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HISPANICS IN THE US

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Demography experts believe the census results of this year will be conditioned by the economic crisis, but it's not clear in terms of progress and population welfare. The home owners numbers respect to the previous census taking into account the level of seizures hipotecarios nationally registred. Analysts believe that will be a population growth bot not as expected.

GAYS IN MILITARY

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Senate members have said they have no time to vote in this term, the controversy revocation since 17 years ago has forced gay serving in the armed forces to hide their sexual preference. Yesterday, the House Representatives voted for 250 and 175 vote against repeal of rule, "Do not ask do not tell" or "Do not ask do not tell" and had pased to the Senate for confirmation or rejection.

FORECLOSURES RATES

VO :26

New foreclosure figures show the number of U.S. homes repossessed by lenders in November fell to the lowest level in 18 months. It's the result of foreclosure freezes enacted by several banks following allegations that evictions were handled improperly. Lenders have since announced plans to resume foreclosures at a more measured pace. Some 37 states recorded a drop in home repossessions from October to November. The foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac. Inc. says home repossessions dropped 28 percent from October and 12 percent from November of last year.

AIRLINES FARES

VO :26

Several U.S. airlines have raised fares by up to \$10 per round trip. Rick Seaney, CEO of FareCompare.com, said Wednesday that American Airlines started the increases by boosting prices on flights over 500 miles by \$5 each way or \$10 roundtrip, and by \$3 each way and \$6 roundtrip for shorter trips. American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith confirmed the fare increases. He says fares are dictated by supply and demand and influenced by recent increases in fuel costs. The higher fares were matched by United, Continental, Delta, Southwest, US Airways, Alaska, Frontier and Virgin.

MILITARY ACADEMIES REPORT A 64 PERCENT INCREASE IN SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTS

VO :21

There were 41 reports of sexual assault at the military service academies this academic year, a 64 percent increase from reported assaults in the 2008-2009 academic year, according to a new report released by the Defense Department on Wednesday. Defense officials estimate fewer than 10 percent of incidents are actually reported at the academies. Cadets and midshipmen participated in the voluntary survey at higher rates than in previous years. Most -- 89 percent -- said they understood key training concepts on how to report sexual harassment or sexual assault.

IMMIGRATION TO U.S., AFTER DIP, IS BACK UP

VO :20

The flow of immigrants to the United States has resumed, after falling to the lowest level in decades during the recession, a new study finds. The number of immigrants in the United States was estimated to have risen by about half a million in the year that ended in 2009, a jump from the previous year, when immigration stopped almost completely during the recession, according to the study, which was conducted by the Brookings Institution and is being released on Thursday. The rise pointed to an increase in demand for immigrant labor in the economy, said Audrey Singer, a demographer and co-author of the report. However, the number is still far below the increases of more than a million a year that took place earlier in the decade. The flow reached a peak in 2006, with a 1.8 million increase in the foreign born population.

SENATE VOTE TAX CUTS

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC

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The Senate Wednesday overwhelmingly passed a sweeping tax package that would save millions of Americans thousands of dollars in higher taxes while also reducing their Social Security taxes and extending jobless benefits. President Barack Obama swiftly urged the House to pass the \$858 billion bill without changes, a slap at Democratic liberals eager to toughen a part of the measure that permits up to \$10 million to pass to heirs estate tax-free. A wide array of tax cuts enacted under President George W. Bush is scheduled to expire on Jan. 1 -- just two weeks away -- affecting taxpayers at every income level. The bill passed by the Senate, 81-19, would extend those cuts for two years. Obama urged quick action in the House.

REPORT: ABOUT 17% IN U.S. GET SICK FROM FOOD EACH YEAR **VO :25**

One in six Americans gets sick from food every year, and about 3,000 die from those illnesses, according to data released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The numbers mark the first time since 1999 that the federal government has updated the estimates for food-borne illnesses. The newest figures are lower than those in the 1999 report, which estimated that one in four Americans got sick from food each year and that 5,000 died. But the new data cannot be compared with the earlier figures and should not be interpreted to mean food poisoning is decreasing, according to CDC officials. Among the known food contaminants that can cause illness in humans, the leader is salmonella, which causes 28 percent of deaths from food-borne illness and 35 percent of hospitalizations, according to the report.

WHICH PAINKILLERS ARE SAFEST FOR THE ELDERLY? **VO :25**

A type of pain medicine long believed to be relatively safe for older adults appears to come with more risks than other, supposedly riskier, painkillers, new study findings report. The authors found that people on opioids, a class of pain drugs that includes morphine and codeine, had a higher risk of fractures, cardiovascular problems such as heart attack or stroke, hospitalizations, and death relative to other types of pain medication, including over-the-counter drugs.

YOUNG KIDS WITH ASTHMA MAY LAG IN READING SKILLS **VO :23**

Young children who start school with asthma may lag behind their peers in developing reading skills, a new study suggests. The findings, according to researchers, do not prove that asthma per se is the reason for the gap. But they say it is possible that the lung disease affects young children's ability to keep up with their peers when it comes to reading.

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**HOUSE APPROVE TAX CUT MEASURE
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
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A massive bipartisan tax package that prevents a big New Year's Day tax hike for millions of Americans is on its way to President Barack Obama for his signature. The measure would extend tax cuts for families at every income level, renew jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed, and enact a new one-year cut in Social Security taxes that would benefit nearly every worker who earns a wage. In a remarkable show of bipartisanship, the House gave final approval to the measure just before midnight Thursday, overcoming an attempt by rebellious Democrats who wanted to impose a higher estate tax than the one Obama agreed to. The vote was 277-148.

**CENSUS DATA: BLACKS AND HISPANICS TAKE DIFFERENT
SEGREGATION PATHS
VO :28**

Every 10 years the census provides us with a view of racial segregation across America's neighborhoods. We still have a few months before the 2010 census gives us those definitive numbers. However, the recent release of the huge five year data dump of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2005 through 2009, provides us with a clue about what we can expect . To be sure, we are a country that is heavily sorted by race and Hispanic status across the 65,000 census tracts (groupings of neighborhoods of 5,000 to 10,000 persons) that span our nation. Although the U.S. minority population grew at five times the rate of whites since 2000, the average white resident lives in a tract that is 79 percent white.

GENE SCAN SHOWS CHILDHOOD BRAIN CANCER IS DIFFERENT

VO :19

A study of the genetic map of brain tumors in children shows they have many fewer mutations than similar tumors in adults -- meaning it may someday be easier to treat them, researchers reported on Thursday. The study of medulloblastoma, the most common type of brain cancer in children, also turned up some new mutations, the researchers reported in the journal Science.

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CONGRESS GAY MILITARY + SPENDING**VO: 31**

The debate over gays in the military has been settled with a historic decision to allow them to serve openly, but big questions lie ahead about how and when the change will take place, how troops will accept it and whether it will hamper the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan and Iraq. President Barack Obama is expected to sign into law this week the legislation that passed the Senate on Saturday, an act some believe will carry social implications as profound as President Harry S. Truman's 1948 executive order on racial equality in the military. Washington is also gearing up for an epic showdown on the other side of the federal ledger: spending. U.S. Senate leaders have reached a compromise on short-term funding that would keep the government running through March 4, Majority Leader Harry Reid said Sunday. A final vote will likely come on Tuesday.

IMMIGRATION STUDENT**VO: 25**

Emboldened by months of phone calls to lawmakers, hunger strikes and sit-ins, a group of college students and graduates in Los Angeles say they plan to take their fight for immigrant rights to the states and the 2012 election after Senate Republicans blocked a key piece of legislation. But it won't be easy. The Senate vote Saturday to toss the proposal that would have granted young illegal immigrants a route to legal status dealt a harsh blow to student activists who will face an even steeper uphill battle in the next Congress.

CONGRESS ATTACKS HEALTH**VO: 23**

A group of 9/11 responders plans to gather outside the White House on Tuesday to urge President Barack Obama to get involved in the fight to pass a bill to help people who became sick after working in the World Trade Center dust. Backers of a bill in Congress say they're optimistic the Senate will approve the measure before the lame-duck session ends. Gillibrand and Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York are offering a less-costly alternative to the original bill, saying they believe it will gain needed support from the GOP. They say the Senate is expected to consider the new bill once they finish dealing with the U.S.-Russia treaty on nuclear weapons.

CONGRESS FOOD SAFETY

VO: 23

The Senate passed a sweeping bill to make food safer, sending it to the House in the waning days of Congress. The bill would place stricter standards on imported foods and require larger producers to follow tougher rules for keeping food safe. The legislation has enjoyed bipartisan support, and supporters say passage is crucial in the wake of E. coli and salmonella outbreaks in peanuts, eggs and produce. Recent domestic outbreaks of E. coli and salmonella have exposed a lack of resources and authority at the Food and Drug Administration as the embattled agency struggled to contain and trace the contaminated products. The agency rarely inspects many food facilities and farms, visiting some every decade or so and others not at all. The bill would emphasize prevention so the agency could try to stop outbreaks before they begin. Farmers and food processors would have to tell the FDA how they are working to keep their food safe at different stages of production.

CHILDRENS STUDY

VO: 24

A study says nearly one million kids in the United States live in areas with no local children's doctor. The problem isn't the overall number of children's doctors, but rather, where they are located. Some wealthy areas are oversaturated with pediatricians and family doctors. Other parts of the nation have few or none. By moving doctors, the study suggests, it would be possible for every child to have a pediatrician or family physician nearby. Mississippi had the highest proportion of children, 42 percent, in

low-supply regions, defined as areas with more than 3,000 children per children's doctor. Next were Arkansas, Oklahoma, Maine and Idaho.

MEDICAID CUTS

LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Across the country, state lawmakers have taken harsh actions to try to rein in the budget-busting costs of the health care program that serves 58 million poor and disabled Americans. Some states have cut payments to doctors, paid bills late and trimmed benefits such as insulin pumps, obesity surgery and hospice care. In California, Medicaid no longer pays for many adult dental services. But it still pays for extractions, that is, tooth-pulling. The unintended consequence: Medicaid patients tell dentists to pull teeth that could be saved. "The roots are fine. The tooth could be saved with a root canal," said Dr. Nagaraj Murthy, who practices in Compton, Calif. "I had a patient yesterday. I said we could do a root canal. He said, `No, it's hurting. Go ahead and pull it. I don't have the money.'" Murthy recently pulled an elderly woman's last tooth, but Medicaid no longer pays for dentures. "Elderly patients suffer the most," Murthy said. "They're walking around with no teeth." ...

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CENSUS 2010 TODAY

VO 0:29 & INTERVIEWS RAUL CISNEROS - CHIEF OF THE 2010 CENSUS OFFICE AND ARNOLDO TORRES POLITICAL ANALIST

Republican-leaning states will pick up a half dozen House seats thanks to the 2010 census, which found the nation's population growing more slowly than in past decades but still shifting to the South and West. The Census Bureau announced Tuesday that the nation's population on April 1 was 308,745,538, up from 281.4 million a decade ago. The growth rate for the past decade was 9.7 percent, a slower pace than the 13.2 percent population increase from 1990 to 2000.

DEATH PENALTY

VO 0:25

The number of executions in the United States dropped 12 percent in 2010, and the number of people sentenced to die is nearing historic lows, a report from an anti-capital punishment group says. The Death Penalty Information

Center attributed the reductions to changing attitudes toward capital punishment, but acknowledged there have also been problems with the availability of chemicals used in lethal injections.

HOLDER TERRORISM

VO 0:21

Attorney General Eric Holder says he's worried about terrorist attacks on the U.S. by Americans. And high on his list of concerns is the threat posed by anti-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, a U.S. citizen believed to be hiding in Yemen. Holder says al-Awlaki has a familiarity with the U.S. that terrorists usually lack. He says he puts him on the list of people who worry him the most, along with al-Qaida head Osama bin Laden, but adds, "Whether he's one, two, three, four, I don't know." In an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America," Holder said the terrorism threat is real and constant. He says he's concerned that the authorities may have missed a signal that an attack is coming.

AIDS SCREENING

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Expanding screening for the AIDS virus to include every American at least once and the highest-risk people once a year could prevent more than 80,000 infections over the next 20 years, researchers projected on Monday. And if treatment for infected people were integrated into such a program, it would prevent an estimated 212,000 new infections, the team at Yale University in Connecticut and Stanford University in California reported.

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OBAMA DON'T ASK DON'T TELL

VO 0:21

President Barack Obama has signed a landmark law repealing the ban on gay men and women serving openly in the armed services this morning. Declaring: "This is a good day," Obama said the new law means members of the military will no longer be asked to lie. The service chiefs must complete implementation plans before lifting the old policy and certify that it won't damage combat readiness

CONGRESS RESHAPING BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ

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The census figures show a shift affecting 18 states taking effect when the 113th Congress takes office in 2013. The political power follows the high population growth, shifting toward the south and west and away from the industrial Midwest and northeast. Four seats were gained in Texas and two in Florida. Meanwhile Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, South Carolina, Utah and Washington are all picking up one new U.S. House seat. Ohio and New York will lose two House seats each. Losing one House seat are Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

CHOCOLATE AND COUGH

VO 0:27

Cocoa products that have increasingly made the news for their multiple health benefits ranging from cardiovascular disease to cancer and other medical conditions may also be a handy cure for persistent cough, claims a new study. The traditional treatment for unrelenting coughing has been opiate-based medicines such as syrups with codeine which tend to make one sleepy and impaired. According to researchers, there is an ingredient found in dark chocolate called theobromine that is as or even more effective than cough syrup containing codeine in getting rid of coughing fit.

FOOD SAFETY

VO 0:25

The House passed a measure to overhaul the nation's food-safety laws by a vote of 215 to 144, and President Obama is expected to sign it into law. The vote marked the final hurdle for a bill that cleared an unusual number of obstacles, despite enjoying bipartisan support and backing from a wide array of groups across the political spectrum, from the Consumers Union to the Chamber of Commerce.

CONGRESS 9/11 BILL

VO 0:22

The Senate is headed for a key test vote on a bill that would provide up \$6.2 billion to aid people who became sick after being exposed to toxins at the World Trade Center ruins. Bill supporters say they're confident they have the 60 votes needed to prevail on the vote expected Wednesday. But they worry that Republicans who oppose the measure could try to stall a

final vote as the holidays near and Congress' lame duck session winds down. The bill would provide medical and economic benefits over 10 years to survivors and responders to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It also would have to be approved by the House. New York lawmakers are pressing the House to remain in session for the vote.

POOR CLASS GROWS

VO 0:24

Nearly one in three working families in the United States are struggling to meet their most basic needs, according to a new analysis of US Census data by the Working Poor Families Project. Between 2007 and 2009, the share of working families that were low-income-earning less than 200 percent of the official threshold-increased from 28 percent to 30 percent. The ranks of the working poor swelled by another 1.7 million as corporations used the economic downturn to wipe out full-time positions and force ever-larger numbers of workers to take part-time, temporary and low-paying jobs.

NATION ON ALERT

LOURDES DEL RIO

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Terrorists are a constant threat, but it is the ones born and raised in America the nation should fear most. This dire warning comes from Attorney General Eric Holder, who said on Tuesday the United States' deepest threat is homegrown jihadists willing to attack their own country. In the past two years, 50 of the 126 people indicted on terrorism-related charges were American citizens, he said. There is also Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical Muslim cleric born in New Mexico who has become one of Al Qaeda's most influential leaders.

ALZHEIMER TESTING

VO 0:24

UK experts say they may have found a way to check for Alzheimer's years before symptoms appear. A lumbar puncture test combined with a brain scan can identify patients with early tell-tale signs of dementia, they believe. Ultimately, doctors could use this to select patients to try out drugs that may slow or halt the disease. Currently there is no single test or cure for dementia, a condition that affects over 800,000 people in the UK. Experts are working hard to find treatments that prevent the disease or at least slow its progression.

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CONGRESS ADJOURNS

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The lame duck Congress is history. The Senate followed the House out of session just after 8 p.m. Wednesday, bringing to a close one of the most productive congresses in history. Health care and financial regulatory reform, the repeal of the military's ban on gays serving openly and the Senate's ratification of a nuclear arms treaty with Russia all won approval. The White House and Senate Republicans also struck a deal to extend Bush-era tax cuts for Americans of every income level. When Congress reconvenes Jan. 5, Republicans will be in charge of the House and hold more seats in the Senate.

CONGRESS: IMMIGRATION BILL

VO: 24

President Obama said Wednesday that he will persist in pushing a bill to legalize some illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children. But passing the DREAM Act, and any other immigration legislation, will become much harder when the new Congress convenes in January, advocates on both sides predict. When Republican take over the House of Representatives and Democrats lose six seats in the Senate, bills that crack down on illegal immigration will find new life, and those that help legalize any of the country's 11 million illegal immigrants will struggle.

GAYS IN MILITARY

VO: 29

He's won a repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" in Congress. And President Barack Obama is encouraging gays who've been kicked out of the military because of their sexual orientation to try to re-enlist. But at the same time, Obama says his position on another gay rights issue is "constantly evolving. He told reporters today that the question of gay marriages -- which he has opposed -- is one that he will "continue to wrestle with. Obama today signed a landmark law ordering America's armed services to let gay men and women serve openly for the first time.

JOBLESS CLAIM

VO: 19

Fewer people applied for unemployment benefits last week, the second drop in three weeks. The decline was small -- applications dropped by 3,000 to 420,000 -- but the downward trend is a sign that the job market is slowly healing.

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AIRPORT SECURITY-ALERT

VO: 21

U.S. authorities are warning air travelers to expect greater scrutiny of thermoses and other insulated drink containers at security checkpoints after intelligence suggested they could be used to hide explosives. There is "no information related to any specific or imminent threat," Ann Davis, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration, told Reuters on Friday. A notice on the TSA's website warned about the possibility that explosives might be hidden inside the beverage containers and said the warning was "based on intelligence."

PLACEBOS WORK, EVEN WHEN PATIENTS ARE IN THE KNOW, STUDY FINDS

VO: 32

Researchers have good news for people who suffer from irritable bowel syndrome or colon irritable. Scientists at the university of harvard, conducted a study among at least 80 people suffering from this disease half were given a bottle with the word "placebo", and they said they were as sugar pills another not give them anything. End of study, 59 percent of patients who took the "placebo", said their symptoms had eased properly apparently the deception had its effect.

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IMMIGRATION NEW YEAR

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The end of the year means a turnover of House control from Democratic to Republican and, with it, Congress' approach to immigration. In a matter of weeks, Congress will go from trying to help young, illegal immigrants become legal to debating whether children born to parents who are in the country illegally should continue to enjoy automatic U.S. citizenship. Such a

hardened approach -- and the rhetoric certain to accompany it -- should resonate with the GOP faithful who helped swing the House in Republicans' favor. Legislation to test interpretations of the 14th Amendment as granting citizenship to children of illegal immigrants will emerge early next session. That is likely to be followed by attempts to force employers to use a still-developing web system, dubbed E-Verify, to check that all of their employees are in the U.S. legally.

CHOLESTEROL AND HEART ATTACKS

VO:25

People who are hospitalized after a heart attack often aren't getting the kind of intensive cholesterol-lowering drugs that could save their lives, a new study suggests. Evidence has shown that after suffering a heart attack, patients are less likely to have another if they start "intensive" therapy with cholesterol-lowering statin drugs. National cholesterol guidelines generally recommend that people who have survived a heart attack be placed on intensive lipid-lowering therapy that uses high doses of certain statins, or a statin combined with ezetimibe (Zetia), to aggressively lower so-called bad cholesterol and raise the "good" version. But those guidelines are often not followed, according to data from more than 65,000 patients treated at hospitals in the U.S.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

VO: 28

Emotional intelligence -- the ability to assess and control one's emotions -- increases with age and peaks around the age of 60, U.S. researchers found. Researchers led by Robert Levenson of the University of California, Berkeley, found people age 60 and older are better able to see the positive side of a stressful situation and more likely to empathize with others. The study, published in *Psychology and Aging*, found older study participants more often used "positive reappraisal" -- a coping mechanism drawing heavily on life experience and lessons learned. Younger and middle-aged participants usually used "detached appraisal" -- coping by adopting an objective, unemotional attitude. Since emotional intelligence is important at any age, the researchers suggest those in their 60s should enjoy an advantage in the workplace and in personal relationships.

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RETIREMENT CRISIS

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Many baby boomers are facing a personal finance disaster just as they're hoping to retire. Starting in January, more than 10,000 baby boomers a day will turn 65 and that pattern will continue for the next 19 years. Olivia Mitchell of the University of Pennsylvania calls the situation "extremely serious." She says baby boomers "have not saved very effectively for retirement and are still retiring too early." There are a number of problems facing the boomers. The traditional pension plan is disappearing and many stock plans have been posting low returns. Also, many boomers who had banked on their homes are finding the crash in housing prices has slashed the value of their home. There are other signs of coming trouble: Many boomers have too high a mortgage debt; Others are receiving less Social Security money because of early retirement; And health care expenses continue to soar.

OBAMA ECONOMIST

VO: 26

President Barack Obama is expected to announce his choice for top economic adviser after he returns from his Hawaiian vacation next week. It's a decision that could signal a new direction for the administration as it struggles to jumpstart the economy and wrestle down unemployment. Potential candidates include investment banker Roger Altman, Yale President Richard Levin, Treasury Department deficit hawk Gene Sperling and National Economic Council deputy director Jason Furman.

IMPLANT FOR SLEEP APNEA

VO: 29

People who suffer from severe snoring may soon be in luck as researchers are looking into a pacemaker implant that will not only stop snoring, but will also battle sleep apnea in the process. Sleep apnea is something that is developed for those who have a lot of problems in regards to their sleep.

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NEW CONGRESS IN 1 WEEK

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The new year will bring a lot of new faces to the first session of the 112th Congress as Republicans take control of the House and increase their number in the Senate. But a lot of old faces will remain. Two of the most recognizable in the House, Nancy Pelosi and John Boehner (BAY'-nur), are switching jobs. Boehner will become the new Speaker of the House, and Pelosi will likely take over as the minority leader.

GULF OIL SPILL COSTS

VO: 23

As the Gulf oil spill gushed out of control, BP's financial liabilities seemed big enough to sink the company. No more. Cleanup, government fines, lawsuits, legal fees and damage claims will likely exceed the \$40 billion that BP has publicly estimated, according to an Associated Press analysis. But they'll be far below the highest estimates made over the summer by legal experts and prominent Wall Street banks, such as Goldman Sachs, which said costs could near \$200 billion. BP will survive the worst oil spill in U.S. history for several key reasons: it has little debt; its global businesses are forecast to generate \$26 billion next year in cash flow from operations; the environmental impact of the spill isn't as bad as feared; and the government seems unlikely to ban BP from Gulf drilling. To bolster its finances, BP has cut its dividend, issued debt and sold more than \$21 billion in assets.

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U.S. DEPORTS RECORD NUMBER OF MIGRANTS IN 2010

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A record number of immigrants were deported from the United States in 2010 and the year also has been marked by the expansion of the Secure Communities program of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which identifies imprisoned undocumented foreigners. During Fiscal Year 2010, ICE deported 392,862 undocumented foreigners, of whom more than 195,000 were convicted criminals, an increase of more than 23,000 deportations including 81,000 people with criminal records - compared with 2008. In 2009, deportations totaled 389,834 and the goal for 2011 is 404,000.

STATES COULD FOLLOW ARIZONA ON IMMIGRATION

VO: 24

Because Congress was unable to pass any kind of immigration legislation this year and the prospects remain dim when the new Congress is sworn in next month, state legislatures will continue to lead the charge on immigration policy in the new year. For many states, that could mean a crackdown on illegal immigration that mirrors the Arizona law that passed in April and reignited a national immigration debate. After Republicans made huge gains in statehouses and governor's mansions in the November election, as many as seven states are "likely" to pass an Arizona-style law next year, according to a study by the National Immigration Forum, which opposes such legislation.

PROSTATE CANCER RISK / LONG FINGERS AND CANCER

VO: 22

A new study shows that men who have a longer ring finger could be more likely to have prostate cancer. The study-- out of Britain-- also found that if the index finger was longer, the men were 33-percent less likely to get prostate cancer. One theory is-- in some cases-- men with prostate cancer have more testosterone in their bodies. Normally if men have higher testosterone their mothers do too. So the theory is that when a mom has more testosterone-- those babies have ring fingers that are longer. But no matter what length your fingers are, it's important to discuss prostate screening with your doctor.

MORE JOBS FOR 2011

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC

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A new CareerBuilder survey finds that more employers plan to add full-time workers in 2011 compared to 2010. The survey found that new hiring is more likely "in technology and revenue-producing fields." "More than half of employers reported they are in a better financial position today than they were one year ago," Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder, said in the survey statement. "2011 will usher in a healthier employment picture as business leaders grow more confident in the economy. Our survey indicates more jobs will be added in 2011 than 2010, but job creation will remain gradual. The year will be characterized by steady, measured gains across various industries." The hiring outlook is different by geographic region, with the West having the best outlook and the Midwest and South having the lowest percentage hiring expectation. According to the survey,

26% of hiring managers in the West reported they plan to add full-time, permanent headcount followed by 24% in the Northeast and 23% in the Midwest and South. Plans to downsize staffs are trending below the last two years, with 8% of employers in the South expecting to decrease headcount followed by 7% in the Northeast, Midwest and West. Harris Interactive conducted the survey for CareerBuilder from Nov. 15 to Dec. 2, 2010, with input from more than 2,400 hiring managers and human resource professionals across industries and company sizes.

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KATRINA END OF TRAILERS

VO: 34

The era of the FEMA trailer -- a symbol of the prolonged rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina -- might be drawing to a close in New Orleans. Citing the remaining 221 trailers as blight, New Orleans officials have told the last remaining residents to be out by the start of 2011 or face steep fines. New Orleans once had more than 23,000 FEMA trailers, and for many people still living in them, they are akin to permanent homes. These residents say they will find it hard to make the city's deadline.

MEDICARE FINANCES STUDY

VO: 31

An updated analysis of the financial stability of the Medicare program shows that what people pay into the system doesn't come close to covering the full value of the medical care they can expect to receive as retirees. The new program estimates by economists with the Urban Institute think tank illustrate a disconnect between people's perceptions about Medicare and the hard numbers that document the system's shaky finances. Many workers may believe their Medicare payroll taxes are going for their own insurance after they retire. But the money they contribute actually is used to pay the bills of seniors currently on the program.

YOUNG MOTHERS

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A study showed that the rate of teens giving birth in U.S. reached its lowest level in almost 70 years ...however, in the international context the number is worrisome because the index of young pregnancy is quite a lot more than in other countries. The number of pregnancies among mothers is a concern ,

because it involves several drawbacks, as higher rates of school dropouts, as well as possible and other health problems

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