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TAXES/ CONGRESS

LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC

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Liberals in the U.S. House of Representatives pressed their case against extending Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, seeking a meeting with Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi on the issue. Lawmakers returned to the Capitol on Monday in a "lame duck" session after Democrats were routed in the Nov. 2 elections, with time short to enact a 2011 budget and a New Year's Eve deadline on whether to extend tax cuts enacted under former President George W. Bush. The parties agree on an extension of lower rates for individuals earning less than \$200,000 but disagree whether to extend those rates for the highest earners. Republicans say the economy cannot stomach higher taxes; Democrats say the nation cannot afford the cost of lower rates for the wealthiest taxpayers.

WHITE HOUSE IMMIGRATION REFORM

VO: 23

Community And Political Leaders From New York Are Sending A Letter To The President Barack Obama.starts Saying: "Dear Mr. President, As A Candidate You Promise An Immigration Reform. . But Two Years Later, That Promise Has Not Been Met."is Part Of A Campaign Called "With A Pen" Which Is To Send The President, As Well As Letters ... Pens Or Pencils For Symbolic Sign Of An Immigration Reform Proposal.

WALMART MEDICARE

VO: 36

Health care experts are saying that a new Medicare drug plan with the lowest upfront cost in the country may not be for everyone. Medicare's open enrollment season just started, and the plan from insurer Humana and retail giant Walmart is getting attention. At \$14.80, its monthly premium is the lowest of any national plan, about half the average. And Humana and

Walmart are advertising savings of more than \$450 a year for the typical Medicare recipient.

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REID TAXES

VO: 22

The top Democrat in the U.S. Senate said Tuesday he was willing to consider a temporary tax cut extension for all income levels, a step that could pave the way for a possible deal with Republicans on Bush-era tax cuts. Many leading Democrats like Reid previously opposed continuing tax cuts for the wealthiest, while they want a permanent extension of existing tax cuts for those individuals making \$200,000 or less annually. Reid and his fellow Democrats will hold a second day of closed meetings Wednesday to talk about upcoming legislation. While agreeing to look at extending all current tax cuts, Reid said he personally opposed the idea.

PREMATURE BIRTH

VO :28

For the first time in 30 years, the rate of premature births in the U.S. is down. The March of Dimes says 12.3 percent of births in 2008 were premature compared to 12.8 percent in 2006. President Dr. Jennifer Howse calls that "very welcome news," although that rate is still far above the government's goal of 7.6 percent. The March of Dimes credits the improvement to a clamp down on doctors and hospitals that were scheduling elective deliveries -- including inductions or first-time C-sections -- too soon. Guidelines discourage such deliveries until 39 weeks of pregnancy.

ERRORS KILL 15,000 AGED PATIENTS A MONTH

VO :22

Mistakes and unavoidable problems kill an estimated 15,000 elderly U.S. patients every month in hospitals, U.S. government investigators reported on Tuesday. More than 13 percent of patients covered by Medicare, the government health insurance for the elderly, or about 134,000 people monthly have some sort of so-called adverse event each month. These include mistakes such as surgical errors or sometimes unavoidable

problems such as an infection spread in the hospital, or patients having their blood sugar fall to unusually low levels.

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"DREAM ACT" ARREST

VO :26

Six illegal immigrants, including a Cal State San Bernardino student and a graduate of UC Riverside, staged a sit-in Wednesday at John McCain's Washington office to get the Arizona senator's commitment to a path-to-citizenship proposal he has supported in the past. Police arrested four of the protesters for refusing to leave after a brief conversation in which McCain did not acknowledge previously supporting the DREAM Act, which offers citizenship to certain youths who serve in the military or graduate from college. The foursome, which does not include the Cal State student, potentially face deportation. Similar protests have led to arrests but not deportation.

USA CONGRESS

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

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Republicans in the House of Representatives Wednesday formally made John Boehner their pick to lead the chamber when they take control of it from President Barack Obama's Democrats on Jan. 5. Boehner is virtually certain to be elected speaker by the full House on that day, replacing Democrat Nancy Pelosi and making him the face of Republican opposition to Obama. House Democrats decided Wednesday to keep Pelosi as their leader next year, electing her as incoming minority leader. Rejecting complaints that Pelosi was to blame for them losing control of the chamber, Democrats elected her minority leader 150-43, defeating her only challenger, moderate Representative Heath Shuler.

"DONT ASK DONT TELL"

VO : 26

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says he will call for a vote after Thanksgiving on legislation that would allow gays to serve openly in the military. His announcement yesterday makes good on his pre-election promise to resurrect the bill during the lame-duck session. But it remains

uncertain whether the legislation would have enough votes to pass. Several leading Republicans, including Sen. John McCain, say they oppose repealing the 1993 law known as "don't ask, don't tell."

DECLINING MARRIAGE

VO: 25

A new report suggests that more people are accepting the view that marriage isn't necessary to have a family. The Pew Research Center finds that nearly one in three American children under 18 is living with a parent or parents who are unwed or no longer married. That's a fivefold increase from 1960. About 39 percent of Americans surveyed say marriage is becoming obsolete. U.S. census data released in September showed marriages hit an all-time low of 52 percent for adults 18 and over. In 1978, just 28 percent believed marriage was becoming obsolete.

NEW DATA SHOWS TOY RECALLS DECLINING, TOY INJURIES INCREASING

CPSC RELEASES TOP THREE TIPS FOR A SAFER HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPING AND PLAYING EXPERIENCE

ARLENE FLECHA. ATLANTA, GEORGIA

INTERVIEW 3:00

As the holidays approach and toy catalogs begin to arrive in the mail, toy shoppers can become overwhelmed with all the choices. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) wants parents and consumers to know that safeguards put in place in recent years are making a positive impact and helping to restore confidence in the safety of toys in the marketplace. The new toy safeguards include: establishing the lowest lead content and lead paint limits in the world; setting limits on the use of certain phthalates; converting the voluntary toy standard into a mandatory standard; and working with Customs and Border Protection data systems to track shipments as they are in transit from other countries thereby increasing our effectiveness in discovering dangerous products at U.S. ports.

FDA WARNS MAKERS OF CAFFEINATED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

VO :25

U.S. regulators warned makers of caffeinated alcoholic drinks that their products are unsafe and violate federal laws, following a public outcry and several state bans. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration sent warning letters on Wednesday to four firms -- Phusion Projects LLC, United Brands

Co, New Century Brewing Co and Charge Beverages -- charging that seven of their drinks combining alcohol and caffeine were unsafe.

**DRUG SHOWS PROMISE IN BOOSTING 'GOOD' CHOLESTEROL
VO :16**

A medication under development dramatically raises good cholesterol, reduces bad cholesterol and, so far, appears safe, researchers reported Wednesday. The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, is a key step toward development of a drug that boosts HDL cholesterol. Studies have shown that people who have naturally high HDL levels are at lower risk for heart disease, and cardiologists have long sought a strategy to raise HDL cholesterol in those whose levels are low. The goal has not been easy, however. A previous drug intended to do the same thing was yanked from the research pipeline in 2006 because of dangerous side effects.

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**WALL STREET AND GM STOCK MARKET
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General Motors stock began trading on Wall Street again Thursday, signaling the rebirth of an American corporate icon that collapsed into bankruptcy and was rescued with a \$50 billion infusion from taxpayers. The stock rose sharply in its first minutes of buying and selling, going for nearly \$36 per share -- almost \$3 more than the price GM set for the initial public offering. The stock pulled back slightly by early afternoon. It had traded for less than a dollar when the old company filed for bankruptcy last year.

**CHARLES RANGEL SENTENCING
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC**

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The House ethics committee's chief counsel recommended Thursday that veteran Rep. Charles Rangel be censured for financial and fundraising misconduct as lawmakers neared closure on an embarrassing 2 1/2-year-long scandal. Chief counsel Blake Chisam called for the punishment

despite the veteran New York congressman's plea, in a prepared statement in advance of the hearing, for "a drop of fairness and mercy.

HOUSE FAILS TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

VO :25

The House failed Thursday to pass a bill that would have given the unemployed three more months to file for extended jobless benefits. The legislation would have extended the deadline to file for federal unemployment benefits to Feb. 28, sparing 4 million people from falling off the rolls. The deadline is currently Nov. 30. Federal jobless payments, which last up to 73 weeks, kick in after the state-funded 26 weeks of coverage expire. These federal benefits are divided into tiers, and the jobless must apply each time they move into a new tier. Congress has extended the deadline to file those applications four times in the past year. The last jobless benefits extension -- which lasted six months and cost \$34 billion -- faced a lot of opposition on deficit conscious Capitol Hill before it finally passed in mid-July.

A&M STUDENT LEADER VETO STANDS OVER IMMIGRANT FEES

VO :28

The Texas A&M Student Senate has rejected a bill that criticized the system of allowing illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition. The Student Senate earlier this month endorsed a bill that condemned allowing illegal immigrants to pay the same tuition rates as Texans. The measure was vetoed by student body president Jacob Robinson, who says the Student Senate is meant for the betterment of each student. Backers of the plan failed Wednesday night to secure two-thirds of the Student Senate vote to override Robinson's veto, with the final vote 34-25. The bill would have represented the official stance of the A&M student body, but it had no standing on the tuition policy. In-state tuition at A&M costs about \$5,200 a year, compared to out-of-state tuition at about \$19,600.

BLOOMBERG PROPOSES LAYOFFS, BUDGET CUTS

VO :50

Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced widespread budget cuts and layoffs, slashing \$1.6 billion in funding affecting everything from night shifts in firehouses to days of service in libraries. The cuts come as the city is struggling with a \$3.3 billion deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. That deficit would be reduced to \$2.4 million with the mayor's proposed cuts. The reduced funding includes \$585 million in the current

fiscal year and \$1 billion for fiscal year 2012. The cuts include nearly 900 layoffs this fiscal year and 5,312 in the next fiscal year. Additionally, the city intends to cut 1,213 jobs through attrition this year and nearly 3,000 jobs next fiscal year.

AIRPORTS CONSIDER CONGRESSMAN'S CALL TO DITCH TSA

VO :22

In a climate of Internet campaigns to shun airport pat-downs and veteran pilots suing over their treatment by government screeners, some airports are considering another way to show dissatisfaction: Ditching TSA agents altogether. Federal law allows airports to opt for screeners from the private sector instead. The push is being led by a powerful Florida congressman who's a longtime critic of the Transportation Security Administration and counts among his campaign contributors some of the companies who might take the TSA's place. Furor over airline passenger checks has grown as more airports have installed scanners that produce digital images of the body's contours, and the anger intensified when TSA added a more intrusive style of pat-down recently for those who opt out of the full-body scans. Some travelers are using the Internet to organize protests aimed at the busy travel days next week surrounding Thanksgiving.

MEDICARE CUTS

VO :50

The Senate has voted to delay a massive cut in Medicare pay for doctors, agreeing to keep current pay levels until Dec. 31. If the House goes along, Congress would stave off a 23 percent cut in doctors' pay scheduled to take effect Dec. 1. It's hoped the delay will buy enough time to negotiate a one year reprieve before the current session ends. The cost of the one-month postponement, \$1 billion over 10 years, will be paid for by changes in Medicare reimbursement for outpatient therapy services. The Senate's voice-vote approval came after an agreement on the one-month postponement was announced earlier in the day. Doctors have been threatening to stop taking new Medicare patients if the cut went through, and experts warned that the situation would undermine the health care program for 46 million elderly and disabled.

"DIA CONTRA EL ROBO DE SALARIOS"

CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ AND JOSE RODRIGUEZ

INTERVIEW 3:00

Miami-Dade County Commissioner will declare Nov. 18, 2010 a Day Against Wage Theft in Miami-Dade County - part of a national effort in over 50 cities across the country. The Research Institute for Social and Economic Policy at Florida International University (RISEP-FIU) issued a report that focuses on the impact of wage theft in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. The RISEP report documents almost 3,700 wage theft violations from August 2006 through August 2010 in the two counties, with over 1,600 violations from 2008 through 2010 in the accommodation, food services, construction, health care and social assistance industries.

BERNANKE UPDATE

VO :23

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is seeking to defuse rising criticism of the Fed's \$600 billion bond-purchase plan by arguing that it's needed to bolster the economy and reduce unemployment. But he warns the Fed's program can't succeed on its own. The Fed chief makes his most forceful case to date that Congress also must provide more stimulus aid. Without it, he says high unemployment could persist for years. In making that argument, Bernanke risks heightening complaints that he's plunging the Fed into partisan politics.

TOYOTA LAWSUITS

VO :23

A federal judge in California will consider a motion by Toyota Motor Corp. to dismiss lawsuits that claim there are sudden acceleration defects in its cars. Friday's hearing will focus on the automaker's request to have U.S. District Judge James Selna throw out some of the hundreds of lawsuits filed since the company starting recalling millions of vehicles. Toyota argues the plaintiffs have been unable to prove that a design defect, namely its electronic throttle control system, is responsible for sudden acceleration problems. The lawsuits, consolidated and assigned to Selna, seek compensation for injury and death due to sudden acceleration, while others claim economic loss from owners who say the value of their cars and trucks plummeted after the recalls.

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COLD MEDICINE

VO: 34

Government research finds a big drop in emergency room visits now that cough and cold medicines for very young children have been removed from store shelves. But the study in the journal Pediatrics Monday presents a mixed bag. Some parents are still giving their infants and toddlers these medicines and many ER cases still involve youngsters who apparently got hold of the medications themselves and had bad reactions.

AIRPORT SECURITY**VO: 28**

The head of the agency responsible for airport security says that while no changes are imminent, the Transportation Security Administration will work to make passenger screening methods "as minimally invasive as possible." Facing protests from travelers and pressure from the White House, TSA head John Pistole said in a statement Sunday that, as in all nationwide security programs, "there is a continual process of refinement and adjustment to ensure that best practices are applied." The statement came just hours after Pistole, in a TV interview, said that while the full-body scans and pat-downs could be intrusive and uncomfortable, the high threat level required their use. In the TV appearance, Pistole appeared to shrug off statements by President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that the TSA would look for ways to alter screening techniques that some passengers say are invasions of privacy.

DREAM ACT WOULD ALLOW ILLEGALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS TO GAIN RESIDENCY,**VO:29**

For His Part, Sen. Jeff Session Of Alabama, Declared His Opposition To The Dream Act, Saying That it Would Prevent Deport Any Illegal Immigrant Who Have A Pending Application, Regardless Of Your Criminal Record And Offer Amnesty To Anyone With Crimes, Including Driving While Intoxicated.he Said The Bill Gives Amnesty To Millions Of Undocumented, Including Some That Have Committed Serious Crimes, Encouraging The Illegality And Discourages The Development Of Migration Policy Fair And Responsible.

U.S. GAS PRICES UP NEARLY A NICKEL HEADING INTO HOLIDAYS**VO: 31**

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, U.S. gas prices are up nearly a nickel to the highest price since early May, according to a new survey of filling

stations. The latest Lundberg Survey of cities in the continental United States was conducted Friday. It showed the national average for a price of self-serve unleaded gasoline at \$2.87, an increase of 4.5 cents from the last survey two weeks earlier, survey publisher Trilby Lundberg said. That's the highest price since May 7, when the national average per gallon was \$2.92, Lundberg said. However, this price hike may be the last for the near future, as oil prices have declined in recent days to about the same level as a month ago

ALZHEIMER'S EXACTS A HEAVY TOLL AMONG LATINOS

VO: 26

An Alarming News, The Association Of Alzheimer Research said that Many Hispanics Tend To Suffer From This Condition Almost Seven Years Earlier Than Whites, Something That Says Organization As A Health Crisis That Has Not Been Recognized ...experts Say That Is Because Hispanics Are Average, Poor Access To Health Insurance, Low Education And Income, And Higher Rates Of High Pressure And Diabetes.

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OBAMA AUTO RECOVERY

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President Barack Obama is promoting the auto industry's successes, but the message has been overwhelmed by the weak state of the economy. Last week the president claimed vindication after General Motors' giant public stock offering. On Tuesday, he and Vice President Joe Biden are visiting a Chrysler auto plant in Kokomo, Ind. Both companies received massive bailouts from the government that saved them from liquidation.

ECONOMY

VO: 24

A slight upward revision of third quarter economic performance expected Tuesday isn't likely to be enough to bring relief to millions of unemployed Americans. Analysts predict the Commerce Department's second estimate for third-quarter growth will show a 2.3 percent expansion rate, compared to an initial 2 percent estimate. Stronger U.S. exports and greater spending by businesses to replenish their stockpiles are the reasons analysts expect an upward revision.

AIRPORT PAT-DOWNS: TSA SAYS IT CAN FINE YOU FOR BACKING OUT

VO: 29

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) says it can fine individuals up to \$11,000 for walking away from the airport security process. But will it? People in government say the fine is mostly a deterrent so that terrorists cannot back out of a security check once it starts. The TSA said it has yet to fine a traveler for not completing the screening process, though it has levied civil penalties against passengers who have brought dangerous items to the security checkpoint. While TSA has the legal authority to levy a civil penalty of up to \$11,000 for individuals who choose not to complete the screening process, each case is determined on the individual circumstances of the situation," said Greg Soule, a spokesperson for the Transportation Security Administration. Congress transferred the enforcement of civil aviation security to the TSA from the Federal Aviation Administration in November 2001, after the September 11 attacks.

AIDS PREVENTION PILL

VO: 26

A pill used to treat the AIDS virus also helped prevent it in a study of 2,500 gay men who were also given condoms, counseling and other prevention help. The risk of HIV infection was cut by more than 40 percent among those who took the daily pill Truvada. Men who took it most consistently had more than a 70 percent lower risk of infection.

U.S. HEALTH INSURERS GET FINAL SPENDING RULES

VO: 19

New U.S. health insurance spending rules aimed at ensuring more customer dollars go toward medical care were finalized on Monday, ending a source of uncertainty for investors in the sector and boosting industry shares. Although the limits are mandated in the new healthcare law, insurers such as Aetna Inc <AET.N> and WellPoint Inc did win some concessions from the U.S. government surrounding implementation of the rules and analysts saw the outcome as a positive for health insurers.

MUSIC-BASED EXERCISE CLASS CUTS SENIORS' FALL RISK

VO: 16

Exercises that combine music and rhythmic movement may help curb the rate of falls among older adults at increased risk, a study published Monday suggests. Swiss researchers found that a form of music/movement education known as Dalcroze eurhythmics seemed to improve balance and walking ability among 134 older adults who were at increased risk of falls due to frailty, balance problems or a history of falls.

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FED LOWERS ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS FOR 2011

VO: 20

Unemployment is set to remain higher for longer than previously thought, according to new projections from the Federal Reserve that would mean more than 10 million Americans remain jobless through the 2012 elections - even as a separate report shows corporate profits reaching their highest levels ever. Top Federal Reserve officials project that the unemployment rate, now 9.6 percent, will fall only to about 9 percent at the end of 2011 and about 8 percent when the next presidential election arrives, in late 2012. The central bankers had envisioned a more rapid decline in joblessness in their previous forecasts, prepared in June. The sober economic forecast comes despite signs that the recovery is picking up slightly. The Commerce Department said Tuesday that gross domestic product rose at a 2.5 percent annual rate in the three months ending in September, not 2 percent as earlier estimated.

CONSUMERS DEBT

VO: 22

Debt isn't stressing people as much as it had been, but consumers remain gun-shy about embarking on a big holiday spending spree. An Associated Press-GfK Poll also suggests Americans are more disciplined about using their credit cards. Deep into a stubbornly harsh economic downturn, more people than last year say they pay off their balances right away. Fewer say they make credit card purchases if they lack enough money at the time. Fifty-nine percent said they feel little or no stress from their family's debt from mortgages, credit cards and other loans.

COLOR CODES THREATS

VO: 25

The Homeland Security Department is proposing to discontinue the color-coded terror alert system that became a symbol of the country's post-9/11 jitters and the butt of late-night talk show jokes. The 8-year-old system, with its rainbow of five colors -- from green, signifying a low threat, to red, meaning severe -- became a fixture in airports, government buildings and on newscasts. Over the past four years, millions of travelers have begun and ended their trips to the sound of airport recordings warning that the threat level is orange.

HALF OF AMERICANS FACING DIABETES BY 2020: REPORT

VO: 19

More than half of Americans will have diabetes or be prediabetic by 2020 at a cost to the U.S. health care system of \$3.35 trillion if current trends go on unabated, according to analysis of a new report released on Tuesday by health insurer UnitedHealth Group Inc. Diabetes and prediabetes will account for an estimated 10 percent of total health care spending by the end of the decade at an annual cost of almost \$500 billion -- up from an estimated \$194 billion this year, according to the report titled "The United States of Diabetes: Challenges and Opportunities in the Decade Ahead."

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GULF OIL SPILL

VO: 25

A review of thousands of government e-mails from last summer shows that the Obama administration struggled behind the scenes to determine just how much oil was leaking into the Gulf of Mexico from a broken BP well. The e-mails, obtained by The Associated Press through a Freedom of Information request, also show how the government defended estimates of the extent of the oil spill that for months were inaccurate.

HOUSING SHADOW INVENTORY

VO: 15

A supply of 2.1 million homes poised for foreclosure or delinquency potentially looms over the nation's housing market, according to data released Monday. This "shadow inventory" of residential real estate - property that is in foreclosure, has a loan 90 days past due or has been taken back by a lender and is not yet listed for sale - stood at an eight-

month supply at the end of August, according to Santa Ana mortgage research firm CoreLogic, which released the data. That was an increase from 1.9 million, a five-month supply, a year earlier. The total number of U.S. properties listed for sale at the end of August plus the unlisted shadow inventory was 6.3 million, representing a 23-month supply of homes, according to CoreLogic, more than three times the amount considered healthy by economists. A year earlier, the total was 6.1 million, or a 17-month supply.

CANCERS CAUGHT AT LATE

VO: 23

Nearly half of colorectal and cervical cancers and a third of breast cancers in the United States are diagnosed in the late stages, even though screening tests are available to detect them early on, a report by U.S. health officials said on Wednesday. They said more work is needed to ensure people get screened for these cancers, which could lead to early detection and more lives saved.

RISK OF HEART ATTACK

VO: 20

Science Has Good News For The Battle Of Physicians Against The Problems Of The Heart. Experts British Discovered A Compound That Increases Risk For Blood Clots The Blood That May Cause A Heart Attack. This Finding Will Allow Doctors Create New Forms Of Detecting And Treating The Coronary Heart Disease, Which Occurs When Blood Vessels Do Not Carry Enough Blood And Oxygen To The Heart. Coronary Heart Disease Is The Most Common Heart Disorder.

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SALES PREDICTIONS / ONLINE PREDICTIONS

VO: 26

Black Friday deals may not be as enticing as they once were even to shoppers looking to make every holiday shopping dollar count. Or maybe so-called sales have become so commonplace that it's getting tougher to wow consumers. Either way, some 102 million Americans intend to hit the mall on Black Friday or on the three days following according to the latest

Consumer Reports Holiday Shopping Poll. Although that's still a lot of shoppers, it's roughly 16 million less than last year. The 2010 holiday season is expected to see a nine percent increase in online sales, a 2-fold jump over last year's spending, analytics firm comScore reported this week. The research company told Reuters it raised its predictions for spending during the next two months from a previous forecast of 7 to 9 percent growth after tracking continued strength in consumer-spending growth rates throughout October.

AFGHANISTAN-MILESTONE OF WAR

VO: 23

The United States marks on odd coincidence today in Afghanistan -- 9-years and 50 days of involvement. It's the same amount of time the old Soviet Union spent there without success. The two invasions had different goals -- and dramatically different body counts -- but whether they have significantly different outcomes remains to be seen. What started out as a quick war on Oct. 7, 2001, by the U.S. and its allies to wipe out al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and the Taliban has instead turned into a long and slogging campaign.

SECOND HAND SMOKING DEATH

VO: 25

A new study suggests that secondhand smoke kills more than 600,000 people worldwide every year. In the first look at the global impact of secondhand smoking, researchers analyzed data from 2004 for 192 countries. They found 40 percent of children and more than 30 percent of non-smoking men and women regularly breathe in secondhand smoke.

OEA IMMIGRATION REPORT

LOURDES MELUZÁ/ WASHINGTON, DC

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The fact that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted you authorization to work legally in the U.S. while your adjustment of status (AOS) application is pending does **not** mean that it is safe for you to travel abroad just yet. You did not specify your status before you married a U.S. citizen, but we assume, since you have not been home in a while, that you currently are undocumented. If you have been unlawfully present in the U.S. for 180 days to a year and you travel abroad (including even a day trip to Canada or Mexico) before you are granted legal permanent resident status, you face a three-year bar from reentering the U.S. Unlawful

presence for a year or more triggers a ten-year bar. These bars would apply to you despite your marriage to a U.S. citizen and pending AOS application. Likewise, the fact that you may have U.S. citizen children who were born here does not alter the situation. Therefore, it is crucial that you remain in the U.S. until you are granted legal permanent resident status at or after your green card interview in the USCIS offices here. Then you will be able to travel abroad for periods of up to six months and return to the U.S. with no problem and no need to apply for permission. Note: a green card holder who travels abroad for more than six months is in a different situation and should obtain legal advice before such a trip.

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CONGRESS & DREAM ACT

VO: 43

Seizing a window of opportunity before the new year ushers in a more conservative Congress, Democratic lawmakers and a handful of Republicans are leading a final charge to pass the DREAM Act, a youth-oriented immigration reform policy that would have its deepest impact in California. Illegal immigrants who entered the country before their 16th birthday would have a chance at citizenship through the DREAM Act if they can graduate from high school, go to college or into the military, and stay out of trouble.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING-CYBER MONDAY

VO: 22

After a weekend of strong online sales, retail websites are rolling out the gimmicks on "Cyber Monday" to draw buyers. The sales promotions on the Monday after Thanksgiving got their name from a retail trade group, which promoted the idea that people, upon returning to work, would log onto their computers there and shop. Now it's about the deals online in the way that Black Friday means a shopping frenzy in stores. In fact, as stores promote Black Friday discounts online, it's getting harder to tell the difference between the two as sellers try to grab dollars any way and at any time they can.

CAPITOL SUMMIT MONDAY MIGHT LEAD TO COLORADO ILLEGAL-IMMIGRATION PLAN

VO: 23

A group of conservative lawmakers is hosting a summit on illegal immigration today in preparation for introducing an Arizona-style immigration bill in the legislature in January. It is doubtful such a bill would have any success, given that Democrats control the Senate and Gov.-elect John Hickenlooper has said on the campaign trail that he opposes the legislation. The Republican Study Committee's summit, on the second floor of the state Capitol, is aimed at discussing different approaches to dealing with illegal immigration. The summit begins at 9 a.m. and is open to the public. Speakers will include law-enforcement officers and elected officials. Senate President Pro Tem Betty Boyd, D-Lakewood, said the focus should be on getting the economy back on its feet.

US RANGEL CENSURE**VO: 22**

Rep. Charles Rangel wants to tell House colleagues that censures are for corrupt politicians and he's not one of them. The House ethics committee voted 9-1 on Nov. 18 to recommend a censure of the 80-year-old Democrat from New York's Harlem. Rangel wants his punishment for ethics violations downgraded to a reprimand, according to congressional and nongovernment sources who are in touch with Rangel but not authorized to be quoted by name.

FEDS SEIZE WEBSITES SUSPECTED OF ONLINE PIRACY**VO: 22**

Reuters journalist Doug Palmer purchases a fake LVMH handbag from a China-based online website, from the Reuters office in Washington, September 10, 2010. (Reuters) The U.S. government is shutting down websites suspected of copyright infringement or selling counterfeit goods as Congress debates a bill that would give feds more authority to do so. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), an agency within the Homeland Security Department, has seized more than 70 websites in recent days, according to the Wall Street Journal, and posted a notice saying that the domain name has been seized by ICE through court-ordered warrants. The notice also states penalties for willful copyright infringement and trafficking in counterfeit goods.

CONGRESS FOOD SAFETY**VO: 25**

The Senate is scheduled to resume debate on landmark food safety legislation today. The "Food Safety Modernization Act" would give the F-D-A greater authority to test for potentially dangerous pathogens like e-coli, and greater ability to recall contaminated food. F-D-A officials would also be able to issue food recalls more quickly and inspect large food processors more often.

PROBIOTICS-CHILDREN

VO: 19

A leading medical group says there's some evidence that probiotics, or "good" bacteria, may have limited benefits for certain illnesses in children. But the group says the science isn't yet strong enough to advocate infant formulas containing probiotics. And probiotics shouldn't be given to children who are seriously ill. For years, companies have been making claims that their probiotic pills, yogurts, milks and juices help digestive health and the immune system

EATING DISORDERS

VO: 20

A new report on eating disorders cites data showing a sharp increase in children's hospitalizations for such problems. Among children younger than 12 with eating disorders, hospitalizations surged 119 percent between 1999 and 2006. That's according to government data contained in an American Academy of Pediatrics report released online Monday. The academy advises pediatricians to do routine screening and refer affected children to specialized treatment. It says doctors can help prevent eating disorders by stressing proper nutrition and exercise to avoid an unhealthy focus on weight and dieting.

WEIGHT WATCHERS CHANGES POINTS SYSTEM

VO: 23

After 13 years on the same Point system, Weight Watchers introduced an overhaul of its weight-loss program Monday, saying more has become known about the science behind weight loss. Weight Watchers assigns "Points" to food, based on calories. In its new Points Plus system, fruits and vegetables will carry zero Points; the program will now calculate Points based on macronutrients such as proteins, fats, carbohydrates and fiber instead of relying solely on calories. Under the old Weight Watchers Points, a breakfast consisting of a croissant and butter would've had the same Points value as a breakfast of toast, ham and eggs as long as it contained

the same number of calories. Now, the croissant would carry seven Points and the toast, ham and eggs breakfast would contain six Points, because of the nutritional differences. The new system increases Points for fat content and reduces them for fiber.

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GAYS IN MILITARY

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The Pentagon's study on "don't ask, don't tell" is due out Tuesday, and it's expected to reignite debate on Capitol Hill over repealing the 17-year-old policy. Officials familiar with the results of the 10-month study have said a clear majority of respondents don't care if gays serve openly. Some 70 percent of those who responded predict that lifting the ban would have positive, mixed or no results. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the findings hadn't been released.

WIKILEAKS-INFORMATION CHILL

VO: 36

There's about to be an information "big chill" in the U.S. government. After the latest WikiLeaks revelations, making public hundreds of thousands of private diplomatic cables, the U.S. government is reversing almost a decade of post-Sept. 11 efforts to get U.S. officials to share sensitive documents. The Pentagon is detailing new security safeguards, including restraints on small computer flash drives that would make it harder for any one person to copy and reveal so many secrets. One official in contact with U.S. military and diplomatic staff in Iraq says the State Department and other agencies are tightening information-sharing and restricting access between the Army and nonmilitary agencies.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR-RECOUNT

VO:22

Democrat Mark Dayton still leads the race for Minnesota governor after day one of the vote recount. Election officials across the state plowed through 947,000 ballots on Monday. Dayton picked up 20 extra votes and Republican Tom Emmer shed four compared with their pre-recount tallies. Emmer challenged 281 ballots, which was three times more than Dayton. The pace of challenges on the opening day exceeded the level of

challenges seen on the first day of the 2008 U.S. Senate recount. But this year all the counties started the recount at once rather than a staggered start two years ago.

US LAWYERS LOOK AT CRIMINAL LAW IN WIKILEAKS PROBE

VO: 31

A senior defense official says lawyers from across government agencies are studying whether it might be possible to prosecute WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange under the Espionage Act. The official says lawyers from the departments of Justice, State and Defense are among those looking into how to handle the leaking of a massive number of national security and diplomatic documents to the WikiLeaks website and the site's action in then posting them on the Internet.

ASTRAZENECA-THYROID

VO: 21

An experimental AstraZeneca cancer medicine carries "substantial toxicity" for patients with inoperable thyroid cancer, U.S. drug reviewers said in documents released Tuesday. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration staff said they would ask an advisory panel to consider heart-related risks and other potential side effects from the drug, vandetanib, at a public meeting on Thursday. The drug was once seen as a potential blockbuster but it suffered a major setback after failing to extend survival in lung cancer.

MORE TEENS GETTING DANGEROUS PRESCRIPTIONS

VO: 23

The chance that a teenager or young adult will receive a prescription for a controlled medication has nearly doubled in the last 15 years in the U.S., according to a new report. In 2007, one out of every nine teens and one out of six young adults in their 20s received prescriptions for medication that have the potential for abuse, such as pain killers, sedatives and stimulants like Ritalin. Diet drug faces U.S. test after rivals fall short

OBAMA CONGRESS

VO: 20

The clock running, President Barack Obama and Republican and Democratic congressional leaders are sizing up each other as they struggle for common ground on taxes and nuclear arms before the end of the year. The president and top congressional officials planned to meet Tuesday morning in the White House, the first such session since the midterm

elections altered the political terrain and the government's balance of power. Of immediate consequence is the fate of expiring Bush-era tax rates and a U.S.-Russia treaty to reduce nuclear weapons arsenals. But Obama's meeting with House and Senate leaders from both parties -- eight altogether -- will also help define the interaction between the White House and a divided Congress for the next two years

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