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OBAMA GUN CONTROL

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

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Even as he uses his executive powers to enact 23 measures that don't require the approval of Congress, President Barack Obama says there's only so much he can do to reduce gun violence unless lawmakers act. He says that's what it will take to make a "real and lasting difference." His executive orders include tougher penalties for people who lie on background checks. And they give schools flexibility to use federal grant money to improve school safety. A presidential memorandum will instruct the Centers for Disease Control to research causes and prevention of gun violence. Obama wants Congress to renew and expand a ban on assault weapons, and limit high-capacity magazines.

HISPANIC NUTRITION CAMPAIGN

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:50

National Shopping Program Aims To Support A Healthier Hispanic Community. Latino populations are disproportionately affected by chronic diseases related to a lack of physical activity and poor diet. Lower socioeconomic status and ready access to cheap, unhealthy foods are just some of the contributing factors that have set far too many Latinos on the path to an unhealthy lifestyle. In an effort to address this issue, the NCLR (National Council of La Raza) Institute for Hispanic Health, in collaboration with General Mills and Walmart, is expanding its healthy shopping program, Comprando Rico y Sano, which is designed to teach Latinos how to be health-conscious consumers and make the correct food choices for their families.

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01/17/13

CANCER DROPS 20% SINCE 1991

VO 25 SECS.

The overall death rate from cancer has dropped 20-percent from its peak in 19-91, according to new statistics from the American Cancer Society. That translates to nearly 1-point-2 million deaths from cancer that were avoided during that time. According to the report, death rates continue to decline for lung, colon, breast and prostate cancers...which are responsible for the most cancer deaths. The report also includes grim news. The A-C-S estimates 1-point-6 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year and more than 580-thousand will die from the disease.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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01/19/13

OBAMA'S SECOND TERM

MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:09

Barack Obama's second inauguration as U.S. President on Monday is boosting business in Washington D.C. as preparations are fully underway and many people are coming to witness the event. Back to 2009 of Obama's first inauguration, an estimated 1.8 million people flooded into Washington D.C. And this year, though the crowd is expected to shrink a little bit, is still boosting local business. The malls are packed and the city seems to burst at the seams as ordinary Americans and Hollywood stars have come in droves. Local officials said the city has made full preparations to handle the crowds. Major hotel chains all over Washington D.C. have advertised luxury packages, some with starting rates of over 1,000 dollars one night, and ambitious four-night minimum stays are being scaled down due to lack of bookings. Historic hotel, the Willard Intercontinental, is confident that the big spenders of 2009 will return. it's charging 5,700 dollars one night for some of its most lavish suites, many having a view onto Pennsylvania Avenue, the inaugural parade route. Besides luxurious hotels, at the other end of the town one hotel that is fully booked is northeast "Little White House". Organizers expect crowds of up to one million for a city just 15 kilometers square for the ceremony.

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01/20/13

OBAMA'S PRESIDENTIAL SWEARING CEREMONY

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

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U.S. President Barack Obama was sworn in for a second term in office on Sunday in a small, private ceremony in the White House's Blue Room. Chief Justice John Roberts, who leads the U.S. Supreme Court, administered the oath of office to the president, repeating a role he took in 2009, when Obama became the first black president of the United States. Obama's swearing-in, witnessed by family, met the constitutional requirement that he take the oath on January 20. He will repeat the procedure in a public ceremony in front of the U.S. Capitol on Monday.

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01/21/13

IMMIGRATION PROTEST ILLINOIS

VIVIANA AVILA / CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG 1:45

On January 21st, Inauguration day and Martin Luther King Day, families of those recently targeted in immigration raids are calling for a March and rally for a moratorium on deportations in Chicago. The immigrant community in Chicago is calling for the President to grant immediate relief from deportations by ordering a moratorium. While Congress deliberates, they say, the President can use his executive authority to make immediate changes to reverse his record on deportations.

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01/22/13

ANOTHER SHOOTING

VILMA TARAZONA / TEXAS

PKG 2:20

Three people were wounded, one critically, on Tuesday when gunfire erupted during an altercation between two people on a community college campus near Houston, police said, the latest in a series of shootings on U.S. college and school campuses. Two people "of interest" in the Lone Star College shooting were detained for questioning, including one with a student identification, according to authorities. Authorities said the two people involved in the argument were in hospital. A maintenance worker who had been standing nearby was shot in the leg, and a woman with a student ID was taken to a hospital with a medical issue that was not a gunshot wound, they said.

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01/23/13

SEX OFFENDERS IN FACEBOOK

VO :19

A federal appeals court has ruled that an Indiana law banning registered sex offenders from accessing Facebook and other social networking sites is unconstitutional. The 7th U.S. Circuit of Appeals in Chicago on Wednesday overturned a federal judge's decision to uphold the law, saying the ban was too broad. U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt ruled in June that the state has a strong interest in protecting children and found that social networking had created a "virtual playground for sexual predators." The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed the class-action suit on behalf of sex offenders including a man who served three years for child exploitation. They were all restricted by the ban even though they are no longer on probation.

FONTANA, CALIFORNIA SCHOOL RIFLES

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ. FONTANA, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

The high-powered semiautomatic rifles recently shipped to school police in this Southern California city look like they belong on a battlefield rather than in a high school, but officials here say the weapons could help stop a massacre like the one that claimed the lives of 26 students and educators in Connecticut just weeks ago. Fontana Unified School District police purchased 14 of the Colt LE6940 rifles last fall, and they were delivered the first week of December - a week before the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Over the holiday break, the district's 14 school police officers received 40 hours of training on the rifles. Officers check them out for each shift from a fireproof safe in the police force's main office.

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01/24/13

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN BILL

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

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Congressional Democrats, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, have reintroduced a bill that would ban assault weapons despite opposition in the Republican-led House and the reluctance of some Senate Democrats. Feinstein wrote the original assault weapons ban, which became law in 1994 and expired in 2004. Democratic Reps. Carolyn McCarthy of New York and Ed Perlmutter of Colorado will lead the effort to push the bill through the House.

WOMEN GET TO FIGHT

LOURDES DEL RIO / DORAL, FLORIDA

PKG 2:06

The Pentagon formally announced on Thursday its decision to lift its ban on women in front-line combat roles, a move hailed by supporters as a historic step toward gender equality in America's armed forces after 11 years of non-stop war.

GAY MARRIAGE RHODE ISLAND

VO :18

The Rhode Island House has overwhelmingly passed legislation to allow gay couples to marry. The House passed the legislation 51-19 Thursday following an emotional debate that touched on religion, civil rights and the nature of marriage. The bill now moves to the Senate, where supporters and opponents say its fate is difficult to predict.

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01/25/13

IMMIGRATION REFORM PLANS

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:22

The White House and a bipartisan group of senators next week plan to begin their efforts to push for comprehensive immigration reform. President Barack Obama is also expected to make an announcement on immigration during a Tuesday trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the White House said on Friday. The Senate group is expected make their plans public around the same time, the Associated Press reported. For Obama, immigration reform is a campaign promise that has remained unfulfilled from his first White House run in 2008. During his 2012 re-election campaign, the president vowed to renew his effort to overhaul the nation's immigration system. It has long been expected that Obama would roll out his plans shortly after his inauguration.

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01/26/13

GUN CONTROL MARCH

VO :25 SECS

Thousands marched in washington tonight expressing their feelings on gun control. Among them were families from newtown connecticut the scene of the sandy hook elementary shooting. They called it the silent rally-, but they had one unified message that brought them to washington. parents sat in the audience as the white house embarks on one of the most extensive gun control efforts ever....the initiative-- a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. universal background checks additional mental health services and congress members vowing to take the n-r-a head-on along with gun violence victims. goddard was shot four times during the virginia tech shooting in april 2007 as the protesters dispersed today they looked ahead to wednesday the first congressional hearings for legislation on gun control the head of the n-r-a wayne lapierre and the husband of gabby giffords...mark kelley will testify.

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01/27/13

IMMIGRATION REFORM WEEK

NORMA RIBEIRO / MAIMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:17

Immigration reform will take center stage this week with President Barack Obama giving a major policy speech to relaunch his push for reform while a bipartisan group of senators is also expected to release its own ideas for new legislation. Amid the fiercely partisan discussions over fiscal issues that have dominated Washington since the election, there are indications of solid cross-party support for some form of immigration reform, with several leading Republicans urging the party to back significant changes. The center piece of any new legislation is likely to be the establishment of a mechanism for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants currently in the US to obtain legal status. However, previous reform efforts have foundered despite enjoying strong support, and the tense atmosphere between the White House and some congressional Republicans could yet present an insurmountable obstacle. Mr Obama, who pledged to introduce new legislation during the election campaign, will give a speech on immigration reform on Tuesday in Las Vegas, the first major policy address of his second term.

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01/28/13

IMMIGRATION REFORM

PABLO SANCHEZ. WASHINGTON, DC

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BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ PKG, REACTIONS

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Key Democratic and Republican senators are pledging to get a wide-ranging immigration bill through the Senate by summer even as they point to numerous pitfalls ahead. The group of eight senators unveiled proposals Monday to secure the border, allow more guest workers, require tougher verification measures by employers and create a path to citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants already in the country. They expressed optimism they can succeed where numerous past efforts have failed. Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona said November's election losses show Republicans they need to take steps to win over Latino voters. But the senators quickly encountered a cool reaction from other lawmakers, including Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, who said immigration legislation is too important to be written in a back room.

BOY SCOUTS HOMOSEXUAL REVERSAL

VO :20

Boy Scouts of America is discussing ending a longstanding ban on gay members and allowing local organizations to decide their own policy, a spokesman said on Monday. Lifting the ban would mark a dramatic reversal for the 103-year-old organization, which only last summer reaffirmed its policy amid heavy criticism from gay rights groups and some parents of scouts.

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01/29/13

OBAMA REFORM ANNOUCEMENT / LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

LOURDES DEL RIO / PKG 2:19

A bipartisan Senate proposal for comprehensive immigration reform is "very much in line" with principles proposed by the White House, President Barack Obama is due to say on Tuesday. Obama said that the good news is that - for the first time in many years - Republicans and Democrats seem ready to tackle this problem together. Obama said in remarks prepared for a speech he is slated to deliver in Nevada later on Tuesday. Obama said that at this moment, it looks like there's a genuine desire to get this done soon. And that he considers it very encouraging.

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01/30/13

OBAMA ON IMMIGRATION INTERVIEW

MARIA ELENA SALINAS

PKG 3:48

Presidente Barack Obama spoke with Univision about immigration and the possibility of a reform at the end of this year.

TOYOTA RECALL

TOUCH SCREEN :28

Toyota is recalling over one million cars around the world for faulty air bags and defective windshield wipers. The move comes just days after Toyota regained its spot as the world's No. 1 automaker from U.S. rival General Motors Co., with global vehicle sales that climbed to a record 9.748 million vehicles. The company is now recalling 907,000 cars, mostly Corollas, due to air bags that can improperly inflate when the vehicle's electronic signals damage a chip in the part that controls the air bags. It also is recalling 385,000 Lexus IS luxury cars with wipers that can get stuck if there is heavy snowfall.

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01/31/13

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH ON US IMMIGRATION

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:24

The enormous prison population in the United States partly reflects harsh sentencing practices contrary to international law, Human Rights Watch said today in its World Report 2013. The sentencing practices include disproportionately long prison terms, mandatory sentencing without parole, and treating youth offenders as adults. The US maintains the world's largest incarcerated population, at 1.6 million, and its highest per capita incarceration rate.

IMMIGRANT VISA LONGEST WAIT

LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:26

It's a brand new year, but the wait for family-sponsored immigrant visas is about where we left it a month ago. As usual, brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens from the Philippines are enduring the longest waits, followed by these citizens' adult married sons and daughters. Hopeful immigrants from Mexico follow in line.

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