The Indiana Republican and potential Republican presidential candidate says he hopes the law enforcement provision is removed, refusing to note whether that provision would cause him to veto the bill.

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Topic: AUTHORITIES EXAMINING BANKS MOVES ON RATE

Synopsis: A published report says that federal authorities are investigating whether some major banks conspired to improperly manipulate an important interest rate before and during the financial crisis. The Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed people familiar with the inquiry, reported Thursday that the Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission are examining if the banks understated their borrowing costs, which help determine the London interbank offered rate, called Libor. It's an average rate set by banks each morning that measures how much they're going to charge each other for loans. It affects the costs of hundreds of trillions of dollars in loans and investments such as bonds, consumer loans and derivatives. The banks being investigated include Bank of America, Citigroup and UBS, according to the Journal article.

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Topic: MARK DAYTON DROPS PAWLENTY DIRECTIVE ON IMMIGRATION

Synopsis: Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton won't revive his Republican predecessor's directive requiring the state to participate in enforcement of federal immigration law. A spokeswoman told The Associated Press Thursday that Dayton decided against keeping or revamping the 2008 executive order from former Gov. Tim Pawlenty because it wasn't necessary. It had required state cooperation with federal authorities in areas such as customs enforcement and document fraud. Dayton spokeswoman Katie Tinucci says the order's expiration last week doesn't change anything state agents are already doing. She says Dayton considered keeping the directive, consulting with legal and public safety advisers as well as immigration advocates. Pawlenty made headlines when he announced the order and related immigration proposals as part of a get-tough approach toward illegal immigration.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION BILLS

Synopsis: Three bills targeting illegal immigration are making their way through the Tennessee legislature drawing vows by the American Civil Liberties Union to pursue litigation if they become law. Other states, including Florida and Georgia, also are weighing strict measures that bear similarities to one that became law last year in Arizona, but parts of which have been blocked by the courts. Many legal experts believe the legal battle over Arizona's immigration law could reach the U.S. Supreme Court. One of the Tennessee bills would allow local law enforcement agents to question suspects about their immigration status. The other bills would require the state's employers to prove their employees are legally authorized to work in the U.S. and require agencies to verify that applicants for public benefits are legally eligible for them.

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Topic: WASHINGTON DREAM ACT SENATORS LETTER TO BARACK OBAMA

Synopsis: Nevada Senator Harry Reid, Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois and 20 other Democratic senators, today sent a letter to President Barack Obama asking him to establish a rigorous, consistent and organized process to handle requests to freeze the deportation of those youths who qualify under the DREAM Act if it were enacted into law. The Obama Administration - like the previous Bush administration has granted "deferred action" to some young people who would be eligible under the DREAM Act, however, these actions have been handled without a formal process, which leads to inconsistent handling of these cases by the various immigration services offices across the country. The senators asked the Obama Administration to consider establishing a formal process for deferred action, and to track cases of the Dream Act

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Topic: HISPANICS SURPASS BLACKS IN MOST US METROS

Synopsis: Hispanics now outnumber African-Americans in more than half the metropolitan areas in the U.S., according to census figures released today. They became the largest minority group in 191 of the country's 366 metro areas, fuelled in part by the increasing black exodus from recession-hit cities in the north. The census results are already having a big political impact, as states redraw their district boundary lines according to population size and racial make-up. It's the latest in a series of releases from the 2010 census showing the changing face of America. Last month the Census Bureau reported the Hispanic population went up by 42 per cent in the last ten years to hit 50.5 million, meaning one in every six Americans is now Latino. New Latino immigrants are increasingly choosing to avoid traditional Hispanic areas in the south-west, spreading across the country instead. Many of them headed to cities such as Madison, Wisconsin and Lakeland, Florida, where the mid-decade housing boom created jobs in the construction and service industries.

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Topic: BUDGET CUTS AND MEDICAID

Synopsis: A GOP plan to cut billions of dollars from the federal budget goes before the House for a vote today. The plan cuts more than \$6 billion in spending from the budget President Barack Obama introduced in February, relying on stiff cuts to domestic agency accounts, food stamps and Medicaid.

Duration: 30

Topic: NIF ASKS VETO OF GEORGIA BILL

Synopsis: On April 14th, the Georgia legislature approved a bill that makes it a crime for undocumented immigrants to be in Georgia and gives police the authority to investigate the immigration status of any person they encounter if they suspect that the person is in the country illegally. A similar bill was passed and signed into law last year in Arizona. The legislation now goes to the Governor for his signature. The following is a statement by Ali Noorani, Executive Director of the National Immigration Forum, a non-partisan pro-immigrant advocacy organization based in Washington. Georgia has joined Arizona in passing the most extreme anti-immigrant legislation in the country.

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04/16/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: HEALTH PANDEMIC

Synopsis: Virus samples will be shared globally in exchange for vaccines produced from them under a landmark deal to improve preparedness for a flu pandemic, diplomats at the World Health Organization said on Saturday. Negotiators ended an all-night session with a draft agreement accepted by all countries, including the United States, the last to join the consensus, they said. Ministers were expected to adopt the deal at the WHO's annual meeting in May.

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Topic: TAXES DEADLINE

Synopsis: The clock is ticking for those who haven't filed their taxes. With the deadline quickly approaching, area tax agencies are preparing for the last minute rush. To avoid having to pay late filing penalties, you'll want to file your taxes Monday by midnight. We get three extra days to file because of a holiday in Washington DC. Emancipation Day fell on the 15th this year, and the federal government extended the filing deadline until the 18th. Tax agencies have been busy this weekend and are expecting a last minute rush Monday. If you can't file by the deadline Monday, you can file for a six month extension, but you will still have to estimate the taxes you owe.

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04/18/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: MEAT BACTERIA

Synopsis: Meat in the U.S. may be widely contaminated with strains of drug-resistant bacteria, researchers reported Friday after testing 136 samples of beef, chicken, pork and turkey purchased at grocery stores. Nearly half of the samples - 47% - contained strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*, the type of bacteria that most commonly causes staph infections. Of those bacteria, 52% were resistant to at least three classes of antibiotics, according to a study published in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. DNA testing suggested the animals were the source of contamination.

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Topic: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Synopsis: Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood says that while the government won't pay air traffic controllers to take naps while on duty, federal officials are open to other options to ensure aviation safety. LaHood announced earlier that the FAA was adding an hour to the minimum amount of time controllers must be off between shifts.

Duration: 30

Topic: REPORT PREESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Synopsis: According to a recently published report from researchers at University of California, Berkeley, preschool enrollment among Latinos grew steadily across the country from stark lows in the early 1990s. But from 2005 to 2009 - during the recession years - Latino preschool enrollment seems to have declined. Nationally, about one in four children younger than 5 is Latino. In San Joaquin County, the proportion is much higher: about one in two. And as early as second grade, the scores of Latino children on standardized math and language-arts tests lag those of their same-age peers. High-quality preschool programs are widely viewed as a successful means of narrowing such achievement gaps, so that many advocates worry the budget cuts and other financial constraints threatening preschool enrollment could contribute to future academic disparity.

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Topic: HB17

Synopsis:

This bill is an Arizona-style immigration enforcement bill and is clearly unconstitutional, as is Arizona's SB1070 which has been an economic and public relations disaster for Arizona and has already cost that state's taxpayers \$4 million in legal fees and well over \$100 million in lost business and economic downturn. We are confident it would be a disaster both for the people and the friendliness reputation of Texas.

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA, ADVOCATES DISCUSS IMMIGRATION LAW OVERHAUL

Synopsis: Under pressure from advocates and the 2012 re-election calendar, President Barack Obama on Tuesday enlisted a diverse group of elected officials and religious, business, labor, civil rights leaders and law enforcers to help build support for a long-stalled overhaul of the nation's immigration laws. Obama is making a new attempt to fulfill his campaign pledge to enact broad changes early in his term. But his failure there has angered some Hispanics and immigrants' advocates, voters who helped elect him in 2008 and whom he'll need at the polls again next year. A White House meeting with a group of about 70 people led to no breakthroughs on the way forward, just a call to action.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Synopsis: The national average price for a gallon of gas is \$3.83, and in several states it's already over 4-dollars for a regular gallon of gas. Many Americans are starting to cut back to make ends meet. In California, where the average price is well-above 4-dollars a gallon, some drivers have been running out of gas while trying to find a cheaper station. Triple-A says calls for emergency gas service are up 13-percent. But the high prices aren't due to any shortages of fuel in the Middle East. In fact, OPEC says there's a glut of oil on the market. Commodities traders are being blamed, as fears over unrest in Middle East and North African oil suppliers has caused a sharp rise in the oil futures market.

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Topic: McDonald's 50,000 JOBS TODAY

Synopsis: As McDonald's makes its nationwide push to get 50,000 new employees to join its ranks, it is important to put the "McJob" in perspective. We've all heard that the average McDonald's job doesn't pay much. And you're right -- it doesn't offer compensation that is anywhere near the pay for salaried positions filled by college graduates or skilled workers. The data we've seen is that the entry-level McJob probably pays a little more than minimum wage. The company and sites that track wages suggest that many of those workers hired Tuesday will be making around \$8 an hour, depending in which area of the country they live. A full workweek at \$8 an hour gets you about \$320 before tax withholding. That's \$16,000 a year if you take two weeks off during the year for vacation. It's above the poverty line for individuals this year (\$11,136 according to the Census), but below the level for a four-person household (\$22,314).

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04/20/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: JANET NAPOLITANO AIR TRAFFIC SAFETY

Synopsis: Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says she doesn't believe a spate of problems with air traffic control is exposing a potential vulnerability for terrorists. Napolitano tells NBC's "Today" show she does believe it's important that the Transportation Department and the Federal Aviation Administration conduct an internal review to "look at what's going on in the air traffic community." Her interview Wednesday came in the wake of revelations that a jet carrying first lady Michelle Obama to Washington was forced to abort its landing at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, because it came too close to an air cargo plane. Asked if the Monday incident involving the first lady and reports of sleeping air traffic controllers present an opportunity for terrorists, Napolitano replied, "No, not in that sense."

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Topic: NEW GOVERNMENT AIRPORTS RULE TACKLES FEES, BUMPING, DELAYS

Synopsis: The U.S. government is adding new protections for travelers when airlines lose their bags, bump them off flights or hold them on the runway for hours. The airlines will also have to more clearly disclose the fees they charge. Consumer advocates say the wide-ranging regulations would improve the flying experience. Still, they wanted regulators to get even tougher on bag fees and make it easier to sue airlines over shoddy service. Beginning in late August, passengers who pay \$15 or more to check luggage will get a refund if their bag is lost. They'll also be entitled to more money -- up to \$1,330 -- if they're bumped from a flight. Airlines will have to include government taxes and fees in advertised prices.

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Topic: ARIZONA SHERIFF JOR ARPAIO CITES FLOOD OF BORDER AGENTS

Synopsis: An Arizona sheriff says he has been flooded with calls and emails of support from local and federal agents who back his claims that the U.S. Border Patrol has effectively ordered them to stop apprehending illegal immigrants crossing the U.S.-Mexican border. "Upper management has advised supervisors to have agents 'turn back South' (TBS) the illegal aliens (aka bodies) they detect attempting to unlawfully enter the country ... at times you even hear supervisors order the agents over the radio to 'TBS' the aliens instead of catching them," one San Diego border agent wrote in an email to Cochise County Sheriff Larry Dever. "This only causes more problems as the aliens, as you know, don't just go back to Mexico and give up. They keep trying, sometimes within 10 minutes in-between attempts, to cross illegally," continued the email, which was among a number of communications to Dever reviewed by FoxNews.com. "This makes the job for agents more dangerous. Not only are the aliens more defiant, they also begin to feel like they can get away with breaking our federal laws."

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Topic: NEW TERROR ALERTS WILL BE SPECIFIC AND SHORT-LIVED

Synopsis: Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says the color-coded terror alert system will be replaced next week by two warnings -- elevated and imminent. The new warnings could be conveyed to the public through Facebook and Twitter. Unlike the colors, the alerts will have expiration dates. The past system described the threat in five colors, from green, low risk, to red, severe. Napolitano says the threat picture in the U.S. is currently at an "elevated baseline," and future public warnings will hinge on specific and credible intelligence above and beyond that threshold. She says the terror threat to the U.S. is at its highest since 9/11 because

of the increasing number and types of international and homegrown threats. This does not mean there is a specific threat of an imminent attack.

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04/21/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: MORTGAGE LOANS NEW RULES

Synopsis: As part of the financial reform, and to avoid a new crisis, the government would propose to raise the minimum requirement of mortgage payment to 10% or even 20% of the value of the property

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04/22/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: BARACK OBAMA ON GASOLINE SPECULATORS

Synopsis: President Barack Obama said Thursday an investigation will be conducted into fraud and speculation in oil prices, with the aim of limiting an increase in fuel prices affecting Americans. A new section of the Justice Department "will find any instance of fraud or manipulation" that may have caused increase in fuel prices, said Obama.

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Topic: A YEAR LATER, ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW SB 1070 FIGHT CONTINUES

Synopsis: It spawned myriad court challenges, calls to boycott this year's Major League Baseball All-Star Game and more than a dozen copycat proposals in other states - but the one thing Arizona's tough immigration law has not done is put anyone behind bars. The law, known best by its legislative designation, SB 1070, turns 1 year old on Saturday, but it has spent the entire time in legal limbo. With most of its provisions halted by court order and a potential Supreme Court fight in the offing, the legislation's major legacy has been to inflame an already heated debate and underscore the tension between states, who want action, and Washington, where stalemate still persists on all aspects of immigration policy.

Duration: 30

Topic: ONLY HALF OF THE U.S. HAS BROAD TOBACCO PROHIBITIONS

Synopsis: Half of the states implemented smoking bans in private areas at work, restaurants and bars in the last decade, but a government report said that the South is behind as regards smoking regulations. The report, released Thursday by the Centers for Control and Prevention (CDC for its acronym in English) shows that since 2000 there were rapid advances in much of the country to protect nonsmokers from the effects of secondhand smoke or passive smoking. But many Southern states still allow smoking in workplaces or bars and restaurants, and seven states do not have laws that prohibit it in these public places. Within 10 years, the smoke-free workplace, restaurants and bars went from relatively strange to be the norm in the middle states and the District of Columbia.

Duration: 30

Topic: PAIN MEDICATIONS ABUSE

Synopsis: Abuse of certain drugs for strong pain relief is one of the major health problems growing in the United States. The government announced its latest plan to address what is

described as a national epidemic. Accidents by overdose of painkillers cause more deaths than even traffic accidents in more than 17 states.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES INCREASE

Synopsis: President Obama asked the justice department chairman, cabinet members and state and federal prosecutors to investigate alleged fraud or manipulation of gas prices.

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04/23/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: MEXICO US TRAVEL WARNING

Synopsis: The U.S. government today renewed the travel alert to Mexico for the "serious risk" posed to its citizens from violence and organized crime. The State Department said a statement that despite the Mexican government's effort to intensify the fight against criminal organizations, more than 15,000 people were murdered in 2010 for crimes related to drug violence. These figures are two thirds higher than those recorded in 2009 and, although, according to the Department the majority of deaths are people connected with organized crime "were also killed innocent people, police, judges and military. " The U.S. Government places special emphasis on not to travel to the states of Tamaulipas and Michoacan, and parts of the states of Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Sinaloa, Durango, Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi and Jalisco.

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04/25/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: FINGERPRINTS ON SOCIAL SECURITY

Synopsis: Mayor Michael Bloomberg says he's in favor of putting people's fingerprints on Social Security cards. Bloomberg says such biometric identification cards would make it easier for employers to judge whether someone has legal permission to work in the U.S. He says it would reduce the supply of work to illegal immigrants, leading fewer to enter the country. Critics have said that such a system would raise cost and privacy concerns. Bloomberg was one of several politicians who discussed immigration issues this week with President Barack Obama. Bloomberg's immigration reform group, the Partnership for a New American Economy, supports bringing more immigrant workers and entrepreneurs into the country.

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIF. CONGRESSWOMAN: IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS LIED

Synopsis: A Northern California congresswoman has accused federal immigrations officials of lying when they said counties and states could opt out of a program that checks the immigration status of people arrested and booked into local jails. Democratic Rep. Zoe Lofgren of San Jose on Friday called for an investigation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials following a review by her office of internal correspondence about the Secure Communities program. That correspondence-recently released by the Department of Homeland Security in response to a Freedom of Information lawsuit-shows the Obama administration gave communities no choice but to participate in the program after some refused. Santa Clara County, where San Jose is the county seat, and San Francisco were among the communities that sought to opt out of Secure Communities.

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04/26/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: GM / IMMIGRANT TAXES

Synopsis: A study estimates that undocumented immigrants paid more than \$11 billion in taxes last year, far outpacing corporate behemoth GE, which paid nothing. I bet most of you didn't know undocumented immigrants contributed more - much more - to the national treasury last year than General Electric. While GE - which earned a whopping \$14 billion last year - is reported to have paid nothing, nada, zero in taxes (GE denies it), the undocumented paid billions in state and local taxes in 2010.

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA DROP HOUSE

Synopsis: Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed into law a bill that would make it a felony to use forgery to rent or buy a home to be used as an immigrant-smuggling "drop house." The bill signed Monday would make the offense punishable by up to seven years in prison. Drop houses are homes, apartments or motel rooms where immigrant smugglers hide their customers after they have crossed the border but before they are sent to destinations across the United States. Police have discovered numerous drop houses in metropolitan Phoenix in recent years. The city is the nation's busiest hub for immigrant smuggling.

Duration: 30

Topic: "SECURE COMMUNITIES"

Synopsis: Assembly Public Safety Committee Hearing on AB 1081 (Ammiano), the TRUST Act, which would honor the right of local governments to opt out of ICE's controversial "Secure" Communities or S-Comm Program and set basic standards for jurisdictions that choose to participate. As Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) faces a growing storm of criticism from public officials over its troubled S-Comm program, the Assembly Public Safety Committee will hear a bill that would grant decision-making power to local governments on whether, and how, to relate to the controversial initiative.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Synopsis: Gas pump prices continue to climb, hitting \$3.87 per gallon on Tuesday, though experts say the national average should fall eventually as Americans drive less. Retail gasoline prices have increased for 35 straight days, adding 32.2 cents per gallon since March 22. They're above \$4 per gallon in California, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Connecticut, Washington D.C., Alaska and Hawaii.

Duration: 30

Topic: HOME PRICES

Synopsis: A wave of foreclosures is forcing down home prices in most major U.S. cities. But economists and real estate agents are noticing what they call a key first step for any housing recovery: a drop in the glut of homes for sale in markets hit hardest by foreclosures. Low prices are leading investors to snap up foreclosed homes in Detroit, Las Vegas, Miami, Phoenix and Tampa. Those cut-rate sales are reducing prices in the short run. Yet they're also thinning the supply of homes -- clearing the way for higher prices in the long run.

Duration: 30

Topic: LATINO VOTE

Synopsis: More Latinos than ever voted in the November 2010 election as a relatively young population reached the voting age, a fresh sign that the fastest growing U.S. minority stands as a formidable force in electoral politics. A study by the Pew Hispanic Center found that 6.6 million Latinos, who mainly pick Democrats, voted in 2010, up from the 5.6 million who voted in the previous contests in 2006. As a share of the electorate, Latinos made up 6.9 percent of the 96 million voters in 2010, up from 5.8 percent of the 96.1 million voters four years earlier. The center released its report on Tuesday.

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04/27/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: DEPORTATION HALTED FOR SOME STUDENTS AS LAWMAKERS SEEK NEW POLICY

Synopsis: Olga Zanella, a Mexican-born college student in Texas, should have started months ago trying to figure out how she could make a life in Mexico, since American immigration authorities were working resolutely to deport her there. But Ms. Zanella, 20, could not bring herself to make plans. She was paralyzed by fear of a violent country she could not remember, where she had no close family. Ms. Zanella, who has been living illegally in the United States since her parents brought her here when she was 5, had been trying to fight her deportation for more than two years. She was pulled over by the local police in February 2009 as she was driving in her hometown, Irving, Tex., and did not have a driver's license. The police handed her over to immigration agents.

Duration: 30

Topic: WHAT LEGALIZATION OVER DEPORTATION COULD MEAN TO CALIFORNIA

Synopsis: California is home to nearly 10 million immigrants, more than one quarter of the state's population. Of those, 2.7 million are undocumented, and the vast majority of them have been living in the United States for more than 10 years. California's immigrant contributions to the Golden State cannot be overstated. From Cesar Chavez, the pioneering agricultural labor-rights leader in the 20th century to Sergei Brin, the Russian entrepreneur behind one of the 21st century's most revolutionary companies, Google Inc., the foreign born and their descendants are woven into the state's cultural and economic fabric. Still, that reality has not prevented some Californians, frustrated with our broken federal immigration system, to call for an Arizona-style "papers please" approach. In fact, a Tea Party activist and former chair of the Sonoma County Republican Party is currently organizing a petition drive to put a similar measure before the California voters on the next ballot.

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04/28/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: FOOD MARKETING-CHILDREN

Synopsis: The Obama administration is planning to ask food companies and restaurants to cut back on advertising unhealthy foods to children. Under guidelines obtained by The Associated Press, companies would be urged only to market foods to children ages 2 through 17 if they are low in fats, sugars and sodium and contain specified healthy ingredients. The government is planning to propose the voluntary guidelines Thursday, according to two people familiar with the process who were not authorized to speak publicly. The parameters set by the guidelines are

stricter than many companies have set for themselves and would eliminate much of the advertising viewers see today -- on television, in magazines, in stores and on the Internet.

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04/30/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION FLORIDA

Synopsis: A controversial bill that seeks to crack down on undocumented immigrants in Florida is likely to be presented to the full state Senate on Monday. The bill drew several protests last week from a variety of groups, including the state Chamber of Commerce and others who warn that it will make the state -- which depends on tourism -- seem inhospitable to foreigners. Among other things, the bill would require businesses to use E-Verify, a federal database that includes information needed to check a person's eligibility to work in the United States. Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos is seeking to beef up the Senate immigration reform bill in a last minute attempt to require businesses to use E-Verify.

Duration: 30

Topic: CHICAGO ORGANIZATIONS ON DREAM ACT

Synopsis: A churchful of activists seeking state laws to protect undocumented immigrants got a boost from an unlikely source Saturday when Republican Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran told them he had seen the errors of his former pro-deportation stand. "I was on the other side of this issue, so in essence, a persecutor at one time," Curran told thousands of activists at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in West Lawn, standing with House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton. "I cannot think, in good conscience, that breaking up families is something that God is going to look favorably upon in America if we continue to go down that route," he said as protestors erupted in applause. My confirmation name as a Catholic is Paul. St. Paul was a persecutor at one point. There was a conversion story. We can stop this silliness of deporting people, breaking up families, and then claiming that we're 'pro-family.

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Duration: 30

Topic: MAY FIRST MARCH

Synopsis: Demonstrators waving union banners and American flags took to the streets of downtown Los Angeles Sunday for May Day marches calling for immigration reform and workers' rights. The biggest march, organized by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, began at noon and ended with a rally featuring dancers, musicians and speakers from labor and community groups. A second march started a half-hour later and also concluded with a rally. A police spokeswoman said the events were peaceful and plenty of officers were on duty to monitor the crowds. City News Service quoted a city fire captain who estimated between 2,500 and 2,800 people were marching.

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5/2/11

Duration: 30

Topic: SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE INVESTIGATED IN NY'S TIMES SQUARE

Synopsis: New York City authorities briefly shut down a street in Times Square after investigating a suspicious package Monday which turned out not to be dangerous, the city's fire department said. The city is on high security alert after the killing of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan Monday.

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5/3/11

Duration: 30

Topic: MORE SECURITY

Synopsis: Even as Americans cheer the death of Osama bin Laden, U.S. policymakers may struggle to map out a new U.S. security policy that can redirect resources from a decade of laser-like focus on counterterrorism while still guarding against fresh attacks. The death of the al Qaeda leader, who embodied the post-Sept. 11 decade and the 'War on Terror' it inspired, could allow Washington to rebalance its foreign policy away from the expensive, bloody wars of Iraq and Afghanistan and shadowy counter terror operations elsewhere. But such a shift, while welcome for Americans wearied by distant conflicts and worried by close-to-home issues like the economy, would run the risk of neglecting ongoing threats emanating from places like Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia.

Duration: 30

Topic: FLORIDA SB 2040

Synopsis: The Senate President, Mike Haridopolos, has decided to postpone for tomorrow the vote on Senate Bill 2040. The bill, inspired by Arizona's controversial immigration law, was expected to come up for a vote today. More than 400 people mobilized in 9 buses to Tallahassee, departing earlier this morning from different cities throughout Central Florida.

Whole families waited for the Senate vote outside of the Chambers, while groups of children, students and farm workers visited several Senators to share their stories, pray and ask them to vote against the bill.

Duration: 30

Topic: WHITE HOUSE CAUCUS MEETING

Synopsis: Today the President and Senior Administration Officials will meet with members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to discuss the importance of fixing the broken immigration system for our nation's 21st century economic and security needs so that America can win the future. The President will also discuss how we can work together to foster a constructive national conversation on this important issue as we work to build a bipartisan consensus in Congress.

Duration: 30

Topic: UTAH IMMIGRATION LAWSUIT

Synopsis: Two national organizations are suing Utah to halt a new immigration law they claim encourages racial profiling. The National Immigration Law Center argues legislation signed by Gov. Gary Herbert in March is just as unconstitutional as a similar Arizona law that is before the courts. The American Civil Liberties Union also joined the lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court in Salt Lake City. The most controversial parts of Arizona's law are on hold pending a trial. They include a provision that would require police officers who are enforcing other laws to question the immigration status of those they suspect are in the country illegally.

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5/4/11

Duration: 30

Topic: FLORIDA IMMIGRATION BILL SB 2040

Synopsis: The fate of immigration legislation moving through the Republican-led Florida Legislature became highly uncertain Tuesday after the Senate killed an amendment that would have pressured business owners to use the federal E-Verify database to document a worker's immigration status. Lawmakers remain far apart on the contentious bill (SB 2040) with just three days left before Friday's scheduled adjournment and Senate President Mike Haridopolos said he wants to see what the House does about its version, if anything, before asking his members to vote

Duration: 30

Topic: MARYLAND TUITION SIGNATURES

Synopsis: Opponents of legislation designed to give college tuition breaks to illegal immigrants in Maryland say they are on track to collect the thousands of signatures needed to try to overturn the measure that passed the General Assembly last month. Del. Neil C. Parrott (R-Washington) and Del. Pat McDonough (R-Baltimore County) are leading the effort to give voters a say in whether to uphold the bill

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5/5/11

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT VOTE

Synopsis: College students who entered the country illegally appear closer than ever to receiving financial aid in California. On a party-line vote of 51-21, the state Assembly approved a bill Thursday that allows those students to collect privately-funded college scholarships. Assemblyman Gil Cedillo, a Democrat from Los Angeles and the author of AB130, has introduced a similar bill every year since 2005. Former Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, vetoed the legislation repeatedly, but Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown made a campaign pledge to sign it. Dozens of Democrats in the Assembly spoke in support of the bill, arguing that students should not be punished because their parents brought them into the country illegally. They said immigrant labor makes comfortable, middle-class standards of living possible and that California should reward skilled and educated immigrants.

Duration: 30

Topic: FLORIDA SB-2040 VOTE

Synopsis: In a surprise move, the Senate voted on the immigration bill SB 2040. Without debate, the Florida Senate unexpectedly voted Wednesday morning 23-16 to approve SB 2040, a controversial immigration crackdown bill. The measure looked dead late Tuesday after Senators shot down an amendment that would have made the bill tougher by pushing for a broader use of the federal government's E-Verify system to check the immigration status of workers. Dozens of immigration activists were ordered to leave the state Capitol building for violating an order by the Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Severance to not engage in any singing while sitting in the Senate's visitors gallery. The activists and immigrants, wearing matching orange "We Are Florida" T-shirts, began singing immediately after the vote

Duration: 30

Topic: FLORIDA HISPANICS GREW MORE DIVERSE

Synopsis: During the past decade, Floridians got older and were less inclined to get married. More unrelated Floridians moved in together and the number of unmarried domestic partners grew. Thursday's release of new demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau offers a new prism into Florida's changes over the last decade. Floridians grew older in the past decade. The median age went from 38.7 in 2000 to 40.7 in 2010. Floridians were less likely to be married. The share of husband and wife households declined from 50.4 percent in 2000 to 46.6 percent in 2010. Sumter County had the highest rate of husband-wife households while the college towns of Alachua and Leon counties had the lowest.

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5/6/11

Duration: 30

Topic: TEXAS IMMIGRATION LAW HB-12

Synopsis: The Texas House is trying to decide whether or not to require police to enforce federal immigration law. Police chiefs across the state are against the bill and argue that it will only make their jobs more difficult. They say that illegal immigrants will not report crimes because they worry about police checks on their immigration status. Police also say that their plates are already full, without adding immigration enforcement. Gov. Rick Perry wants to declare a ban on so-called sanctuary cities and is calling it an emergency matter. The bill is

supposed to pass in the already Republican dominated House. However, it's not going to be without serious debate and at least 50 attempts to amend the law.

Duration: 30

Topic: ECONOMY JOBS INCREASE

Synopsis: U.S. employment increased more than expected in April as private companies created jobs at the fastest pace in five years, pointing to underlying strength in the economy, even though the jobless rate rose to 9.0 percent. Nonfarm payrolls rose 244,000 last month, the most in 11 months, the Labor department said on Friday. The private sector accounted for all of the job gains last month, with payrolls rising 268,000, the largest rise since February 2006. The gain in overall payrolls, above economist' expectations for a 186,000 increase, was supportive of views the economic recovery would regain speed this quarter after stumbling in the first three months of the year on high commodity prices.

Duration: 30

Topic: SECURE CONMMUNITIES CONTROVERSY

Synopsis: A controversial federal program that checks the fingerprints of immigrants detained in prisons was rejected by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in Congress, who joined the order of national organizations calling for the government's immediate termination.

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5/8/11

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES EXPECTED TO DROP

Synopsis: Several factors combined this week to stem the rapid rise in gasoline prices and analysts say they should gradually start going the other way. By summer, they could be down as much as 50 cents a gallon, but experts warn that the drops won't happen quickly. Oil, which is used to make gasoline, has tumbled 15 percent in price. Investors who were worried about rising oil supplies and falling demand in the United States helped drive down the price as did a stronger dollar.

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5/9/11

Duration: 30

Topic: "DO NOT RIDE"

Synopsis: A U.S. senator called Sunday for a "no-ride list" for Amtrak trains after intelligence gleaned from the raid on Osama bin Laden's compound pointed to potential attacks on the national rail system. Sen. Charles Schumer said he would also push for added funding for rail security and commuter and passenger train track inspections and more monitoring of stations nationwide. U.S. officials last week said evidence found after the raid on the al Qaeda leader's hideout in Pakistan indicated there had been discussions about a possible attack on a U.S. train on Sept. 11, 2011 -- the ten-year anniversary of the New York and Washington attacks orchestrated by bin Laden.

Duration: 30

Topic: SB 1070

Synopsis: Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer announced Monday she will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a ruling that put the most controversial parts of the state's immigration enforcement law on hold. The planned appeal to the high court comes after Brewer lost an appeal April 11, when a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals refused to reverse a lower court's order that prevented key parts of the law from being enforced. The panel said federal officials were likely to prove the law is unconstitutional and succeed in their argument that Congress has given the federal government sole authority to enforce immigration laws.

Duration: 30

Topic: UTAH IMMIGRATION

Synopsis: Two civil rights groups asked a federal judge Friday to stop a Utah immigration law from taking effect next week, saying it would create a police state and violate constitutional rights to due process. The American Civil Liberties Union and the National Immigration Law Center sought the injunction in federal court in Salt Lake City seeking to delay the law, which is modeled on Arizona's enforcement measure. Because the law could force people to prove their citizenship when arrested for any crime, there is the very real danger of racial profiling by police officers if it goes into effect, said Karen Tumlin, the law center's managing attorney.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES

Synopsis: The average price for a gallon of gasoline in the United States rose 11.98 cents in the past two weeks, but last week's fall in crude oil prices may signal lower costs to come, an industry analyst said on Sunday. The national average for self-serve, regular unleaded gas was \$4 per gallon on May 6, up 11.98 cents from April 22, according to the nationwide Lundberg Survey. This was still below the all-time high of \$4.11 on July, 11, 2008, and last week's fall in crude oil prices may lead to a 8- to 12-cent drop in prices at the pump over the next few weeks.

Duration: 30

Topic: FORD RECALL

Synopsis: U.S. safety regulators are investigating a fuel tank problem that could affect more than 2.7 million Ford F-150 pickup trucks. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said today that the steel straps holding up the truck's gas tank can rust and break, possibly causing a fuel spill and fire. No injuries have been reported from the possible defect. The agency is looking into trucks from the 1997 through 2001 model years. NHTSA's investigations often lead to recalls.

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05/10/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA IMMIGRATION

Synopsis: Describing the border with Mexico as more secure than ever, President Barack Obama says Republicans who insisted on tougher enforcement should now be ready to move on and deal with comprehensive immigration reform. But instead, he says they're still demanding more. In a speech in Texas along the border today, Obama pointed to an increase in border agents, and the near-completion of a border fence. And he said more cargo is being screened. But he said Republicans will "never be satisfied." Obama is pushing for legislation offering a pathway to citizenship to the nation's 11 million illegal immigrants -- amid opposition

from majority Republicans in the House. He's trying to convince Hispanic voters that he's not the one standing in the way of immigration reform.

Duration: 30

Topic: TEXAS SANCTUARY CITIES

Synopsis: After taking the unusual and controversial strategy of cutting off debate, the Texas House late Monday voted 99 to 47 in favor of a ban on "sanctuary cities," despite objections that the measure was unnecessary and will increase racial profiling against Hispanics. House Republicans voted to end debate by calling for an immediate vote on the bill, shutting down debate on amendments after four hours of sometimes heated discussion. Democrats roundly criticized the tactic almost as emotionally as the underlying legislation, and faulted House Speaker Joe Straus for allowing the maneuver

Duration: 30

Topic: UTAH IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis: People arrested for serious crimes in Utah will be required to prove their citizenship - and those stopped for minor offenses may be too -- under a new immigration law that took effect Tuesday. Civil rights groups are seeking to block the law on constitutional grounds, and a judge will consider whether to halt its enforcement at a hearing set for Tuesday afternoon. The law, signed by Republican Gov. Gary Herbert in March, requires police to check the citizenship status of anyone arrested for a felony or class-A misdemeanor, while giving them discretion to check the citizenship of those stopped for traffic infractions and other lesser offenses. Class A misdemeanors include theft, negligent homicide and criminal mischief, while felonies range from aggravated burglary to rape and murder.

Duration: 30

Topic: MARYLAND DREAM ACT

Synopsis: Illegal immigrants who meet certain conditions will be able to pay in-state college tuition in Maryland under a bill signed Tuesday by Gov. Martin O'Malley at a time when many other states are taking a harder stance against illegal immigration. The Democratic governor posed for five sets of photographs during a ceremony to accommodate the large number of supporters in attendance to see one of the high-profile bill signed. Supporters cheered the occasion outside the Maryland State House, chanting: "Yes, we can".

Duration: 30

Topic: CELL PHONE ALERT SYSTEM ANNOUNCED IN NYC

Synopsis: New York City will launch a new national emergency alert system by the end of the year that will send messages to cell phones during disasters. Mayor Michael Bloomberg made the announcement Tuesday at a news conference overlooking the World Trade Center site. He says the new technology will give the public clear and accurate information about imminent safety threats. The mayor says it will be geographically targeted and send messages to all cell phone users. He was joined by FCC Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski, as well as federal and local officials. The alert plan was approved by Congress in 2006 under the Warning Alert and Response Network Act. The system also will be launched in Washington by the end of the year.

Duration: 30

Topic: GENERAL MOTORS NEW JOBS

Synopsis: General Motors says it's confident in the demand for its vehicles and in the economy. So much so, Chairman and C-E-O Dan Akerson announced a hiring blitz and billions in improvements to G-M plants across the country. He delivered the announcement at a Toledo,

Ohio facility where transmissions are made. G-M says it plans to create or preserve more than four-thousand jobs. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2009, but emerged from it more than a month later, thanks to a 52-billion dollar government bailout.

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05/11/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: WASHINGTON DREAM ACT PROPOSAL

Synopsis: Senate Democrats including majority leader Harry Reid are to revive the long-stalled DREAM act proposal to ease immigration to the United States, the politicians said Tuesday in a statement. The bill would allow a 'select group' of foreign students 'with great potential to contribute more fully to America,' they said. A formal announcement is to be made Wednesday. The move came just hours after President Barack Obama, a fellow Democrat, called for reform of the US immigration system as he stood on the US-Mexican border. He demanded that Congress act on the long- simmering issue.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION BILLS SIGNED AMID ARRESTS

Synopsis: Five undocumented immigrants arrested for trespassing after slipping into the governor's office Monday have been released from Marion County jail. Jail spokesman Julio Fernandez said the six were each released on \$150 cash bond. The first was released last night and the final one this morning. They were scheduled to appear in court at 1 p.m. today, according to a spokeswoman for the group.

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05/13/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: SOUTH CAROLINA IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis: The South Carolina Senate late Wednesday passed legislation that will require voters to show photo identification in order to cast a ballot. South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle statistics show that nearly 180,000 voters in South Carolina - most of whom are elderly, student, minority or low-income voters - will be disenfranchised as a result of this discriminatory bill. Proponents of the bill claim the voter ID requirement will curb in-person election fraud. The South Carolina Election Commission, however, reports that no cases of fraud exist.

Duration: 30

Topic: SOCIAL SECURITY REPORT TODAY

Synopsis: Two of the government's most popular programs for the elderly, Medicare and Social Security, will run out of money sooner than expected as a slow-growing economy saps revenues, a report on Friday said. Trustees for the two funds said the Medicare trust fund is projected to exhaust its funds in 2024, not 2029 as estimated last year, and that the Social Security retirement program will run out of money in 2036, not 2037 as previously thought. The latest projections hit in the middle of an intense debate between the Obama administration and opposition Republicans about how to rein in the nation's runaway debt, set to hit the legal limit of \$14.3 trillion on Monday.

Duration: 30

Topic: GEORGIA ANTI IMMIGRANT LAW

Synopsis: Georgia's Republican governor signed Friday a tough new state law cracking down on illegal immigrants that is similar to one enacted in Arizona last year, handing new powers to police in the southern U.S. state. The law authorizes police in Georgia to investigate the immigration status of criminal suspects they think may be in the country illegally. It also requires many private employers to check the immigration status of newly hired workers on a federal database called E-Verify. Enforcement of U.S. immigration laws traditionally is handled by federal, not state, authorities. The Georgia measure is the latest to gain favor among Republicans at the state level who accuse Democratic President Barack Obama and the federal government of failing to stem illegal immigration.

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05/14/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: US VISA LOTTERY MISTAKE

Synopsis: A computer glitch corrupted the State Department's annual worldwide lottery for U.S. immigrant visas and the results will be scratched, the Obama administration said Friday, disappointing tens of thousands of would-be immigrants who were notified this year that they had won a chance to come and live legally in the United States. Nearly 15 million people had entered the 2012 lottery hoping to win one of 50,000 U.S. immigrant visas available under a wild-card program for people who otherwise would have little hope of getting a coveted U.S. visa. Applicants for the random drawing do not have to have the usual family or employer sponsor. The lottery selects 90,000 winners, a total that is then winnowed down through attrition, interviews and strict educational and occupational criteria.

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5/17/11

Duration: 30

Topic: NATIONAL DEBT LIMIT

Synopsis: With the federal government hitting its \$14.3-trillion debt limit, Treasury officials have started a complex fiscal juggling act to postpone the date when the government can no longer pay its bills. But those accounting tricks, such as tapping into federal employees pension funds for loans, would buy only 11 more weeks for the White House and lawmakers to increase the debt ceiling. That would force the U.S., for the first time, to begin defaulting on interest payments owed to holders of government securities and trigger a sort of slow-motion, partial government shutdown in which Washington would stop paying employees, contractors and beneficiaries of Social Security and other programs.

Duration: 30

Topic: GAS PRICES / CRUDE OIL

Synopsis: Crude oil prices moved close to \$98 per barrel Tuesday in New York as oil prices rebounded modestly from nearly two weeks of declines. The New York Federal Reserve said Monday its headline index measuring Empire State manufacturing showed slower growth in May than in April. On Tuesday, the Department of Commerce said the number of building permits issued and home construction starts in April both fell, dropping 4 percent and 10.6 percent, respectively, compared with March. Crude oil, however, found support from a weaker

dollar. The dollar index, a prorated measure of the dollar against six major currencies, dropped 0.19 percent Tuesday.

Duration: 30

Topic: ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BILL HEADS TO OKLAHOMA HOUSE

Synopsis: A House committee advanced an anti-illegal immigration bill that one legislator opposed to the measure called political window dressing. House Bill 1446 - the lone anti-illegal measure to remain alive this session - is toned down from earlier versions, which included parts of Arizona's anti-illegal immigrant law passed last year. Also gone from the bill are provisions that bar children of illegal immigrants from receiving tuition assistance for postsecondary education, allow state agencies to report illegal immigrants who apply for state or federal aid, require employers to verify the immigration status of potential employees, outlaw the practice of illegal immigrants seeking work as an independent contractor and making it a crime to pick up illegal immigrants for the purpose of employing them. Eight of 11 members of the House of Representatives Conference Committee on Public Safety, Judiciary and Military Affairs agreed to advance HB 1446. It now goes to the House, which hopes to wrap up its business by the end of next week.

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5/18/11

Duration: 30

Topic: TEXAS SENATE ON HB12

Synopsis: Today the House passed HB 12, co-authored by Rep. Linda Harper Brown, which ensures that law enforcement officers are not prohibited from upholding the immigration laws of our state and nation. "As an elected officeholder, it is my responsibility to abide by the oath of office to, 'preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state.'"

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5/20/11

Duration: 30

Topic: US STATE UNEMPLOYMENT

Synopsis: The unemployment rate fell last month in more than three-quarters of the nation's states, evidence that companies are feeling more confident in the U.S. economy. The Labor Department says the unemployment rate dropped in 39 states in April. That's an improvement from March when 34 states had reported decreases. The rate rose in three states and the District of Columbia. It was unchanged in eight states.

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05/21/11

Duration: 30

Topic: TENNESSEE IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL

Synopsis: While the Tennessee State Legislature has shelved controversial "Arizona-style" immigration rules for this session, rules regarding expanded use of the federal E-Verify system could be closer to passage. The proposed law, called HB 1378, would require all Tennessee

businesses to check the status of all prospective employees through the federal database. Many business groups have argued against the laws, saying it would add too many additional costs and liabilities for businesses across the state.

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05/23/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: SUMMER SCHOOLS

Synopsis: According to a 2010 study by the Wallace Foundation, a national education nonprofit, just 25 percent of school-age children participate in a summer learning program. I spoke with Ron Fairchild, an education consultant and former director of the Johns Hopkins University Summer Learning Institute, about the problems students face over the summer and what constitutes a good summer learning program. Its common sense really-research provides footnotes for common sense. We'd all expect athletes or musicians' performance to suffer if they didn't practice. If you don't do something for three months, there's going to be a drop-off. Many students don't have books in their homes. Math is one area that requires regular practice and repetition. Any child that doesn't practice those skills is going to experience some setback. We're literally giving back those gains that teachers and principals work really hard to secure every year.

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05/24/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA, REMOVE INMATES FROM PRISION

Synopsis: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that California must remove tens of thousands of inmates from its prison rolls in the next two years, and state officials vowed to comply, saying they hoped to do so without setting any criminals free. Administration officials expressed confidence that their plan to shift low-level offenders to county jails and other facilities, already approved by lawmakers, would ease the persistent crowding that the high court said Monday had caused "needless suffering and death" and amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

Duration: 30

Topic: SC LEGISLATURE PREPARES ARIZ.-STYLE IMMIGRATION LAW

Synopsis: South Carolina's Republican-controlled Legislature is expected to send Gov. Nikki Haley an Arizona-style anti-illegal immigration bill in the coming weeks. That has local law officials getting ready for enforcing immigration laws. Roan Garcia-Quintana has been advocating for the state to do more to protect citizens from illegal immigrants who commit violent crimes. A provision of a proposed immigration law would allow local or state officers to check a person's immigration status during a traffic stop or arrest if the officer suspects that the person is in the country illegally. The bill also allows for residents to sue their local government if the county or municipality fails to enforce the law, an attempt to block so-called sanctuary cities. The bill also would make it a felony to provide fake ID cards to illegal immigrants.

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05/25/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: TEXAS HB12 LAW CONTROVERSY

Synopsis: This is the third day a group of activists stays outside the Texas Capitol where the future of the controversial law, HB-12, will be decided. This law would give the state police the power to act as immigration agents and also remove sanctuary cities for illegal immigrants. The measure passed the state house of representatives last Friday.

Duration: 30

Topic: FEAR OF APPLYING CITIZENSHIP

Synopsis: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Chief of Staff Lauren Kielsmeier will announce a federal initiative to raise awareness about the rights, responsibilities and importance of U.S. citizenship and direct immigrants to resources available to lawful permanent residents and immigrant-serving organizations.

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05/26/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: YOUNG ADULTS, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Synopsis: Nearly one in five young U.S. adults may have high blood pressure, researchers said on Wednesday in a study suggesting the problem of hypertension is more widespread than previously thought. Hypertension is easy to prevent and inexpensive to treat through diet, exercise and drugs, yet it is the second-leading cause of death in the United States.

Duration: 30

Topic: JUDGE VOIDS WISCONSIN ANTI UNION LAW

Synopsis: A judge ruled on Thursday Wisconsin Republican lawmakers illegally pushed through a bill curbing the bargaining rights of public sector unions, voiding the law that had triggered large pro-labor protests. Wisconsin Judge Maryann Sumi said frustrated Republicans violated the state's open meetings law in overcoming a stalemate with Democratic lawmakers who had fled the state and refused to vote on the Republican-backed bill. Wisconsin was among several Republican-dominated U.S. states to pass anti-union laws this year, with proponents arguing budget-strapped states needed flexibility to cut costs in negotiations with public employees. Critics viewed the anti-union laws as a Republican assault on unions and an attempt to hurt an important Democratic constituency and a key source of party funding.

Duration: 30

Topic: CENSUS BREAKDOWN LATINO COMMUNITIES

Synopsis: Women are continuing to outlive men, but men are gaining on them in numbers thanks to medical improvements. New 2010 census figures, released Thursday, show men are narrowing the female population advantage, primarily in the 65-plus age group. It's a change in the social dynamics of a country in which longevity, widowhood and health care for seniors have been mostly seen as women's issues. In all, the numbers highlight a nation that is rapidly aging even as Congress debates cuts in Medicare, an issue with ramifications for the growing ranks of older men. "We know in the past because of women's longer life expectancy, women put more emphasis on health care issues because they lived to an older age and often had to rely on the pensions of their husbands," said Jen'nan G. Read, an associate professor of sociology and global health at Duke University.

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05/27/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION E-VERIFY

Synopsis: The Obama administration is about to add more personal information to E-Verify, an immigration enforcement tool that is vulnerable to fake, stolen or borrowed documents. The administration has said that it will add driver's license data from the state of Mississippi to E-Verify as early as June 8. The agency will test whether using the data can help E-Verify better identify people working illegally in the U.S. E-Verify checks workers' information against Social Security and immigration records. E-Verify was not designed to check whether a document with valid information belongs to the person who presented it.

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05/30/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: ENERGY DRINKS

Synopsis: Sports and energy drinks are popular with children and teens, but most kids shouldn't drink them. That's the message today in the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The report says kids who want to rehydrate after working out should choose water because sports drinks contain calories they don't need. However, sports drinks may be helpful for young athletes who exercise vigorously or for long periods of time. Energy drinks are not a good choice for children because they contain caffeine and other stimulants that can be dangerous. Researchers have linked energy drinks to an increase in heart rate and high blood pressure as well as sleep disturbances and anxiety.

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05/31/2011

Duration: 30

Topic: HOME PRICES

Synopsis: An index of home prices in the country's major metro areas has sunk to its lowest level since the housing bubble burst in late 2006. Prices fell from February to March in 18 of the metro areas tracked by the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city index. And prices in a dozen markets have reached their lowest points since the housing crisis began. Prices in March rose only in the Seattle and Washington, D.C., metro areas. A record number of foreclosures are forcing home prices down, and they are expected to keep falling through this year. The 12 cities now at their lowest levels in nearly four years are: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Las Vegas, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Phoenix, Portland, Ore., and Tampa.

Duration: 30

Topic: 12 MILLION LATINOS WORKERS HAVE NO PAID SICK DAY BENEFITS

Synopsis: A new analysis released today by the National Partnership for Women & Families, Latino Workers and Their Families Need Paid Sick Days (Spanish), shows that Latino workers and their families suffer when they lack basic workplace protections like paid sick time. Latinos are the fastest growing segment of the United States' workforce, yet nearly 12 million Latino

workers - 60 percent of the Latino workforce - don't have a single paid sick day to use to recover from common illnesses.

Duration: 30

Topic: TOBACCO VACCINE

Synopsis: The Texas A&M University System and a Texas company have been awarded a \$40 million U.S. Department of Defense grant to develop vaccines made from tobacco, a hoped-for improvement on the antiquated egg-based technology that made the response to last year's swine flu outbreak so slow. The so-called Texas Plant-Expressed Vaccine Consortium announced the manufacturing initiative Wednesday. It will be headquartered in a 145,000-square-foot facility to be built on 21 acres at the Texas A&M Health Science Center in Bryan. Giroir said the consortium hopes to have the new vaccine in clinical trials by mid- to late 2011.

Duration: 30

Topic: CANCER AND CELL PHONES

Synopsis: Using a mobile phone may increase the risk of developing certain types of brain tumor and consumers should consider ways of reducing their exposure, World Health Organization (WHO) cancer experts said on Tuesday. A working group of 31 scientists from 14 countries meeting at the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) said a review of all the available scientific evidence suggested cell phone use should be classified as "possibly carcinogenic". The classification, which puts mobile phone use in the same broad IARC cancer risk category as lead, chloroform and coffee, could spur the United Nations health body to look again at its guidelines on mobile phones, the scientists said. But more lengthy and detailed research is needed before a more definitive answer on any link can be given.

Duration: 30

Topic: SANCTUARY CITIES BILL FILED FOR TEXAS SESSION

Synopsis: Gov. Rick Perry, a Texas House Republican is pressing for an immigration enforcement bill that has been one of the most controversial issues before the Legislature this year. Rep. Burt Solomons of Carrollton has filed a new version of the so-called sanctuary cities bill. It bans police agencies from adopting policies that prohibit officers from asking people they detain whether they are in the country legally. The bill was one of Perry's top priorities in the regular session but it failed without a vote in the Senate. Perry, a Republican, has not yet added it to the agenda of the 30-day special session which began Tuesday, but said he still considers it an important issue. Perry's agenda items so far include bills on school spending, Medicaid and congressional redistricting. He has the power to add more. None of Texas' major cities claim to be sanctuary cities, but many police departments discourage their officers from asking about immigration status. Democrats in the House and Senate fiercely oppose the measure and Hispanic lawmakers say they worry police will use the law to harass Latinos. The immigration bill will likely pass if Perry adds it to the agenda.

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6/1/11

Duration: 30

Topic: HISPANICS NOW THE MAJORITY IN 28 MAJOR U.S. CITIES

Synopsis:

Hispanics now make up the majority of the population in 28 U.S. cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants, most of them located in California, Texas, Florida and New Jersey. That was revealed Tuesday by statisticians of the Census Bureau during a telephonic press conference that analyzed the latest demographic data for the Latino population, which in the last decade grew four times more than the country's population as a whole. Though the number of Hispanics has increased nationwide since the year 2000, more than half remain concentrated in three states: California with 27.8 percent, Texas with 18.7 percent, and Florida with 8.4 percent.

Duration: 30

Topic: SOUTH CAROLINA ANTI-IMMIGRANT LAW PROPOSAL

Synopsis:

South Carolina officials are advising lawmakers to change the state's anti-illegal immigration law to bring it in line with last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The Senate could take up the proposed changes later Wednesday as part of a bill that requires officers to check suspects' immigration status. The amendments would tweak South Carolina's 2008 law that put the onus on businesses to check their employees' immigration status. The state's Labor Director and Attorney General say the changes would ensure state law would be deemed constitutional. The proposal would do away with the current system of fines for not checking workers. The state would instead punish businesses that continue to break the law after warnings by revoking their operating business licenses and filings.

Duration: 30

Topic: ONLY ENGLISH IN SIGNS PROPOSAL

Synopsis:

The city of New York may approve a bill requiring that 60% of the signs be written in English only.

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6/2/11

Duration: 30

Topic: ILLINOIS SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Synopsis:

According to the U.S. Department of Public Instruction, one million violent acts were reported in schools in the country during the past school year. The report also indicates that there were 116,000 students using or distributing drugs, while 29,000 were carrying drugs for medical use.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW YORK RETIRES FROM SECURE COMMUNITIES

Synopsis:

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo removed, at least temporarily, the controversial federal Safe Communities program, as revealed yesterday. While it is pending the review of the controversial policy, which attacks illegal immigration, the state would be out of this program, as announced last night. Cuomo's announcement will take place this week, sources said. The governor has been under pressure from elected officials and activists to stop New York's participation in the program. A person without valid federal alien registration or other proof of legal residence in the United States would, just for being in Alabama, be guilty of a crime, under a bill passed Thursday by the Legislature.

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6/3/11

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA CHEAPEST INSURANCE

Synopsis:

California is now closer to have medical insurance to cover more than fifty thousand low-income people. The state Senate yesterday adopted it by 25 votes to 14 legislation that would make this possible. If it becomes law, those who earn less than 20 thousand dollars a year will be able to buy quality assurance for only \$ 30 a month.

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA LEGISLATURE PASSES ARIZONA-STYLE IMMIGRATION BILL

Synopsis:

A person without valid federal alien registration or other proof of legal residence in the United States would, just for being in Alabama, be guilty of a crime, under a bill passed Thursday by the Legislature. The crime, "willful failure to complete or carry an alien registration document," would be punishable by a \$100 fine and 30 days in jail. The Senate voted 25-7 and the House of Representatives voted 67-29 for the plan, House Bill 56. Supporters said it was similar to a tough immigration law passed by Arizona last year. The bill will become law if Gov. Robert Bentley signs it.

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6/06/11

Duration: 30

Topic: SUPREME COURT/ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CRACK DOWN

Synopsis:

The Supreme Court has ordered a federal appeals court to take a new look at a Pennsylvania city's crackdown on employment and housing for illegal immigrants following the high court's recent decision upholding an Arizona employer sanctions law. The court on Monday threw out the ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia preventing the city of Hazleton from enforcing regulations that deny permits to business that hire illegal immigrants and fine landlords who rent to them. The measures inspired similar laws around the country, including the one in Arizona that deals only with penalties for employers. The justices typically order lower courts to re-examine cases in light of a high court decision on a similar topic.

Duration: 30

Topic: INTERNET NARCOTICS

Synopsis:

Two U.S. senators said Sunday they will ask federal authorities to crack down on a secretive narcotics market operated on the Internet with anonymous sales and untraceable currency. Heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines are among the drugs being sold in the well-protected website apparently operating for just a few months. Sens. Charles Schumer of New York and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, both Democrats, said they asked the Justice Department and Drug Enforcement Administration to shut down and investigate the website, often referred to as the Silk Road after an ancient Asian trade route.

Duration: 30

Topic: ECONOMY

Synopsis:

A top White House economic adviser says the upward tilt over the past six months in new jobs is a better indicator of the nation's employment picture than a gloomy report Friday that warned of slow growth ahead.

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6/07/11

Duration: 30

Topic: ARIZONA'S ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS STRESSING PRISONS, LEGAL SYSTEM

Synopsis:

They shuffle into the courtroom in shackles, still wearing the dust-covered clothes and shoes from when they crossed the desert into the U.S. from Mexico. The 70 illegal immigrants, mostly men in their 20s and 30s, fill the 16-seat jury box and seven rows of wooden benches normally reserved for the public in Tucson's gleaming federal courthouse. The courtroom is expansive, with a regally high ceiling, and is filled with the pungent smell of dried sweat. In only an hour or so, the dozens of immigrants will agree to plead guilty and be sentenced in a process that could play out for months for most federal defendants. The scene offers a window into a federal immigration enforcement effort that is pushing the limits of the U.S. justice system, overwhelming federal judges and escalating the ranks of Latinos sent to prison.

Duration: 30
Topic: SECURE COMMUNITY
Synopsis:

The Los Angeles City Council has voted 11-1 to support state efforts to withdraw from a Homeland Security program that requires fingerprints of arrestees to be shared with immigration agents. Tuesday's vote adds Los Angeles to a growing list of cities and states questioning whether the Secure Communities program is eroding trust between immigrants and police. Several states have withdrawn from the program. The California Assembly has voted to withdraw. A Senate vote is pending. The city's chief legislative analyst says nearly 70 percent of people deported under the program have no convictions or were accused of minor offenses. The program allows immigration agents to check fingerprints of arrestees against Homeland Security records and take action.

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6/08/11

Duration: 30
Topic: DEBIT CARDS FEE
Synopsis:

After months of intensive lobbying by banks, the Senate is slated to vote Wednesday on a controversial bill that would delay changes to debit-card swipe fees that would cost the industry billions of dollars. Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) unveiled revised legislation Tuesday that requires four banking regulators to study the issue for six months. The Federal Reserve would then have an additional six months to rewrite the rules governing swipe fees. Tester's original bill called for a two-year delay and would have required Congress to vote again to approve additional action. The debate centers on the fees that merchants must pay banks each time a debit card is swiped.

Duration: 30
Topic: ALZHEIMER
Synopsis:

Scientists developing treatments for the devastating brain disorder Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) have unexpectedly blocked the onset of Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of dementia. Researchers said they were "thrilled" at the unexpected discovery that two antibodies - extensively studied in relation to CJD - may also have an effect on Alzheimer's disease. Almost 500,000 people a year in the UK and 20 million worldwide suffer from Alzheimer's. The finding, published in Nature Communications, represents a "significant step forward in the battle to develop drugs to treat Alzheimer's disease," they say. The lead came from an American study by researchers at Yale University in 2009, which showed prion proteins causing CJD also play a role in Alzheimer's disease.

Duration: 30
Topic: IMMIGRANTS
Synopsis:

The unauthorized practice of immigration law is an exploitative practice that endangers the integrity of our immigration system and victimizes members of the immigrant community.

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6/09/11

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA NEW ANTI-INMIGRANT LAW

Synopsis:

The American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Alabama said today that they will file, in coalition with other civil rights groups, a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Alabama's draconian anti-immigrant law before it goes into effect Sept. 1. HB 56, even more restrictive than Arizona's SB1070 which it was inspired by, was signed into law this morning by Alabama Gov. Scott Bentley. The law's key provisions sanction discriminatory and unconstitutional practices by police officers, landlords and employers by inviting racial profiling of Latinos and others based on how they look or talk, violating the First Amendment and interfering with federal law. Under the extreme law, Alabama public schools will require children to provide proof of citizenship when enrolling in kindergarten and grade school and require police to demand "papers" from people they stop whom they suspect are not authorized to be in the U.S.

Duration: 30

Topic: HISPANIC VOTERS SUPPORT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Synopsis:

The plight of undocumented immigrants in the United States is no stranger to the lives of Latino voters and a majority (53%) admit to having met someone who has no papers, and a quarter (25%) claim to know an individual or family who is facing deportation proceedings or have been deported. This was revealed by the survey Impremedia / Latino Decisions (LD), the third in a series of six national surveys that explore the views of the Latino population more integrated into American society: the registered voters. This installment of the survey focused on the immigration issue. Matt Barreto, political science professor at the University of Washington and LD pollster said this debunks the idea that Latino voters are not interested or do not have nothing to do with what happens to illegal immigrants.

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6/10/11

Duration: 30

Topic: ALABAMA SCHOOLS TO CHECK IF STUDENTS IN US LEGAL

Synopsis:

Alabama schools will soon have to check if students are in the country legally and people stopped for any reason could be arrested on suspicion of immigration violations under a sweeping law being called the nation's most restrictive against illegal immigration. Advocacy groups promised to challenge the sweeping measure signed by Gov. Robert Bentley on Thursday, which they call even more severe than the one in Arizona that is being challenged in court. In addition, it requires all businesses to check the legal status of workers using a federal system called E-Verify and makes it a crime to knowingly give an illegal immigrant a ride. "It is clearly unconstitutional. It's mean-spirited, racist, and we think a court will enjoin it," said Mary Bauer, legal director for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

6/13/11

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW JERSEY DISCRIMINATION, TSA

Synopsis:

A special unit of airport screeners, charged with detecting suspicious behavior, engaged in racial profiling so frequently at Newark Liberty International Airport that their resentful colleagues called them "Mexican hunters," according to an internal federal report. Officially known as behavior detection officers, or BDOs, the screeners were supposed to focus on nervous, erratic or evasive gestures or speech and other indicators to single out passengers for extra scrutiny, but instead they concentrated on whether Mexican or Dominican passengers had proper visas or passport stamps, the report said - all at the direction of their managers.

Duration: 30

Topic: TEXAS SB 9

Synopsis:

Arizona passed it. So did Alabama and even Louisiana is getting close to passing a law allowing local police to deal with illegal immigration. Senate Bill 9, which will allow law enforcement to ask anyone for documentation on their legal status, has been talked about in the Texas Legislature for quite some time now. But with a vote just around the corner those against the bill are starting to get some Rio Grande Valley residents worried.

Duration: 30

Topic: SUPREME COURT VIDEO GAMES

Synopsis:

Over the past few weeks, there's been a growing sense of anticipation and confusion among those who follow First Amendment law as the U.S. Supreme Court stubbornly refuses to release an opinion on whether states like California have the right to ban the sale of violent video games to minors. No one has any idea what's taking the Supreme Court so long, but a decision is long overdue. Not only have the Supremes checked off *every single* case from their autumn term *except* the video game case (*Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Assn*), but the high court has already rendered decisions on most of its spring cases too.

Duration: 30

Topic: OBAMA ECONOMY

Synopsis:

President Barack Obama is announcing details of a program to train 10,000 new American engineers every year. Seeking ways to brighten a bleak employment picture, Obama traveled to Durham, N.C., on Monday to hear job-creation ideas from the corporate leaders who sit on his jobs council. One idea that emerged was the engineering training program. Obama says American companies, like computer chip maker Intel Corp., need the brightest American workers if they want to continue as leaders in technology and innovation.

Duration: 30

Topic: HISPANIC VOTE AND IMMIGRATION

Synopsis:

impreMedia, the leading Hispanic news and information company, announced today the results of a current tracking poll that reinforced that immigration and related issues continue to be a top concern for Latinos. The current results are part three of a series of six national polls among Latino registered voters conducted by impreMedia and Latino Decisions. The poll found immigration was a major area of concern for Latinos. 53% of respondents confirmed that they

knew someone who was an undocumented immigrant, and 25% stated that they knew of a family or person that faced detention or deportation for immigration reasons.

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6/14/11

Duration: 30

Topic: E-VERIFY

Synopsis:

A bill that would require employers to electronically verify the immigration status of potential employees was introduced on Tuesday. Its sponsor said it would help Americans get jobs while one critical group said it would hurt businesses and immigrant employees. The measure calls for an expansion of the E-Verify system created under immigration legislation in 1996 and subsequently extended, said a statement from the office of Representative Lamar Smith, House Judiciary Committee Chairman and sponsor of the bill. The proposed Legal Workforce Act, or H.R. 2164, repeals the current paper-based I-9 system and gradually phases in mandatory participation for most employers.

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW ANALYSIS FINDS THAT HISPANICS FACE DISPROPORTIONATE HEALTH THREAT FROM COAL PLANT'S TOXIC MERCURY POLLUTION

Synopsis:

An analysis of several studies conducted among Latinos reveal that this community faces a disproportionate risk from toxic mercury pollution because of a combination of cultural, economic and linguistic factors. The analysis based largely on previously unreleased data from the polling firm Bendixen & Amandi's 2008 National Survey of Latinos on the Environment - provides new evidence that toxic mercury pollution, which primarily comes from coal-fired plants, constitutes a clear and present danger to the health of the Latino community. According to the previously unpublished sections of the Sierra Club survey, 31 percent of Latinos fish regularly, and 76 percent of those eat and share what they catch with their families. These families include young children and women of childbearing age, the two most vulnerable population sectors to mercury poisoning.

Duration: 30

Topic: SUNSCREEN LABEL CHANGES AIM TO REDUCE CANCER RISK

Synopsis:

Sunscreens that claim to reduce the risk of skin cancer will need to protect against both ultraviolet A and B rays and have a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher, according to new U.S. rules issued Tuesday. The long-awaited labeling changes by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are aimed at giving consumers more information on how to protect themselves from the risk of skin cancer and early aging, as well as prevent sunburn. Sunburn is primarily caused by ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation, while both UVB and UVA radiation contribute to skin cancer and early aging.

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6/15/11

Duration: 30

Topic: RICHMOND ID CARDS FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE

Synopsis:

This city in northern California where nearly half of its 104 thousand residents are Hispanic immigrants have something to celebrate today. The council unanimously approved to grant Richmond ID cards for undocumented immigrants.

Duration: 30

Topic: GEORGIA IMMIGRATION BILL/LABOR SHORTAGE PROPOSAL

Synopsis:

Farm owners in the state say they're losing workers because of a new law that cracks down on illegal immigrants. Now, Governor Nathan Deal is proposing they hire people on probation. Several farmers are testing out the idea this week. But some of them say they're worried about the safety of their families and how reliable the probationers will be. The immigration law was passed in April and goes into effect July first.

Duration: 30

Topic: PRENATAL PESTICIDE EXPOSURE

Synopsis:

Exposure to even moderate amounts of certain pesticides during pregnancy may affect infants' birth size, a new study suggests. Researchers found that among nearly 500 newborns whose umbilical cord blood was tested for pesticide residues, those with higher levels tended to be smaller at birth.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRANT EE.UU. WORKS

Synopsis:

Utah's Mormon leaders, who in recent months have emerged as a force in immigration, say undocumented immigrants should be given a way to work legally in the United States. In a statement on immigration released by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the leaders assail mass deportation, and depict immigration as a moral and religious matter. "What to do with the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants now residing in various states within the United States is the biggest challenge in the immigration debate," the statement says. "The bedrock moral issue for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is how we treat each other as children of God."

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6/16/11

Duration: 30

Topic: NEW YORK IMMIGRATION FRAUD

Synopsis:

Almost 1,000 people have reported being victims of immigration fraud in Manhattan in the past four years, although the county prosecutor's office ensures that immigrants affected by the problem are many more. The Immigrant Affairs Program of the County Attorney's Office has received calls complaining about all types of immigration fraud - including housing and others - since December 2007.

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA FARM WORKERS MARCH FOR LAW

Synopsis:

Leaders from a range of agricultural organizations will hold a press conference to emphasize that Legislation making E-Verify mandatory for all employers must contain provisions to ensure a legal and stable farm labor workforce. Participants: Greg Wickham, chairman of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives & Chief Executive Officer of Dairylea Cooperative, Syracuse, NY; Tom Nassif, President & CEO, Western Growers Association, Irvine, CA; Mike Stuart, President, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Maitland, FL; Chuck Conner, President & CEO, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Washington, DC; Monte Lake, Partner, CJ Lake LLC.

Duration: 30

Topic: BARACK OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CRACKING ON EMPLOYERS

Synopsis:

The government plans to inspect the hiring records of 1,000 companies in all 50 states. Businesses across the U.S. that rely on low-skilled labor are working to stave off Immigration and Customs Enforcement audits, which can lead to the loss of large numbers of employees, reduced productivity and legal expenses. Wednesday's surge in so-called silent raids drew criticism from both the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and immigrant advocates. It brought to 2,338 the number of companies audited by ICE in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 and topped the prior year's record of 2,196. The audits, affecting such businesses as garment makers, produce growers and fast-food chains, result in the firing of every illegal immigrant found on a company's payroll.

Duration: 30

Topic: CALIFORNIA DISTRICTS CONTROVERSY

Synopsis:

A newly approved budget proposal has bought state lawmakers more time to achieve the plan they really want -- a tall order that falls mainly to Gov. Jerry Brown as he attempts to muster the necessary Republican support. The Legislature on Wednesday passed a Democratic budget for the coming fiscal year that eliminates the state's remaining \$9.6 billion deficit, but the plan was widely seen as a placeholder designed to meet a constitutional deadline for sending a balanced budget to the governor. Democratic leaders acknowledged that the plan was not the budget they and Brown hope to implement in the long run, but say it will allow the governor to continue negotiating with GOP lawmakers over a key provision in that desired budget: extending expiring tax increases to fund schools in the coming fiscal year.

Duration: 30

Topic: ILLINOIS INVESTIGATION INTO KIDS DENIED HEALTH CARE

Synopsis:

The New England Medical Journal led an investigation that allegedly asked parents for their children medical appointments in Chicago. In 66 percent of cases, those who said they were denied Medicaid service compared with 11 percent claiming to have private health insurance. The study also reveals that the waiting time for medical consultation for those who have Medicaid is up to 20 days. The situation worsens when it comes to medical specialists.

Duration: 30

Topic: EE.UU. TEEN HEALTH

Synopsis:

Only about one in 10 U.S. teens is getting enough exercise and one in four has a soda a day, adding to concerns about obesity among American youth, government researchers said Thursday. A team at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looked to see how many students were meeting targets for youth physical activity. They found about one out of 10 U.S. high school students met U.S. targets for both aerobic and muscle strengthening activities set for the federal government's Healthy People initiative, a list of public health goals.

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6/17/11

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRANTS LIVE LONGER AND WHY

Synopsis:

It's a epidemiological mystery. In rich countries immigrants often seem to live longer than native-born residents, a fact that appears to fly in the face of public health assumptions. After all, richer and better-educated people usually tend to live longer, and in the U.S., at least, immigrants tend to be poorer, less well-educated and have poorer access to health care. Despite that, native-born residents are still dying earlier than their immigrant counterparts.

Duration: 30

Topic: HB 87 GEORGIA – LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES REJECTION

SYNOPSIS:

With indignation and condemnation, 11 Latin American countries have criticized the immigration law in Georgia and pledged their support for the legal battle. From San Salvador, which made a forum of Latin American parliamentarians, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru, warned that House Bill 87, threatens ties between their countries and the United States. They also denounced the interests behind the controversial measure.

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6/19/11

Duration: 30

Topic: WALMART SUPREME COURT

SYNOPSIS:

Wal-Mart scored a big victory on Monday when the Supreme Court threw out the largest sex-discrimination case in U.S. history, but it has been forced to address the issues raised in the suit. Since the sex-bias lawsuit was given class action status in 2004 on behalf of 1.6 million women, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has added more policies for advancing women in the workplace. As a result, Wal-Mart says the percentage of entry and midlevel women managers has increased over the past five years from 38.8 percent to 41.2 percent. Some analysts say Wal-Mart is moving in the right direction, but has a ways to go. They note that there is only one woman among CEO Mike Duke's 11 direct reports.

Duration: 30

Topic: FOOD ALLERGIES

SYNOPSIS:

A new study suggests that food allergies affect more children than government health officials estimate. The advocacy group-funded study in the Journal of Pediatrics says one in 13 children in the U.S. has some type of food allergy, and researchers say 40 percent of those children suffer severe reactions. Typical signs of a true food allergy include skin rashes, wheezing, tightness in the throat or difficulty breathing. In the study of more than 40,000 children, 8 percent had food allergies, and peanuts and milk were the most common sources.

Duration: 30

Topic: SAME SEX MARRIAGE

SYNOPSIS:

Old-time, backroom politics faced down hundreds of chanting protesters from each side of the highly charged gay marriage debate in New York on Monday as the issue stalled again over whether religious groups could be protected from discrimination charges under a same-sex marriage law. And Albany's notoriously entrenched politics won, for now. After a three-hour conference behind closed doors, while groups from each side waited in a stifling hot hallway, Senate Republicans emerged without comment. A vote within the conference to even move the bill to the floor for final legislative approval was pushed to at least Tuesday as private negotiations continue between Republican Senate leader Dean Skelos and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who made same-sex marriage a major initiative.

Duration: 30

Topic: FORECLOSURES

SYNOPSIS:

Millions of homeowners in distress are getting some unexpected breathing room - lots of it in some places. In New York State, it would take lenders 62 years at their current pace, the longest time frame in the nation, to repossess the 213,000 houses now in severe default or foreclosure, according to calculations by LPS Applied Analytics, a prominent real estate data firm. Clearing the pipeline in New Jersey, which like New York handles foreclosures through the courts, would take 49 years. In Florida, Massachusetts and Illinois, it would take a decade. In the 27 states where the courts play no role in foreclosures, the pace is much more brisk - three years in California, two years in Nevada and Colorado - but the dynamic is the same: the foreclosure system is bogged down by the volume of cases, borrowers are fighting to keep their houses and many lenders seem to be in no hurry to add repossessed houses to their books.

Duration: 30

Topic: BEST CITIES TO RAISE KIDS

SYNOPSIS:

A new list is out of the best cities to raise your kids. Washington D-C came out on top in the rankings from Parenting Magazine. The nation's capitol took the number one spot partly because its many monuments and museums make it a great place for children to learn. Austin, Texas and Boston round out the top three. Anaheim, California, home to Disneyland, was ranked last. The list was based on 84 different categories, including the number of parks, quality of schools, and crime rates.

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6/20/11

Duration: 30

Topic: GEORGIA HB 87 LAW PROTEST

Synopsis:

A federal judge in Atlanta will hear arguments on an attempt by civil liberties groups to block Georgia's new law cracking down on illegal immigration from taking effect. The hearing before Judge Thomas Thrash is set for Monday. Thrash has indicated he may rule from the bench. Civil liberties groups have asked Thrash to block the law from taking effect until a lawsuit they filed earlier this month has been resolved. That lawsuit asked the judge to find the law unconstitutional and to keep authorities from enforcing it. Thrash will also hear arguments Monday on the state's motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

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6/21/11

Duration: 30

Topic: GRAPHIC NEW CIGARETTE LABELS

SYNOPSIS:

The FDA rolls out nine new cigarette warning labels today that depict in graphic detail the dangers of smoking. Among the graphic photos, rotting and diseased teeth and gums and a man with a tracheotomy smoking. Meanwhile, Lisa STARK reports that tobacco and drunk driving are killing fewer people thanks to tough laws. The Institute of Medicine will suggest on Tuesday new federal, state and local laws "to meet new challenges."

Duration: 30

Topic: DURBIN ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER SENATE HEARING ON THE DREAM ACT

SYNOPSIS:

Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced today that he will chair the first-ever Senate hearing on the DREAM Act next Tuesday, June 28th, at 10:00 am ET. Durbin will chair the hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security. The hearing will be webcast live on the Judiciary Committee website.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRANTS SUE OVER LOSS OF GREEN CARDS

SYNOPSIS:

A class-action lawsuit was filed against the State Department in federal court in Washington by immigrants from more than 20 countries who say officials mishandled the annual lottery of permanent resident visas. The New York Times reports that after notifying more than 20,000 foreigners this year that they had won the permanent visas, known as green cards, the State Department canceled them, saying a computer glitch had tainted the process. The immigrants, who are all living legally in the United States, had waited years for the green cards and were bitterly disappointed to have them granted and then taken away.

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6/22/11

Duration: 30

Topic: MENENDEZ RE-INTRODUCE IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL

SYNOPSIS:

Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and six Senate Democrats introduced a beefed-up immigration reform bill Wednesday, legislation they hope will appeal to hawkish Republicans who have pushed for tougher laws. Menendez and his colleagues said the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2011 will focus on strengthening border security, tougher worksite enforcement, and a requirement that the roughly 11 million undocumented in the U.S. register with the government. The legislation was drafted, Menendez said, with the intention of making it more palatable to those in Congress who prefer a tough approach to immigration.

Duration: 30

Topic: SOUTH CAROLINA IMMIGRATION BILL

SYNOPSIS:

A bill that requires police in South Carolina to check suspects' immigration status and mandates that all businesses check their hires through a federal online system received final legislative approval Tuesday. The House voted 69-43 to agree with the Senate's changes and send the bill to Gov. Nikki Haley, whose spokesman confirmed she will sign it. House Speaker Bobby Harrell noted South Carolina is the latest in a string of states to place similar requirements on law enforcement. "If Washington refuses to effectively support our law enforcement officers by enforcing immigration laws, it is left up to the states to stand up and do what is right," said Harrell, R-Charleston. "That is exactly what South Carolina did today by making sure our officers have the enforcement tools they need during this time of federal indecision."

Duration: 30

Topic: CHOLESTEROL AND DIABETES RISK

SYNOPSIS:

Cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins, which have been shown to lower a person's risk for heart attack, can also slightly increase a patient's risk for developing diabetes, particularly at higher doses. The findings, based on new analyses of five clinical trials involving 32,752 patients, raise new questions about how much we really know about the long term effects of statins, which are the most widely prescribed drugs in the US. Doctors cautioned that patients should not overreact to the diabetes news, saying that the increased diabetes risk is very small, and that the benefits of statin therapy still far outweigh any side effects. "I don't think it's very clinically important," said Steven E Nissen, chairman of cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic. "What I worry about here is that people will read this story and say, 'I don't want to get diabetes so I'm going to stop my statin,' and then they have a heart attack."

Duration: 30

Topic: TENNESSEE UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE LAWSUIT

SYNOPSIS:

In the first ruling of its kind in the federal court system in Tennessee and three surrounding states, a Knoxville magistrate judge is blocking a KUB contractor from trying to defeat a lawsuit over back wages by attacking the immigration status of the workers who filed it. U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Guyton acknowledged in his ruling the legal weightiness of the issue at hand for businesses and workers in the federal 6th Circuit, which includes Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. "The court finds that the issue now before the court is an issue of first impression," Guyton wrote in a ruling released late last week.

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6/23/11

Duration: 30

TOPIC: WOMEN CAN'T KEEP BREAST IMPLANTS FOR LIFE

SYNOPSIS:

Women who get silicone breast implants are likely to need additional surgery within 10 years to address complications such as rupturing of the device, U.S. health regulators said on Wednesday. The Food and Drug Administration will work to revise safety labels for silicone breast implants after reviewing data from several long-term studies, which also showed that the products had a small link to a rare form of cancer.

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6/24/11

Duration: 30

TOPIC: SITTING TOO LONG CAN SHORTEN YOUR LIFE

SYNOPSIS:

That might sound ridiculous -- or obvious -- depending on your perspective, but the findings don't come from a fringe study. They come from the American Cancer Society, whose researchers studied 123,216 people's health outcomes during a 14-year period. In particular, the American Cancer Society study finds that women who sit for more than six hours a day were about 40% more likely to die during the course of the study than those who sat fewer than three hours per day. Men were about 20% more likely to die.

Duration: 30

TOPIC: LAMAR SMITH SECURE VISAS ACT

SYNOPSIS:

The House Judiciary Committee today passed the Secure Visas Act. The bill (H.R.1741), introduced last month by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), would unconstitutionally eliminate judicial review of executive branch decisions to revoke visas, running contrary to clear Supreme Court precedent and Congress' own legislation enacted in 2004. A similar bill eliminating judicial review has also been introduced in the Senate.

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6/27/11

Duration: 30

Topic: SOUTH CAROLINA IMMIGRATION BILL

Synopsis: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has signed an illegal immigration law that requires police to call federal immigration officials if they suspect someone is in the country illegally. That question must follow an arrest or traffic stop for something else. The law bars officers from holding someone solely on that suspicion. The Republican governor signed the bill Monday and said the new law won't lead to racial profiling. She stressed that her own parents were legal immigrants to this country. They are from India. Profiling is one issue the American Civil Liberties Union is raising as problematic in its vow to sue over the law. The legislation also makes it a felony to make fake photo identification for illegal immigrants.

Duration: 30 sec

Topic: GEORGIA'S NEW ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION LAW

synopsis: A U.S. federal judge Monday blocked key parts of Georgia's new illegal immigration crackdown from taking effect July 1. Judge Thomas Thrash issued a preliminary injunction halting Georgia from authorizing police officers to question criminal suspects about their immigration status. He also blocked portions of the measure, passed by the Republican-controlled state legislature and signed by Republican Governor Nathan Deal in May, which would make it a crime to knowingly harbor or transport an illegal immigrant. Enforcement of U.S. immigration laws traditionally is handled by federal, not state, authorities. But many Republicans fault federal efforts to stem illegal immigration. Georgia is the latest U.S. state to pass tough immigration legislation only to have it blocked in the courts. Courts have also halted key parts of laws passed by Arizona and Indiana. Meanwhile, South Carolina Republican Governor Nikki Haley Monday signed into law a bill that requires police to check the immigration status of anyone they stop or arrest for another reason and suspect may be in the country illegally.

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6/28/11

Duration: 30

Topic: HOME PRICES

Synopsis: Home prices in most major U.S. cities rose in April for the first time in eight months, boosted by an annual wave of spring buying. But the increases may be temporary. The sharpest increases were in Washington, D.C., followed by San Francisco, Atlanta and Seattle. But six areas hit their lowest levels in nearly four years: Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Las Vegas, Miami and Tampa.

Duration: 30

Topic: DREAM ACT

Synopsis: Congressional Democrats are making a push to pass the DREAM Act - the long-simmering legislation that would create a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants brought into the country as children - with the first-ever Senate hearing on the legislation set for Tuesday. Some big guns, including Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, are set to testify at the session chaired by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and hosted by the Senate Judiciary's Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security. The legislation, first introduced in 2001 and reintroduced several times since then, had earlier received the support of some Republicans but has fallen short of passage. Most recently, late last year, Senate Democrats attempted to fold the act into a defense-spending bill, only to see it filibustered. An effort to pass the DREAM Act separately also failed. The bill would make it possible for people brought into the country as children to apply for citizenship after spending several years in the country and completing two years of college or military service. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) reintroduced the bill in May. This time, backers are focusing on the potential economic benefits of a path to citizenship.

Duration: 30

Topic: MAMMOGRAMS HELP PREVENT BREAST CANCER

Synopsis: The longest-running breast cancer screening study ever conducted has shown that regular mammograms prevent deaths from breast cancer, and the number of lives saved increases over time, an international research team said on Tuesday. The study of 130,000 women in two communities in Sweden showed 30 percent fewer women in the screening group died of breast cancer and that this effect persisted year after year.

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6/29/11

Duration: 30

Topic: LOS ANGELES FREE INSURANCE

Synopsis:

The authorities of the Los Angeles county reckon that there are some 500.000 adults that beginning July 1 can obtain free medical insurance with the program Healthy Way. Thanks to a special permission of the federal government, the Health Services Department of the county will offer an HMO type medical coverage through the network of clinics and public hospitals. Those who comply with the requirements can obtain a family doctor, laboratory services, medications, and access to a network of specialists and hospitals. All this free.

Duration: 30

Topic: CRONIC PAIN COST

Synopsis:

At least 116 million adults in the United States experience lasting pains --from weeks to months -- and much too often they feel wronged instead of alleviated by the health system said the Institute of Medicine. Whatever the cause may be, chronic pains cost more than heart illnesses in medical bills, sick days and loss of productivity, indicates the report, approximately 560,000 million to 635,000 million dollars per year.

Duration: 30

Topic: US METRO UNEMPLOYMENT

Synopsis:

Unemployment rates rose last month in more than half of the nation's largest metro areas, driven higher by weak private-sector hiring and natural disasters. The Labor Department says the unemployment rate increased in 210 metro areas in May. It fell in 131 cities and remained unchanged in 37. That's a sharp reversal from April, when unemployment rates dropped in more than 90 percent of metro areas.

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6/30/11

Duration: 30

Topic: Community Members will Gather to Protest Unjust Criminalization of Immigrants in Los Angeles County and Demand Accountability from Law Enforcement Officials

Synopsis:

A coalition of national and community civil rights organizations will announce a legal challenge during a press conference at the headquarters of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The announcement will be immediately followed by a demonstration protesting increased collaboration between the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and federal immigration enforcement officials. Los Angeles County was among the first to enter into agreements that authorized peace officers to funnel immigrants from the criminal justice system into the deportation pipeline. As the nation's most populous county, these controversial agreements have led to increased deportation of community members, tearing apart families and wreaking havoc on community policing efforts.

Duration: 30

Topic: Up to 220,000 California children excluded from health care reform due to immigrant status

Synopsis:

Restrictions on eligibility for health care reform programs will result in the potential exclusion of up to 220,000 children from affordable health care coverage in California, according to a new policy brief from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. The number represents approximately 20 percent of all uninsured children in California. Of those children, up to 40,000 may be eligible for coverage but may not apply, due to confusion about new rules governing access to both the California Health Benefit Exchange and the state's expanded Medi-Cal program. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) restricts its health insurance expansions in ways that exclude many uninsured children in California who are immigrants or have immigrant parents. And the policy brief's authors note that immigrant parents, potentially misinterpreting eligibility requirements for these new programs, may not enroll their eligible citizen children.

Duration: 30

Topic: IMMIGRATION TEXAS

Synopsis:

Powerful business interests helped to scuttle proposed immigration restrictions in Texas Wednesday, further evidence that Republicans in some states are facing resistance among their own supporters to an immigration clampdown. The "sanctuary cities" bill would have barred cities from stopping police departments from asking about immigration status of people who are detained or arrested. It died when the Texas legislature adjourned without passing it.

=====END OF JUNE REPORT=====



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QTR: 2nd

YEAR: 2011

DATE: APRIL-JUNE	TITLE : MADRE (NEW 4TH QT 2010)
LENGTH: 30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND TRATMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND TO ENSURE THE EQUALITY OF TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICE HAVE WORKED TO REDUCE ALCOHOL USE.	
DATE: APRIL-JUNE	TITLE : T-SHIRT (NEW 2 ND QT 2011)
LENGTH: 30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO GET THEIR FAMILIES HEALTHIER THROUGH PROPER NUTRITION AND INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.	
DATE: APRIL-JUNE	TITLE : CONSEQUENCES (NEW 4TH QT 2010)
LENGTH: 30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DRIVES SPANISH SPEAKERS TO VISIT LISTO.GOV	

DATE:	APRIL-JUNE		TITLE :	CONOCER LA DIFERENCIA (NEW 1 ST QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO EDUCATE OUR AUDIENCE AND TO SHOW THEM HOW IMPORTANT IS TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS WHEN IT COMES IN TO YOUR FINANCIAL STATUS.				
DATE:	APRIL-JUNE		TITLE :	BARRIERS (NEW 4TH QT 2010)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS WITH ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT WILL GET THEM STARTED ON THE ROAD TO A GED DIPLOMA.				
DATE:	APRIL-JUNE		TITLE :	VOCES DE LA MENINGITIS (NEW 1 ST QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO EDUCATE OUR VIEWERS AND TO TELL THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THEIR TEENAGERS VACCINATED AGAINST MENINGITIS, A DISEASE THAT CAN CAUSE DEATH.				
DATE:	APRIL-JUNE		TITLE :	HUNGER PREVENTION ANA FERNANDA (NEW 2 ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA		

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

DATE:	APRIL-JUNE	TITLE :	ALZHEIMERS (NEW 1 ST QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM:	PSA
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO INFORM OUR COMMUNITY THAT THERE IS HELP WITH ALZHEIMERS AND ALASO IT ENCOURAGES OUR VIEWERS TO GET INFORMED ABOUT THIS DISEASE.			
DATE:	APRIL-JUNE	TITLE :	HEALTHY TOMORROW (NEW 1 ST
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM:	PSA
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA DIRECTS FAMILIES TO WWW.LETSMOVE.GOV WHICH PROVIDES SCHOOLS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WITH SAMPLE TOOLS TO HELP KIDS BE MORE ACTIVE, EAT BETTER, AND GET HEALTHY.			
DATE:	APRIL-JUNE	TITLE :	THE CAMPING TRIP (NEW 1 ST QT 2011)
LENGTH:	30SEC	PROGRAM:	PSA
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA HIGHLIGHTS PARENTS VISIONS OF PERFECTION VERSUS REALITY. PARENTS DO NOT ALWAYS SEE THINGS THE WAY KIDS DO. IT ILLUSTRATES TO POTENTIAL PARENTS THAT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE DON'T NEED PERFECTION THEY NEED COMMITMENT AND LOVE.			
DATE:	APRIL-JUNE	TITLE :	MACULAR DEGENERATION (NEW - 2ND QT 2011)

LENGTH: 30SEC	PROGRAM: PSA
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO HELP AND INFORM THE COMMUNITY WHAT IS MACULAR DEGENERATION AND HOW CAN YOU PREVENT IT. ALSO IT GIVES TIPS AND A WEB PAGE WHERE CHILDRE CAN GET INFORMATION AND INTEREACT WITH GAMES ABOUT THAT DISEASE.	



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QTR: 2nd **YEAR:** 2011

DATE:	APRIL - JUNE		TITLE:	PROTEJA SU CASA Y A SU FAMILIA (NEW 1ST QT 2011)
LENGTH: 20SEC	PROGRAM: PSA			
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO EDUCATE OUR AUDIENCE AND TO SHOW THEM HOW IMPORTANCE IS TO MAKE WISE DECISION WHEN IT COMES IN TO YOUR FINANCIAL STATUS.				
DATE:	APRIL - JUNE		TITLE:	TREE CITY USA (NEW 1ST QT 2011)
LENGTH: 10 SEC	PROGRAM: PSA			

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA INSPIRE VIEWERS TO PLANT TREES IN THEIR COMMUNITY SO THE WATER THAT FLOWS INTO OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS WILL BE CLEAN AND SAFE.			
DATE:	APRIL - JUNE		TITLE: LA TIENDA DE MUSICA QUIEREN (NEW 3RD QT)
LENGTH:	20SEC	PROGRAM: PSA	
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA MOTIVATES PEOPLE TO BE HONEST IN THEIR LIVES AND THAT IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESFUL HONESTY WILL LEAD THEM TO THAT PATH.			

DATE:	APRIL - JUNE		TITLE: I'M HOME (NEW 2ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	10 SEC	PROGRAM: PSA	
NARRATIVE: THIS PSA TARGETS DISTRESSED HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE FALLEN BEHIND OR ARE AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF FALLING BEHIND ON THEIR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. IT ALSO HELPS HOMEOWNERS PREVENT FORECLOSURE.			
DATE:	APRIL - JUNE		TITLE: GET THE FACTS (NEW 2ND QT 2011)
LENGTH:	15SEC	PROGRAM: PSA	

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA IS TO LEAD PUBLIC EDUCATION TO UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS. CHARTER SCHOOLS CAN BE A POWERFUL CATALYST FOR ACHIEVING THIS PURPOSE.

DATE: APRIL - JUNE

TITLE:

HS DROPOUT PREVENTION
ATIVA (NEW 2ND QT 2011)

LENGTH: 15 SEC

PROGRAM: PSA

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

DATE: APRIL - JUNE

TITLE:

DESPUES DE LA
BATALLA (NEW 4TH QT 2010
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LENGTH: 15SEC

PROGRAM: PSA

NARRATIVE: THIS PSA FEATURES A WOUNDED SOLDIER AND ALSO IT INDICATES THAT THERES ALWAYS HELP FOR SOLDIERS THAT SUFFERED INJURIES WHILE THEY WERE SERVING THIS COUNTRY.

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

April the 06th, 2011 - SHOW #14 PRESIDENTIAL TOUR IN LATIN AMERICA

GUESTS: FRANCISCO ALTSCHUL –EL SALVADOR AMBASSADOR- AND ARTURO FERNANDOIS –CHILE AMBASSADOR IN THE UNITED STATES-.

TOPIC: PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TOUR: EL SALVADOR, BRASIL, CHILE.

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

ON AIR WMDO: APRIL THE 17TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

April the 13, 2011 - SHOW #15 HISPANIC HEALTH SITUATION IN THE U.S.

GUESTS: MARGARITA KULLIC M.D. AND ELMER CARREÑO M.D.

TOPIC: HEALTH SITUATION ON THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ON AIR WFDC: APRIL 17TH, 2010 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: APRIL 24TH, 2010 AT 7:30AM

April the 20th, 2011 - SHOW #16 FEDERAL BUDGET 2011-2012

GUESTS: RAUL GONZALEZ –NCLR-, ISRAEL ORTEGA –HERITAGE FOUNDATION- AND DAVID FERREIRA- FINANCIAL TOPICS EXPERT-.

TOPIC: CUBA

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

ON AIR WMDO: MAY THE 01ST, 2011 AT 7:30AM

May the 04th, 2011 - SHOW # 17 OSAMA BIN LADEN DEATH

GUESTS: EMILIO VIANO –POLITIC STRATEGIST- AND JERRY GODWIN –FORMER PILOT U.S. AVIATION-.

TOPIC: OSAMA BIN LADEN DEATH.

ON AIR WFDC: MAY THE 08TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: MAY THE 15TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

May the 11th, 2011 - SHOW #18 EPA BUDGET CUTS

GUEST: JAVIER SIERRA –SIERRA CLUB-

TOPIC: EPA BUDGET CUTS

ON AIR WFDC: MAY THE 15TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: MAY THE 22ND, 2011 AT 7:30AM

May the 18th, 2011 - SHOW# 19 –PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA UNIVISION INTERVIEW-

GUESTS: HECTOR SANCHEZ –LCLAA- AND MARIO LOPEZ –HISPANIC LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION-.

TOPIC: PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA INTERVIEW ABOUT IMMIGRATION AND HISPANICS.

ON AIR WFDC: MAY THE 22ND, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: MAY THE 29TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

May the 25th, 2011 - SHOW# 20 -COLON CANCER

GUEST: ELMER CARREÑO M.D.

TOPIC: COLON CANCER

ON AIR WFDC: MAY THE 29TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JUNE THE 01ST, 2010 AT 7:30AM

June the 01st, 2011 - SHOW #21 –HOME FORECLOSURE-

GUESTS: MARIO RIVERA –HOUSING AND REAL STATE EXPERT- AND ELIZABETH GOMEZ –HOUSE OWNER-.

TOPIC: HOME FORECLOSURE

ON AIR WFDC: JUNE 05TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JUNE THE 12TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

June the 08th, 2011 – SHOW # 22 FAIR

GUESTS: JACK MARTIN –FAIR- AND MARIBEL HASTINGS –AMERICA’S VOICE-.

TOPIC: FAIR, ANTI- IMMIGRANT ORGANIZATION?

ON AIR WFDC: JUNE THE 12TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JUNE THE 19TH, 2011 AT 7:30AM

June the 15th 2011 - SHOW# 23 – AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION-

GUEST: ATTORNEY CESAR ALVAREZ

TOPIC: INVESTIGATION PROJECT ABOUT HISPANIC COMMUNITY

ON AIR WFDC: JUNE THE 19TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JUNE THE 26TH, 2010 AT 7:30AM

June the 22nd, 2011 - SHOW# 24 –CENSUS 2010 RESULTS-

GUESTS: MERARYS RIOS –CENSUS FEDERAL OFFICE- AND PATRICIA FOXEN –NCLR-.

TOPIC: CENSUS 2010 RESULTS RELATED TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY.

ON AIR WFDC: JUNE THE 26TH, 2011 AT 8:30AM

ON AIR WMDO: JULY THE 03RD, 2010 AT 7:30AM