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### **OBAMA JOBS**

**VO :20**

President Barack Obama on Monday pushed for a jobs package that Congress is splintering into pieces, as Senate Democrats planned action first on a longshot plan to help states hire teachers, police and firefighters. In campaign mode on the road, Obama accused Republican senators of saying no to helping Americans.

**10/18/2011**

### **TEXAS DUST STORM**

**VO :20**

A fearsome dust storm whipped through the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas on Monday with wind gusts up to 75 miles an hour in some places, according to the National Weather Service. The wind caused some power failures and knocked out windows, and The Associated Press reported that a small cargo plane was flipped over at the Preston Smith International Airport in Lubbock.

**10/19/2011**

### **SOC SECURITY INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**VO: 21**

Some 55 million Social Security recipients will get a 3.6 percent increase in benefits next year, their first raise since 2009, the government announced Wednesday. The increase, which starts in January, is tied to a measure of inflation released Wednesday morning. About 8 million people who receive Supplemental Security Income will also receive the 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, meaning the announcement will affect about one in five U.S. residents. There was no COLA in 2010 or 2011 because inflation was too low. Those were the first two years without a COLA since automatic increases were adopted in 1975. However, Social Security recipients did receive a one-time \$250 payment from the economic stimulus package passed in 2009.

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**OBAMA SLAMS SENATE REJECTION**

**VO: 31**

Obama says, "Every single Republican in the United States Senate has chosen to obstruct a bill that would create jobs and get our economy going again." He went on to say that every American deserves an explanation as to why Republicans refuse to do what's necessary to create jobs and grow the economy right now. The bill would have provided money for firefighters and teachers, Obama and the Democrats think they've found a winning issue -- pressing popular ideas such as infrastructure spending and hiring more police officers and firefighters, all of which are supported by lopsided margins in the polls.

**SENATE & EDUCATION LAW**

**VO: 25**

Legislation rewriting the No Child Left Behind child\_left\_behind education law finally gained traction this week, and the Senate Democrat whose committee passed the bill said on Friday that progress became possible because lawmakers were irritated by the Obama administration's offering states waivers to the law's key provisions. "Some of us on both sides of the aisle were upset with them coming out with the waiver package that they did, so that spurred us on," Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, who heads the Senate education committee, said in an interview. "It gave us a sense of urgency." Mr. Harkin's committee voted 15 to 7 on Thursday to approve a bill that would greatly reduce Washington's role in overseeing public schools. It was co-sponsored by Senator Michael B. Enzi, the Wyoming Republican who is the committee's ranking minority member. Mr. Harkin called it "a good compromise bill" that would have bipartisan support in the full Senate.

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**BPA**

**MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN. SATELLITE ROOM**

**PKG 2:00**

The controversial chemical Bisphenol A or BPA has been pulled from many plastic bottles and baby products because of health concerns. But you may still be getting exposed to BPA just by reaching inside your wallet. As the science director at the non-profit Washington Toxics Coalition, Schreder tested receipts from 22 popular retailers and 22 dollar bills to see whether they contain BPA. The results might surprise you. Ninety-five percent of dollar bills tested positive for BPA, as did half of the receipts. As it turns out, there are BPA particles inside the thermal paper used to print receipts.

## **LISTERIA CANTALOUPE**

**VO :20**

Three more people have died and 10 more have fallen seriously ill as the listeria outbreak from tainted cantaloupe grinds on. The outbreak, traced to listeria bacteria growing on packing equipment at Colorado's Jensen Farms, now has sickened 133 people in 26 states. So far, 28 deaths are reported. In terms of case numbers, the current outbreak is nine cases short of becoming the largest listeria outbreak in U.S. history. The biggest previous outbreak was in 1985 in Los Angeles County. It was caused by Mexican-style cheese made from raw milk. Nearly two-thirds of the 142 cases were in pregnant women. There were 28 deaths — 18 in non-pregnant adults and 10 in newborns — and 20 miscarriages or stillbirths. Even though the source of the current outbreak has been found and the contaminated cantaloupes recalled (or, by now, spoiled), the toll continues to rise. That's due to two things: delays in reporting cases, and the fact that listeria can take up to two months to cause serious symptoms.

**10/25/2011**

## **IMMIGRATION REFORM**

**VO :20**

Alabama's tough new immigration law was complicated even before the courts got involved. Parts of the law are now in effect, while other parts have been blocked by federal judges. That means suspected illegal immigrants are already being caught up in the law, even if there is still confusion and inconsistent enforcement from town to town. The president of the Alabama Circuit Judges Association says he has heard some troubling reports: Some police are setting up roadblocks outside neighborhoods where immigrants live. A municipal judge told his courtroom that any defendants without driver's licenses would be arrested.

## **FORECLOSURES**

**PABLO SANCHEZ. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:00**

Millions of people who lost their homes to foreclosure could soon be getting pay back. Next month, the Federal government is expected to start sending letters to four-point-five million current and former homeowners to let them know of their right to ask for reviews of their cases. The reviews will look at whether any mistakes were made in the cases. If errors are found, the homeowners could get restitution. Customers of Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citibank are among those who can ask for the reviews. It covers people who were in foreclosure in 2009 and 2010.

**10/26/2011**

## **PROTEST OAKLAND**

**VO: 21**

Atlanta and Oakland joined a growing list of cities losing patience with weeks of protests against economic inequality, evicting and arresting scores of people and leaving one person in Oakland critically injured. Police used tear gas and a stun grenade to disperse 1,000 demonstrators marching on Oakland City Hall late Tuesday and more than 85 people were arrested on charges of illegal camping or assembly without a permit at the group's makeshift camp in a

downtown plaza. Protesters said an Iraq war veteran was hit in the head with a tear gas canister and hospital officials listed him in critical condition with a fractured skull.

## **STUDENT LOANS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**VO: 19**

President Barack Obama recalled his struggles with student loan debt as he unveiled a plan Wednesday that could give millions of young people some relief on their payments. Speaking at the University of Colorado Denver, Obama said that he and his wife, Michelle, together owed more than \$120,000 in law

school debt that took nearly a decade to pay off. He said that sometimes he'd have to make monthly payments to multiple lenders, and the debt meant they were not only paying for their own degrees but saving for their daughters' college funds simultaneously. "I've been in your shoes. We did not come from a wealthy

family," Obama said to cheers.

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## **OAKLAND PROTEST**

**MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN**

**PKG 1:37**

Veering around police barricades, anti-Wall Street protesters held a late-night march through Oakland streets, a day after one of their number -- an Iraq War veteran -- was left in critical condition with a

fractured skull following a clash with police. The show of force in Oakland along with SWAT arrests in Atlanta

have sent chills among some anti-Wall Street demonstrators, and protesters elsewhere rallied in support around the injured veteran, Scott Olsen. Another showdown between police and protesters in Oakland appeared to be averted late Wednesday night as several hundred filed out of a plaza declared off-limits for overnight use and marched through nearby streets.

## **IN: POLICE USING CAMERAS**

### **VO: 21**

In Indiana, there's a new system find stolen cars...and unlicensed drivers. State police will use a License Plate Reader to scan the tags of drivers.

They have been testing it out over the summer...and say many of the bugs have been worked out. Four cruisers are equipped with the reader. Police say they hope it can get revoked or suspended drivers off the road and make things safer for everybody. Each L-P-R system costs 22-thousand dollars...

they were bought using grant money.

## **TX PARALYZED IMMIGRANT**

### **VO: 26**

An immigrant worker in Texas who was hurt on the job is feeling pressured to return to Mexico. He and his family want to remain in the U-S.

## **ECONOMY**

### **VO: 30**

The U.S. economy grew at its fastest pace in a year in the third quarter as consumers and businesses stepped up spending, creating momentum that could

carry into the final three months of the year. However, part of the increase in output came from the reversal of temporary factors that had restrained growth and

some analysts worry the economy could stumble badly in the new year. Still, the expansion was a welcome relief for an economy that looked on the brink of recession just weeks ago. U.S. gross domestic product expanded at a 2.5 percent annual rate in the third quarter, the Commerce Department said in its first estimate on Thursday.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**VO: 21**

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits dipped slightly last week, though not by enough to suggest that hiring is picking up. Weekly applications for unemployment benefits declined 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 402,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the fourth drop in six weeks. Here are the states with the largest increases and decreases. The state data is for the week ended Oct. 15, one week behind the national data. States with the biggest drops:

California: Down 8,942, due to fewer layoffs in the service industries.

**AQUA DOTS:FACES \$1.3 MIL FINE TO CPSC****VO: 29**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says toymaker Spin Master kept selling a toy in 2007 while it collected complaints it was sickening children with a version of a date rape drug. The commission plans to announce Thursday that Spin Master will pay \$1.3 million - the third-largest civil penalty ever for a toymaker - to settle the charges that it failed to report the incidents with its Aqua Dots bead craft kits and knowingly imported and sold a banned hazardous substance. About 4.2 million of the kits were recalled in November 2007. The CPSC contacted Spin Master that November after it learned of two children falling into comas after swallowing Aqua Dots, the commission says. Toronto-based Spin Master, which has made several hot toys in recent holiday seasons, had never reported any of the incidents it knew of, as it is required to do under law within 24 hours of finding a safety hazard, the CPSC says. A chemical in the beads converted to the date rape drug known as gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB) when ingested. Aqua Dots were tiny colored beads that stuck together when sprayed with water and could create different shapes.

**BILINGUAL BRAINS****MONICA NAVARRO****PKG 2:10**

Ellen Bialystok is a cognitive neuroscientist whose research has shown that speaking two or more languages on a regular basis from a young age can have a positive effect on the brain. Not only does it enhance cognitive abilities, being bilingual can also delay symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. Bialystok, 62, is a distinguished research professor of psychology at York University in Toronto, Canada. Last year, she was awarded a \$100,000 prize for her contributions to the social sciences.

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**FOOD STAMP CHALLENGE**

**VO: 20**

With Congress focused on cutting the deficit, more than 50 religious groups around the country have challenged their congregations, activists, lawmakers and others to live on what food stamp recipients live on for a week. It's part of their effort to raise awareness and to prevent cuts to a program that serves 45 million people across the country.

CNN's Athena Jones has details.

**MASSIVE ARREST IN ARIZONA**

**VO :20**

Authorities have reportedly seized thousands of pounds of narcotics and arrested 70 suspected drug smugglers in what they're calling one of the biggest narcotics trafficking rings ever dismantled in Arizona. The Pinal County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement made the bust Thursday in the Phoenix area and areas south, including Casa Grande and Maricopa, after a 17-month investigation by local, state and federal officials.

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