

## **FCC REPORTS DESPIERTA AMERICA NOVEMBER 15-30 PART 2**

**11/16/11**

### **NBA PLAYERS FILE ANTITRUST LAWSUIT**

**VO: 20**

NBA players kept offering economic concessions, and it was never enough to satisfy owners. So with no labor deal and no place else to go, players decided to take their fight to the courtroom. The locked-out players, including Carmelo Anthony and Kevin Durant, filed class-action antitrust lawsuits against the league on Tuesday in at least two states, saying David Stern's ultimatums left them no other choice. Attorney David Boies put the blame squarely on the owners, saying players were willing to accept a lower percentage of revenues but owners insisted on more.

### **JOBS VETERANS BILL TO PASS TODAY**

**VO: 31**

The House passed a bill on Wednesday to help unemployed veterans seeking jobs as well as federal contractors facing a new tax burden in 2013. The House voted 422 to 0 on Wednesday to pass the first and, so far, only piece of President Obama's jobs package with 95 senators voting unanimously last week. Lawmakers are touting the bill as a bipartisan jobs creator that is fully paid for and would even reduce federal deficits by \$2 billion over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The bill gives employers tax credits of up to \$5,600 for hiring veterans who have been unemployed longer than six months. It would also give employers a tax credit of up to \$9,600 for hiring long-unemployed disabled veterans.

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**11/17/11**

## **TX DALLAS OCCUPY EVICTION**

**VO: 24**

Occupy Dallas protesters were evicted early Thursday morning after the demonstration at a campsite near City Hall reached a "tipping point" that included an offsite dispute between two participants, escalating offenses and unsanitary conditions, Dallas police Chief David Brown Said. Brown said police arrested 18 people for violating the city ordinance against people sleeping or being on public property from midnight to 5 a.m. He said that police gave protesters about 90 minutes to clear out before officers made arrests. "I think we ended up with the best circumstances. The people that ended up getting arrested wanted to be arrested as a statement about their protest," Brown said at a news conference.

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**11/18/2011**

## **BALANCE BUDGET**

**VO :22**

The House is voting on a Constitutional Amendment requiring a balanced budget, a step some see as the only way to fix a Congress divided over how to put its fiscal affairs in order. The vote Friday will be the first by the House on a balanced budget amendment since 1995, when a similar proposal passed with the support of a Republican majority and 72 Democrats. This time, while Republicans enjoy a stronger majority than in 1995, the odds of passage are longer. The White House has come out against it, and the Democratic leadership is urging members to reject it. The Democratic leaders warn that during an economic downturn forced spending cuts could have dire consequences.

## **SYRACUSE-FINE INVESTIGATION**

**VO :24**

Just two weeks after Penn State was rocked by a child sex-abuse scandal, ESPN reported Thursday that police were investigating an assistant basketball coach at

Syracuse University on allegations of child molestation. Shortly afterward, Syracuse placed longtime assistant coach Bernie Fine on administrative leave "in light of the new allegations and the Syracuse City Police investigation," the school said.

## **TEACHERS EVALUATION**

### **VO :19**

The way teachers and principals are evaluated is fundamentally changing across the country. There's a growing emphasis on exchanging automatic check-the-box "satisfactory" ratings for proof that students are actually learning. The National Council on Teacher Quality says that two years ago, four states had student achievement as a predominant influence in how teacher performance is assessed compared with 13 today. An additional 10 states today count student achievement as a significant factor in teacher evaluations. The Obama administration has used incentives to help propel the changes. Teachers unions historically opposed such changes. They are more on board now but still have many concerns about evaluation systems being rolled out.

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**11/21/11**

### **MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN, NYC Bomb Plot/ PKG: VO/ S 25**

An "al-Qaida sympathizer" accused of plotting to bomb police and post offices in New York City as well as U.S. troops returning home remained in police custody after an arraignment Sunday on numerous terrorism-related charges. Jose Pimentel of Manhattan was described by Mayor Michael Bloomberg at a news conference announcing Pimentel's arrest as "a 27-year-old al-Qaida sympathizer" who was motivated by terrorist propaganda and resentment of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said police had to move quickly to arrest Pimentel on Saturday because he was ready to carry out his plan. "He was in fact putting this bomb together," Kelly said. "He was drilling holes and it would have been not appropriate for us to let him walk out the door with that bomb." Ten years after 9/11, New York remains a prime terrorism target. Bloomberg said at least 14 terrorist plots, including the latest alleged scheme, have targeted the city since the Sept. 11 attacks. No attack has been successful, however. Pakistani immigrant Faisal Shahzad is serving a life sentence for trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square in May 2010. Kelly said

Sunday that Pimentel was energized and motivated to carry out his plan by the Sept. 30 killing of al-Qaida's U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki.

### **SUPERCOMMITTEE: VO/S 25**

It's just about over for a special deficit-reduction super committee, which appears set to admit failure on Monday in its quest to sop up at least \$1.2 trillion in government red ink over the coming decade. The bipartisan 12-member panel is sputtering to a close after two months of talks in which key members and top congressional leaders never got close to bridging a fundamental divide over how much to raise taxes. The budget deficit has forced the government to borrow 36 cents of every dollar it spent last year. In a series of television interviews, not a single panelist seemed optimistic Sunday about any last-minute breakthrough, and aides said any remaining talks had broken off. Monday is deadline day. The panel officially has until Wednesday to approve a deficit-slashing plan, but under its rules, any plan would have to be unveiled 48 hours in advance.

### **OBAMA Signs LAW: VO/S 26**

Heralding a rare moment of bipartisan agreement, President Barack Obama signed into law Monday legislation aimed at helping unemployed veterans find work while putting more cash in the hands of companies with government contracts. The legislation, which creates tax breaks for companies that hire jobless veterans, marks the first proposal from Obama's \$447 billion jobs bill to be signed into law. The rest of the package of

new taxes and spending has largely failed to garner support from

Republican lawmakers. "Because Democrats and Republicans came together, I'm proud to sign those proposals into law," Obama said during a signing ceremony Monday.

### **OCCUPY PEPPER SPRAY: VO/S27**

The chief of police at University of California, Davis has been placed on administrative leave because of the furor over pepper spraying peaceful protesters by campus officers. The university says in a news release early Monday that it was necessary to place police Chief Annette Spicuzza on administrative leave to restore trust and calm tensions over Friday's pepper spray episode. It was announced earlier that two police officers who were videotaped deploying pepper spray against seated protesters were also placed on administrative leave. Ten protesters were arrested Friday for an illegal campus encampment. The protesters were cited and released on misdemeanor

charges of unlawful assembly and failure to disperse. UC Davis Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi has asked the Yolo County district attorney's office to investigate campus police use of force.

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### **SUPERCOMITÉ ADMITE DERROTA**

**VO :20**

Republican presidential candidates are putting a lot of the blame for the failure of the deficit-cutting panel on President Barack Obama. Michele Bachman told Fox News that Obama was "AWOL" when crunch time came. Mitt Romney says instead of working with the "supercommittee," Obama was "campaigning, blaming and traveling." But Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid says Republicans, in his words, "never found the courage to ignore Tea Party extremists and millionaire lobbyists." Lawmakers from both parties are in agreement that congressional action is still needed somehow -- and soon -- to bring down deficits. A failure by a special bipartisan panel to agree on \$1.2 trillion in deficit cuts over a decade is supposed to trigger \$1 trillion in automatic spending cuts in 2013. President Barack Obama says he isn't going to let Congress back out of those cuts, vowing there will be no "easy off-ramps."

### **AMERICANS ARRESTED OUTSIDE TAHRIR SQUARE**

**VO :15**

Three Americans were arrested Monday outside the Interior Ministry in Cairo's Tahrir Square and are accused of throwing Molotov cocktails during the protests in Egypt a local prosecutor said. "The three boys were throwing Molotov cocktails and had no passports on them when they were picked up," said Adel Saeed, a spokesman for Egypt's general prosecutor's office. David Lynfield, deputy press officer in the U.S. Embassy said the "claims are being currently investigated." Authorities described the three Americans as students and said one had an Indiana driver's license. "They have been questioned by the police and will be further investigated today by the Cairo prosecutor," Saeed said. Tuesday marked the fourth consecutive day of clashes

between protesters and police in and around Tahrir Square. Demonstrators are calling for the downfall of the Supreme Council of Armed Forces, Egypt's current ruling body.

## **NEW INFORMATION ON JOSE PIMENTEL, NEW YORK SUSPECT BOMBER**

**VO :38**

Investigators in one New York City suburb are still trying to figure out why their city was targeted by an alleged terrorism plot. Police in Bayonne, New Jersey say an American al-Qaeda sympathizer planned to detonate homemade explosive devices in and around the community. John Klekamp has the latest on the man's arrest and reaction from neighbors.

## **COLORADO AIR BASE GUMAN SURRENDERED**

**VO :22**

The Air Force is investigating how an airman managed to get his own handgun onto a sensitive air base in Colorado where he barricaded himself in a building for 12 hours before surrendering. The gunman was taken into custody at Schriever (SHREE'-ver) Air Force Base at about 8 p.m. on Monday. No injuries were reported. The base about 60 miles south of Denver controls more than 60 military satellites, including those used for GPS. The Air Force says satellite operations weren't disrupted. The gunman was in a building where personnel prepare for deployment. The satellite control rooms are in a separate, heavily guarded area. The gunman hasn't been identified. The Air Force says he is facing a discharge over a matter in civilian court, but no details have been released.

## **OCCUPY CALIFORNIA LATEST**

**VO :25**

Feeling the sting from "occupy" demonstrations on other California campuses, tonight UCLA students are coming together to support student

protests against tuition increases and police actions.

## **SENATORS INTRODUCE FREE CHECKED BAG BILL**

**VO :29**

If you're sick of trying to cram your carry-on into stuffed overhead bins on airplanes... you're not alone. According to the Washington Post, it's one of the top complaints among air travelers. Now, the Post reports two Democratic senators say they've got a plan to clear some space on planes. They've introduced a bill to allow passengers to check one bag for free. That way you won't have to fit all your stuff into your carry-on. According to the Post, the senators say in 2008 and 2009, airlines earned nearly four-billion dollars off those checked-luggage fees.

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**11/23/2011**

## **REPUBLICAN DEBATE**

**MATT JAFFE WASHINGTON, DC**

**VO: 1:49**

The Republican presidential hopefuls criticized U.S. policy toward Pakistan and called for placing sanctions on Iran's central bank in a lively and substantive foreign policy debate on Tuesday. Newt Gingrich, a former House of Representatives speaker, gave a composed performance in the first debate since he surged to the top of polls. He backed an overhaul in immigration policy that would include a guest-worker program similar to plans condemned by conservatives in the past. The debate, the second on foreign policy in the last 10 days, featured sharp exchanges on a broad range of issues, including anti-terrorism laws, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Republicans ganged up on Pakistan and questioned whether the United States could trust it. Texas Governor Rick Perry called Pakistan unworthy of U.S. aid because it had not done enough to help fight al Qaeda. "To write a check to countries that are clearly not representing American interests is nonsensical," said Perry, who has faded in polls after recent debate stumbles but had a stronger performance on Tuesday.

## **USA-DEBT/POLL**

**VO: 27**

Americans blame the failure of the debt "super committee" on everyone involved, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed on Tuesday, despite the best efforts of Democrats and Republicans to point fingers at each other. Nineteen percent blamed a combination of Democratic and Republican lawmakers for the congressional committee's inability to agree to a deficit plan. Twenty-two percent held a mix of lawmakers from both parties and Democratic President Barack Obama accountable. "It's sort of a 'pox on everyone's home' situation," Ipsos pollster Julia Clark said. The 12-member congressional committee abandoned its effort to address the U.S. debt crisis on Monday, cementing perceptions that Republicans and Democrats are too divided to tackle the country's biggest problems.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**VO: 19**

The government's weekly jobs report brought a bit of good news Wednesday, as the number of Americans filing for their first week of unemployment benefits sunk to its lowest level in more than two years. The number of initial claims fell to 407,000 last week, down 34,000 from 441,000 claims filed the week before, the Labor Department said Wednesday -- far better than economists had expected. Economists surveyed by Briefing.com had expected initial claims to rise slightly to 442,000. The weekly measure has been stuck in a rut since last year, hovering in the mid to upper 400,000s and even ticking slightly above 500,000 in mid-August. Economists usually say the number needs to drop below 400,000 before the stubbornly high unemployment rate -- which currently stands at 9.6% -- can drop significantly.

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**11/24/2011**

## **PENN STATES 2 NEW CLAIMS**

**VO: 23**

Jerry Sandusky's lawyer said the former Penn State football defensive coordinator faces two new claims of child sexual abuse, one from a family member, but both are unfounded.

Sandusky's daughter-in-law filed a complaint accusing Sandusky of abusing one of his grandchildren, ABC News reported last night. The daughter-in-law is the wife of one of Sandusky's adopted sons, and the complaint was filed with Centre County (Pa.) Children and Youth Services. Attorney Joseph Amendola said that claim stemmed from a Sandusky family dispute, and he characterized the other as an example of people trying to mimic other allegations.

## **OCCUPY WALL ST. COSTS**

**VO: 26**

uring the first two months of the nationwide Occupy protests, the movement that is demanding more out of the wealthiest Americans cost local taxpayers at least \$13 million in police overtime and other municipal services, according to a survey by The Associated Press. The heaviest financial burden has fallen upon law enforcement agencies tasked with monitoring marches and evicting protesters from outdoor camps. And the steepest costs by far piled up in New York City and Oakland, Calif., where police clashed with protesters on several occasions. The AP gathered figures from government agencies in 18 cities with active protests and focused on costs through Nov. 15, the day protesters were evicted from New York City's Zuccotti Park, where the protests began Sept. 17 before spreading nationwide. The survey did not attempt to tally the price of all protests but provides a glimpse of costs to cities large and small.

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## **TEENS FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**VO: 31**

American teenagers aren't getting enough fruits and vegetables each day, and that's especially true of certain ethnic groups, says a new report. Despite the slew of public health messages about proper nutrition, US teens continue to follow diets that are nutrient deficient, consuming fruits and vegetables an average of 1.2 times a day, says the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in its latest Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report published November 25. That's far below current food guidelines, which recommend that adolescent girls consume 1.5 cups of fruit and 2.5 cups of vegetables

daily. Teenage boys, meanwhile, should be consuming 2 cups of fruit and 3 cups of vegetables a day. One cup is equal to roughly one medium apple, eight strawberries, 12 baby carrots or one large tomato.

## **ACETAMINOPHEN LIVER ILLNESS**

**VO: 18**

It has been revealed in a recent report that too much usage of Acetaminophen might tend to be dangerous for the body. Too much use of paracetamol might be dangerous for the body, as it contains these chemicals in huge amounts. The hitch is that a single overdose might tend to lead to devastating consequences. People would tend to become so allergic and their health would tend to deteriorate so much, that it might even cause death. It is the 'staggered overdose' of paracetamol that might tend to be really dangerous for the body. It was revealed by Dr. Kenneth Simpson that it is essential that medicines are taken in their prescribed limits, as even a slight overdose of the same might lead to serious illness and even death. "They haven't taken the sort of single-moment, one-off massive overdoses taken by people who try to commit suicide, but over time the damage builds up, and the effect can be fatal", he said. People might tend to put themselves to a high risk of heart and liver failures, if they don't measure the right amount of medicines.

## **CDC FLU**

**VO: 31**

U.S. health officials remain on the alert for additional cases of a new swine flu Strain that infected three Iowa children this month. Since July, 10 Americans have been sickened by S-OtrH3N2 viruses that picked up a gene from the 2009 H1N1 swine flu pandemic, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. The new flu strain combines a rare influenza virus (H3N2) circulating in North American pigs and the H1N1 virus from the 2009 outbreak. New flu strains develop when flu viruses combine in new ways. They can pose health risks because people haven't yet developed immunity to them.

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**11/28/2011**

## **SYRACUSE COACH**

**VO: 38**

Federal agents have searched the office of former Syracuse University assistant basketball coach Bernie Fine, accused of fondling ballboys working with the highly ranked college team, a law enforcement source said on Wednesday. Agents executed the warrant on Tuesday at the university athletic office where Fine worked until Sunday, when he was fired, said the source, who works closely with the law enforcement investigation but did not want to be named. Three men have accused Fine of sexually abusing them when they were juveniles. Fine has called the accusations against him "patently false in every aspect." Fine was fired after ESPN aired audio of what it said was a telephone call between Fine's wife Laurie and an alleged victim in which she appeared to admit knowledge of the alleged abuse.

## **POOR ECONOMY SLOWS HISPANICS BIRTHS**

**VO: 25**

The number of babies born to Hispanics dropped below 1 million in 2010, a nearly 11% drop since 2007 that reflects the tough times. Fewer people of all backgrounds are having babies because of economic concerns but the sharpest drop is among Hispanics, a booming population that contributes almost a quarter of all U.S. births and half of its population growth. "Hispanic fertility is dropping like a stone," says Kenneth Johnson, demographer for the University of New Hampshire's Carsey Institute.

## **ROYAL CARIBBEAN TO PUT IPADS IN CABINS**

**VO: 25**

"Royal Caribbean this week announced it would have an iPad in every cabin of the 1,804-passenger Splendour of the Seas by mid-February in what it's billing as an industry first, and it'll add the Apple devices to the cabins of five more of its 22 ships within two years," Gene Sloan reports for USA Today. "Royal Caribbean says the iPads will be programmed to let passengers access the ship's daily listing of events and activities and to see a personal daily itinerary including shore excursions," Sloan reports. "Passengers will be able to use the devices to monitor their onboard account, order room service, view restaurant menus, access the Internet and watch movies."

## **NEW MASS CATHOLICS**

**VO: 21**

Catholics across the United States celebrated a new translation of Mass on Sunday that church leaders said would provide a deeper understanding of the faith, but which critics complained was unnecessary and confusing. A third edition of the Roman Missal, which priests use to celebrate Mass, was born out of a directive in 2000 by Pope John Paul II to revise the text, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Its launch in the nation's 17,000 parishes coincided with the First Sunday of Advent, or the fourth Sunday before Christmas. "Now is the time to seize the opportunity given to us for all Catholics in the United States to deepen, nurture, and celebrate our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy," a statement on the conference website read.

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**11/29/2011**

**NOTHING TO REPORT**

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**11/30/2011**

**OCCUPY PHILADELPHIA LATEST**

**VO :30**

Police have cleared the Occupy Philadelphia encampment near City Hall and sanitation crews are standing by to begin cleaning it. Police began pulling down tents at about 1:20 a.m. Wednesday after telling demonstrators they had to leave. Protesters began marching through the streets but later were stopped by police. Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said breaking up the camp in the early-morning hours helped minimize any disruption to businesses and traffic. No arrests were made, he said. The action comes more than two days after the deadline for protesters to remove structures and belongings from Dilworth Plaza. Protesters have camped on the plaza since Oct. 6 to

protest economic inequality and corporate influence on government. The city plans to clear the site to make room for a \$50 million renovation project.

## **CHANGES TO MEDICARE**

**VO :20**

The deadline to sign up or make changes to your Medicare health or prescription plan is December 7th. In the past enrollees had until December 31st to make changes to their plan. If you're not eligible for Medicare you may want to help your parents or friends who are eligible. Medicare.gov also walks recipients through the sign up process and explains changes to Medicare. Pam Gentry with Health and Human Services joins 9NEWS NOW Andrea Roane with what everyone needs to know.

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