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11/01/11

BANK DROPS DEBIT FEES

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:07

Large banks on Tuesday will begin contacting borrowers who could receive financial compensation for problems that occurred during a foreclosure on their home, U.S. banking regulators announced on Tuesday. Banks and other mortgage servicers have begun mailing letters to more than 4 million borrowers who can have their cases reviewed by independent consultants hired by the banks, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency said in a release.

PRESCRIPTION DEATHS EPIDEMIC

VO: 25

A silent killer is on the rise -- and could be inside your medicine cabinet. More than 40 people die every day from overdoses involving narcotic pain relievers like Vicodin and OxyContin. That's according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The C-D-C director said overdoses from prescription painkillers are at "epidemic levels" and now kill more Americans than heroin and cocaine combined. The study shows the death toll from prescription painkillers has more than tripled in the past decade. New Mexico had the highest rate of deaths from overdoses, while Florida was found to have the most prescription painkiller sales per person.

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11/02/11

ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WARNING

MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 2:16

The U.S. Justice Department is asking every school district in Alabama to hand over enrollment information about all their students as part of its lawsuit challenging that state's tough immigration law. The department sent letters to school superintendents Monday telling them to provide lists that include the students' race, national origin and whether English is their primary language. Justice department Attorneys also sought the names of students who have withdrawn from school and the date they withdrew. The Obama administration says it's concerned that Alabama's recently enacted immigration law may chill student participation, and it wants the information to determine if further action is warranted.

SUBPOENA IMMIGRATION DATA

VO: 19

A House subcommittee on Wednesday authorized a subpoena against the Homeland Security Department for information about illegal immigrants who have been identified but not deported. The authorization cleared the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration policy and enforcement by a 7-4, party line vote. Democrats voted against the measure, saying it was premature to issue a subpoena because Homeland Security, which oversees Immigration and Customs Enforcement, is cooperating with the committee. House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, says the subpoena authorization is necessary because the Obama administration hasn't responded quickly enough to his request, which was made in August. He had set a Monday deadline that the department failed to meet.

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ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW SCHOOL DISCRIMINATION

VO: 23

The Justice Department on Friday told Alabama's attorney general that it has the "express authority" to investigate potential federal civil rights violations in Alabama's public schools authorized by the state's controversial new immigration law. Assistant US Attorney General Thomas Perez informed Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange of the federal government's powers two days after Strange requested that the Justice Department cite what legal authority it had to collect enrollment data on Hispanic students in his state's public schools.

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BANK OF AMERICA LAWSUIT

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A federal judge in Miami has approved a \$410 million settlement in a lawsuit claiming Bank of America charged excessive overdraft fees. The

decision Monday by Senior U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King affects more than 13 million current and former bank customers

who used debit cards over the past decade. Most will get only a fraction of the overdraft fees they paid.

IMMIGRANT LAWSUITS

PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 1:57

Today, U.S. Senators Jim DeMint (R-South Carolina), David Vitter (R-Louisiana) and Jeff Sessions (R-Alabama) announced they will soon offer legislation to prohibit President Obama's administration, including the Department of Justice (DOJ) and other agencies, from participating in lawsuits against South Carolina, Alabama and Arizona over recently passed immigration laws. Senator DeMint said, "It's absurd that the Obama Administration, which has failed to enforce the nation's immigration laws, is now stopping South Carolina, Alabama and Arizona from taking commonsense steps to protect citizens and uphold the law. President Obama has failed to build the southern border fence mandated by Congress. He's also failed to control the northern border, allowing the Border Patrol to stop conducting routine checks at bus stops and train stations for illegal immigrants who could be smugglers or terrorists. South Carolina has a duty uphold the law and to protect our citizens from criminals who are in the country illegally."

CIGARETTE LABELS

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:49

A judge on Monday blocked a federal requirement that would have begun forcing tobacco companies next year to put graphic images on their cigarette packages to show the dangers of smoking. U.S. District Judge

Richard Leon ruled that it's likely the cigarette makers will succeed in a lawsuit claiming the images violate the free speech amendment to the Constitution. He stopped the requirement until the lawsuit is resolved, which could take years.

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11/08/11

TEXAS REDISTRICTING RULING

VO: 16

Texas cannot proceed with elections under new redistricting maps without a trial, a Washington-based federal court ruled Tuesday, saying the state used an inadequate analysis to determine whether new districts discriminate against minorities. In a brief ruling, the court agreed with the U.S. Department of Justice that the GOP-led Legislature used an improper standard for measuring minority voting strength. The order clears the way for a trial and all but guarantees the 2012 elections will be conducted with temporary, court-drawn maps. The temporary maps, being drawn by a San Antonio court, are expected to boost Democratic efforts to regain control over Congress. That's because the maps will likely protect minority seats and provide a lifeline to at least one Democratic incumbent who had been imperiled.

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11/09/11

RUSSEL PEARCE RECALL

VICTOR HUGO RODRIGUEZ / PHOENIX, ARIZONA

PKG 2:27

In Arizona, state Sen. Russell Pearce, architect of the tough immigration law that put the state at the forefront of the national debate, was ousted after a recall attempt led by a fellow Republican.

REPUBLICAN DEBATE

VIVIANA AVILA / ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

PKG 2:04

Rampant foreclosures, high unemployment and a volatile auto industry are part of the stark backdrop for Wednesday's Republican presidential candidates' debate in a state that continues to struggle from the 2009 recession and weakened economy. The GOP hopefuls inevitably will also have to contend with fallout from the furor surrounding businessman Herman Cain, who in recent days has been accused by at least four women of

inappropriate sexual behavior during the 1990s.

DOW JONES DROP 400 POINTS

VO :10

Trouble on two fronts in the European debt crisis sent American stocks tumbling Wednesday to their biggest loss since the rocky trading of last summer. The Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 400 points. Stocks were down from the opening bell after borrowing costs in Italy spiked to dangerous levels, a sign that investors are losing faith in Italy's ability to repay its national debt.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL FARES

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:41

Because airlines have reduced thousands of available seats, low-fare airline tickets for the busiest days surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas will go quickly, experts say, leaving only high-priced seats or fares for flights several days before or after the holidays.

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TEXAS DREAM ACT MARCH

KAREN FALLA - DALLAS, TEXAS

PKG: 2:02

By the second decade of the 21st century, the left seemed to have lost its mojo. Americans were wondering whatever had happened to the spirit of protest. Why weren't people in the streets demonstrating against corporate greed, the depredations of the monstrous banks, the disparity between the rich and the declining middle class, and the gridlock in Washington? Then, suddenly, there they were, in the streets by the thousands in an eruption of protest. Occupy Wall Street, as it called itself, spread to Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, and cities and towns all over the country. Will it accomplish anything or fizzle out? It's way too early to tell. As Michael Kazin, professor of history at Georgetown University and author of several books, points out in his sympathetic study *American Dreamers: How the Left hanged a Nation*, the idealists, reformers, feminists, and radicals who sought a more equitable, egalitarian society often did achieve their goals, but it usually took a long time, decades.

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"IDEA" \$100 MILLIONS

LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC

PKG: 1:56

Our health-care system is facing down a massive doctor shortage: By 2015, we will have 63,000 fewer physicians than we need. The Health Care Innovation Challenge, a new grant program Health and Human Services announced this morning takes a novel approach to solving that problem. It will provide as much as \$1 billion in funding for organizations to hire, train and deploy new health-care workers - not doctors, but care coordinators, technicians and community outreach workers that could fill many of the gaps in delivering primary care. "We're not very invested in coordination, someone who can see the patient through the system," says Don Berwick, administrator of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "Primary care doctors and nurses are obviously a big part of that, but we need a much more enriched workforce to support that." Berwick and I spoke Sunday afternoon about the new grant program, how it stands to foster innovation in health care and Republican senators' new questions about whether funding programs like these is warranted. What follows is a transcript lightly edited for content and length:

CHARLES SCHMACHER LAYAWAY PLANS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ - NEW YORK

PKG: 2:05

Suppose I wanted to buy something I found at a garage sale but didn't have the cash on hand. Suppose I asked the person running the sale to hold it for me for a few weeks. And suppose she said sure, but she'd need a 10 percent down payment, and she'd add \$5 to the purchase price. Like most people, I'm perfectly capable of deciding whether to take that offer or walk away. But Sen. Charles Schumer doesn't trust you or me with such decisions. He is upset that some retailers are offering holiday layaway plans on terms like these. He says they represent a lousy deal, compared to what credit card companies charge to let consumers make purchases. "These layaway programs are nothing more than hideaways for sky-high interest rates that consumers would never tolerate with a credit card," he insists.

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11/15/11

MARCO RUBIO JOBS PLAN

LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC

PKG: 2:15

Delaware Senator Chris Coons will join Florida Senator Marco Rubio this morning to announce bipartisan legislation to encourage job creation.

The American Growth, Recovery, Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Act, or AGREE Act, is the product of identifying areas of common agreement between the President's jobs plan, recommendations from the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, and jobs plans put forward by both parties in the House and Senate.

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