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TOPICS COVERED BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

PERTENANT ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING:

NATIONAL NEWS:

Hispanic voters could determine the next president of the United States. According to a new survey by aarp, the Hispanic vote will play a major role in four swing states, Colorado, Florida, New Mexico and Nevada. In fact, the Hispanic vote may determine whether the next us. President is john McCain or barrack obama. Survey officials report this is due to a growing number of Hispanic electorates in these states and an unprecedented turnout – an estimated 90 percent of those surveyed say they plan to vote on Nov. 4.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

We end this weeks spotlight on San Juan Capistrano with a trip to the O'Neill's museum. As kvmd's Sherri Palmeri reports it is one of the town's first homes, and provides visitors with a charming glimpse of life one hundred years ago. Surrounded by a beautiful old oak tree and mature orange trees is a rustic but genteel wooded structure, a charming Victorian house with quite a history. It dates back to the 1870's when José Dolores Garcia, a saloon owner, bought it for his bride. The story circulated in town, is that several prominent citizens wanted the land on which Garcia's saloon was located, and paid for him to be killed. The O'Neill house was originally built east of these tracks but in the mid 70's the historical society moved it west of the tracks, on donated land where it sits today." The historical society restored the house with funds by the Richard O'Neill family, and that's why it took on the name...the O'Neill museum. Today it's a place all can enjoy. "It is one of the not so many homes that are open to the public." The house is filled with period furnishings and a close look at home living before the turn of the century. An old ice box sits in the tiny kitchen. And among the interesting findings in the house is the first private phone in the city. And you might remember these. With its library of 6 thousand historical photos, the second best collection in all of Orange County, you'll get a glimpse of time long long ago, captured forever in these old black and whites. In San Juan Capistrano,

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NATIONAL NEWS:

All aboard! Public transit ridership reaches highest level in 50 years. As you'll learn in this next report, for most Americans, transportation takes a big bite out of their budget:

Recent statistics show more people are turning to public transportation than ever before.

According to the American public transportation association, public transit ridership reached the highest level in 50 years in 2007 and has already seen a 5.2 percent increase in 2008. Studies have shown that by taking public transportation instead of using a second or third car, the average household could save about \$9600 a year. In addition to being cheaper, public transportation also uses less energy and is six to ten times more efficient than a private vehicle.

HEALTH NEWS:

Patients with severe crohn's disease know all too well about abdominal pain. While surgery can relieve symptoms, it hasn't always been desirable. Now, as tom Jordan reports, a new technique is helping patient's side step complications.

Doctor Kopal narasimhan (ko-paul narah-sim-in) was diagnosed with crohn's disease when he was 12. So guess what he specializes in? "I decided to go with gastroenterology because I knew what it felt like to have this problem." Crohn's disease causes inflammation in the digestive tract, mostly in the small intestine. In severe cases, long sections can become narrow and create multiple blockages. "I would have attacks of severe abdominal pain where I would be hospitalized and I was getting a lot of medication for it." Doctors used to surgically remove the diseased section of intestine to relieve symptoms. But crohn's could come back and there's only so much intestine you can cut out. So doctor fabrizio michelassi (fah-breetz-ee-oh mick-el-ah-see) developed a better technique. "Not only do we take care of the complication, but it appears to have a beneficial effect on the disease itself." First he divides the loop of diseased intestine and overlaps it in what he calls a "side-to-side" fashion. After making lengthwise cuts, the sections are sewn together to provide a larger passageway in the bowel. "At that point all those obstructions that you have are relieved without really sacrificing a single inch of intestine."

Even though it doesn't cure the disease, patients feel much better. "It's worked quite well for me. You know, since the time that I had my surgery, things has gotten a lot better. My pain has pretty much gone away." Giving him even more reason to help others with the disease. This is tom Jordan reporting.

Celebrity b-days

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS:

She has established herself as Hollywood most wholesome raising star with her starring roles in blockbusters like the princess diaries and Ella enchanted. This year she decided to shake things up. It started unexpectedly when her name was dragged into the tabloids when her boyfriend turned out to be a con artist and this week she hits the screen as a recovering drug addict in Jonathan demme (pronounced: demmy) Rachel getting married. Our Ron Jacobson sat down with Hathaway to talk about her controversial role and living the Hollywood life.

GENERAL INTEREST NEWS:

Talk about coach potatoes... a Toronto couple watched 123 hours and 10 minutes worth of movies to set a new Guinness world record. Competing in the Netflix popcorn bowl, the two were not allowed to fall asleep at any point during the competition in New York City. Actress Susan Sarandon dropped off "Thelma and Louise," the last of the 57 films viewed during the movie marathon The Volvo ocean race started on Saturday, where the eight-boat fleet left the Alicante

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bay, Spain to cape town, south Africa. The team expected a wet and windy ride due to overcast weather and 15-20 knots wind.

Weather

Calendar

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