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SEIZING MOTGAGES

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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In the foreclosure-battered inland stretches of California, local government officials desperate for change are weighing a controversial but inventive way to fix troubled mortgages: Condemn them. Officials from San Bernardino County and two of its cities have formed a local agency to consider the plan. But investors who stand to lose money on their mortgage investments have been quick to register their displeasure.

HIV DRUG FDA

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:58

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first drug shown to reduce the risk of HIV infection, a milestone in the 30-year battle against the virus that causes AIDS. The agency approved Gilead Sciences' pill Truvada as a preventive measure for people who are at high risk of acquiring HIV, such as those who have sex with HIV-infected partners.

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NISSAN RECALL

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Nissan is recalling 11,076 Nissan Jukes because the rear seatback may not be secured, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The affected vehicles were built from February 3, 2012 through May 26, 2012. The problem was discovered during internal component testing. No other Nissan or Infiniti vehicles are affected by the recall. Nissan dealers will replace the seatback strikers in the

affected vehicles. The recall is expected to begin at the end of July. Owners can contact Nissan at 1-800-647-7261.

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7/18/12

VIAGRA FOR THE MIND

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Provigil, a medication for adults affected by narcolepsy and other sleep disorders, is being abused by successful people who refer to it as "Viagra for the mind," according to ABC News. The report chronicled the use of the drug by a computer programmer, a Washington lobbyist and a brain researcher who praised the focused, wakeful sensation they claim to achieve by taking the pill.

NO EXERCISING CAUSES DEATHS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NUEVA YORK

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When it comes to being couch potatoes, Americans aren't alone. Physical inactivity has become a global pandemic, say researchers in a series of related papers published in the journal *Lancet*. According to one of the reports, lack of exercise causes as many as 1 in 10 premature deaths around the world each year - roughly as many as smoking. About 5.3 million of the 57 million deaths worldwide in 2008 could be attributed to inactivity, the new report estimates, largely due to four major diseases: heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, breast cancer and colon cancer. The study finds that if physical inactivity could be reduced by just 10%, it could avert some 533,000 deaths a year; if reduced by 25%, 1.3 million deaths could be prevented. Say we got everyone off the couch and eliminated inactivity altogether: the life expectancy of the world's population would rise by about 0.68 years (more, if you discount those who were already active), comparable to the effect of doing away with smoking or obesity.

GAS PEDALS FORD & MAZDA

VO :21

After getting nearly 100 reports of stuck gas pedals, the government is investigating Ford and Mazda vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says there's been at least one death suspected from this defect and nearly two dozen accidents. NHTSA says more than 700-thousand vehicles may be impacted. Two models are involved: the 2001 through 2004 Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute with V-6 engines.

CAPITAL ONE CONSUMERS

VO :22

Capital One Bank will pay \$210 million to settle federal charges that it tricked credit card customers into buying costly add-on services like payment protection and credit monitoring. Most of the money will go directly to refund customers who were led to believe the services were free or mandatory or offered more benefits than they did, officials said Wednesday. The order against Capital One is the first enforcement action by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which was set up a year ago to protect consumers from excessive or hidden fees and other financial threats.

US ARIZONA NEW OFFENSIVE

JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:50

Opponents of Arizona's hardline immigration enforcement law launched a new effort Tuesday aimed at thwarting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that will allow police to enforce the so-called "show me your papers" provision. A coalition of civil rights groups, religious leaders and business organizations filed a new request seeking a court order that would prevent authorities from enforcing a rule that requires police to check the immigration status of people they stop for other reasons. The groups are asking U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton to block enforcement of the requirement before it takes effect, arguing that Latinos in Arizona would face systematic racial profiling and unreasonably long detentions under the contentious section of the 2010 law.

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07/19/12

NAPOLITANO IMMIGRATION

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is heading to Congress to discuss immigration.

Napolitano, who is to appear Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee, is testifying for the first time since the Obama administration announced plans to stop deporting many illegal immigrants brought

to the United States as children who don't have a criminal record. The policy change, which could affect more than a million illegal immigrants, allows eligible people to stay in the country and apply for work permits. House Republicans have widely criticized the plan, calling it "backdoor amnesty" that circumvents the will of Congress.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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BLOOD TEST ALZHEIMER

VO: 22

Researchers have identified a indicator in blood that may help predict Alzheimer's: high levels of a certain fat called ceramides may increase a person's risk of getting dementia. "Our study identifies this biomarker as a potential new target for treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease," said study author Michelle M. Mielke, an epidemiologist with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. In the study, 99 women who were aged 70 to 79 and free of dementia when the study began had their blood tested. Over the 9 years of the study, 27 women developed dementia and 18 of those were diagnosed with probably Alzheimer's disease.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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IMMIGRANT DEPORTATION

ALEX ROLAND/ NEW YORK

PKG 1:26

Defenders of immigrant groups just disclose information that by now only ICE knew about how New York authority collaborate with immigration to meet a high rate of deportation. The plan and the numbers and what will happen to an immigrant who is in prison and will be deported when he gets out of jail.

LAWSUIT AGAINST PENNSYLVANIA VOTING ID

VO: 20

Pennsylvania's new voter ID laws will face a challenge on Wednesday in the state courts led by civil rights groups. The Justice Department launched an investigation into the laws, which make it more difficult for 758,000 mostly lower-income residents to get to the polls. The plaintiff in the state case is Viviette Applewhite, woman whose ID was in her purse when it was recently stolen. The attorneys defending Pennsylvania's laws admit that there have been no investigations or prosecutions of in-person voter fraud in the state.

CARGILL BEEF RECALL

VO: 20

Nearly 15 tons of ground beef have been recalled by a unit of agriculture conglomerate Cargill Inc in connection with a seven-state outbreak of salmonella across the northeast and Virginia. Cargill Meat Solutions, based in Wichita, Kansas, voluntarily recalled 29,339 pounds of fresh ground beef products produced at its Wyalusing, Pa., plant that may be contaminated with salmonella, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced. The products were produced on May 25, 2012, and shipped to distribution centers in Connecticut, Maine and New York. The recalled meat was sold in Hannaford supermarket stores in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont, said the USDA. Though the meat's use-by date has passed and it is no longer sold at retail, the recall was made on concerns that some product may be frozen in consumers' freezers.

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7/24/12

COMMON SENSE GUN CONTROL

LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC

PKG: 2:08

The White House side-stepped the question of gun control again Tuesday, saying "common sense" tweaks to existing gun laws would be enough. White House spokesman . "It's certainly possible the President could address these issues in the future," Carney said during a press briefing. That lackluster response has gun-control advocates reeling. Mayor Bloomberg, stumping on his go-to issue following the Colorado massacre, lambasted both Obama and presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney Sunday for backing away from their once clear gun-control positions. Romney had signed a ban on assault weapons while governor of Massachusetts and Obama has made no concerted move to renew the federal ban - something the GOP-controlled House is likely to oppose.

HOME VALUES RISE FOR FIRST TIME IN 5 YEARS

VO: 21

Home prices hit a bottom and are finally bouncing back, according to an industry report released Tuesday. Nationwide, home values rose 0.2% year-over-year to a median \$149,300 during the second quarter, the first annual increase since 2007, real estate listing site Zillow reported. Prices were up 2.1% from the first quarter. Even though June marked the fourth consecutive month of home value increases, overall home prices are still down almost 24% since April 2007, when Zillow began to track home values.

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7/25/12

BALTIMORE WELCOMES IMMIGRANTS

VO :20

The city of Baltimore is attempted to attract a higher immigrant population in hopes that it will increase its overall population. Experts at the Migration Policy Institute predict that the next ten years could be critical for the overall economic productivity of the city, which is dependent on a stable population. Baltimore is

beckoning immigrants to make the city their new home in an attempt to combat the steady departure of its residents.

DEPORTATION LATEST

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:00

Despite the Obama's administrations's executive order in August of 2011 to suspend the active deportation of thousands of undocumented immigrants without a criminal record, the authorities have failed to review the majority of relevant cases. Of the 300,000 persons waiting to be deported only 1.9% of the cases have been reviewed. Undocumented immigrants have had to wait, on average, 800 days after their initial arrest for their case to come to a close, compared to only 385 days that it takes for most other immigrant cases to conclude. After a year of Obama's order to halt deportation, statistics indicate that the president's act may have been more of a symbolic gesture than a practical tactic to combat unnecessary deportation.

"DREAMERS" NEW OBAMA LAW LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

The Obama Administration's plan to bolster the future undocumented students known as the "dreamers" has resulted in more than one million request beginning August 15th, reported a preliminary study by AP. Of these requests, about 900,000 would meet the criteria and be accepted. The petitions to delay or altogether stop the deportation of undocumented students is reported to cost over \$585 million in just the first two years, as well as require the use of hundreds of federal employees, an additional \$465 cost. The government disputes these claims saying that these requests will meet total spending. A source tells Univision that the "costs ought to be covered by the taxes paid by the petitioners and that it does not require any funding by contributors." These preliminary statistics are just that, preliminary, and a conclusive study will be done before making any final decisions on the program.

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GUN CONTROL

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK

PKG 2:00

President Barack Obama will not push for stricter gun laws this election year, the White House said Thursday, one day after his impassioned remarks about the need to keep assault weapons off the streets suggested he may plunge into that political fight and challenge Congress to act. Instead, Obama's stand on the government's role ended up right where it was after the mass shooting in Colorado last week: Enforce existing law better. That is same view held by his Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, as both reach for broader and more politically appealing ways to keep guns away from killers. Obama still wants Congress to reinstitute a federal ban on military-style assault weapons that lapsed years ago, his spokesman Jay Carney said. But the president is not and has not been pushing for that ban, a nod to the politics of gun control.

AIRPORT INFECTIONS

LILIANA ESCALANTE. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

If you're traveling by plane this summer, you might get a souvenir you don't want. That's according to researchers from M-I-T. They looked at our 40 largest airports to figure out which are most likely to spread a disease in the event of an outbreak in their cities. New York's J-F-K airport tops the list. Los Angeles International airport comes in at number two. But, the third airport on the list may surprise you. It's Honolulu International. Researchers say it's because of where Hawaii is -- in the Pacific Ocean, with many connections to distant, large, and well-connected hubs. Public health crises like the SARS outbreak, have shown how easy it is for diseases to travel. Researchers say this information can help determine ways to contain an infection or steer treatment and vaccination decisions in the early stages.

USA DROUGHT

VO :20

The severe drought in the U.S. Midwest wreaked more havoc across the country on Thursday (July 26), forcing barges on the Mississippi River to lighten loads for fear of getting stuck and raising more concerns about higher prices for food and gasoline. The most extensive drought in five decades intensified this week across the U.S. Midwest and Plains states that produce most of the country's corn, soybeans and livestock, according to a report from climate experts. Almost 30 percent of the nine-state Midwest was suffering extreme drought, nearly triple from the previous week, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor for the week ending July 24. Conditions in the Midwest, which produces roughly three quarters of the corn and soybean crops in the world's largest producer and exporter, worsened despite the first measurable rainfall in a month in some areas. Some corn farmers in southern Illinois, like Gary Weiman, have abandoned the season's crops and are mowing down their fields.

IMMIGRANTS WELCOME IN BALTIMORE

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

Baltimore puts out welcome mat for immigrants, hoping to stop population decline. Immigrant outreach - such as the city-run classes in Spanish - is just one part of the mayor's agenda for growing Baltimore. She has programs that aim to improve public schools, reduce crime, cut property taxes and create jobs, increasing the city's appeal to all residents. The mayor's order has been her only action aimed at immigrants, though other initiatives are being considered. Baltimore is the largest city in the U.S. state of Maryland. The group plans to provide training in how to start "micro enterprises" and has created a "welcome mat" network of social service agencies that offer English and citizenship classes. It hopes to draw both entrepreneurial engineers who graduate from the state's universities and working-class immigrants who can start small neighborhood businesses.

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DREAMERS, ICE

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

Union heads representing thousands of America's immigration agents slammed the Obama administration Thursday over a policy they claim is forcing officials to ignore the law and allowing illegal immigrants to exploit the system. In a startling allegation, the president of the union representing Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers claimed illegal immigrants are "taking advantage" of a new directive allowing some undocumented residents who came to the U.S. as children to stay in the country. Union boss Chris Crane said the policy ends up allowing illegal immigrants to avoid detention without any proof -- particularly so-called "dreamers," or those illegal immigrants who would benefit under the "DREAM Act" proposal, which Congress has not passed but the administration has partially implemented.

ECONOMY LATEST

VO :20

This morning's news that the economy grew at only a 1.5 percent annual rate in the second quarter of the year hasn't darkened the mood on Wall Street. The Dow has been up by more than 200 points today, after European leaders promised action to preserve the euro. The economic growth figures released in Washington represent a slowdown from the previous quarter's 2 percent rate, but the number is not as weak as some traders had been expecting.

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7/28/12

HEPATITIS C OUTBREAK

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 2:12

The New Hampshire hospital lab technician indicted last week for infecting 31 people with Hepatitis C might have infected "tens of thousands" of patients in at least 13 hospitals, ABC News has learned. David Kwiatkowski, a former lab technician at Exeter Hospital in New Hampshire, had allegedly been stealing syringes of the anesthetic Fentanyl intended for patients, injecting his own arm and then refilling those empty syringes with another liquid-like saline, according to a statement from the United States Attorney's Office in New Hampshire. Since Kwiatkowski tested positive for Hepatitis C in June 2010, he passed it on to the hospital patients who were injected with his used, saline-filled syringes, according to the affidavit.

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7/29/12

POSTAL SERVICE CRISIS

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The Postal Service is facing a financial crisis. It's losing millions of dollars a day and needs congressional help to get back on track. Next week will mark an important milestone in the service's struggle to pay an important debt to the government. the u-s postal service is losing money and the situation is growing more serious by the day. something the postmaster general acknowledged on capitol hill this spring.

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INTERNET WEAPON SALES LEGISLATION

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 2:27

Federal lawmakers from New York and New Jersey are promoting legislation that would restrict ammunition sales over the Internet and by mail. New York Rep. Carolyn McCarthy and New Jersey Sen. Frank Lautenberg discussed their Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act at a news conference Monday outside City Hall in Manhattan. Only licensed dealers would be allowed to sell ammunition. They would have to report, within five business days, any sale of more than 1,000 rounds to an unlicensed person. It also would require buyers who are not licensed dealers to show a photo ID

FOR PROFIT COLLEGE REPORT

VO :26

Wrapping up a two-year investigation of for-profit colleges, Senator Tom Harkin will issue a final report on Monday - a voluminous, hard-hitting indictment of almost every aspect of the industry, filled with troubling statistics and anecdotes drawn from internal documents of the 30 companies investigated. According to the report, which was posted online in advance, taxpayers spent \$32 billion in the most recent year on companies that operate for-profit colleges, but the majority of students they enroll leave without a degree, half of those within four months.

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7/31/12

CORN PRICES UP

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:57

Benchmark Chicago corn futures touched new highs on Tuesday, heading for their biggest monthly gain in over 5 years, as global concern intensified that time is running out for crops to recover from the worst U.S. drought in more than 50 years. Chicago December corn hit a contract high of \$8.20-1/2 a bushel and was up 0.7 percent at \$8.19. September corn was up 0.5 percent at \$8.24-1/4 a bushel, still within sight of the record price of \$8.28-3/4 the contract hit on July 20. A U.S. Department of Agriculture report late on Monday said corn and soybean crop conditions in the U.S. Midwest deteriorated further last week in the worst drought in the U.S. Midwest since 1956.

DREAMERS DAY

VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 2:04

Congressman Luis Gutierrez joined the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) to announce DREAM Relief day on August 15 at Navy Pier's Grand Ballroom from 9 am to 2 pm and unveil the web site <http://www.dreamrelief.org>, where undocumented youth will be able to apply for their work permits starting August 15. Additionally, Congressman Luis Gutierrez updated on the application process that will be issued by USCIS on August 1st.

PAID SICK DAYS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NUEV AYORK

PKG 1:58

Small business workers of New York protested for paid sick days arguing these could help saving lives.

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