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**01/01/13**

**US LAWMAKERS SIGNS AGREEMENT TO AVOID "FISCAL CLIFF"**

**LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 1:30**

US lawmakers approved on Tuesday to resolve any uncertainty over the so-called "fiscal cliff" before financial markets reopen the following day, with the House of Representatives considering urgent legislation approved by the Senate in a middle-of-the-night New Year's drama unlike any other in the history of Congress. The largely tax-focused legislation was only part of the grand deal President Barack Obama had hoped to make with lawmakers on addressing the country's chronic deficit spending, meaning that his administration and a bitterly partisan Congress face more showdowns on fiscal issues in the months ahead.

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**01/02/13**

**WHITE HOUSE EASES PATH TO RESIDENCY FOR SOME ILEGAL INMIGRANTS**

**NAYELI CHAVEZ / NUEVA YORK**

**PKG 1:45**

The Obama administration eased the way Wednesday for illegal immigrants who are immediate relatives of American citizens to apply for permanent residency, a change that could affect as many as 1 million of the estimated 11 million immigrants unlawfully in the U.S. A new rule issued by the Department of Homeland Security aims to reduce the time illegal immigrants are separated from their American families while seeking legal status, immigration officials said. Beginning March 4, when the changes go into effect, illegal immigrants who can demonstrate that time apart from an American spouse, child or parent would create "extreme hardship," can start the application process for a legal visa without leaving the U.S.

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01/03/13

**US FLU SEASON**

**VILMA TARAZONA / MIAMI, FL**

**PKG 1:50**

We're barely into this flu season and already the state department of health reports 3 deaths relating to influenza. King county's showing a peak number of flu cases back in mid-december but the numbers are climbing in snohomish county. komo 4's denise whitaker takes a look at how bad it is this year and how to protect yourself. The east coast - especially the southeast has been slammed. We've just come off a busy travel time, with people criss crossing the country. The spread of the flu will continue well into March - not too late to get vaccinated. There's STILL plenty of vaccine available. You can get it from your

pharmacist, doctor's offices or local health district. The cost runs about \$15 for children - \$30 for adults. And in many cases you can also apply for a reduced fee.

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01/04/13

**US HIT AND RUN DEATH INCREASE**

**VO / 25 SECS**

Officers Carol Mitchell and John Hill investigate the death of a disabled teen who was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver in Los Angeles. Gloria Hillard for NPR. Pedestrian and cyclist fatalities are increasing nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Los Angeles and New York City have the highest rates of those deaths. In Los Angeles, where the car is the major mode of transportation, hit and runs involving pedestrians occur almost daily. But these crimes can be the most difficult for law enforcement to investigate and solve. The flowers of a makeshift memorial along a busy street in south Los Angeles are wilting within a jagged circle of candles. A stuffed animal leans against a cardboard cross. And taped to poster board are family pictures of a disabled teen killed by a hit-and-run driver while he was crossing the street.

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01/05/12

**ICE ARREST**

**VO 23 SECS.**

Less than 24 hours after federal authorities made a national announcement appealing to the public for leads in three unsolved child pornography cases, a second suspect has been arrested and the child victim in the case identified. Lance Robert Fries, 43, of Tucson, was taken into custody at his attorney's North Tucson office without incident at approximately 1:45 p.m. Friday by special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Fries faces potential federal charges of production of child pornography and is expected to make his initial appearance in federal court Monday.

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01/06/13

**US SPENDS ON IMMIGRATION**

**VILMA TARAZONA. MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:00**

The federal government spent nearly \$18 billion in the 2012 fiscal year to fund agencies like U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and US-VISIT, a system that tracks the entry and exit of visitors to the U.S. Over the same period, the government spent \$14.4 billion on the combined budgets of the major criminal enforcement agencies, FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). The 180-page report challenges a long-standing contention by immigration restrictionists that the U.S. needs more border security before it can consider immigration reform.

**10 BANKS TO PAY \$8.5 BILLION**

**VO :22**

They're accused of seizing homes when their customers defaulted on mortgages. Now, some banks are paying billions for it. Ten of America's biggest banks have agreed to an 8-point-5 billion dollar settlement over alleged foreclosure abuses. The deal, announced today (Monday), was brokered by the Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. It requires the ten banks to pay more than 3-billion dollars in direct payments to mortgage borrowers who were foreclosed on in 2009 and 2010.

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01/07/13

**FLU LATEST**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:00**

The CDC said the proportion of people visiting health care providers with flu-like symptoms climbed from 2.8 percent to 5.6 percent in four weeks. By contrast, the rate peaked at only 2.2 percent during the relatively mild 2011-12 flu season. The estimated rate of flu-related hospitalizations in the U.S. was 8.1 per 100,000 people, which is high for this time of year, according to Dr. Joe Bresee, chief of the epidemiology and prevention branch of the CDC's influenza division.

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01/08/13

**IRS WILL ACCEPT TAX RETURNS STARTING JANUARY 30TH**

**VO / 20 SECS.**

The Internal Revenue Service will begin processing almost all tax returns at the end of the month. There was concern over a possible delay because of the new fiscal cliff legislation that Congress passed on New Year's Day and possible new tax provisions. Now the agency says it will begin processing the vast majority of tax returns on January 30, just over a week later than planned. Certain taxpayers, including those claiming residential energy credits, depreciation of property or general business credits will have to wait until late February or March to file. It's not the first time the IRS has had to deal with late action by Congress. Two years ago, it took until mid-December for President Obama and lawmakers did not reach an agreement on many of the same issues until mid-December. That delayed the opening of the tax season until mid-February, affecting some 9 million taxpayers that year.

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01/09/13

**FLU EMERGENCY**

**VILMA TARAZONA / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:17**

Massachusetts now dealing with a serious flu outbreak. 18 flu-related deaths reported across Massachusetts state so far this season. In Boston right now, at least 700 cases confirmed, 4 deaths and now a public health emergency.

**AZ ARMED POSSE**

**DULCE MASCARENO / PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

**PKG 1:43**

A press conference is expected with the Maricopa County Sheriff Office on a volunteer system that would provide patrols around local schools. The patrols will not be on campuses but rather in the area surrounding. The idea is to have a visible law enforcement presence. The sheriff first started using his posse to protect malls during the holiday season and believes since it's worked in malls, it will work in schools.

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01/10/13

**FLU SEASON**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:13**

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The city is working with health care centers to offer free flu vaccines and hopes to set up places where people can get vaccinated. The city said there have been four flu-related deaths, all elderly residents, since the unofficial start of the flu season Oct. 1.

## **RULE TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM IRRESPONSIBLE MORTGAGE LENDING**

**LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**2:03**

Today the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) adopted a new rule that will protect consumers from irresponsible mortgage lending by requiring lenders to ensure prospective buyers have the ability to repay their mortgage. The rule also protects borrowers from risky lending practices such as "no doc" and "interest only" features that contributed to many homeowners ending up in delinquency and foreclosure after the 2008 housing collapse.

## **FDA DIET DRUG**

**VO :21**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning the public that a product distributed and sold under the name 'WOW' is really just another product in disguise, one that can cause serious harm. Earlier in 2012, FDA twice warned the public about taking Reumofan Plus-marketed as a "natural" dietary supplement for the treatment of many conditions, including arthritis and bone cancer-because, in reality, it contains undeclared active ingredients found in prescription drugs that should only be used under the supervision of a health care professional.

## **AMERICANS SUFFER MORE VIOLENT DEATHS**

**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:00**

The United States has about six violent deaths per 100,000 residents. None of the 16 other countries included in the review came anywhere close to that ratio.

For many years, Americans have been dying at younger ages than people in almost all other wealthy countries. In addition to the impact of gun violence, Americans consume the most calories among peer countries and get involved in more accidents that involve alcohol. The US also suffers higher rates of drug-related deaths, infant mortality and AIDS.

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**BIDEN VIDEO GAMES MEETING**

**PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:06**

Representatives from the companies that make "first-person shooter" games such as "Call of Duty," "Medal of Honor" and "Grand Theft Auto" met with Vice President Joe Biden on Friday as the Obama administration looks for ways to curb U.S. gun violence. Biden is heading a task force formed after a gunman shot dead 20 children and six adults last month at a Connecticut elementary school. Biden plans to make recommendations on reducing gun violence to President Barack Obama by next Tuesday.

**FLU OUTBREAK**

**NORMA RIBEIRO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:30**

Flu is now widespread in all but three states as the nation grapples with an earlier-than-normal season. But there was one bit of good news Friday: The number of hard-hit areas declined. The flu season in the U.S. got under way a month early, in December, driven by a strain that tends to make people sicker. That led to worries that it might be a bad season, following one of the mildest flu seasons in recent memory.

**FINANCIAL AID FOR CALIFORNIA DREAMERS**

**LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:52**

Starting next monday, undocumented students graduated from high school can apply online for scholarships called CalGrants to go to college. The dreamers who are accepted will begin receiving state financial assistance contained in CalGrants for next fall.

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01/12/13

**CALIFORNIA COLD SNAP**

**SEVERINO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 1:50**

Californians are bundling up with sweaters and gloves and stocking up on firewood as they endure the latest winter storm that has brought very unseasonable freezing temperatures. The National Weather Service said records could fall as the cold snap stretches into the weekend. Freeze warnings were issued for Sunday morning across wide swaths of the LA Basin and San Diego County. Residents were being urged to cover outdoor plants and bring pets inside. Morning frost was expected on San Diego and Los Angeles beaches. Big Sur, on the central coast, prepared for daytime highs almost 20 degrees below Boston's. Even the snowbird haven of Palm Springs saw temperatures hover around freezing at night. A low of 12 degrees was recorded in the snow-covered Big Bear mountain resort east of Los Angeles. In addition, San Diego zookeepers turned up the heat for chimpanzees, tourists covered their hands on Hollywood walking tours, and some farmers broke out wind machines and took other steps to protect crops from freezing. Traffic was flowing again on a major Southern California traffic artery that was severed for the second time in three days because of snow.

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**01/13/13**

**OBAMA IMMIGRATION REFORM**

**BURGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 2:47**

President Barack Obama is forging ahead on a wide-ranging plan to overhaul the U.S. immigration system early this year, including a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants already in the country, the New York Times reported on Sunday. Obama wants to advance the plan even as he faces tough battles with Congress over fiscal issues and gun-control laws, and may lay out his ideas during his annual State of the Union address on Feb. 12, the Times said, citing senior administration officials and lawmakers. The president had made immigration reform a key promise for his second term, and said in November after he won the election that he expected a bill would be introduced in Congress shortly after his January inauguration. "We are still assessing our options, no decisions have been finalized and as a result it would be premature to speculate reports to the contrary are inaccurate," a senior administration official told Reuters on Sunday. The Times said the immigration plan would require immigrants seeking to obtain legal status to pay fines and back-taxes, and would make it possible to pursue citizenship.

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## GUN CONTROL

VO :20

Vice President Joe Biden and members of President Barack Obama's Cabinet will meet on Monday with members of the U.S. House of Representatives as he prepares recommendations on how to curb a rash of gun violence in the United States. Nearly 80,000 Americans were denied guns in 2010, according to Justice Department data, because they lied or provided inaccurate information about their criminal histories on background-check forms. Yet only 44 of those people were charged with a crime. The staggeringly low number of prosecutions for people who "lie and try," as it is called by law enforcement officials, is being studied by the Obama administration as it considers measures to curb gun violence after the Connecticut elementary school shootings.

## CALIFORNIA FLU VACCINE

VO :22

Public health officials said Monday there is no shortage of the flu vaccine anywhere in California, despite anecdotal reports of people having a difficult time finding a place to get the shot. Some local pharmacies may have temporarily run out of the vaccine, but there is ample supply in Los Angeles County, according to a spokesman for the county Public Health Department. California public health officials are preparing for an increase in flu patients and are carefully watching other states, where the influenza outbreak has been much more severe. The flu tends to peak in the state in February or March.

## COCA COLA OBESITY

VO :25

Coca-Cola became one of the world's most powerful brands by equating its soft drinks with happiness. Now it's taking to the airwaves for the first time to address a growing cloud over the industry: obesity. The Atlanta-based company on Monday will begin airing a two-minute commercial during the highest-rated shows on CNN, Fox News and MSNBC in hopes of becoming a stronger voice in the intensifying debate over sodas and their impact on public health. The ad lays out Coca-Cola's record of providing drinks with fewer calories over the years and notes that weight gain is the result of consuming too many calories of any kind -- not just soda. Coca-Cola says the campaign will kick off a variety of moves that help address obesity in the year ahead.

## GAS PRICES CREEPING BACK UP

VO :22

After 11 weeks of falling prices, a survey published Sunday shows gas prices are working their way back up. The average cost for a gallon of regular dropped 58 cents from October to late December. Now, the

Lunderg Survey shows the price rising six cents over the last three weeks. The current average of three-32 ((\$3.32)) per gallon is about three cents lower than this time in 2012. The lowest prices, right now, are in Salt Lake City, where they average two-76 ((\$2.76)). The highest average three-75 ((\$3.75)) per gallon in Long Island, New York .

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**CA DMV UNDOCUMENTED DRIVERS**

**VO :25**

Unlicensed drivers in California -- the vast majority of whom are illegal immigrants -- are nearly three times as likely to cause a fatal crash as licensed drivers, according to a study by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The report suggests that merely meeting the modest requirements necessary to get a license -- passing a written exam and driving test -- could improve road safety and help reduce the several thousand fatalities that occur in the state each year.

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