

## **FCC REPORTS DESPIERTA AMERICA DECEMBER 1-15 PART 1**

**12/01/2011**

### **JUICE CONTAMINATION**

**VO: 23**

The Food and Drug Administration is considering tightening restrictions for the levels of arsenic allowed in apple juice after consumer groups pushed the agency to crack down on the contaminant. Studies show that apple juice has generally low levels of arsenic, and the government says it is safe to drink. But consumer advocates say the FDA is allowing too much of the chemical - which is sometimes natural, sometimes man made - into apple juices favored by thirsty kids. There is little consensus on whether these low levels could eventually be harmful, especially to children. Michael Taylor, FDA's deputy commissioner for foods, said Wednesday the agency has already stepped up testing and research on arsenic in apple and other juices and is seriously considering lowering the FDA's so-called "level of concern" for the contaminant. "We continue to think that apple juice is generally safe based on the fact that the vast majority of samples are very low," Taylor said. "But we want to minimize these exposures as much as we possibly can."

### **CAIN SCANDAL LATEST**

**VO: 35**

Herman Cain took questions from the media Wednesday but cleared up little of the confusion surrounding the status of his campaign. The embattled presidential candidate acknowledged he had lost "a few of our warm-weather supporters" and was reassessing his election effort in the wake of an allegation he carried on a 13-year extramarital affair with a

Georgia woman. But it was unclear what, exactly, about the campaign he was reassessing. Cain said he was waiting to talk face-to-face with his wife about the latest allegation, which comes a month after news that four women had accused Cain of sexual harassment in the 1990s. He has denied all the accusations.

## **SYRACUSSE FINE INVESTIGATION**

**VO: 31**

A county district attorney who has sharply criticized police and Syracuse University for their handling of sex-abuse allegations against an assistant basketball coach said Wednesday that he cannot bring charges but found that two men who accused him of sexual abuse are credible. Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick said his investigation into the claims against fired coach Bernie Fine started out to answer several questions, among them: Were the first two accusers, Bobby Davis and his stepbrother Michael Lang, being truthful?

## **SANDUSKY NEW VICTIM**

**MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FL**

**PKG 1:46**

An attorney for former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky said he is looking forward to questioning alleged victims who say Sandusky sexually abused them. "We are prepared to proceed with Jerry's preliminary hearing and look forward to the opportunity to question all Commonwealth witnesses who testify," attorney Joe Amendola said in a statement Monday night. Sandusky's hearing is set for December 13. "Although the preliminary hearing is not a trial, but simply a probable cause proceeding, and will not provide Jerry with an opportunity to present his defense, we will, for the very first time, have the opportunity to face Jerry's accusers and question them under oath about their allegations," Amendola said.

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**12/02/2011**

## **HONDA RECALL**

**VO: 29**

Honda expanded its previously announced recall of vehicles with risky air bags to nearly 900,000 vehicles. The Japanese automaker said on Thursday that it was expanding its earlier recall of Honda and Acura vehicles from model years 2001 through 2003 that were sold in the U.S. Originally, Honda said that it needs to replace the driver's airbag inflator, which has a risk of deploying with too much pressure. The high-pressure airbags could cause the inflator casing to rupture, possibly resulting in injury or fatality, the automaker said. Honda added 603,000 vehicles to the recall Thursday morning. The automaker said the additional cars need to be brought in to an authorized dealer for inspection, because they may contain faulty parts.

## **CONGRESS-PAYROLL TAX**

**VO :17**

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**12/05/2011**

## **FORECLOSURE TO BE SUSPENDED 4 HOLIDAYS**

**VO: 21**

Several large mortgage lenders have agreed not to foreclose on struggling homeowners over the holidays. Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac say they will not force families out of their homes between December 19 and January 2. However, legal and administrative proceedings for evictions will continue during this time. Chase, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America have also announced a temporary suspension of evictions around the same time period

## **LESS SEX TEXTING STILL A RISK**

**VO :24**

Child "sexters" risk arrest, but problem uncommon New York (Reuters Health) - Sexually explicit material isn't as widespread on kids' cell phones as some surveys have suggested, researchers have found. But 'sexting' -- sending or receiving risquÃ photos or videos via cell phone -- can still mean legal trouble for minors. UK reforms to push use of new medicines. Britain will promote use of new medicines and has earmarked 180 million pounds (\$280 million) to bring modern technologies to market under a package of reforms designed to make the country more attractive to big pharmaceuticals companies. Prime Minister David Cameron wants to use the funds to boost Britain's 50 billion pound turnover life sciences industry, according to the text of a speech due to be delivered on Monday.

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**12/06/2011**

## **OBAMA 1STLD-WRITETHRUS/25**

President Barack Obama is channeling President Theodore Roosevelt, embracing a mantle of economic fairness for the nation's middle class Tuesday that draws parallels to the progressive reformer's calls for a "square deal" for regular Americans more than a century ago. Obama intends to use a speech in small town Osawatomie, Kan. --where Roosevelt delivered his to lay out economic themes of giving middle-class workers a fair

shake and greater financial security, concepts the president will probably return to repeatedly during the 2012 campaign.

## **USPS CUTS 28k AFFECTED**

**VO: 22**

The postal service may have to deal with some unhappy customers if its latest cost-cutting proposal gets the green light. At issue -- a proposal to tack on an extra day or two of delivery time for regular first class mail. The change is meant to save around two-billion dollars. But it would cost about 28-thousand postal workers their jobs. That fact hasn't gone over well in congress. The postal service sas there is another way for congress to help with its money troubles. They want lawmakers to relieve it from the burden of having to make multi-billion dollar payments to a fund for future health care retiree benefits.

## **DREAM ACT**

**VO :19**

California's "Dream Act" will make it possible for undocumented students to access college financial aid. But a new report estimates that once fully implemented, the Dream Act will cost taxpayers \$65 million a year. Undocumented college students can begin receiving publicly funded financial aid beginning in 2013. The non-partisan Legislative Analyst now pegs the cost to taxpayers at \$65 million per year when fully implemented; nearly three times more than the original low-end estimate. It's difficult to pinpoint an actual number because University of California and California State University keep rising. "This legislation essentially says to these students the taxpayers will cover your tuition. So if the tuition goes up, the taxpayer cost goes up," said Steve Boilard, Legislative Analyst's Office.

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**12/7/2011**

## **CITIGROUP WILL CUT 4000 JOBS**

**VO:19**

Citigroup will lay off roughly 4,500 employees over the next few months, CEO Vikram Pandit said Tuesday, as Wall Street continues to bleed jobs amid tough economic times. Speaking at the Goldman Sachs Financial Services Conference in New York on Tuesday afternoon, Pandit said the cuts would come over the next few quarters. Citi will book a charge of approximately \$400 million in the fourth quarter of this year due to severance payments and other expenses associated with the layoffs. "As part of our ongoing efforts to control expenses, we are making targeted headcount reductions in certain businesses and functions across Citi," said Jon Diat, spokesman for Citi, in an email.

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**12/8/2011**

**BLAGO 14 YEARS SENTENCE**

**VO: 20**

A federal judge today sentenced impeached Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich to 14 years in prison, giving little weight to Blagojevich's first-ever apology this morning since his arrest three years ago. "The jury didn't believe you and neither did I," U.S. District Court Judge James Zagel said. Blagojevich, 54, was convicted on 18 corruption charges, including the scheme to peddle the vacated Senate seat of Barack Obama. He must report for prison Feb. 16 to a facility to be named later. After his sentencing, Blagojevich quoted English poet Rudyard Kipling, saying, "If you can meet with a triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same ...

**ARPAIO ASKED TO RESIGN**

**VO: 24**

Latino activists want controversial Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio to step down from his post and for his deputies to stop their alleged racial profiling of Hispanics in the state. The Arizona Republic reports that the activists gathered Monday to herald a court ruling Friday that bars Arpaio's deputies from detaining people based solely on the suspicion that they are undocumented immigrants.

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**12/9/2011**

## **DEBATE PREVIEW**

### **MATT JAFFE - IOWA**

#### **PKG 2:54**

With less than 48-hours before ABC News' pivotal presidential debate in Iowa this weekend, the multi-front war for the Republican presidential nomination has never been more intense. ABC News, Yahoo! News, WOI-TV, the Des Moines Register and the Iowa GOP are sponsoring the debate, which airs at 9 p.m. ET on ABC and will stream online. Offer questions for George Stephanopoulos and Diane Sawyer to ask the Republican candidates .The main aggressors over the past few days have been Mitt Romney and his allies. Today they are out with a fresh assault on a surging Newt Gingrich in the form of a web video titled, "With Friends Like Newt .

## **PENNSSTATE|SANDUSKY'S WIFE**

#### **VO: 25**

A second top executive at The Second Mile appears to be leaving, as the charity founded by former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky gets more scrutiny about how it was structured and run. Katherine Genevose, the foundation's executive vice president and wife of recently departed CEO Jack Raykovitz, is no longer listed as a staff member on the charity's website. The Second Mile announced Wednesday that some employees would be laid off by the end of the year, but it didn't give details. Genevose and other representatives of The Second Mile did not respond to questions about her status. Her apparent departure was first reported by the Harrisburg Patriot-News.

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**12/12/2011**

## **NY LAWMAKERS PETITION TO TSA**

**VO:19**

In the wake of claims by an elderly woman that she was strip-searched at John F. Kennedy Airport, two New York lawmakers want to establish passenger advocates at all airports. At a Sunday news conference, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and state Sen. Michael Gianaris of Queens, where the airport is located, asked the Transportation Security Administration to create the posts to protect passengers. The TSA, in a blog post, insisted that it does not conduct strip-searches.

## **BAN TEXTING WHILE DRIVING**

**VO: 23**

Well federal safety investigators have had enough and are calling for Texting, emailing and chatting on a cellphone to be against the law while driving. The plan calls for an exception to the ban only in case of emergencies and will also apply for hands free devices. According to The Associated Press, 35 states and the District of Columbia ban texting while driving, while nine states and D.C. bar hand-held cellphone use. Thirty states ban all cellphone use for beginning drivers. But enforcement is generally not a high priority, and no states ban the use of hands-free devices for all drivers. This is going to make a lot of people unhappy if passed but its for the greater good.

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**12/13/2011**

**USA-MILITARY CRASH-4 DEAD**

## **VO :18**

Two U.S. Army helicopters crashed Monday during training exercises at a Washington state military base, killing four aviators on board, the base said in a statement. Brendalyn Carpenter, a spokeswoman for Joint Base Lewis-McChord, confirmed that "there was an accident" in the evening and that military police and emergency personnel were en route to the accident scene at the base near Tacoma. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends and loved ones of the soldiers involved in this tragic accident," said Major General Lloyd Miles, acting senior Army commander at the base.

## **OCCUPY PORTS**

### **VO :23**

Heady with their successful attempts to block trucks and curb business at busy ports up and down the West Coast, some Occupy Wall Street protesters plan to continue their blockades and keep staging similar protests. Thousands of demonstrators forced shipping terminals in Oakland, Calif., Portland, Ore., and Longview, Wash., to halt parts of their operations Monday and some intend to keep their blockade attempts ramped up overnight. At least one outside observer who has followed political movements for decades said the port blockades were an indicator of the disruptive activities likely to continue for months and right until next year's presidential elections.

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**12/14/2011**

## **CA:DISPENSARY OFFERS FREE POT**

**VO: 21**

A Northern California medical marijuana dispensary is going out of business so it's planning a huge TGIF party - complete with free pot. The Orangevale dispensary Magnolia Wellness is giving away free marijuana on Friday before it closes its doors indefinitely. With pressure from the county and federal officials and looming lawsuits, dispensary owners said they're closing to focus all their attention on the larger medical marijuana fight. And since all this pot has to go somewhere, why not to their 40,000 customers who'll soon be displaced?

## **2.5M YOUNG ADULTS GAIN COVERAGE**

**VO: 24**

The number of young adults lacking medical coverage has shrunk by 2.5 million since the new health care overhaul law took effect, according to a new analysis the Obama administration is to release Wednesday. That drop is 2½ times as large as the drop indicated by previous government and private estimates from earlier this year, which showed about 1 million Americans ages 19-25 had gained coverage. Administration officials said they now have more data. They say they're also slicing the numbers more precisely than the government usually does, trying to pinpoint the impact of a popular provision in an otherwise politically divisive law.

## **AID FOR CHILD CARE**

**VO: 20**

With states under pressure to cut their budgets and federal stimulus money gone, low-income working parents are facing a paradox. Just when they have to work longer hours to make ends meet, they are losing access to the thing they need most to stay on the job: a government subsidy that helps pay for child care. The subsidy, a mix of federal and state funds that reimburses child care providers on behalf of families, is critical to the lives of poor women. But it has been eaten away over the years by inflation and growing need and recently by state budget cuts, leaving parents struggling to find other arrangements to stay employed.

## **BUDGET CUTS CALIFORNIA**

**VO: 22**

Reporting from Sacramento and Los Angeles -- Gov. Jerry Brown announced nearly \$1 billion in new state budget cuts, slashing spending on higher education and eliminating funding for free school-bus service but avoiding the deeper reductions to public schools that many had feared. Services for the disabled, money for public libraries and funding for state prisons will also be pared. Most of the cuts, announced Tuesday, will take effect Jan. 1.

## **POSTAL SERVICE DELAY**

**VO: 18**

The U.S. Postal Service has agreed to hold off on closing any more post offices or mail facilities until May 15, 2012, to allow Congress time to work on a plan to save the service. The Postal Service agreed to voluntarily enact a moratorium on closures, after a series of talks with senators, lawmakers said. Sen. Richard Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, said the service

agreed to the deal, and he called it a challenge to Congress to "put up or shut up."

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**12/15/2011**

#### **4-US MILITARY MARKS END TO NEARLY NINE BLOODY YEARS IN IRAQ**

**VO: 21**

U.S. forces formally ended their nine-year war in Iraq on Thursday with a low key flag ceremony in Baghdad, while to the north flickering violence highlighted ethnic and sectarian strains threatening the country in years ahead.

#### **HOUSE US CONGRESS SPENDING**

**VO: 39**

House Republicans have unveiled a massive \$1 trillion-plus yearend spending package despite a plea from the White House for additional talks over a handful of provisions opposed by President Barack Obama. The measure unveiled late Wednesday curbs agency budgets but drops many policy provisions sought by GOP conservatives.

#### **CENSUS SHOWS 1 IN 2 PEOPLE ARE POOR OR LOW-INCOME**

**VO: 23**

Squeezed by rising living costs, a record number of Americans -- nearly 1 in 2 -- have fallen into poverty or are scraping by on earnings that classify them as low income. The latest census data depict a middle class that's shrinking as unemployment stays high and the government's safety net frays. The new numbers follow years of stagnating wages for the middle class that have hurt millions of workers and families.

## **EXECUTIONS/DEATH SENTENCES DECLINE**

**VO: 20**

The number of executions and death sentences nationwide continues a steady decline, according to a study released Thursday, matching dwindling public support for capital punishment in general. Only 78 people have been sentenced to lethal injection so far this year, the first time that number has dropped below 100 since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. Death sentences last year were at 112, and have declined by nearly 75% from 15 years ago, when more than 300 individuals were condemned. The information center's annual report also showed only 43 people were executed in 2011, down three from last year, and a 56% decline from 12 years ago, when nearly a hundred people were put to death.

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