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**CRIMINALS DEPORTATIONS
JUAN JOSE ROJAS / AUSTIN, TEXAS
PKG 1:31**

Texas officials are considering deporting foreign nationals serving time in Texas prisons for nonviolent crimes. However, the plan carries concerns that deported criminals might be allowed to go free in their home countries.

**VISA "U"
VO :28**

In Washington, the secretary of work, Hilda Solis, announced that her department will start to process visa requests of victims of physical or mental abuse that are ready to collaborate with the authorities in the investigations. The high civil servant said that those visas, well-known as visas "U", they can give security to desperate immigrants to escape of an abusive situation, without concerning its migratory situation. Who receive visas "U" could stay in the United States up to four years and later request temporary residence.

**NEW IMMIGRANTS AVOIDING BIG CITIES, STUDY FINDS
VO :20**

US immigrant populations are spreading out, a study found. New immigrants and their US-born descendants are expected to grow by 117 million by 2050, making up 82 percent of the US population growth over that period, and will "have important implications for housing demand at a time when aging baby boomers are expected to retire and leave the housing market," the study predicts.

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**HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL
VO :25**

President Barack Obama is making calls and having private chats with House Democrats who voted no last time on health care reform. He's also touching base with those who voted yes, but are now balking. Obama is pushing hard to get them to support the plan now before the House. Democratic Party chairman Tim Wainwright calls it a full-court press. He says everybody knows it's a big and historic vote. White House aides say they have a war room to track committed and wavering congressmen.

**FINANCIAL OVERHAUL
VO :21**

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke plans to wage a fresh battle against Senate efforts to scale back the Fed's role in supervising the nation's banks. In testimony prepared for a House hearing on Wednesday obtained by The Associated Press, Bernanke argues that the Fed factors in information it gets from its role as a regulator into its decisions on interest rates. And, Bernanke says its banking duties give the Fed insights into the health of the entire banking system.

CENSUS IMMIGRATION

VO :24

Undocumented immigrants are getting conflicting advice from church leaders on whether to fill out U.S. Census forms. The National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders has urged them to boycott the census until comprehensive immigration reform is passed. But the Reverend Samuel Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, says that would reinforce the perception that immigrants don't want to become Americans. Clergy advocating a boycott don't trust government assurances that census information won't be used to prosecute undocumented immigrants, but Rodriguez and other church leaders insist there's nothing to fear.

03/18/10

HEALTH OVERHAUL

VO: 27

House Democrats are hoping to see figures from the Congressional Budget Office today on the cost of President Barack Obama's health care legislation. Democrats want to make sure the bill would reduce federal deficits annually over the next decade. A House vote could come as early as Sunday.

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**HEALTHCARE REFORM LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC**

PKG 2:51 & VO :28

President Barack Obama scuttled an Asian trip in favor of last-minute lobbying at the White House on his signature issue, paying host to a procession of wavering Democrats seeking favors. The health care portions of the bill would affect nearly every American and remake one-sixth of the national economy. Beginning in 2014, most Americans would be required for the first time to purchase insurance, and face penalties if they refused. Millions of families with incomes up to \$88,000 a year would receive government help to defray their costs. Large businesses would face fines if they did not offer good-quality coverage to their workers.

U.S. CHILD OBESITY PROBLEM WORSE THAN THOUGHT

VO :13

Extreme obesity among American children is much worse than previously believed, putting them at greater risk of serious health problems as they age, U.S. researchers said on Thursday. A study of more than 700,000 children and teens in southern California found that more than 6 percent, or 45,000, were extremely obese and more boys than girls were far too heavy, the researchers reported in the Journal of Pediatrics.

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03/22/10

HEALTHCARE REFORM

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC
LIVERS 5:00APPROX.**

The U.S. House of Representatives gave final approval to a sweeping healthcare overhaul on Sunday, expanding insurance coverage to nearly all Americans and handing President Barack Obama a landmark victory. On a hard-fought 219-212 vote late on Sunday, House Democrats approved the most dramatic health policy changes in four decades. The vote sends the bill, already passed by the Senate, to Obama to sign into law.

**STUDENTS LOANS
VO :20**

The Democratic-led U.S. House of Representatives Sunday approved President Barack Obama's bid to implement what would be the biggest overhaul in decades of the federal student loan program. Under the legislation, federal subsidies to private student loan lenders would stop and the government's role in lending would increase creating billions of dollars in projected savings that would go largely in grants to needy students.

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**IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS
VO :24**

The city of Princeton in New Jersey, will start in May to emit an identification card de for undocumented immigrants who recognized by local authorities and of that county. promoters of the measurement said that only he lacks the answer of the public prosecutor of the county to begin to emit these cards. in case he is approved, princpeton seguiria the steps de trenton, the first city of new jersey that gave identity card about to 1.200 undocumented immigrants.

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**HEALTCARE LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC
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President Barack Obama has signed the \$938 billion health care overhaul that guarantees coverage for 32 million uninsured Americans and represents the biggest accomplishment of his presidency. The new law will be the main issue in this fall's midterm elections. Obama signed the bill at an elaborate ceremony Tuesday in the East Room of the White House, to be followed by an even larger celebration at an Interior Department auditorium.

**HEALTH CARE-STUDENT LOANS
VO: 34**

Banks and other private lenders are about to lose a \$70 billion-a-year student loan business, part of a massive overhaul of college assistance programs that has received an unexpected boost from President Barack Obama's health care success. Industry lobbyists have watched helplessly as Democrats and the Obama administration appear on the verge of shifting student lending from private banks to the federal government.

Under the measure, private banks would no longer get fees from the government for acting as middlemen in loans to low- and middle-income students. With those savings, the government would increase Pell Grants to needy students and make it easier for workers burdened by student loans to pay them back.

3/25/10

**HEALTHCARE LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 1:55**

While the White House celebrated the signing of the landmark health care reform bill, Republicans continued their efforts to thwart it. Today, Republican senators will continue to try and raise challenges to a House bill that seeks to "fix" elements of the bill President Obama signed into law. And more than a dozen states filed suit seeking to block implementation of the new law, though many legal experts believe there is little chance they will succeed since federal laws generally supersede state laws. The Department of Justice added that it would "vigorously defend the constitutionality of the health care reform statute.

**HEALTHCARE COSTS
VO: 21**

A growing number of Americans spend more than 10 percent of their income on out-of-pocket expenses for healthcare services and insurance, according to a study published Thursday. The percentage of Americans with a "high financial burden for healthcare" rose to 19 percent in 2006 from 14 percent in 2001, according to the Washington-based Center for Studying Health System Change.

**US THREATS
VO: 26**

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer is voicing concern about threats of reprisal that some congressmen are getting in connection with the health care bill. The Maryland Democrat didn't single out any lawmaker or political party in speculating about what might have fomented incidents of harassment. But he did say Thursday that lawmakers are taking threats "very seriously" and said he is concerned about them.

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**HEALTHCARE LATEST
LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:33**

The reactions to the violence against some democrats for voting for the bill. The bill containing fixes to the new health care law has hit some snags in the Senate, House Democratic leaders say they are ready to finish work on the bill as soon as they get it back. The changes approved by the Senate include an expansion of subsidies to make insurance more affordable and more state aid for the Medicaid program for the poor.

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HEALTHCARE REFORM & IMMIGRANTS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 2:00

While Congress voted to overhaul U.S. health care and provide universal coverage, 15 percent of America's uninsured population remains uncovered and unaddressed: illegal immigrants. Democrats are expected to introduce comprehensive immigration reform legislation this spring, and when they do, health care costs will once again be front and center. Under the new law just passed, illegal immigrants are not entitled to health care. That means undocumented workers will continue to get care the way they always have, showing up at county clinics and hospitals for emergency treatment. According to cost estimates submitted by various states, that costs taxpayers and ratepayers about \$4.3 billion a year.

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OBAMA TODAY STUDENTS LOANS

VO :19

President Barack Obama is preparing to sign the piece of his sweeping health care overhaul that makes the government the primary lender to students seeking loans and strips banks of that power. Obama plans on Tuesday to visit a northern Virginia community college, where he will sign the legislation. He has already signed the bulk of the health care measure, but a final set of tweaks provided a route for the education package, which is the largest rewrite of federal college assistance programs in four decades.

IMMIGRATION: WHERE ARE WE NOW

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:52

Immigration reform appears to have gained momentum, if only marginally. Last week Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, was implicitly threatening to sink immigration reform if health care passed. Today on "Meet the Press" he was already sounding more conciliatory. In an appearance with Democrat Charles Schumer, Graham. He called it a "tough heavy lift" and that the Democrats' deal-cutting on health care wouldn't help with the process of hammering out consensus on an immigration bill. Sen. Graham also made the point that Democrats had played a major role in immigration reform being put on the back burner. the White House "has done almost nothing on immigration," he said.

CANCER PREVENTION

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:01

About 40% of cancers could be prevented if people stopped smoking and overeating, limited their alcohol, exercised regularly and got vaccines targeting cancer-causing infections, experts say. To mark World Cancer day on Thursday, officials at the International Union Against Cancer released a report focused on steps that governments

and the public can take to avoid the disease. According to the World Health Organization cancer is responsible for one out of every eight deaths worldwide, more than AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined. WHO warned that without major changes, global cancer deaths will jump from about 7.6 million this year to 17 million by 2030.

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