

## **FCC REPORTS DESPIERTA AMERICA SEPTEMBER 16-30PART 2**

**9/16/11**

### **USA JOBS/BOEHNER**

**VO: 26**

The top Republican in Congress on Thursday dismissed President Barack Obama's jobs-creation package as a "poor substitute" for policies that would boost the economy and ruled out tax increases as a way to close the country's budget gap. House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, in high-profile speech, called on a special congressional "super committee" to consider tax reforms that would close loopholes but not raise rates -- or tax revenues -- as part of its bid to cut the U.S. deficit. Boehner's address to the Economic Club of Washington was a comprehensive statement of Republican economic principles as Congress works to bring down the stubbornly high 9.1 percent unemployment rate and tame the national debt.

### **SOLAR MANUFACTURER-INVESTIGATION**

**VO: 24**

The Obama administration is moving to finalize as many as 15 loan guarantees for renewable energy companies before the stimulus program ends on Sept. 30. But leading Republicans question whether taxpayers could be on the hook if some of the companies default. Such a default occurred with Solyndra Inc., a California solar panels maker that is the subject of an FBI investigation. The company was the first to get a loan guarantee under the stimulus program, and its bankruptcy could leave the government holding the tab for nearly \$530 million. Energy Department spokesman Damien LaVera says the department won't take any shortcuts during the approval process. But GOP Rep. Fred Upton of Michigan says he's concerned the department may not exercise the proper controls with time running short.

## **NY SMOKING RATE**

**VO: 20**

Announces that New York City's smoking rate has reached an all-time low with Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley;Gotham Center, 42-09 28th Street between Queens Plaza South and Queensboro Plaza, Queens.The rate dropped from 22 percent in 2002, meaning about 450,000 fewer people are smoking, the mayor said. New York's rate among high school students decreased to 7 percent last year from 18 percent in 2001, as the U.S. rate fell to 19 percent from 29 percent, he said. The smoking decline will translate to 50,000 deaths prevented by 2052, Bloomberg said.

## **WHITE HOUSE: DIGITAL LEARNING**

**VO: 30**

The Obama administration will create a national center to advance technologies that may improve teaching and learning in US schools, the White House announced.The board that will oversee the Digital Promise center is made up of technology and education leaders, and aims to close the education gap between US and foreign schools, according to a White House statement.The Digital Promise is part of Obama's jobs plan. In a Sept. 8. speech to a joint session of Congress, Obama said part of the initiative involves modernizing 35,000 schools, including installing high-speed Internet connections in classrooms.

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## **OBAMA DEFICIT PROPOSAL**

**VO:25**

President Barack Obama's proposal to reduce long-term deficits with \$1.5 trillion in new taxes is less an opening bid in a negotiation than it is an opening salvo in a struggle to draw sharp contrasts with congressional Republicans. Obama's proposal is aimed predominantly at the wealthy and comes just days after House Speaker John Boehner ruled out tax increases to lower deficits. It also comes amid a clamor in his own Democratic Party for Obama to take a tougher stance against Republicans. And while the plan stands little chance of passing Congress, its populist pitch is one that the White House believes the public can support.

## **AUTOS-CONTRACT TALKS**

### **VO:26**

GM deal makes promises to factory workers local union leaders will soon be getting the details of the tentative contract agreement between the United Auto Workers and General Motors. Two people briefed on the contract talks say, if it's approved, workers would receive \$5,000 signing bonuses and they could get larger profit-sharing checks. The deal also includes guarantees of more union jobs and a \$2- to \$3-per-hour-pay raise for entry-level workers. The GM deal will serve as a template for contracts that still must be negotiated with Chrysler and Ford. The contract is the first since GM and Chrysler received government bailouts to make it through bankruptcy protection in 2009. The UAW and GM are not revealing details of the contract. Union President Bob King says he won't talk about them until local union leaders are briefed on the pact Tuesday in Detroit. Workers have to approve the contract before it can take effect. A vote is expected within the next several days.

## **CHILD ABUSE ROSE DURING RECESSION**

### **VO:26**

An increase in child abuse, mostly in infants, is linked with the recent recession in new research that raises fresh concerns about the impact of the nation's economic woes. The results are in a study of 422 abused children from mostly lower-income families, known to face greater risks for being abused, and the research involved just 74 counties in four states. But lead author Dr. Rachel Berger of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh said the results confirm anecdotal reports from many

pediatricians who've seen increasing numbers of shaken baby cases and other forms of brain-injuring abuse.

## **MILITARY COULD FACE CUTS**

**VO:27**

Retiree Benefits for the Military Could Face Cuts as Washington looks to squeeze savings from once-sacrosanct entitlements like Social Security and Medicare, another big social welfare system is growing as rapidly, but with far less scrutiny: the health and pension benefits of military retirees.

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## **DREAM ACT**

**LILIANA ESCALANTE- LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:19**

Thousands of young students are waiting to see if their effort was not in vein and hope that the california governor signs an act that would allow undocumented students to receive student loans.

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**9/20/11**

**OBAMA DEFICITS/ GOP REAX**

**VO:25**

President Obama unveiled his plan to cut trillions of dollars from the ballooning deficit today. His proposal includes one-point-five trillion dollars in new revenue. More than half of that is expected to come from letting tax cuts for high-income households expire. Now, Republican leaders are accusing him of declaring war on wealthy Americans. The president's plan also includes billions of dollars in spending cuts, including to Medicare and Medicaid. White House officials say the changes to Medicare benefits wouldn't kick in before 2017.

## **DONT ASK DONT TELL**

**VO:27**

President Barack Obama is marking the end of the ban on gays serving in the military. He says the armed forces will no longer lose the skills and combat experience of so many gay and lesbian service members. At one minute past midnight EDT, a new law took effect repealing a 1993 law that allowed gays to serve only so long as they kept their sexual orientation private. Obama says that as of today, "patriotic Americans in uniform will no longer have to lie about who they are in order to serve the country they love." Obama also said that he wanted those who were discharged under the 1993 law to know that the U.S. deeply values their service.

## **BORDER SECURITY MEETING**

**VO: 28**

Four months after President Barack Obama went to the other end of the Texas-Mexico border to tally achievements in border security and call for comprehensive immigration reform, a Republican congressman said the border remains unsafe and convened a hearing Monday in this border city to show it.

## **DADT IS HISTORY**

**VO: 27**

Breaking news: as of one minute after midnight -- gays and lesbians can now serve openly in the military. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is gone. Lifting the ban means a halt to all pending investigations, discharges and other administrative proceedings that were begun under the Clinton-era law.

## **FARM WORKERS DEMAND**

**VO: 25**

A group of Mexican migrant said they have been abused by different companies that they were working for in the United States. Due to this matter they decided to become part of 15 different organizations that advocate for labor's right in order to present a complaint against the government. As right now there are 10 different judicial demands against those companies, since they supposedly violated the rights of farm workers that enter the United States with an H2B visa that allowed them to work in the country temporary.

## **RICK PERRY MEET WITH HIPANIC LEADERS**

**VO: 25**

Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry is meeting with 100 Hispanic business leaders during his visit to New York, as reports. The list includes Fernando Mateo, head of the New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers, a livery-driver trade group. Mateo has been heavily involved in the state's GOP politics for years and backed former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a friend of Texas Gov. Perry.

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## **FEDERAL RESERVE NEW ACTION**

### **VO: 31**

The Federal Reserve is running out of options to try to boost a slumping economy and lower unemployment. So policymakers are expected to reach 50 years back into their playbook for their next move. Most economists expect the Fed to announce a plan today to shift money in its \$1.7 trillion portfolio out of short-term securities and into longer-term holdings. The plan could lower Treasury yields further. Ultimately, it could reduce rates on mortgages and other consumer and business loans, too.

## **HOUSE \$3.7B DISASTER RELIEF**

### **VO: 26**

In a rebuke to GOP leaders, the House on Wednesday rejected a measure providing \$3.7 billion for disaster relief as part of a bill to keep the government running through mid-November. The surprise 230-195 defeat came at the hands of Democrats and tea party Republicans. Democrats were opposed because the measure contains \$1.5 billion in cuts to a government loan program to help car companies build fuel-efficient vehicles. For their part, many GOP conservatives felt the underlying bill permits spending at too high a rate. The outcome sends House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and his leadership team back to the drawing board as they seek to make sure the government doesn't shut down at the end of next week. It also raises the possibility that the government's main disaster relief program could run out of money early next week for victims of Hurricane Irene and other disasters.

## **MEDICAL MARIJUANA-CRIME**

### **VO: 25**

A new study by the Rand Corporation, which is not known for being pro-marijuana, found that crime actually goes up significantly in surrounding areas when local medical marijuana dispensaries are forced to close. The conventional wisdom that medical marijuana dispensaries cause or increase crime is idiotic. That

should have been clear to anyone with a basic understanding of economics. Nothing about marijuana itself makes people want to commit crimes. The only reason marijuana is associated with crime is because the prohibition against marijuana criminalizes the black market that arises to supply it and undermines incentives to report other crimes to police. Since it is illegal to sell, dealers can become tempting victims for robbers, because robbers know dealers can't go to the police for help. This same dynamic could encourage dealers to get illegal weapons for self protection or use violence to settle disputes, since prohibition prevents them from being able to deal with their grievance using the court system. These criminal problems caused solely by prohibition go away when law abiding businesses are allowed to sell marijuana legally.

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**09/22/2011**

## **GEORGIA EXECUTION**

**VO: 29**

Proclaiming his innocence, Troy Davis was put to death by lethal injection on Wednesday night, his life - and the hopes of supporters worldwide - prolonged by several hours while the Supreme Court reviewed but then declined to act on a petition from his lawyers to stay the execution. Mr. Davis, 42, who was convicted of murdering a Savannah police officer 22 years ago, entered the death chamber shortly before 11 p.m., four hours after the scheduled time. He died at 11:08.

## **RISING RENT**

**VO: 28**

More renters found housing unaffordable last year as incomes declined, and more are likely to be squeezed this year, given rising rents. The share of renters paying

30% or more of their household income on housing costs - the government threshold to determine if housing is unaffordable - rose to 53% last year from 51.5% in 2009 and about 50% in 2008, according to 2010 Census data released today. While median rents remained stable last year at \$855 a month, median national household incomes, adjusted for inflation, fell 2.2% - putting the squeeze on renter budgets.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**VO: 20**

The number of first-time filers for unemployment benefits fell last week, but was still above expectations, as the the job market struggles to pull out of its slump. There were 423,000 initial unemployment claims filed in the week ended Sept. 17, the Labor Department said Thursday, down 9,000 from the prior week's upwardly revised 432,000, which was the highest level of new claims since late June.

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## **OBAMA NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

**VO: 22**

President Obama said today he is giving states the freedom to waive central requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, a 2001 education law that he said was admirable in its goal but that ultimately hurts students more than it helps them. "We can't afford to wait for an education system that is not doing everything it needs to do for our kids," the president said in a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. "We can't let another generation of young people fall behind because we didn't have the courage to recognize what doesn't work, admit it and replace it with something that does. We've got to act now."

## **CA:NURSES STRIKE OUTSIDE OF HOSPITAL**

**VO: 31**

Nurses in red union shirts carried signs and chanted slogans outside dozens of Northern and Central California hospitals into the night Thursday as part of a one-day strike over benefit cuts and other concessions sought by hospital management. The California Nurses Association, the union organizing the strike, expected nearly 23,000 nurses to participate although hospital officials reported that many nurses had crossed the picket line. Union officials could not provide an estimate of how many nurses took part in the strike, but Charles Idelson, a spokesman for the California Nurses Association, described it as "overwhelming participation." Striking nurses were planning to return to work at 7 a.m. Friday, but Idelson said he expected lockouts at some of the hospitals. The strike affected 33 not-for-profit hospitals run by Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health, and the independent Children's Hospital Oakland, said Idelson.

## **HOSPITALS-DRUG SHORTAGES**

**VO: 28**

A drug for dangerously high blood pressure, normally priced at \$25.90 per dose, offered to hospitals for \$1,200. Fifteen deaths in 15 months blamed on shortages of life-saving medications. A growing crisis in the availability of drugs for chemotherapy, infections and other serious ailments is endangering patients and forcing hospitals to buy from secondary suppliers at huge markups because they can't get the medications any other way. An Associated Press review of industry reports and interviews with nearly two dozen experts found the shortages - mainly of injected generic drugs that ordinarily are cheap - have delayed surgeries and cancer treatments, left patients in unnecessary pain and caused hospitals to give less effective treatments. That's resulted in complications and longer hospital stays.

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**09/26/2011**

**TEXAS REFINERIES MAY GET BACK \$135M**

**VO: 29**

Three commissioners appointed by Gov. Rick Perry may grant some of the nation's largest refineries a tax refund of more than \$135 million -- money Texas' cash-strapped schools and other local governments have been counting on to help pay teachers and provide other public services. The property tax refund would mean more pain for some communities after a year in which state lawmakers grappled with a \$27 billion shortfall and slashed spending on public schools by more than \$4 billion. Nearly half the refund would be taken from public schools, and those in cities where the refineries are based would be hurt most. "We were already cut at the knees as it is, but more cuts? It's appalling," said Patricia Gonzales, a single mother of 13-year-old twins at Park View Intermediate School in Pasadena, a refinery town just south of Houston. Gonzales is president of the school's new parent-teacher organization, formed this summer after the state budget cuts left the school lacking everything from pencils to paper towels.

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**YOUTH: MORE UNPROTECTED SEX**

**VO: 30**

Young people across the globe are having more unprotected sex and know less about effective contraception options, a multinational survey revealed on Monday. The "Clueless or Clued Up: Your Right to be informed about contraception" study prepared for World Contraception Day (WCD) reports that the number of young people having unsafe sex with a new partner increased by 111 percent in France,

39 percent in the USA and 19 percent in Britain in the last three years. "No matter where you are in the world, barriers exist which prevent teenagers from receiving trustworthy information about sex and contraception, which is probably why myths and misconceptions remain so widespread even today," a member of the WCD task force, Denise Keller, said in a statement with the results of the study.

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**09/28/2011**

## **ALABAMA IMMIGRATION**

**VO :31**

A federal judge is set to rule on lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of Alabama's tough new law on illegal immigration. U.S. District Judge Sharon Blackburn wrote last month that she would issue a ruling on the law no later than Wednesday. Her order delaying enforcement of the law expires Thursday. Among other things, the new law would ban anyone from helping an illegal immigrant remain in Alabama. It also requires that schools verify the citizenship status of students. Republican supporters of the law say it's designed to save jobs for legal residents. The Obama administration, immigrant-support groups and others claim the law is overly harsh and violates the Constitution.

## **RI:BOARD OF REGENTS IMMIGRATION TUITION**

**VO :23**

The Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education voted to grant in-state college tuition rates at Rhode Island state institutions to children whose parents immigrated to the US illegally. The decision is seen by some as a stepping stone in the broader context of the contentious immigration debate with proponents arguing that in-state tuition is an act of social justice in order to give all children access

their "fundamental right" to an education, and opponents such as the Rhode Island Tea Party arguing that tuition discounts encourage their parents' illegal actions and will significantly increase taxes. Children of illegal immigrants who attended school in Rhode Island for at least three years will pay the \$9,824.00 tuition rate, as opposed to the out-of-state tuition rate of \$25,912. The unanimous decision will take effect in 2012.

## **MAS MUERTES POR LISTERIOSIS**

**VO : 31**

A listeria outbreak caused by tainted cantaloupes has infected 72 people in the United States and killed 13, U.S. health officials said Tuesday. The death toll now exceeds the 2009 salmonella outbreak from tainted peanuts that killed nine and infected more than 700 people in the United States. So far, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 18 states have reported infections from one of the four strains of listeria involved in the outbreak. Of the 13 deaths, four were in New Mexico, two were in Colorado, two were in Texas, and there was one each in Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

## **BEST BUY Y MACYS JOBS**

**VO :25**

Best Buy is hiring for the holidays-- but only half as many workers as last year. Back at this time in 2010, Best Buy hired 29,000 workers. This year though, they're only taking in 15,000 holiday employees. But there will be opportunities for overtime for full-time workers. The company says its workers have asked for opportunities to make some. And on tuesday retailer Macys announced it plans to hire 78 thousand temporary workers over the holiday season.

## **NY LAYOFFS**

**VO :20**

Approximately 3,500 members of New York's second-largest state worker union are facing layoffs after Public Employees Federation members rejected Gov. Andrew Cuomo's five-year contract offer. The governor's office said the first wave of layoff notices will go out immediately. As of Tuesday evening, no additional negotiations have been announced. Brynien added the vote, which took place through mailed ballots during the month of September, sparked one of the highest turnouts he has seen. And while state officials said the layoff notices were going out to workers, Cuomo's State Operations Director Howard Glaser - the point man on contract talks - appeared to leave a door open for another try, suggesting Brynien should work harder to convince his members to approve the deal.

## **ECOLI RECALL**

**VO :28**

Check any ground beef you may have in your fridge or freezer. Tyson Fresh Meats is issuing a ground beef recall. The Kansas-based company says more than 130-thousand pounds of the meat may be contaminated with E.coli. The meat went to stores in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. Check the label; it will have a "best before or freeze by" date of September 12, 2011. It was sold under Kroger brand, Butcher's Brand and a generic label.

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**09/29/2011**

## **ALABAMA LATEST**

**VO: 27**

Police in Alabama are getting ready to enforce what is considered by many as the toughest immigration law in the nation. Beginning Thursday, authorities can

question people suspected of being in the country illegally and hold them without bond, and officials can check the immigration status of students in public schools, Gov. Robert Bentley said. Those two key aspects of Alabama's new law were upheld by a federal judge on Wednesday.

## **IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN**

**VO: 29**

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency announced on Wednesday that it had arrested 2,901 immigrants who have criminal records, highlighting the Obama administration's policy of focusing on such people while putting less emphasis on deporting illegal immigrants who pose no demonstrated threat to public safety.

## **CANTALOUPE WARNING**

**VO: 24**

It's the deadliest outbreak of a food-borne illness in the U.S. in more than a decade. Cantaloupes tainted by the Listeria bacteria have claimed more than a dozen lives and sickened more than 70 across the nation. Now, federal regulators are teaming up with scientists to figure out how the bacteria could have got into the melons.

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## **ALABAMA FARMERS**

**VO: 27**

The state's agriculture commissioner says some farmers are mourning squash rotting in the fields, after migrant workers either left or avoided the state, some in fear that their children would be used as deportation tools as schools next week begin checking the immigration status of incoming students. Two days before Judge Blackburn proffered her ruling, Alabama announced a new car-registration database called ALVerify, to head off fears of citizen revolts against long courthouse lines as residents prove their citizenship.

## **CA:VOLUNTARY LETTUCE RECALL/POSSIBLE LISTERIA**

### **VO: 22**

A San Juan Bautista company has voluntarily recalled 90 cartons of chopped romaine lettuce because of a possible listeria contamination but no illnesses have been reported. The recall covers product with a "use by" date of Sept. 29, today, and the box code is B256-46438-8, the Associated Press reported. Scott Horsfall, chief executive officer of the Leafy Green Marketing Agreement group said True Leaf Farms notified him this morning of the recall. "It is a relatively small amount of product," said Horsfall. True Leaf Farms is a member of the marketing agreement, said Horsfall. The agreement was instituted to improve testing and safety in leafy green vegetables after the 2006 E coli outbreak in spinach.

## **BANK OF AMERICA \$5.00 FEE**

### **VO: 29**

Bank of America will slap a \$5 monthly fee on some customers who use their debit cards to make purchases starting early next year, reports Dow Jones Newswires. "The economics of offering a debit card have changed with recent regulations," a spokeswoman told Dow Jones. Most basic checking accounts at BofA will see a 40 percent jump in monthly costs and the bank says the debit fee will be waived for customers that upgrade to "premium" accounts which require higher minimum balances.

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