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02/01/11

PEW ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

VO :17

After a dropoff during the recession, illegal immigrants seeking to sneak across the U.S. border may be ready to move again. A new study released Tuesday finds the number of illegal immigrants living in the U.S. last year was roughly 11.2 million, a number virtually unchanged from 2009. In that year, the level of illegal immigration declined for the first time in two decades, dropping 8 percent from 2007, as a sour economy and stepped-up border enforcement made it harder or less desirable for undocumented workers to enter from Mexico. The number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. labor force also was unchanged last year at 8 million, representing about 5 percent of workers in the U.S., after hitting a peak of 8.4 million in 2007, according to the nonpartisan Pew Hispanic Center, which based its analysis on census survey data. States posting some of the biggest declines in the number of illegal immigrants since 2007 included Florida, New York, Colorado and Virginia. Unauthorized immigrants in three Mountain West states -- Arizona, Nevada and Utah -- also edged lower. In contrast, illegal immigration was on the rise in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, with the combined populations of these states increasing from 1.6 million in 2007 to 1.8 million last year, according to the study.

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02/02/2011

EDUCATION FORMAT HARVARD PROPOSAL

LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC

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The current U.S. education system is failing to prepare millions of young adults for successful careers by providing a one-size-fits-all approach, and it should take a cue from its European counterparts by offering greater emphasis on occupational instruction, a Harvard University study published Wednesday concludes. The two-year study by the Pathways to Prosperity Project at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education notes that while much emphasis is placed in high school on going on to a four-year

college, only 30 percent of young adults in the United States successfully complete a bachelor's degree. While the number of jobs that require no post-secondary education have declined, the researchers note that only one-third of the jobs created in the coming years are expected to need a bachelor's degree or higher. Roughly the same amount will need just an associate's degree or an occupational credential. Many of the ideas aren't new, and leaders, including President Barack Obama, have advocated for an increased role for community colleges so the country can once again lead the world in the proportion of college graduates. U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan will deliver opening remarks at the report's release in Washington.

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02/03/2011

**GOV. SUSANA MARTINEZ SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING
POLICE TO ASK ABOUT IMMIGRATION STATUS
LUIS MEGID - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

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New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez signed an executive order on Monday that requires police to ask people they've arrested for their immigration status. The executive order rescinds a policy that prohibited police from asking about an individual's immigration status that was established by former-Governor Bill Richardson. Gov. Martinez's executive order prohibits police from inquiring about an individual's immigration status if they are a victim of a crime, but puts an end to what she called "sanctuary policies" that were encouraged by former-Governor Richardson. New Mexico is one of three states that still issues driver's licenses to illegal aliens, but Gov. Martinez's executive order coincides with the introduction of a bill in the state legislature that would end that practice.

**CENSUS ESTIMATES SHOW BIG GAINS FOR US MINORITIES
LOURDES DEL RIO - MIAMI, FLORIDA**

PKG: 2:01

U.S. racial minorities accounted for roughly 85 percent of the nation's population growth over the last decade -- one of the largest shares ever -- with Hispanics accounting for much of the gain in many of the states picking up new House seats. Preliminary census estimates also suggest the number of multiracial Americans jumped roughly 20 percent since 2000, to

over 5 million. The findings, based on fresh government survey data, offer a glimpse into 2010 census results that are being released on a state-by-state basis beginning this week. New Jersey, Mississippi, Virginia and Louisiana are the first to receive the census redistricting data, which will be used in the often contentious process of redrawing political districts based on population and racial makeup. Four of the eight states gaining House seats owe roughly half or more of their population gains over the last decade to Hispanics. They include Texas, which picks up four seats; Florida, which will add two seats; and Arizona and Nevada, picking up one seat apiece. In Georgia and Washington state, which also gain one seat each, Hispanics combined with other minority groups accounted for a majority of their growth since 2000.

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02/04/2011

**DRIVER LICENSES DEBATE FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED
LUIS MEGID - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
PKG 1:58**

Gov went on to stress that she will try to repeal a state law that allows illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. The driver's license law was a top issue in her campaign against Democrat Diane Denish. Democratic legislatures showed opposition to an executive order by Gov. Susana Martinez that orders police to question the immigration status of all criminal suspects. Democratic legislators from the House and Senate held a press conference on Thursday criticizing the executive order, saying it would lead to racial profiling against Hispanics. "I know we are in America but are we in New Mexico or Arizona?" Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Dona Ana, asked at the press conference. Garcia said that her father had once been questioned by federal authorities while working on his southern New Mexico farm. "The executive order undermines community policing efforts and creates barriers for immigrants and mixed status families to contact the police and serve as witnesses in the criminal justice system," said Senator Tim Keller, D-Albuquerque, in a press release. Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas, D-Albuquerque, was concerned that the order would frighten women away from reporting domestic violence. According to Maestas, a former prosecutor, said that in cases of domestic violence police can consider both people suspects in the crime.

NINTH CIRCUIT RULES IN FAVOR OF INMIGRANTS

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:00

Today, MALDEF welcomed the Ninth Circuit's ruling in *Vicente v. Barnett*, upholding an Arizona jury verdict against a vigilante rancher operating along the Arizona-Mexico border. The Ninth Circuit affirmed the jury's decision that the vigilante was liable for assaulting a group of immigrants he found on public land. As a result of today's ruling, the rancher will be forced to pay approximately \$87,000 in damages. The Ninth Circuit ruled that the rancher, Roger Barnett, was not entitled to claim self defense, because he admitted that none of the migrants he assaulted had threatened or attacked him. The Ninth Circuit also upheld the jury's award of punitive damages against Barnett. "We are very pleased with the Ninth Circuit's verdict. Today's ruling sends the strong message that vigilantes will not be tolerated in Arizona" stated David Hinojosa, MALDEF's Southwest Regional Counsel and attorney in the case.

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02/05/2011

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OBAMA BUSSINESS

VO :24

President Barack Obama says the American government has a responsibility to make the U.S. the best place in the world to do business, but companies have a responsibility to invest in the nation's future by keeping jobs here, hiring workers and paying decent wages. Obama devoted his weekly radio and Internet message Saturday to ideas from his State of the Union address, specifically a plan to put the U.S. on a more competitive footing globally by spending on innovation, education and public works.

REPUBLICANS ECONOMY

VO :22

Republicans are criticizing President Barack Obama, accusing him of proposing to extend Washington's "spending binge" at a time of growing budget deficits. In the weekly GOP radio and Internet message, Congressman Jeb Hensarling of Texas called for spending cuts and fiscal

reform. Congressional budget experts recently projected that the difference between federal spending and revenues will surge to a record \$1.5 trillion for the budget year that ends Sept. 30.

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2/07/11

**SENATORS LOOK FOR IMMIGRATION DEAL
JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:35**

Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) have rekindled their alliance on immigration reform, taking some early steps to test the political will for addressing the contentious issue this year. Their call list hasn't focused so much on House and Senate members who've been reliable pro-immigration votes in the past. Instead, they're looking to a strange-bedfellows mix of conservative and liberal constituencies that can provide a "safety net" of support, as Graham put it, once the issue heats up. For all the groups getting a call from the pair, it is the presence of Graham himself who elevates the odds - however bleak - that the Senate could move on a comprehensive, bipartisan overhaul bill. Graham abruptly departed the talks last spring and took with him any hope of getting a bill in the past Congress. Now, conservative evangelicals, the AFL-CIO, the Service Employees International Union, business organizations and immigrant advocacy groups say they have gotten word from Schumer's office that a renewed effort is under way. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce confirmed that it is back in the mix, after a hasty exit last year when Schumer proposed a legislative framework with a temporary worker program that favored labor unions. And Schumer and his staff have quietly begun reaching out to some unlikely players in the Senate, including Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who has professed a newfound freedom since winning reelection last year without the Republican Party's help.

**BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP BILL
LUIS MEGID- SANTA FE, NUEVO MEXICO
PKG 2:00**

Senate Bill 1309, commonly known as the birthright citizenship bill, gets its first hearing before the Arizona State Legislature on Monday. Gould says he sponsored the bill to stop the flow of illegal immigrants who come to the United States and give birth. Under the 14th Amendment, that child

automatically receives citizenship. Senator Gould says he hopes to make it law that in order to gain citizenship, one of the child's parents must be a citizen themselves or have permanent status as a legal U.S. resident.

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2/08/11

TOYOTA REPORT ON ACCELERATION

VO: 20

Electronic glitches apparently didn't cause the much-publicized sudden acceleration problems in Toyota vehicles. That's the headline from a 10-month government investigation into what made the Japanese automaker's vehicles speed out of control. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was in charge of the investigation launched last spring. NASA scientists and engineers were called in to help with the probe. The sudden acceleration complaints led to Toyota recalling nearly eight million vehicles for defects related to gas pedals-- including sticky pedals and floor mat obstruction.

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2/09/11

ECONOMY LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:22

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said Wednesday that lawmakers know it is "unthinkable" that the United States could default on its debt and will raise the debt limit to avoid it. "The markets understand, and I can say this with complete confidence, that the U.S. will meet its obligations, that Congress will act as it always has to make sure we meet those obligations," Geithner said at a forum sponsored by The Atlantic magazine. Treasury has warned that the current \$14.3 trillion debt limit must be raised soon to give the government room to keep borrowing. There is some resistance among conservative Republicans who want any further hike in the limit linked to specific reductions in government spending.

"LETS MOVE 1ST YEAR"

VO :25

First lady Michelle Obama is coming to Atlanta to celebrate the first anniversary of her campaign to reduce childhood obesity. Obama will visit Burgess-Peterson Academy, a public elementary school, Wednesday afternoon to tout the school's work on promoting healthy eating. She also will give a speech at North Point Community Church in Alpharetta just north of the city about the work of her "Let's Move!" campaign. In the past year, Obama has addressed governors, mayors, school groups, food makers and other constituencies, urging them to build more bike paths and playgrounds, to serve healthier school lunches and to make and sell healthier food. She's even held an exercise clinic with kids on the White House South Lawn.

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2/10/11

**BREWER TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT ON IMMIGRATION LAW
JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:06**

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer and Attorney General Tom Horne plan to make an announcement Thursday about the state's efforts to defend its controversial immigration enforcement law. The offices of Brewer and Horne declined to provide any other details. Brewer signed into law Monday a bill that would let legislative leaders participate in efforts to defend the enforcement law against court challenges. Brewer and Horne are participating in defending the law. The enforcement law's chief sponsor, Senate President Russell Pearce, had requested to be a party in the state's appeal of a ruling that put parts of the law on hold.

**PANEL BACK IND. IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN BILL
VO :23**

An Indiana Senate committee approved a bill Wednesday night that its sponsor says would lead to an Arizona-style crackdown on illegal immigration in the state. The Senate Pensions and Labor Committee voted 8-1 to advance the proposal, which opponents attacked during a four-hour public hearing as opening the door for legitimizing racial profiling. Dozens of people lined up to testify on the bill, just hours after Indiana's Republican attorney general said he had reservations about the state inserting itself into what is a federal responsibility. The bill proposed by Sen. Mike Delph, R-Carmel, would require police to ask for proof of citizenship or immigration

status if they had a reasonable suspicion that a person is illegally in the country. Delph told the committee that the bill was aimed at putting teeth into existing laws.

CONGRESS SPENDING

VO :17

Confronted with a rebellion of tea party-backed conservatives insistent on deeper spending cuts, House Republicans are promising to cut more than \$60 billion from the budget as they draft legislation funding the government through Sept. 30. Thursday's announcement by Appropriations Committee Chairman Harold Rogers comes just a day after he failed to sell a smaller package of cuts in a closed-door GOP meeting. The Kentucky Republican had warned only Wednesday that such cuts could lead to layoff of FBI agents and harm to the nation's air traffic control system. He also warned of cuts to health research, special education and Pell Grants for low income college students. Rogers' had earlier outlined a plan making \$74 billion in cuts from Obama's proposals.

"LET'S GO"

MICHELLE OBAMA INTERVIEW. MARIA ELENA SALINAS

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First Lady *Michelle Obama* introduces a new nationwide *campaign* to combat childhood. She talk to Maria Elena Salinas in the White House about her campaign. Tomorrow, we will have the full interview with the first lady.

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2/11/11

SMOKING IN HOSPITALS

VO: 15

Smokers now face another risk from their habit: it could cost them a shot at a job. More hospitals and medical businesses in many states are adopting strict policies that make smoking a reason to turn away job applicants, saying they want to increase worker productivity, reduce health care costs and encourage healthier living. The policies reflect a frustration that softer efforts - like banning smoking on company grounds, offering cessation programs and increasing health care premiums for smokers - have not been powerful-enough incentives to quit. The new rules essentially treat

cigarettes like an illegal narcotic. Applications now explicitly warn of "tobacco-free hiring," job seekers must submit to urine tests for nicotine and new employees caught smoking face termination. This shift - from smoke-free to smoker-free workplaces - has prompted sharp debate, even among anti-tobacco groups, over whether the policies establish a troubling precedent of employers intruding into private lives to ban a habit that is legal.

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2/12/11

ORRIN HATCH IMMIGRATION BILL

VO: 27

Senator Orrin Hatch came to The Heritage Foundation on Friday to present his forthcoming immigration bill-"The Strengthening our Commitment to Legal Immigration and America's Security Act." His remarks and the content of his bill, are a step in the right direction on immigration and border security-given that President Obama used his State of the Union address to make another case for amnesty. The bill was written in collaboration with members of Congress from states along the southwestern border. As Hatch said, it's important to work with those who, "of all people, know what resources we need to deploy to accomplish the job." It is founded upon the conviction that federal immigration law needs to be enforced, not ignored Senator Hatch emphasized the connection between liberty and the rule of law: "Most Americans believe that our laws ought to be enforced.... That's one of the things that's kept us so free."

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2/13/11

TEEN HEAT STROKE DEATH

ALEJANDRA QUEZADA-CROWDER - STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 3:00

The farmworkers union and relatives of a pregnant teen who died from heat stroke in a California Vineyard said Thursday they are planning vigils and marches to hold farm officials accountable in the death.The United Farm Workers of America and its allies want a judge to dismiss a plea deal for two of the three defendants initially charged with involuntary manslaughter

in the death of 17-year-old Maria Isabel Vasquez Jimenez. authorities believe the teen collapsed because her supervisors denied her access to shade and water as she pruned grapes for nine hours in nearly triple-digit heat in 2008.

HISPANIC OBESITY

LUIS MEGID - PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:18

Every day is in san francisco community clinic fight new battle in the war against childhood obesity ... almost all patients are hispanic children,, and between half are either overweight or obese. say childhood obesity is an epidemic is no exaggeration especially among hispanic children who have the highest rate of overweight among all racial or ethnic groups .. what is more worrying, that percentage increases year after year ...

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2/14/11

HATCH'S BILL PICKS UP ADMINISTRATION'S SLACK ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:26

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OBAMA'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:19

President Barack Obama's fiscal 2012 budget proposal aims to reduce the deficit by \$1.1 trillion over 10 years while investing in programs that help boost the U.S. economy and make it more competitive. Below are key

proposals from Obama's budget: - The budget will reduce the deficit by \$1.1 trillion over 10 years, using spending cuts to achieve 2/3 of that goal. That figure excludes savings from ending the war in Iraq and does not include potential savings if Bush-era tax cuts for high-income Americans are not extended again. Obama agreed with Republicans to extend those cuts for two years through 2012 but does not want to extend them further. Republicans do.

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2/15/11

CITY OF BELL LATEST: IMMUNITY

VO :19

A ranking Bell administrator who earned more than \$400,000 for watching over the city's finances has been offered limited immunity in exchange for her testimony in a corruption case accusing city leaders of looting the city's treasury, defense lawyers said. Lourdes Garcia, Bell's director of administrative services, took the stand Monday afternoon, the third witness in a corruption case that accuses six current or former City Council members of misappropriation of public funds. Prosecutors are in the midst of a preliminary hearing to determine if there's enough evidence to order the six to stand trial. The part-time council members are accused of earning nearly \$100,000 a year by drawing pay for serving on boards and committees that rarely met or met for only a few minutes at a time. In addition, former City Administrator Robert Rizzo and his former assistant, Angela Spaccia, are accused of misappropriating public money.

OBAMA BUDGET LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:15

President Barack Obama said Tuesday a budget showdown that could lead to a government shutdown can be avoided if both sides agree to make budget cuts only if they do not endanger the U.S. economic recovery. Obama said at a news conference he would not support "symbolic cuts" that would endanger the U.S. economy.

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