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CENSUS CAMPAIGN LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC PKG 2:03

U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves joined prominent Latino groups, labor and faith leaders and leading national Spanish-language media partners today to outline a historic campaign to ensure a full and accurate 2010 Census count of the estimated 50 million Latinos living in the United States. Members of the coalition - called the Ya es Hora !HAGASE CONTAR! (It's Time, Make Yourself Count!) Campaign - previewed a series of public service announcement that will begin airing today on major Spanish language media.

FLU VACCINES VO :16

The largest U.S. supplier of seasonal flu vaccines says it's running behind on shipping vaccine for the regular, seasonal flu partly because of the crunch to produce millions of doses of the swine flu vaccine. The pharmaceutical company Sanofi Pasteur says it has shipped more than half of the 50 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine order by U.S. health care providers. But the French company has sent notices to customers indicating that additional doses may be delayed. Company spokeswoman Donna Cary says it could be November before some customers get the rest of their orders.

10/02/09

MORE UNEMPLOYMENT LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA PKG 2:01

The unemployment rate has hit another 26-year-high. The Labor Department says 263-thousand jobs were lost last month, raising the unemployment rate to nine-point-eight percent. That's up one-tenth of a percent from August. Congress today is holding a joint economic committee meeting on the new numbers. Many economists have said there are signs the economy is growing again, but today's jobs report shows job losses could continue well into the recovery, limiting the strength of any economic turnaround.

IMMIGRATION PLAN JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA PKG 2:03

Although President Obama has put off an immigration overhaul until next year, the federal agency in charge of approving visas is planning ahead for the

possibility of giving legal status to millions of illegal immigrants, the agency's director said Thursday. Obama has told immigration officials that a legalization program would be part of legislation the White House would propose, said Mr. Mayorkas, who became director in August. The agency's goal, he said, is to be ready to expand rapidly to handle the gigantic increase in visa applications it would face if the legislation, known as comprehensive immigration reform, passed Congress.

HEALTH CARE LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG

After a marathon session that ran well past midnight, the Senate Finance Committee on Friday passed a major milestone in its work on legislation to remake the health care system and provide coverage to millions of the uninsured. At 2:15 a.m., the committee completed work on the last of dozens of amendments to the bill, written by the panel's chairman, Senator Max Baucus Democrat of Montana. The committee plans to take a final vote on the legislation next week, after getting a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office. Democratic leaders hope the full Senate will begin debate on the legislation.

10/03/09

US UNEMPLOYMENT
VO :24

The nation's unemployment rate now stands at 9.8 percent after rising a tenth of a point. The Labor Department says employers cut 263,000 jobs. That was up from a revised August total of 201,000, and was considerably more than Wall Street economists had been expecting.

HEALTHCARE REFORM WILL CREATE NEW EMPLOYES
CRISTINA PUIG. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:26

Administration officials say President Barack Obama is looking at ways to ease the burdens of laid-off workers, including possible extensions of unemployment and health benefits. With the jobless rate continuing to climb, the president said in his weekly radio and Internet address that he is exploring "additional options to promote job creation." Administration aides say the options include extending enhanced unemployment-insurance benefits beyond Dec. 31, when they are set to expire. Another option is to extend a tax credit for laid-off workers who buy health insurance through the COBRA program.

FULL VACCINE

VO :24

Days before the swine flu vaccine becomes available, more than half of U.S. adults say they will get the vaccine for themselves and 75 percent will get it for their children, according to a survey released Friday. Forty percent said they would not get the H1N1 vaccine, the team at the Harvard School of Public Health found. The survey conflicts with one published earlier this week by Consumer Reports showing only 35 percent of Americans would definitely have their children vaccinated. The Harvard researchers polled 1,042 U.S. adults for what they said was a representative sample of national opinion late last month.

10/05/09

US CENSUS

PKG 2:03 JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CA

Only seven months shy from the start of Census 2010, the U.S. government has announced that it will not seek a halt to immigration raids as it did during the previous census. The Bush Administration rejected the bureau's request two years ago.

H1N1 VACCINE

PKG 2:12 CECILIA RAMIREZ- MIAMI, FL

Indiana and Tennessee are among the first states that will vaccinate people against the swine flu. Health officials in both states scheduled events Monday in Indianapolis and Memphis to administer nasal mist doses of the swine flu vaccine to doctors, nurses, emergency medical workers and other health care professionals who work directly with patients. Initial shipments of the nasal mist vaccine are so small that in most cases they're being reserved for health workers so the workers remain healthy and can care for and vaccinate others.

MORE KIDS WITH AUTISM

PKG 2:28 BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

Two new government studies indicate about 1 in 100 children have autism disorders -- higher than a previous U.S. estimate of 1 in 150. Greater awareness, broader definitions and spotting autism in younger children may explain some of the increase, federal health officials said. Figuring out how many children have autism is extremely difficult because diagnosis is based on a child's behavior, said Dr. Susan E. Levy of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics subcommittee on autism.

HEALTH COVERAGE

PKG 2:26 LUIS MEGID/SAN FRANCISCO, CA

The biggest news coming out of the study is that the average annual premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance topped \$13,000 this year for family coverage (\$13,375, to be exact), which is a 5% increase from last year's

premiums. Since 1999, the average cost of family coverage has risen by 131%. The average annual premiums for single coverage rose by nearly 120% over the same period, to \$4,824 in 2009.

10/06/09

**SWINE FLU LATEST
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK
PKG 2:13**

The first batches of the H1N1/swine flu vaccine have arrived in New York city today and some other mayor cities of the country. Some of the first doses, which are of the nasal spray variety, will be administered to children and health care workers at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

A spokesperson for Montefiore says all workers must be vaccinated by November 30th. The city is planning a massive vaccination program, and will soon offer the vaccine to all city school kids, free of charge. Health officials yesterday launched a test run for that vaccination program by administering doses of the seasonal flu shot. About 700 students at six schools are getting seasonal flu shots this week. Officials say the first day of tests went well.

10/07/09

**SOCIAL SECURITY NO MATCH RULE
VO :23**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today formally issued a final rule rescinding the Social Security "no match" rule. The "no match" rule, which was never implemented, would have forced employers to fire workers based on discrepancies in their Social Security records. DHS first announced its plan to rescind the rule in July, and with today's publication of a final rule in the Federal Register, the rescission will go into effect in 30 days.

**SENATE HEALTH BILL \$829 BILLION
VO :21**

Health care legislation drafted by a key Senate committee would expand coverage to 94 percent of all eligible Americans at a 10-year cost of \$829 billion, congressional budget experts said Wednesday, a preliminary estimate trumpeted by the White House and likely to power the measure past a major hurdle within days. The Congressional Budget Office added that the legislation would reduce federal deficits by \$81 billion over a decade and probably lead to "continued reductions in federal" red ink in the years beyond.

**YOUTH VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC
LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:48**

US Attorney General Eric Holder and Education Secretary Arne Duncan made a trip to Chicago to meet with city leaders to discuss youth violence in the wake of the beating death of 16-year-old Derrion Albert. Holder says youth violence is an American problem and not just a Chicago problem. He says the nation was shocked at the violence on the video that captured Albert's fatal beating.

**IDENTITY THEFT RING BUST
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:57**

According to AP the FBI is making dozens of arrests in the U.S. and overseas to crack an identity theft ring that victimized thousands of people. Laura Eimiller, an FBI spokeswoman in Los Angeles, says agents are making arrests Wednesday morning in Southern California, Nevada, North Carolina and overseas. They allegedly used computer intrusion and fraud to obtain personal information that allowed them to withdraw money from bank accounts. In "phishing," people answering an e-mail are directed to a bogus Web site where they are asked to update personal information, such as passwords and account numbers.

**AIRLINES ADD \$10 ON BUSY DAYS
VO :22**

Flying around the holidays is already more expensive and could get more so. Several big airlines have added \$10 surcharges for busy days around the holidays. Last month airlines added a \$10 each-way surcharge for Nov. 29 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving) and Jan. 2 and 3.

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**HEALTH CARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES DEL RIO / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:42**

Despite a report from the Congressional Budget Office that the plan would reduce federal deficits by \$81 billion over a decade, Republicans aren't ready to count on any savings from the health reform measure emerging from the Senate Finance Committee. Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell says Democrats are going to fatten up that bill as it proceeds through Congress. He predicts that it will "never see the light of day." Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has announced that the Finance Committee will vote Tuesday on the proposal that would expand coverage to 94 percent of eligible Americans, according to the Congressional Budget Office report.

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MORE SWINE FLU CASES

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Health officials say swine flu activity is picking up, with 37 states now reporting widespread cases. Officials with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Friday that the count is up from 27 states the previous week. The figures suggest a leveling off of flu activity the previous week may have been short-lived. Meanwhile, CDC officials say states have ordered 3.6 million doses of swine flu vaccine for a campaign that started this week.

CREDIT CARD REFORM

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:49

Rep. Barney Frank says Congress should move up the enactment date of its credit card reform bill to Dec. 1 because banks are raising rates on customers. Last spring, Frank helped push a bill through Congress that imposes strict new rules on lenders, including a limitation on when and how banks hike rates. Most of the rules will take effect in mid-February, a date set by Congress to give banks time to prepare for the changes.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

VO :22

The House on Sept. 23 approved a bill that would extend benefits by up to 13 weeks for jobless workers living in 27 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, that have unemployment rates of 8.5 percent or higher. A look at the states in the House measure as the Senate considers extending benefits to all 50 states.

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OBAMA HEALTH

VO :28

President Barack Obama said Saturday he's seeing "unprecedented consensus" behind overhauling health care, though he acknowledged continued partisan gridlock in Congress. "The historic movement to bring real, meaningful health insurance reform to the American people gathered momentum this week as we approach the final days of this debate," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet video address. The consensus "includes everyone from doctors and nurses to hospitals and drug manufacturers" -- even Republican governors and

former GOP lawmakers, Obama said. Obama's consensus, however, does not extend to congressional Republicans. GOP senators remain united in their opposition to the Democrats' health care package, as are most Republicans in the House.

UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:064

Nonfarm payroll employment continued to decline in September (-263,000), and the unemployment rate 9.8% continued to trend up, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The largest job losses were in construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and government. Household Survey Data Since the start of the recession in December 2007, the number of unemployed persons has increased by 7.6 million to 15.1 million, and the unemployment rate has doubled to 9.8 percent. Unemployment rates for the major worker groups--adult men 10.3% , adult women 7.8%, teenagers 25.9%, whites 9.0%, blacks (15.4 percent), and Hispanics 12.7%--showed little change in September.

BORDER FENCE
VO :24

A provision that would set up another 300 miles of tall fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border has been stripped from an appropriations bill. A Texas congressman says it represented "an unproductive and inefficient border security strategy" that is "out of touch with border needs." Seven border state congressmen asked the House leadership in July to strip the amendment from the final bill. As of the end of June, there were about 633 miles of pedestrian and vehicle barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border, which runs 2,100 miles. Many of the gaps in the fencing are in Texas, where landowners continue to fight the government.

OBAMA "DONT ASK DONT TELL "
VO :24

The climate for passing gay civil rights laws has never been better, but it could be a decade before another chance comes around, the highest-ranking openly gay official in the Obama administration said Friday. A House vote Thursday put Congress on the verge of significantly expanding hate crimes law to make it a federal crime to assault people because of their sexual orientation. Later this year, Congress is expected to hold hearings on a measure prohibiting workplace discrimination -- including decisions about hiring, firing and wages -- based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

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SWINE FLU LATEST

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:12

A top U.S. health official says the risks from not getting the swine flu vaccine are greater than any potential risks associated with the vaccine. Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says she's surprised by all the misinformation going around about the new vaccine. She says a good safety record from past vaccines bodes well for the swine flu vaccine now becoming available. Schuchat says there's no problem associated with getting shots for both the swine flu and seasonal flu on the same day. But health officials recommend a three-week period between receiving the nasal versions of the vaccines.

THE BEST INSURANCES

JULIE STAV. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:04

In times of financial uncertainty the role of the brokerage industry becomes even more important to its clients. The global economic crisis has helped to reveal risk management shortcomings among many companies who are now looking to address the problem. However, with capital in short supply they are often looking to protect themselves without spending large sums of money or, at the very least ensure that they are getting value for money when they do spend. Against this backdrop Reactions has conducted a survey of the insurance industry to gauge its views on the US brokerage markets. We ran an online survey for three weeks to find out what our readers...

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BILL TO RAISE INSURANCE

LOURDES DEL RIO / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:18

The health insurance industry is striking back against the Senate's current plan for health care reform claiming that the plan will not only fail to reduce costs but will actually increase the cost of coverage for the privately-insured by thousands of dollars a year. Over the weekend America's Health Insurance Plans, an industry trade group, released to its members a PricewaterhouseCoopers analysis which projected that the current Senate legislation would cause premiums for families to increase by \$4000 by the year 2019. Sen. Baucus' spokesman defended the \$829 billion dollar overhaul plan casting doubt on the legitimacy of the new study claiming "it's a health insurance company hatchet job." The legislation faces a final Finance committee vote tomorrow.

IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL PREVIEW

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:03

Hispanic lawmakers in the House are writing an immigration reform bill that will outline the minority community's position before the debate begins in Congress. The House and Senate are not expected to take up comprehensive immigration reform until next year, but those involved in writing the bill say the legislation being prepared by Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., will lay down a marker on what is expected. Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus are behind the effort to lay a legislative blueprint.

CENSUS CITIES**VO :21**

With the 2010 census looming, major U.S. cities whose residents are at high risk of being missed are struggling with a shortage of money and manpower to prepare for an accurate count. A study by the Pew Charitable Trusts, released Monday, examined preparation efforts in 11 major cities. It found only five cities had committed public funds to census outreach -- Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Phoenix and Baltimore.

US SWINE FLU LATEST**LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 1:59**

The rising swine flu death toll among children has reached disturbing heights. The H1N1 virus is blamed for the deaths of 19 children over the past week, a total of 76 overall, about the number which usually die in an entire flu season ending in May. The American Medical Association comes out with its own report focusing on two major themes: children, and how to handle a massive influx of patients if the virus runs out of control.

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HEALTH CARE REFORM**LOURDES DEL RIO/WASHINGTON, DC****PKG 2:16**

Now that the Senate Finance Committee has approved its version of healthcare reform legislation, Senate Democratic leaders will merge it with a more liberal bill passed earlier by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

DIABETES STUDY**VO: 20 sec**

People who live in neighborhoods with safe sidewalks, ample parks, good public transportation and ready access to fresh fruits and vegetables are 38 percent less likely to develop diabetes than others, U.S. researchers said Monday. They said unlike a lot of other factors that influence

diabetes, creating a healthy neighborhood is one thing policymakers can do to address the epidemic of diabetes, which costs the United States more than \$116 billion in medical expenses each year.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM
JAIME GARCIA/LOS ANGELES, CA**

Immigrants, workers, union leaders and advocates of progressive immigration reform from 10 cities nationwide converge at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday to call for action in Congress. Activists will gather in the morning at the Church of the Reformation in D.C., and then proceed to Congress to speak to their representatives about supporting immigration reform.

H1N1 MORE DEATHS-CHILDREN

VO: 20 sec

Doctors are urging parents to be on the lookout for warning signs that a case of swine flu has become life-threatening. Swine flu has probably infected hundreds of thousands of youngsters nationwide. Deaths among children are rare, but at least 76 American children have died since April. Last week alone, there were 19 new reports of children who died.

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**SWINE FLU LATEST
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:25**

The vaccine maker Sanofi Pasteur says tests of its swine flu vaccine suggest that children under 10 may need two doses to be fully protected. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Wednesday's news is not surprising. This age group needs two doses of regular seasonal vaccine for full immunity to develop.

Federal officials have been hoping that one shot or squirt of nasal spray would do, so they can stretch the available supply of a vaccine much in demand.

SOCIAL SECURITY

VO: 20 & SOT: 15

President Barack Obama is calling on Congress to approve \$250 payments to more than 50 million seniors to make up for no increase in Social Security next year. The White House put the cost at \$13 billion. The Social Security Administration is scheduled to announce Thursday that there will be no cost of living increase next year.

By law, increases are pegged to inflation, which has been negative this year.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY TROUBLES
LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:04**

There will be no cost of living increase for more than 50 million Social Security recipients next year, the first year without a raise since automatic adjustments were adopted in 1975, the government announced Thursday. Blame falling consumer prices. By law, cost of living adjustments are pegged to inflation, which is negative this year because of lower energy costs. Social Security payments, however, cannot go down. Thursday's announcement comes a day after President Barack Obama called for a second round of \$250 stimulus payments for seniors, veterans, retired railroad workers and people with disabilities. The payments would match the ones issued to seniors earlier this year as part of the government's economic recovery package.

**MORE FORECLOSURES
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:20**

U.S. foreclosure filings climbed to a record in the third quarter as lenders seized more properties from delinquent borrowers, according to RealtyTrac Inc. A total of 937,840 homes received a default or auction notice or were repossessed by banks, a 23 percent increase from a year earlier, the Irvine, California-based seller of default data said today in a report. One out of every 136 U.S. households received a filing, the highest quarterly rate in records dating to January 2005. After all the Government plans to help people stay in their home foreclosures keep rising and banks are not doing enough loan modifications. She will also include the job loss and that 41 people were charged in mortgage fraud in NY

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**MORE DEADS FOR FLU
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 1:49**

The swine flu is causing an unprecedented amount of illness for so early in the fall -- and federal health officials said Friday that 11 more children have died in the past week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says about half of the child deaths since September have been among teenagers. And overall for the country, deaths from pneumonia and flu-like illnesses have passed what CDC considers an epidemic level. About 6 percent of all doctor visits are for flu-like illnesses, levels not normally seen until later in the fall. Also the vaccination has been slow because the production of so many takes time.

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H1N1 NO TOUCHING

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:24

Hospitals, churches, firehouses and even taxi companies are loading up on hand sanitizer, changing behavior and taking other steps to prevent the spread of swine flu. Bottles of hand sanitizer are within sight of passengers in all 16 taxis operated by Yellow Cab of Iowa City. When people filed into Church of Our Saviour on Sunday in Cocoa Beach, Fla., they bumped fists with priest Sean Heslin instead of shaking hands. Many workplaces and other spots where people gather urge hand-sanitizer use and frequent hand washing.

OBAMA HEALTHCARE

VO: 20

President Barack Obama is pushing back against critics of his health care plan. In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama warns that costs will continue to rise and eventually devastate the U.S. economy without reform. Earlier this week, the health insurance industry released a study claiming that the bill passed by the Senate Finance Committee would raise premiums for millions of people who already have health coverage. Obama says the report is "designed to mislead the American people" and accused the industry of "filling the airwaves with deceptive and dishonest ads"

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OBAMA HEALTH

VO: 21

Top White House advisers Valerie Jarrett and David Axelrod are saying President Barack Obama still believes a government-run health care option would best meet his reform goals. But they say he's not demanding that it be in the overhaul legislation. The White House and lawmakers are trying to blend five versions of health care legislation into something that will pass Congress. But the House and Senate are deeply at odds over the "public option" idea. Jarrett says Obama believes the public plan is still the "best possible choice," but he's not demanding it. Axelrod says opposition by both Republicans and some Democrats to the idea means "we have to work through these issues."

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H1N1 LATEST

FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:49

The pandemic H1N1 flu virus was confirmed for the first time Monday in a U.S. hog, which was exhibited at the Minnesota State Fair where four teenagers became sick, the Agriculture Department said Monday. USDA said the discovery does not suggest infection of commercial pig herds raised for slaughter. Health officials say the virus, originally known as swine flu, is not linked to meat products.

OPERATION STREAMLINE

VO :20

Victims of immigration raids holded a news conference to report what they call the abusive treatment of victims who were arrested under the Operation Streamline Program, which orders criminal charges against anyone who crosses the border without proper documents.

NEW MEDICAL MARIHUANA

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:15

A new Obama administration policy loosening guidelines on federal prosecution of medical marijuana on Monday signaled to users that they had less to fear from federal agents but still left their suppliers to contend with a tangled mesh of state laws and regulations. The Justice Department told federal prosecutors that targeting people who use or provide medical marijuana in strict compliance with state laws was not a good use of their time.

MORTGAGE HELP

VO :20

Home buyers, as well as renters, could benefit from a program being unveiled today by the Obama administration. Officials say the goal is to provide hundreds of thousands of affordable mortgages for working families, and to allow the development or rehabilitation of tens of thousands of affordable rental properties. The program will operate under a law passed last year to bolster the housing industry. It will feature two parts -- a new bond purchase program to support new lending by housing finance agencies and a temporary credit and liquidity program to improve access by housing agencies to credit sources for their existing bonds.

RAISING SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

LUIS MEGID/ BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:09

Catalino Tapia arrived in America from Mexico at the age of 20 with six dollars in his pocket and a sixth grade education. He worked hard, eventually starting his own gardening business to support his wife and two sons. His proudest moment came when his son graduated from UC Berkeley law school. It was also pivotal. Tapia decided that more young Latinos should have the chance to reach the

same heights. He launched the Bay Area Gardeners' Foundation, a nonprofit comprised of area gardeners that provide scholarships to low-income Latinos. Tapia and his fellow gardeners asked their employers and local businesses to donate to the fund, and they raised \$250,000 in the first two years. In 2007, they awarded grants to 18 students, who were all from low-income families, had a desire to go to college, and had at least a 2.5 grade point average. Recipients also pledge to give 20 hours of community service for each year they receive scholarship funds.

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HEALTHCARE POLL

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:03

A new poll suggests more and more Americans are worried about losing their current health care coverage. As the health care debate nears the floor of the Senate, the poll from the nonpartisan Robert Wood Johnson Foundation finds conflicting views on whether an overhaul will help, make things worse or do nothing. The September poll also finds Americans are following the health care debate in Congress. About one-third of respondents say they're worried about losing current coverage in the next 12 months. That's a slight increase from 29 percent in August. The share who say they're worried has gone up by 11 percentage points since spring. Forty percent of young adults surveyed say they're concerned, but even 29 percent of seniors say they're worried, despite having taxpayer-subsidized coverage through Medicare.

OBAMA SMALL BUSINESSES

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 2:09

President Barack Obama is expected to announce a series of initiatives Wednesday aimed at boosting credit to small businesses, an administration official said, as the White House tries to address a thorny problem which many believe is a continuing drag on the economy. The White House will move to increase the caps on existing Small Business Administration loans. It will also include measures to make it easier for small banks to access funds from the Troubled Asset Relief Program. The Obama administration has struggled to figure out what to do for small businesses and has spent months trying to get its initial program off of the ground.

IMMIGRATION LAWSUIT

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:34

A Miami lawyer will be filing a lawsuit against Immigration because they deported the husband of one of his clients that was here under TPS.

ICE deported him because he had a previous order of deportation but the lawyer says that they have made a mistake and that is why they are suing.

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**CANCER SOCIETY HAS CONCERN ON SCREENINGS
LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA**

PKG 1:54

It is quietly working on a message, to put on its Web site early next year, to emphasize that screening for breast and prostate cancer and certain other cancers can come with a real risk of overtreating many small cancers while missing cancers that are deadly. Prostate cancer screening has long been problematic. The cancer society, which with more than two million volunteers is one of the nation's largest voluntary health agencies, does not advocate testing for all men.

**SMALL BUSINESS BAILOUT
LOURDES MELUZA. VIRGINIA**

PKG 2:04

President Barack Obama is set to unveil plans to refocus spending of the government's \$700 billion financial bailout away from big financial institutions and toward small businesses. The White House says the initiatives will make it easier for smaller community banks to provide credit to small businesses, which have been hard-hit by the financial crisis. The president's plan also includes a request that Congress increase caps for existing Small Business Administration loans.

**H1N1 LATEST
JAIME GARCIA . LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

PKG 2:14

New numbers from the government say that young people, age 24 and under, have been hit the hardest by the H1N1 virus, and doubts and fears abound as we head into flu season. Is the U.S. prepared for a potential outbreak? On Wednesday morning members of the Obama administration head to Capitol Hill to help set the record straight. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius are among those set to testify.

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**H1N1 VACCINES
JAIMA GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

PKG 2:15

As the H1N1 virus continues to spread nationwide, a majority of those surveyed - - 52 percent -- now say they are "a great deal" or "somewhat" worried that they or someone in their household will be infected with it, up from 39 percent of those polled in August. Concern is rising fastest among young adults, one of the groups most vulnerable to the virus. In August, just 26 percent of those ages 18 to 29 said they were concerned; now 47 percent are worried. At the same time, however, many Americans are hesitant about being vaccinated or having their children inoculated. More than six in 10 say they will not get vaccinated, and only 52 percent of parents say they plan to have their children vaccinated, even though parents tend to be more worried about the flu.

GAYS ADDED TO HATE CRIME**VO :20**

Gays who are physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation receive new federal hate crime protections under legislation heading for President Barack Obama's signature. With a Senate vote on Thursday, Congress has approved a measure that expands current law to include crimes based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. That's one of the most significant expansions of the law since it was enacted after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

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HATE CRIME LEGISLATION**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC****PKG :22**

Legislation that would extend hate-crimes protection to gays and lesbians cleared the U.S. Congress Thursday as part of a compromise bill that sets the Pentagon's budget. The bill now heads to the White House, where President Obama will sign it into law or reject it because it approves weapons systems that the Pentagon does not want. It passed the Senate by a vote of 68 to 29. The House approved it on Oct. 8.

HEALTH CARE PUBLIC OPTION**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA****PKG 1:53**

In pushing to include a government-run health insurance plan in the health care bill, the Senate majority leader, Harry Reid , is taking a calculated gamble that the 60 members of his caucus could support the plan if it included a way for states to opt out. Mr. Reid met with President Obama at the White House Thursday to inform him of his inclination to add the public option to the bill, but did not specifically ask the president to endorse that approach, a Democratic

aide said. Mr. Obama asked questions, but did not express a preference at the meeting, a White House official said.

FREE SWINE FLU VACCINE
JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:02

Los Angeles County will open the first in a series of swine flu vaccination clinics today, offering free shots to high-risk residents without insurance or a regular source of health care. Fielding has urged residents, especially pregnant women and children, to seek vaccinations from clinics or their doctor. Increasing amounts of H1N1 vaccine are expected to arrive in Los Angeles County on a weekly basis. Public Health's vaccine clinics will provide vaccine free of charge to residents in the H1N1 vaccine priority groups who do not have health insurance or a regular source of health care.

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OBAMA SWINE FLU EMERGENCY
ENRIQUE TEUTALO. IN HOUSE
PKG 1:15 & VO :22

President Barack Obama is making what administration officials are describing as a pre-emptive move against the swine flu. He's declaring the pandemic a national emergency, in an effort to speed treatment to thousands of infected people. Administration officials say the effort is designed to make decisions easier when they need to be made. The declaration authorizes Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius To bypass federal rules when opening offsite hospital centers. And hospitals could change patient rules to allow them faster access to treatment, with government approval. Obama says the months-old outbreak which has killed more than 1,000 in the U.S. continues to evolve. And, with the rates of illness rising rapidly, he says there's a potential to "overburden health care resources."

FORECLOSURES
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:20

The first night after she surrendered her house to foreclosure, Sheri West endured the darkness in her Hyundai sedan. She parked in her old driveway, with her flower-print dresses and hats piled in boxes on the back seat, and three cherished houseplants on the floor. She used her backyard as a restroom. The second night, she stayed with a friend, and so it continued for more than a year: Ms. West - mother of three grown children, grandmother to six and great-grandmother to one - passed months on the couches of friends and relatives, and in the front seat of her car. But this fall, she exhausted all options. She had

once owned and overseen a group home for homeless people. Now, she succumbed to that status herself, checking in to a shelter.

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OK: SWINE FLU LONG LINES

VO :23

Long lines in Oklahoma City Saturday, showed many believed the best defense against the flu is a good offense. Thousands packed two metro high schools to get free H1N1 shots. Grant High School's freshman Michaela Bailey was first in line at five in the morning. Not everyone seemed to be a huge fan of getting a shot but after it's all

said and done. The Oklahoma City County Health Department officials say they vaccinated over 35-hundred people at both the U. S. Grant and Southeast High flu shot clinics.

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EMERGENCY H1N1

PKG 2:00

JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Despite long lines and limited supplies of the H1N1 flu vaccine, U.S. efforts against the disease are not too late, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Monday.

Sebelius acknowledged frustrating waits to get the vaccine, but said some 16.5 million doses are now being made available, with efforts to get more.

NEW JOBS

PKG 2:15

BLANCA R. VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK

An economic survey out Monday provides fresh evidence that a fitful recovery is underway as customer demand grows in the third quarter for the first time in more than a year and the jobs outlook brightens a bit. For the first time since the recession began, the portion of companies planning to add employees in the next six months outnumbered those expecting to cut jobs, according to this month's quarterly survey of economists at 78 firms by the National Association for Business Economics.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

VO: 25

Senate Democrats are trying again this week to extend unemployment benefits. Democrats are pushing a bill that would extend expiring benefits for 14 weeks in all states and an extra six weeks in states where unemployment is above 8 1/2 percent. Unhappy with how Democrats' planned to pay for the extended benefits, Republicans refused to let the benefits extension move ahead via unanimous consent.

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H1N1 VACCINE

PKG 2:21

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

In a dramatic sign of Democrats' growing confidence that they have the votes to pass a far-reaching healthcare overhaul, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said Monday that the bill he intended to send to the Senate floor next month would include a "public option." The provision would allow the federal government to create an insurance plan to be offered to Americans who do not get medical coverage through their employers -- with the proviso that states could opt out of the program.

FLU PUSHING HOSPITALS

PKG 2:00

BLANCA R. VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK

One scenario by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology forecasts that if 30% of the U.S. population contracts H1N1 flu, 90 million could get sick, 1.8 million would be hospitalized and 30,000 or more would die. The Trust for America's Health, a non-profit public-health advocacy group, reported in early October that if the infection rate hits 35%, many states may run out of hospital beds, forcing hospitals to begin canceling elective procedures. So far, hospitals have been taxed - but not to that degree.

IMMIGRANT'S RIGHTS

PKG 2:00

JAIME GARCIA

Workplace immigration raids during the Bush administration interfered with ongoing labor investigations and allowed employers to exploit workers who complained about conditions on the job, labor groups said in a report released Tuesday. The stepped-up immigration enforcement came at the expense of rigorous enforcement of labor protections that are guaranteed to all workers regardless of immigration status, the groups said.

HOME PRICES REBOUNDING

LUIS MEGID- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Home prices rose for the third straight month in August, a key ingredient for a broad and sustained housing recovery. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index of 20 major cities climbed 1 percent from July to a seasonally adjusted reading of 144.5. While prices are down 11.4 percent from August a year ago, the annual declines have slowed since February.

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IMMIGRATION ID CARDS SUIT

VO :26

Ten Connecticut residents have filed a lawsuit accusing federal authorities of violating their rights by conducting an immigration raid in retaliation for a New Haven program that provided identification cards to foreigners in the country illegally. The sweeps in New Haven on June 6, 2007, came two days after the city approved issuing ID cards to all city residents, regardless of immigration status. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials deny the early-morning raids were retaliatory, saying planning began the year before.

OBAMA HATE CRIME

VO :11

The White House just announced that President Obama will hold two White House ceremonies tomorrow on the new defense authorization bill. After a signing ceremony for the \$680 billion defense spending plan, Obama hosts a second event on a new law attached to that bill: The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. The act makes it a federal crime to assault someone because of their sexual orientation, disability or gender identity. It is named for the victims of two horrific crimes in 1998: Matthew Shepard, a gay teenager from Wyoming who was beaten to death; and James Byrd Jr., a black man from Texas who was tied to a pick-up truck and dragged to death.

SWINE FLU SCHOOL CLOSED

VO :11

Across the country schools are closing by the dozen as officials say they're being hit so hard by swine flu that they feel shutting down for a few days is the only feasible option. The U.S. Education Department says at least 351 schools were closed last week alone -- affecting 126,000 students in 19 states. So far this school year, about 600 total schools have temporarily closed. The number of closures this year appears on target to surpass the roughly 700 schools closed last spring when the swine flu outbreak first hit. Flu season hasn't peaked yet, and each day more schools are closing.

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**HOUSE HEALTH BILL
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:18**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will unveil a health-care reform bill on Thursday that includes a government insurance option and a historic expansion of Medicaid, although sticking points in the legislation involving abortion and immigration remain unresolved. Senior Democratic House aides said the bill would likely include a version of the "public option" preferred by moderates and may raise Medicaid eligibility levels to 150 percent of the federal poverty level for all adults, a steeper increase than in earlier drafts.

**ID IMMIGRANTS
VO :20**

Ten New Haven residents filed a lawsuit Wednesday accusing federal agents of violating their rights during an immigration raid they say was in retaliation for a city program that provided ID cards to foreigners in the country illegally -- the first of its kind in the nation. The sweeps in New Haven on June 6, 2007, came two days after the city approved issuing identification cards to all of its residents, regardless of immigration status. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have denied that the early morning raids were retaliatory, saying planning began the year before.

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**STIMULUS JOBS
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:57**

About 650,000 jobs have been saved or created under President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan, the White House said Friday, saying the president's goal of 3.5 million jobs by the end of next year is on track. New job numbers from businesses, contractors, state and local governments, nonprofit groups and universities were scheduled to be released publicly later Friday. White House economic adviser Jared Bernstein said the figures will show that, when adding in jobs linked to \$288 billion in tax cuts, the stimulus plan has created or saved more than 1 million jobs.

**H1N1: 6 MILLION CASES
JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

PKG 2:07

Health officials think that as many as 5.7 million Americans were infected with swine flu during the first few months of the pandemic. Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that between 1.8 million and 5.7 million Americans were infected from April through July. The estimate is the CDC's most specific calculation to date. Officials had simply been saying millions have been infected. The estimate is in an article in a CDC publication called Emerging Infectious Diseases.

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H1N1 VACCINES**VO: 20**

Five drug companies are now increasing production of the vaccine for the H1N1 swine flu, and 10 million more doses are expected next week, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Saturday.

VACCINES FOR KIDS**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK****PKG 2:16**

Vaccinations will continue at participating elementary schools for about eight weeks. Non-public schools that choose to participate in the city's H1N1 vaccination program will also receive doses during this period. In addition, weekend vaccination sites for middle-school and high-school students will be held in each borough in November.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**VO: 15**

Say goodbye to the extra hour of evening daylight. The official change to standard time occurs at 2 a.m. Sunday, though most folks will change their clocks Saturday night and get an extra hour of sleep.