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To prevent teen dating violence, some states push education

Stateline

About one in 10 high school students who dated in 2013 reported being physically or sexually abused by a partner during the past year, according to the most recent survey of high school students by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The percentages have fluctuated over time, but the 2013 figure is the highest ever recorded.

Illegal border crossings by families drop sharply

The New York Times

The number of women and children illegally crossing the southwest border into the United States dropped sharply in January, the Department of Homeland Security reported Tuesday, reversing a surge late last year that Obama administration officials feared could become a chaotic influx like the one in 2014.

Utah may offer refineries huge incentive to produce cleaner fuel

Salt Lake Tribune

Oil refineries may be offered some huge state tax credits to upgrade to cleaner "Tier 3" fuels — and credits are bigger if they move more quickly.



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Compromise on New Mexico license bill, sticking point: fingerprints

Santa Fe New Mexican

Senate Democrats seem to have given in to Gov. Susana Martinez's request that lawmakers pass a bill that only allows New Mexico's undocumented immigrants to get a driving authorization card, instead of a license, in a compromise to make the state compliant with the federal Real ID Act. **NCSL research cited.**
[NCSL REAL ID enforcement update.](#)

States take aim at high cost of specialty drugs

Kaiser Health News

California voters will weigh in this November on a high-stakes ballot proposition intended to help control the cost of prescription drugs — the latest attempt to limit soaring prices that have prompted public criticism nationwide. **NCSL data cited.**
[NCSL:research on specialty drugs and states..](#)

Certificate of public need pits hospitals against independent physician groups

Virginian Pilot

A raft of bills before the General Assembly this session deal with the COPN, a regulatory system set up in the 1970s to control health care costs by preventing duplication of services in a particular area. **NCSL research cited.**

Thursday webinar: Making renewables work

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