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PHOENIX BECOMES NATION'S FIFTH LARGEST CITY EMBARGOED UNTIL TBD

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ANNOUNCER:

ARIZONA'S CAPITAL HAS BECOME THE NATION'S FIFTH MOST POPULATED CITY, ACCORDING TO NEW CENSUS BUREAU POPULATION ESTIMATES RELEASED TODAY. AS OF JULY 1ST 2006, PHOENIX HAD A POPULATION OF 1-POINT-5 MILLION. THIS LATEST MILESTONE SHOWS A DECADESLONG POPULATION SHIFT. IN 1910, EACH OF THE 10 MOST POPULOUS CITIES WAS WITHIN 500 MILES OF THE CANADIAN BORDER. THE 2006 CENSUS ESTIMATES SHOW THAT ALL BUT THREE OF THE TOP 10 ARE NOW IN STATES THAT BORDER MEXICO. NOT SURPRISINGLY, NEW YORK WAS STILL ON TOP WITH 8-POINT-2 MILLION RESIDENTS IN 2006. THIS WAS MORE THAN TWICE THE POPULATION OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH RANKED SECOND AT 3-POINT-8 MILLION. ROUNDING OUT THE TOP FIVE WERE CHICAGO WITH 2-POINT-8 MILLION AND HOUSTON WITH 2-POINT-1 MILLION. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT W-W-W-DOT-CENSUS-DOT-GOV.

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