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10/01/12

DRIVERS LICENSES FOR DREAMERS

VO :22

Governor Brown signed Assemblymember Gilbert Cedillo's (D-Los Angeles) AB 2189, which will allow dream students who are granted deferred action to apply for a California Drivers' License. The bill states that any document received by a person granted deferred action will be accepted as proof of legal presence for the purpose of applying for a California Drivers' License.

MEDICARE PENALTIES

VO :19

As of Monday, Medicare will start fining hospitals that have too many patients readmitted within 30 days of discharge due to complications. The penalties are part of a broader push under President Barack Obama's health care law to improve quality while also trying to save taxpayers money. About two-thirds of the hospitals serving Medicare patients, or some 2,200 facilities, will be hit with penalties averaging around \$125,000 per facility this coming year, according to government estimates.

DREAMERS AND ECONOMY

LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:03

If illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children were given legal status, their improved access to college and better jobs would add \$329 billion and 1.4 million jobs to the nation's economy over two decades, according to a report set for release today. The report found that up to 223,000 of the 2.1 million young illegal immigrants eligible for the DREAM Act would have an easier time enrolling, paying for and finishing college, which would lead to the increased economic gains.

KIDS AND TV TIME

VO :20

A new study out this morning from the journal Pediatrics finds children between the ages of 8 months and 8 years are exposed to an average of nearly four hours of "background" television daily. Children from African American families and the poorest families in the study group were exposed to even more - as

much as 6 hours a day. Experts say, background television exposure has been linked to lower sustained attention during playtime, lower quality parent-child interactions, and reduced performance during cognitive tasks.

ADOLESCENT POOR SLEEP HABITS

VO :20

There is a new possible risk-factor for heart disease that you may not have ever thought about... Sleep. A new study says sleep problems during adolescence may increase your risk. The study of teens in Toronto found a link between sleep disturbance and an increased chance for high cholesterol, high blood pressure and obesity. A lead author of the study from the group "SickKids" says these findings are important because sleep disturbance often occurs in teenage years. Of the 4 thousand young adults surveyed for this study, researchers say almost one in five reported their weekend sleep at "fairly bad" or "bad".

PAYROLL TAX CUT UNLIKELY

VO :26

Regardless of who wins the presidential election in November or what compromises Congress strikes in the lame-duck session to keep the economy from automatic tax increases and spending cuts, 160 million American wage earners will probably see their tax bills jump after Jan. 1.

LAW FOR KIDS WITH DEPORTED PARENTS

VO :26

California's governor yesterday signed two pieces of legislation aimed at protecting immigrant parents and their children from permanent separation. The bills, inspired in part by Colorlines.com's Shattered Families investigation take steps to stop U.S. citizen children from getting stuck in foster care if their parents are detained and deported. But the immigrant rights victories are tempered by Gov. Jerry Brown's decision to veto the closely watched Trust Act, a bill that would have curtailed the state's participation in Secure Communities, the federal government's core deportation program.

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10/2/12

PENN VOTERS ID

VO-SOT-VO :48

A Pennsylvania judge on Tuesday halted for the Nov. 6 U.S. general election a controversial requirement that voters in the state provide photo identification at the polls, a decision expected to influence Election Day turnout in the battleground state. The ruling by Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson comes exactly five weeks before the presidential election and puts on hold the law requiring all voters to show either a state driver's license, government employee ID or a state non-driver ID card in order to vote.

ROMNEY ON VISAS

VO-SOT-VO :46

Mitt Romney says he would not deport young illegal immigrants who were allowed to stay in the United States through an executive order signed by President Obama. "The people who have received the special visa that the president has put in place, which is a two-year visa, should expect that visa would continue to be valid," Romney told *The Denver Post* in an interview published today. "I'm not going to take something that they've purchased." The GOP presidential nominee vowed to enact a "full immigration plan" that he has proposed before those visas expire. In June, Obama announced a new program that would allow up to 1.7 million illegal immigrants to receive two-year deferments on deportation.

GAY DEPORTATIONS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

PKG 2:07

The Homeland Security Department plans to issue a policy note indicating that same-sex couples that are illegal immigrants are entitled to have their deportations suspended under a federal program designed to focus resources on low-priority cases. The move had been requested by the activists of gay rights and their allies in Congress before Homeland Security Secretary. Janet Napolitano announced plans on Thursday, in a letter to 84 Democrats.

NJ BULLYING

VO :19

New Jersey education officials now have a handle on just how much bullying happens in public schools. Data made public Tuesday show there were more 12,000 instances of harassment, intimidation and bullying reported in the 2011-12 school year. That's the first year the state's tough new anti-bullying law was in effect. New Jersey used a new definition of the behaviors, so there are no previous data for comparison.

DALE & THOMAS POPCORN RECALL

VO :23

Dale and Thomas Popcorn is voluntarily recalling bags of its flavored, ready-to-eat Indiana-brand products. The F-D-A says there is concern about a possible Listeria contamination. The recalled popcorn bags were distributed after August 8th and have "best by" dates of February 4, 2013 to March 12, 2013. Listeria is most dangerous to young children, the elderly, people with weakened immune systems and pregnant women. It can cause a high fever, severe headaches, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea.

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10/3/12

FAST ANS FURIOUS

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The Fast and Furious operation rightly focused on a U.S. government project that led to bloody massacres in Mexico, but the network stopped short by not directly tying the program to Obama and Holder. The investigators failed to focus on Holder's contempt of Congress charge for refusing to hand over 70 - 80,000 documents requested by the House Oversight Committee. They didn't call out President Obama's blatant move to protect his Attorney General by declaring Executive Privilege on the same day! The one-hour special also ignored top officials laying out their goals for a gun walking operation in 2009. The March 24, 2009 press conference which introduced the administration's comprehensive plan to "take the fight to the drug cartels" was the genesis of the ratcheted up body count in Mexico. Why would the hard-hitting Univision report leave that out?

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

VO : 21

A Massachusetts specialty pharmacy suspected as the source of a steroid that has been linked to an outbreak of a deadly form of meningitis says it has voluntarily suspended operations. In a statement Wednesday, the New England Compounding Center said it was working closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and other regulators to identify the source of infection. The company said that immediately after it was notified about the infections it initiated a voluntary recall Sept. 26. Health officials say the outbreak has sickened 26 people in five states who received steroid injections. Four people have died.

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10/04/12

LAPD WON'T TURN OVER IMMIGRATION

VO :22

The Los Angeles Police Department will refuse to turn over some arrestees to federal immigration authorities under a new policy announced Thursday by Chief Charlie Beck. Beck said the LAPD won't honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement "detainer" requests for most undocumented immigrants arrested for public nuisance offenses or low-grade misdemeanors. It will still honor the requests, Beck said, for people charged with felonies, drunken driving or crimes of violence, as well as those suspected of gang membership and those with prior felony records.

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

U.S. health officials ramped up warnings Thursday about a Massachusetts specialty pharmacy linked to a widening outbreak of a rare kind of meningitis, urging doctors and hospitals not to use any products from the company. Investigators this week found contamination in a sealed vial of the steroid at the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, Mass., according to Food and Drug Administration officials. Tests are under way to determine if it is the same fungus blamed in the outbreak that has sickened 35 people in six states. Five of them have died. All received steroid shots for back pain. The company recalled the steroid medication last week and has shut down operations. The recalled steroid had been shipped to facilities in 23 states since July. The type of fungal meningitis involved is not contagious like the more common forms. It is caused by a fungus often found in leaf mold. Health officials suspect it may have been in the steroid.

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10/05/12

UNEMPLOYMENT

VO :20

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits rose to a seasonally adjusted 367,000, a level consistent with only modest hiring. Weekly applications increased last week by 4,000 from the previous week's level of 363,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The previous week was revised higher from an initial reading of 359,000. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, was unchanged at 375,000. Unemployment benefit applications are a measure of the pace of layoffs. When they consistently fall below 375,000, it typically indicates that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate. Applications have mostly stayed near or above that level since the spring, coinciding with a weak stretch of hiring. The government reports Friday on September hiring and unemployment.

AMERICAN AIRLINES SEATS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 1:54

Airline officials said late Thursday that they had come up with a fix for the seats, and they began pulling 48 Boeing 757s out of service to make repairs. All the planes should be back in service by Saturday. American Airlines says it has repaired 42 of 48 planes that were pulled aside and inspected because the seats could come loose. The airline said Friday that all seat repairs on its Boeing 757 airplanes should be done by Saturday. American canceled 44 flights Friday after it scrapped 50 flights Thursday because of the seat problem. It said no flights had been canceled for Saturday. Based on the number of canceled flights, the size of the planes, and American's typical occupancy or "load factor" for September, it's likely that about 14,000 passengers were inconvenienced.

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10/06/12

CALIFORNIA GAS PRICES

VO :20

The price of gasoline equaled the all-time average high in California of \$4.61 a gallon Saturday, fueled by a reduced supply and a volatile market. Prices throughout the state were expected to increase for several more days before leveling off, after a temporary reduction in supply triggered a price spike that saw fuming motorists paying \$5 or more per gallon in some locations and station owners shutting down pumps in others. AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge report released Saturday said the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded across California rose 12 cents from its Friday mark of about \$4.49. Saturday's price, the highest in the nation, equaled the record average high for California set in June 2008 of \$4.61. The Golden State leapfrogged Hawaii as the state with the most expensive fuel. The average price for a gallon of regular unleaded across California was 47 cents more than a week ago, according to the AAA report.

MENINGITIS

VO :20

US Health officials have identified about 75 medical clinics across the country to help track down patients who got steroid shots linked to a deadly meningitis outbreak. The tally from the outbreak rose to nearly 50 cases, and spread to seven US states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Friday. The number of deaths from the rare fungal meningitis remained at five. Three people died in Tennessee and one each in Virginia and Maryland. Patients complaining of severe headaches and fevers

confounded doctors early into the rare outbreak of fungal meningitis that has been linked to a custom-made steroid shot in the US.

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10/07/12

NOTHING TO REPORT

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10/08/12

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

VO :22

That deadly meningitis outbreak continues to spread. More than 90 cases in nine states have now been reported. Seven people have died, according to the CDC. The outbreak has been linked to steroid injections to relieve back pain. The pharmacy at the center of the meningitis outbreak announced a voluntary recall of every product it makes.

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10/09/12

FEDS SUE WELLS FARGO

VO :19

The U.S. attorney in Manhattan has accused Wells Fargo of defrauding a government-backed mortgage insurance program, in another major civil case brought in the wake of the housing bust and financial crisis. The mortgage-fraud suit, filed by U.S. attorney Preet Bharara, seeks "hundreds of millions of dollars" in

damages for claims the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has paid for defaulted loans "wrongfully certified" by Wells Fargo.

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10/10/12

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SUPREME COURT

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U.S. Supreme Court justices vigorously challenged a University of Texas admissions program that favors some African-American and Hispanic applicants on Wednesday in a case that could determine how universities use affirmative action at campuses nationwide. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito pressed the university's lawyer on the details of the admissions scheme and when race breaks a tie between similar applicants.

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10/11/12

PEW LATINO VOTERS

VO: 20

A recent Pew Hispanic Center report on trends in Latino voter participation counts a record 24 million Latinos as eligible to vote in November's presidential election (11 percent of all potential voters). It also finds that Latinos are particularly important in several battleground states. Their rising numbers and geographic concentration suggest that if and how Latinos vote on November 6 could determine the race. While a large voting bloc for several election cycles now, Latinos have yet to fully wield their potential political power. Part of the reason is turnout-few Latinos make it to the polls on Election Day. In 2008 only half of eligible Latino voters cast ballots versus 65 percent of blacks and 66 percent of whites.

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10/12/12

AMERICAN CANCELING FLIGHTS

VO :20

American Airlines passengers can expect some pretty packed flight over the next month or so. The company just announced it is canceling about 31 flights a day through mid-November. That's about one percent. The airline originally said it was scaling back the number of seat sales through the end of this month. American has been dealing with financial and labor issues. In the past month, more than a thousand American flights have been canceled and 12-thousand were delayed. A spokesman says this move will help the company to get its performance levels back to normal.

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10/13/2012

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

VO :20

Another person has died from fungal meningitis linked to possibly tainted vials of a steroid medication, bringing the death toll in an unprecedented outbreak to 15, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Saturday. The new victim was in Indiana, which now has reported two deaths from the rare form of meningitis. The number of people stricken with meningitis in the outbreak reached 197 on Saturday, up 13 from Friday. In addition, there is one case of an infection after an injection in an ankle that has not been confirmed as meningitis, the CDC said.

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10/14/2012

ID CARDS FOR IMMIGRANTS

VO :20

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is pushing a plan to create an official city photo identification card that could double as a prepaid ATM card and help immigrants get access to banking services. The initiative could reduce crime because fewer people would have to carry cash, but critics say it's another ill-advised City Hall effort to accommodate undocumented immigrants. The idea for the city ID card

originated in his office, the mayor said, as part of previous efforts to help immigrants open bank accounts so they wouldn't become targets of crime. Councilman Richard Alarcon recently introduced a more limited proposal to create a new library card that could also serve as a debit card. But Villaraigosa said he wants to go farther and have the city begin offering full-fledged photo IDs

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10/15/12

IDENTIFICATION ID'S FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

VO-SOT-VO :37

A City Council committee on Tuesday is scheduled to consider a plan backed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for a city photo-identification card that would help immigrants get access to banking services. "It will be an official ID," Villaraigosa said in a recent interview. Critics said Villaraigosa's proposal is the latest indication that Los Angeles leaders are taking an increasingly supportive view of undocumented immigrants as they encourage them to join in the city's civic life.

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

VO :22

Nine more people have been diagnosed with fungal meningitis linked to possibly tainted vials of a steroid medication, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Monday, bringing the total number of cases to 212. The CDC said there were two additional cases of infection in joints after a steroid injection but these were not confirmed as meningitis, bringing the total number of infections nationwide to 214. The death toll from the unprecedented outbreak was unchanged at 15, the CDC said.

SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

VO :14

A New Mexico food company that produced the peanut butter linked to an outbreak of salmonella poisoning has expanded an ongoing recall of its products to include raw and roasted peanuts. The federal Food and Drug Administration said Saturday that Sunland Inc. added raw and roasted shelled and in-shell peanuts sold in quantities from two ounces to 50 pounds to its recall. FDA inspectors have found salmonella in raw peanuts from the Sunland processing plant.

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10/16/12

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

VILMA TARAZONA / MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Criminal investigators from the Food and Drug Administration are at the Massachusetts company whose steroid medication has been linked to a deadly meningitis outbreak. A spokesman for the New England Compounding Center confirms that investigators were at the Framingham company Tuesday but he had no further comment.

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10/17/12

US CRIME BOMB PLOT

VILMA TARAZONA. SATELLITE ROOM

PKG 2:08

The FBI on Wednesday arrested a Bangladeshi man in a sting operation on charges he attempted to blow up the New York Federal Reserve Bank with what he believed

was a 1,000-pound (450-kg) bomb, federal authorities said. Quazi Mohammad Rezwanaul Ahsan Nafis, 21, faces charges of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to provide material support to al Qaeda, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. If convicted, he faces life in prison.

ID CARDS FOR IMMIGRANTS

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

The subject of allowing undocumented residents to have official identification cards is controversial to say the least. It is also sparking dialogues about the particular role local governments should play in regards to illegal immigrants. Antonio Villaraigosa, the mayor of Los Angeles is endorsing a plan that will create an

official city photo identification card that could assist immigrants with banking services by doubling as a prepaid ATM card. Los Angeles is not the only city who has implemented the issuance of identification cards for immigrants. Both San Francisco and Oakland supply identification cards to any individual who can prove residency, regardless of what their immigration status is.

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10/18/12

BOY SCOUTS

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Again and again, decade after decade, an array of authorities -- police chiefs, prosecutors, pastors and local Boy Scout leaders among them -- quietly shielded scoutmasters and others accused of molesting children, a newly opened trove of confidential papers shows. At the time, those authorities justified their actions as necessary to protect the good name and good works of Scouting, a pillar of 20th century America. But as detailed in 14,500 pages of secret "perversion files" released Thursday by order of the Oregon Supreme Court, their maneuvers allowed sexual predators to go free while victims suffered in silence.

EE.UU. MENINGITIS LATEST

VO :20

U.S. health

officials made their first confirmation of the presence of a deadly fungus in one of three lots of steroids tied to a national meningitis outbreak as the death toll rose to 20 on Thursday. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said it was still testing two additional lots of methylprednisolone acetate, the steroid used to treat back pain, for the presence of the rare Exserohilum fungus. It is also testing other injectable drugs that were supplied by the New England Compounding Center, or NECC, in Massachusetts.

ARIZONA WRONG VOTING DATE

VO :20 SOT :20

Arizona's Maricopa county listed the wrong date in the Spanish version of voter registration cards, a development likely to further complicate tense relations between local authorities and Latino residents. The county's elections office says it mailed out nearly 2 million new voter registration cards. Only about 50

of the cards -- handed out over-the-counter at its offices -- had the error, it said. Instead of November 6, the Spanish translation said the election would take place on November 8.

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10/19/12

ACLU SUES SHERIFF BACA

SALVADOR DURAN / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:01

The American Civil Liberties Union is suing Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca on behalf of people who say they were denied bail for minor offenses after being flagged by immigration authorities. British filmmaker Duncan Roy, who says he spent nearly three months in L.A. County jails without a chance to post bail, is one of the five plaintiffs in the lawsuit, which will be filed today in U.S. District Court.

BOAT SUNSCREEN RECALL

VO :28

The maker of Banana Boat sunscreen recalled 23 spray-on products Friday saying there was a risk they could catch fire on one's skin, after reports of five people being burned in the US and Canada. Energizer Holdings said it was recalling its popular continuous spray sunscreen "due to a potential risk of product igniting on the skin if contact is made with a source of ignition before the product is completely dry.

STUDY TIES DIET TO ALZHEIMER

VO :33

Older people who load up their plates with carbohydrates have nearly four times the risk of developing mild cognitive impairment, a new study finds. Sugars also played a role in the development of mild cognitive impairment (MCI), which is often a precursor to Alzheimer's disease, says the report in the newest Journal of Alzheimer's Disease. Eating more proteins and fats offers some protection from MCI.

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10/20/12

MENINGITIS CASES

VO :20

The number of cases of meningitis from tainted injections of a steroid medication reached 294, up 12 from a day earlier, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Monday. There were three other cases of joint infections from the steroid medication that have not resulted in meningitis cases, bringing the national total of infections to 297, according to the CDC.

HEALTH PUBERTY

VO :22

Boys in the U.S. may be entering puberty earlier than previous generations, according to a study conducted by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The study, published Oct. 20 in the online journal *Pediatrics* shows that boys are starting to sexually develop six months to two years earlier than in years before. This trend, said researchers, could have important medical, psychosocial, public health, and environmental implications.

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10/21/12

GAS PRICES

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:14

Americans thinking about driving over the river and through the woods for Thanksgiving could be in line for a nice surprise: lower gas prices. Prices have fallen 3.8% over the past 11 days to a national average of \$3.67 a gallon for regular, according to motorist group AAA. And analysts say the price could fall another 30 cents by Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day.

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10/22/12

CA "THREE STRIKES" LAW

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:51

The current "Three Strikes" law imposes a life sentence for almost any crime-including petty theft or simple possession of drugs, no matter how small the amount-if a defendant has two prior convictions for crimes designated as "serious" or "violent" by statute. According to the official ballot materials supporting passage of the Three Strikes statute in 1994, the law was intended to "keep career criminals who rape women, molest innocent children, and commit murder behind bars where they belong." In fact, a most of the inmates sentenced under the Three Strikes law have committed non- violent crimes. Over 4,500 inmates are currently serving life sentences under the Three Strikes law for non-violent crimes.

PAINKILLER ABUSE BY KIDS

VO :20

The rate of prescription painkiller abuse among American youth is 40 percent higher than in previous generations, and it is now the second most common type of illegal drug use after marijuana, according to a new study. The current generation's abuse of prescription pain medications such as vicodin, valium and oxycontin is "higher than any generation ever measured," study author Richard Miech, a professor of sociology at the University of Colorado, Denver, said in a university news release.

ENERGY DRINKS DEATHS

VO :25

The makers of Monster Energy drinks are facing a lawsuit following the death of a 14-year-old Maryland girl. The lawsuit, filed in California, claims the teen died of heart problems after drinking two Monster drinks in two days. According to the lawsuit, that amounts to 14 12-ounce cans of Coca-Cola. The family is suing Monster for failing to warn about the drink's dangers.

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10/23/12

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

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Massachusetts state officials say they found unclean conditions including visible black specks of fungus in steroids made by a pharmacy linked to a deadly outbreak of meningitis. Gov. Deval (deh-VAL') Patrick said Tuesday the state has moved to revoke the license of the New England Compounding Center and three pharmacists. State officials say a preliminary investigation found drugs were sent out before tests results on their sterility could be returned and a leaking boiler was located near a company clean room.

MILK PRICES

VO :34

Expiration of the U.S. farm law at the end of September, which shuts off dairy supports, will cause pain for some farmers and frustration for many.

American Midwest is a major grain-producing area, as well as a well-known dairy producer. Dairy farmers here faced serious situation that continuous drought this year caused the shortage of feed and the high feed price. Meanwhile, The Milk Income Loss Contract program (MILC), which had ever provided subsidies to dairy farmers, expired at the end of September.

MIGRATION MONITOR

LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:10

Multiple indicators suggest that Mexican migration to the United States has stabilized at reduced levels after absorbing the effects of the Great Recession and toughened U.S. immigration enforcement efforts. The most recent data available show that northbound flows are holding steady with signs of increasing unauthorized migration, while southbound flows are decreasing. The result is that the size of the Mexican-born population in the United States has fully recovered from losses experienced during the recession. Meanwhile, unemployment among those migrants has decreased and labor force participation rates have held steady-a post-recession economic performance slightly better than for U.S. native-born workers. Another sign of recovery comes from an increased flow of remittances to Mexico.

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10/24/12

FREE TAXI LATINOS

VO :22

Two taxi companies in Salt Lake City announced that from now through Nov. 6 they will provide free transport for all Latinos who need it to get to the polling places so they can do their civic duty. The service, organized by the Utah Coalition of La Raza, the Mexican Civic Center and the "Pulso Latino" radio program, aims to promote Hispanic participation in the upcoming elections, in which for the first time Utah will have ballots in Spanish. Hispanics represent 13 percent of the almost 3 million Utah inhabitants, or 390,000 people. Of those, the Pew Hispanic Center estimates that 123,000 will be eligible to vote, which represents 7 percent of the state's electorate.

CANCER NUCLEAR PLANTS

VO :24

Federal regulators say a pilot study of cancer risks posed to residents near seven nuclear power sites in the United States will update 22-year-old data, but an industry group says the study won't come up with anything new. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission plans to study multiple cancer types in infants and the general population near six nuclear power plants and a nuclear-fuel plant for the Navy. The National Academy of Sciences recommended the sites in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Tennessee because they represent a broad sample of plants with different operating histories, population sizes, and data in state cancer registries.

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10/25/12

BANK OF AMERICA FRAUD

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The United States filed a fraud lawsuit against Bank of America Corp, accusing it of causing taxpayers more than \$1 billion of losses by selling thousands of toxic mortgage loans to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Wednesday's case, originally brought by a whistleblower, is the U.S. Department of Justice's first civil fraud lawsuit over mortgage loans sold to the big mortgage financiers, which were bailed out in 2008. It also compounds the legal problems that Bank of America Chief Executive Brian Moynihan faces over the second-largest U.S. bank's disastrous July 2008 purchase of Countrywide Financial Corp, once the nation's largest mortgage lender.

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10/26/12

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10/27/2012

TROPICAL WEATHER-AFTERMATH

PEDRO ULTRERAS, NUEVA YORK

PKG: 2:00

With a fearsome superstorm threatening the Eastern Seaboard, several governors are declaring states of emergency and urging coastal residents to move inland. Among them is New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. He's ordered the evacuations of all Atlantic City casinos and the state's barrier islands by tomorrow afternoon. He's also closing state parks. North Carolina Gov. Beverly Purdue has declared a state of emergency for some coastal areas. There's concern that a temporary bridge built after Hurricane Irene last year could be washed out again, cutting off Hatteras Island. New York City is considering whether to shut down any of its public transportation, as it did during Irene. Airlines are predicting cancellations and waiving change fees for passengers who want to reschedule. The danger is not just from Hurricane Sandy, which is expected to come ashore early Tuesday somewhere around Delaware. As it moves inland, forecasters say Sandy will run into two winter weather systems, potentially creating one huge storm. An 800-mile wide swath of the country could see 50 mph winds. Torrential rains are also predicted, and in some places, snow.

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10/28/12

SMOKING IN CARS HIGHER THAN UN POLLUTION THRESHOLD

GALO ARELLANO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

Smoking in cars raises levels of dangerous fine-particle pollutants to many times the limit recommended by the world's health agency, a study published on Monday said. Doctors in Britain measured concentrations of fine particles in cars driven by 17 people, 14 of them smokers, using an electronic monitor on the back seat. The volunteers were asked to follow their normal smoking habits as the smoke levels in their car were monitored over three days. Out of 104 journeys - average time 27 minutes - 63 were smoke-free. During smoking journeys, levels of fine particles were 85 microgrammes per cubic metre on average, compared to guidelines of 25 mcg/cu. metre for indoor pollution set by the UN's World Health Organisation (WHO).

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10/31/12

SANDY LOSSES 50 BILLION

VO :20

Economic damages inflicted by Hurricane Sandy could reach \$50 billion, according to new estimates that are more than double a previous forecast. Some economists warned on Thursday that the storm could shave a half percentage point off the nation's economic growth in the current quarter. Losses from the

storm could total \$30 billion to \$50 billion, according to Egecat, which tracks hurricanes and analyzes the damage they cause. On Monday, before the storm hit the East Coast, the firm estimated \$10 billion to \$20 billion in total economic damages.

STORM SANDY BANKS

VO :20

Major U.S. banks, including Bank of America Corp., JP Morgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo & Co. and Citigroup, are waiving customer fees in states hit by superstorm Sandy, and in some cases are extending the period in which waivers are in effect, as communities struggle to recover. Bank of America on Thursday said in a note to customers in states affected by Hurricane Sandy that they do not have to call the bank to get overdraft, late payment, and other fees waived. The bank said it will automatically waive many charges incurred between Monday, Oct. 29, and Monday, Nov. 5.

USA TAX HURRICANE

VO :20

Taxpayers in 11 states slammed by Sandy have something to look forward to as they recover from the storm damage: relief from the Internal Revenue Service. The massive storm, which killed at least 93 people by Thursday afternoon, has been declared a "qualified disaster" by President Barack Obama. Workers who receive storm-related compensation from their

employers will not face a tax liability. These payments can include a range of expenses, including funeral costs, which are not already covered by insurance.

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