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OIL SPILL LATEST

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The danger to wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico is greater than the oil-covered pelicans that have been rescued. Marine scientists are seeing some strange -- and troubling -- phenomena. Dolphins and sharks are showing up in surprisingly shallow water just off the Florida coast. Mulletts, crabs, rays and small fish congregate by the thousands off an Alabama pier. Their presence close to shore means their usual haunts are badly polluted.

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BP OIL SPILL APOLOGY

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A Texas Republican apologized to BP CEO Tony Hayward Thursday for having to set aside \$20 billion for Gulf of Mexico damage claims, drawing ridicule from Democrats and embarrassing Republicans. Representative Joe Barton, a major recipient of campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry, triggered an uproar with his lengthy apology to Hayward for being the victim of a White House "shakedown."

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OIL SPILL LATEST

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BP's chairman said Friday that CEO Tony Hayward is on his way out as the company's point man on the Gulf oil spill crisis, a day after Hayward enraged members of Congress by offering few answers about how the environmental disaster happened. Other BP officials, however, said the switch had been previously announced and will not take place for some time.

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6/21/10

TIMES SQUARE BOMB ARRAIGNED

VO :23

A Pakistan-born U.S. citizen pleaded guilty to trying to bomb Times Square and says he is "part of the answer to the U.S. terrorizing the Muslim nations and the Muslim people." Faisal Shahzad defiantly made the statement in federal court as he pleaded guilty to a 10-count indictment charging him in the failed bombing. He also says he actually tried to set off three separate bombs in an SUV parked near a Broadway theater May 1 to injure and kill people but that all three failed to ignite.

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06/24/10

#### IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST

VO :18 SOT :20

Chief executives of several major corporations, including Hewlett-Packard, Boeing, Disney and News Corp., are joining Mayor Michael Bloomberg to form a coalition advocating for immigration reform -- including a path to legal status for all undocumented immigrants now in the United States. The group includes several other big-city mayors and calls itself the Partnership for a New American Economy. It seeks to reframe immigration reform as the solution to repairing and stimulating the economy. The CEOs said Thursday in statements that their companies -- and the nation -- depend on immigrants.

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06/25/10

#### FINANCIAL OVERHAUL

VO :20

Congressional negotiators struck a deal Friday on the toughest financial regulations since the Great Depression, aiming to rein in Wall Street excess and tighten rules on everything from simple debit card swipes to the most complex securities. House and Senate bargainers approved the deal after an all-night meeting, giving President Barack Obama a fresh campaign-season triumph after his health care overhaul -- and an achievement to tout at the weekend global economic summit in Canada. Democrats hope lawmakers can pass

the legislation and ship it to Obama for his signature by July 4, capping a burst of action prompted by the worst recession in seven decades.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

VO :16 / SOT :13

Senate Democrats abandoned on Thursday efforts to provide fresh aid to cash-strapped state governments and extend emergency unemployment benefits for millions of jobless workers, leaving in limbo President Obama's push for more spending to bolster the economy. The decision came after the Senate failed again to muster 60 votes to advance a package of tax cuts and emergency economic provisions. Sen. Ben Nelson (D-Neb.) joined a united Republican caucus in voting to block the measure, citing concern that even the latest slimmed-down version would expand bloated budget deficits. The package fell short, 57 to 41.

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OBAMA / IMMIGRATION

VO :28

President Barack Obama is meeting with activists who are pressing him for action on immigration legislation and Arizona's tough new enforcement law. The meeting Monday at the White House includes prominent labor leaders and Hispanic activist organizations, according to participating groups. It comes as Obama faces calls to move forward on comprehensive immigration legislation, something he's pledged to act on despite long odds of success. Activists were also expecting an update on the administration's plans to challenge Arizona's contentious new law that requires police officers to question a person's immigration status if there's reason to suspect they're in the country illegally. Obama is meeting Tuesday with Hispanic lawmakers.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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The employment report for June released Friday by the Labor Department confirms that the United States is in the grips of a protracted economic slump with no recovery in sight. If anything, the report suggests that the economic

situation would best be described as a depression, rather than the official designation of a slow "recovery." The Labor Department reported a net loss of non-farm jobs of 125,000, primarily due to the expiration of 225,000 temporary US Census government positions. However, the private sector generated a mere 83,000 net jobs, well below economists' projections and barely half the number of new jobs needed to keep pace with the normal monthly growth of the labor market.

HISPANIC CAUCUS

VO :20 SOT :12

Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL-4), Chairman of Immigration Task Force of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), was among the more than 20 Members of the CHC to meet with President Obama today at the White House. Rep. Gutierrez is the chief proponent of comprehensive immigration reform in the House and helped write the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act (CIR-ASAP/H.R. 4321). The bill is sponsored by Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) and co-sponsored primarily by members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Progressive Caucus, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus. The following is a statement from Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez:

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