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IMMIGRATION FRAUD

VO :20

Federal immigration officials are expanding nationally a program to raise awareness about immigration services scams. Officials from several federal, state and local agencies discussed the plan in Newark, N.J., on Thursday. The campaign is aimed at educating legal and illegal immigrants to avoid everything from unlicensed service providers to websites that mimic those of government agencies. Most scams involve people who pretend to be able to provide legal aid or other services for immigrants. Ads, posters and leaflets will be published in English and Spanish. There also will be a website with information available in 12 additional languages.

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12/02/11

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS

VO :20 SOT :12

Small businesses and startup companies have started hiring in bigger numbers, and that's helping drive the jobless rate down. The Labor Department says the country added 120,000 jobs last month. That makes five months in a row the economy has generated 100,000 or more jobs. It dropped the unemployment rate to 8.6 percent. While the decline was due

in part to more-than 300,000 people quitting their job searches, analysts are saying it could signal a positive trend.

LAPTOPS CAN KILL SPERM

VO :22

The digital age has left men's nether parts in a squeeze, if you believe the latest science on semen, laptops and wireless connections. In a report in the venerable medical journal Fertility and Sterility, Argentinian scientists describe how they got semen samples from 29 healthy men, placed a few drops under a laptop connected to the Internet via Wi-Fi and then hit download.

US HONDA RECALL

VO :17

Japanese automaker Honda announced on Friday that it was recalling 304-thousand vehicles globally for air-bags that may inflate with too much pressure in a crash. The air bags send metal and plastic pieces flying and could cause injuries or deaths. Honda said there have been 20 accidents so far related to this problem, including two deaths in the United States in 2009. The recall affects the Accord, Civic, Odyssey, Pilot, CR-V and other models, manufactured in 2001 and 2002.

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12/05/11

STUDENT VISAS ABUSES

VO :28

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has ordered an "extensive and thorough review" of a foreign exchange program that has been used by U.S. businesses as a source of cheap labor and exploited by criminals to import women to work in the sex industry. In the latest debacle for the J-1 Summer Work Travel visa, a federal indictment unsealed last week accuses the mafia of using the cultural exchange program to bring Eastern European women to work in New York strip clubs. The U.S. House Judiciary Committee's immigration subcommittee also has been gathering information on the J-1 visa, which was created in 1963 to allow college students from other countries to spend their summer breaks living, working and traveling in the U.S. As the program has grown to bring more than 100,000 young people here annually, it has become as much about money as cultural understanding.

GOB ALABAMA EMPRESAS

VO: 21

Alabama government workers should not inquire about residents' immigration status under the state's immigration law during certain "business transactions," such as getting water, parking at a meter or renewing mobile home registration, Attorney General Luther Strange wrote in a guidance Friday. The letter came amid heavy criticism of Section 30 of HB 56 the portion of Alabama's immigration enforcement law that prohibits "business transactions" between the state and people unable to prove they are in the United States legally. Attempting to have these types of interactions as an undocumented immigrant is a felony under HB 56, which vaguely defines "business transactions" to include common interactions with the government -- such as water services -- not typically thought of as business. Yet applying for a state marriage license as an undocumented immigrant is exempt. Alabama's immigration law mimics Arizona law SB 1070 by allowing police officers and other state workers to inquire about immigration status.

US POST OFFICE CUTS

PAULA GOMEZ - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG: 1:31

The cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service Monday moved forward with plans to end next-day delivery of letters, postcards and other First Class mail. Also, in a notice filed with its regulator, it sought approval to close more than half of its 461 processing facilities that have been critical for next-day delivery service. The agency expects to eliminate about 28,000 jobs as part of the processing facilities plan, said David Williams, USPS vice president for network operations. The Postal Service, which has been struggling to offset tumbling mail volumes and billion-dollar annual losses, first announced in September that it would study 252 processing sites for possible closure in 2012.

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12/06/11

DEPORTATIONS & ARRESTS

MARTIN BERLANGA - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:56

Lawyers say the U.S. government has dropped its New York deportation case against an Argentine lesbian who married a U.S. citizen, marking an improvement in the treatment of cases of same-sex couples involving a legal alien and a U.S. citizen. Lawyers for the Argentinean, Monica Alcota (Owl-COAT-uh), and her American spouse, Cristina Ojeda (Oh-HAY-duh), say the couple was supposed to be in Immigration Court Tuesday but notification arrived Monday that the case was dismissed. The couple's lawyer, Lavi Soloway, (LEH-vee SAH-luh-way) said the dismissal granted at the request of both sides marked the first time a case involving a lesbian married couple had been dismissed since the federal government relaxed

its pursuit of the cases earlier this year. Gay couples in Newark, N.J., and San Francisco had also won dismissals.

ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL

VO: 22

The Justice Department has sent a letter to Alabama police agencies warning them not discriminate against Latinos as they enforce the state's tough new immigration law. Assistant Attorney General Thomas Perez, who heads DOJ's civil rights division, sent the letter last week to Alabama's 156 police agencies that receive federal funding. Perez warned that agencies risk losing funding if they violate federal policies barring discrimination. He also said DOJ officials are monitoring the law's implementation to ensure there are no civil rights violations. The Obama administration has sued Alabama to block the law that allows local police to detain people suspected of being in the country illegally. Parts of the controversial law have been blocked by a federal judge, but police can still arrest suspected illegal immigrants.

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12/07/11

COLORADO DEPORTATIONS

VO :20

The Department of Homeland Security rejected the Wednesday a report according to which the majority of immigrants Deported from Colorado were not criminals of high priority. The report of the organization

Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (Coordinator of access to records of transactions) He said that of the more than 5,200 cases of deportation in Colorado until The September 3, 3,600 affecting immigrants who entered the Country illegal.

MORNING AFTER PILL

VO :20

The "morning after" pill-- seen as an emergency contraceptive. And for now, the pill will stay prescription-only for girls 16 years old and younger. The F-D-A was recommending that the drug be available without a prescription for all sexually active girls. But the H-H-S secretary overruled that recommendation. Kathleen Sebelius said "I do not believe enough data were presented to support the application." In July 2009, Plan B was approved for use without a prescription for women 17 and older, but girls under 17 still needed a prescription.

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12/08/11

COLORADO DEPORTATIONS

VO :22

Immigrant rights groups are Excited with a government plan to revise the 7,800 cases Deportation pending in Colorado and 5,000 cases in Baltimore As part of an experiment aimed at that agencies Judicial focus on high-priority cases. If the experiment is successful could have an impact on Approximately 300,000 cases pending at the national level.

GEORGIA CONDADOS IMMIGRATION

VO :20

The 159 counties of the State of Georgia they will now share information about fingerprints with the Federal immigration authorities to help detect unauthorized persons to be in the country who have committed offences. The Agency's immigration and customs enforcement, dependence of the Department of Homeland Security, said Tuesday 116 counties the safe communities program. According to the website of immigration and you customs, the initiative is now in force in 1882 jurisdictions in 44 States.

ERIC HOLDER "FAST AND FURIOUS"

VO :24

Republican lawmakers told Attorney General Eric Holder on Thursday to fire some Justice Department subordinates over the flawed arms-trafficking investigation called Operation Fast and Furious. At a House Judiciary Committee hearing, Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin said impeachment is an option if Holder does not "clean up this mess" quickly. Sensenbrenner and other Republicans hold the attorney general responsible for the operation, in which federal agents failed to track illicitly purchased weapons that were later recovered in Mexico and the U.S., many of them at crime scenes.

OBAMA: MORNING AFTER PILL

VO :21

President Obama, who took office pledging to put science ahead of politics, averted a skirmish with conservatives in the nation's culture wars on Thursday by endorsing his health secretary's decision to block over-the-counter sales of an after-sex contraceptive pill to girls under age 17. Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of health and human services, overruled the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday. The administration action inevitably raised questions about whether politics was trump in this

instance - especially from disappointed supporters in the scientific and women's rights communities. Mr. Obama, who had criticized how his predecessor made decisions on issues like contraceptives, sought to dispel that idea in remarks to White House reporters.

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12/09/11

ALABAMA HB 56 & ARIZONA SB 1070

VILMA TARAZONA. SATELLITE ROOM

PKG 2:21

Alabama's governor said Friday he would work to revise the state's tough new immigration law following embarrassing incidents where foreign workers were detained because they were not carrying sufficient identification. Republican Governor Robert Bentley said in a statement with House Speaker Mike Hubbard and Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh that they did not plan to repeal or weaken the law, widely considered the toughest of its kind in the nation. Several U.S. states have passed laws cracking down on illegal immigrants, charging that President Barack Obama and the U.S. Congress have failed to act on the issue.

US REMAINS CONTROVERSY

VO :20

The United States Air Force faced heavy criticism on Friday over its handling of the remains of America's war dead, including complaints that it has not been upfront about the extent of the problem. The criticism came after the service said it had dumped cremated partial remains of at least

274 troops into a Virginia landfill, far more than previously acknowledged. The revelation adds to the gruesome narrative that has unfolded since the Air Force announced last month that an investigation found "gross mismanagement" at its mortuary at Dover, Delaware, the first stop on American soil for fallen troops coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

FORD RECALL SEDANS

VO :21

Ford Motor Company will begin recalling more than 128-thousand mid-size sedans. The New York Times says the recall includes certain 2010 and 2011 Ford Fusions and Mercury Milans. Ford said the wheels on the cars could break off. Under the recall, Ford dealers will replace lug nuts and inspect the rear brake discs surfaces.

FDA PANEL BACKS BIRTH CONTROL PATCH DESPITE RISKS

VO :21

A panel of federal health advisers said Friday that a birth control patch from Johnson & Johnson probably carries a higher risk of blood clots than older drugs, but should remain available as an option for women who have trouble taking a daily pill. The Food and Drug Administration's panel of reproductive health experts voted 19-5 that the benefits of the Ortho Evra patch outweigh its risks, specifically a potentially higher risk of dangerous blood clots in the legs and lungs. Panelists said the patch can be especially useful for younger women who have difficulty sticking to a daily pill regimen.

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12/12/11

SUPREME COURT ON SB 1070 ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW

VICTOR HUGO RODRIGUEZ - PHOENIX, ARIZONA

PKG: 2:12

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to decide whether an Arizona statute targeting illegal immigrants interferes with federal law, entering another high-profile dispute between the Obama administration and conservative state governments. The 2010 Arizona measure requires police to arrest people they stop whom they suspect lack authorization to be in the U.S., and includes other provisions intended to drive illegal immigrants from the state. U.S. courts have blocked much of the Arizona law from taking effect, agreeing with the Justice Department that it undermines federal authority over immigration. The court is likely to hear the case by April and issue a decision before July, the same time frame for its review of President Barack Obama's 2010 health-care overhaul. Conservative activists and Republican officials from 26 state governments contend the health law exceeds federal authority.

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12/13/11

US BORDER OFFICERS

VO: 22

One year ago this week, Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry was killed in a shootout in a remote smuggling area near here. Since then, federal authorities have ramped up the number of agents patrolling the entire southwestern border, particularly the region where he was shot. "We've put more people into those canyons," said Alan Bersin, the Customs and

Border Protection commissioner. "The level of violence has come down. ... We are taking back this corridor. The progress is quite obvious. We're determined that Brian Terry did not die in vain."

BOB MENENDEZ PETITION

VO/SOT: 40

US Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) today launched an online petition in support of allowing immigrant family members of U.S. citizens and residents to apply for "waivers of the three and ten year unlawful presence bars" from within the United States. A change of this nature in the US immigration policy would allow tens of thousands and potentially hundreds of thousands of people to determine whether they qualify for a waiver before leaving the U.S.-and before risking everything, including their family, by traveling abroad. For years, immigrants who qualify for a visa due to their family relationship with US citizens or residents have been blocked from applying for the visa here from US soil because they are here unlawfully. Many of these families could qualify for a 'waiver' that would allow them to process their family visa, but these individuals don't want to risk separation from their families so they never travel abroad to finish their visa application process.

CALIFORNIA STATES BENEFIT

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:07

The Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) released a report today documenting the Golden State's worsening public pension problems. The report, authored by Stanford Professor Joe Nation with the assistance of California Common Sense researcher and Stanford junior Evan Storms, shows the state's pension problem is worse than just two years ago. The study covers the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), and the University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP). In

addition to today's report, SIEPR and CACS are releasing a report on the financial well-being of 63 local or independent public pension systems and a report on San Jose's two public pension systems later this week.

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12/14/11

CONNECTICUT IMMIGRATION VOTE

MARIELA SALGADO

PKG 2:00

The Mayor of New Haven, Connecticut, has a message for undocumented immigrants in his town: Come vote! Mayor John DeStefano said he will ask the state Legislature to allow undocumented immigrants to vote in municipal elections. He said his proposal would create a more engaged community. Undocumented voters would still not be able to vote in state or federal elections. DeStefano's statement was followed by a cool reaction from the governor, who said he would "hear the mayor out," though wasn't exactly thrilled with the idea.

NY CLEANERS MARCH

VO :20 SOT :20

Thousands of unionized New York City office cleaners hit the streets Wednesday afternoon to demand a fair contract. The current contract expires at the end of the month. A strike could potentially affect 1,500 commercial office buildings in the city including Rockefeller Center, the Met Life Building, the Empire State Building and the Time-Warner Center. The union said the highest rate for its cleaners is \$22.65 per hour, which

amounts to about \$47,000 annually. That is a number that the union says is "significantly less than the household income that independent researchers have shown is necessary to support a family of four." However, management has said the city's cleaning workers are the highest paid in the country.

USA VIOLENCE WOMEN

VO :20

Nearly 20 percent of women in the United States have been raped at least once and one in four has been severely attacked by an intimate partner, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Wednesday. Almost 80 percent of female victims were first raped before age 25 and more than half were raped by a current or former partner, according to the CDC's analysis of data from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey of 18,049 men and women in the United States in 2010.

MARIHUANA USE

VO :20

Results from the latest teen survey from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) are a mixed bag. The survey showed fewer teens are turning to alcohol and cigarettes than ever before. But the "Monitoring the Future" survey also found that marijuana use is rising steadily among America's teens. The findings are based on a survey of 47,000 eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders conducted by researchers at the University of Michigan on behalf of the NIDA. The researchers found one out of every 15 high school seniors smokes pot on a daily or near-daily basis. That's the highest rate since 1981. The percentage of teens saying they see "great risk" in using marijuana has dropped in recent years.

SENATE TAX CUTS

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:00

President Barack Obama and fellow Democrats on Wednesday signaled a willingness to drop a proposed surtax on millionaires, but remained at odds with Republicans in efforts to extend an expiring payroll tax cut for 160 million Americans. Obama discussed abandoning the surtax, which Republicans have denounced as a levy on "job creators," at a meeting with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and other top Senate Democrats at the White House, party aides said. One aide said Democrats have not offered to drop the surtax, but have made it clear to Republicans that they are willing to do so to renew the tax cut set to expire on Dec. 31.

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CAROLINA DEL SUR IMMIGRATION LAW

VO: 21

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley asked a judge to temporarily halt a lawsuit over the state's new statutes aimed at immigrants while the U.S. Supreme Court considers a challenge to Arizona's immigration law. "To say that this case before the Supreme Court is important to the instant suit would be an understatement," South Carolina's lawyers said in a filing today in federal court in Charleston. "A ruling by the Supreme Court in Arizona is likely to resolve most or all of the issues in the instant case."

ALABAMA LAW POLL

VO : 21

Alabama's new immigrant act denies unauthorized immigrants and their families, including US citizen children, their basic rights, threatening their access to everyday necessities and equal protection of the law, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. documents the effect of the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer Citizen and Protection Act, commonly known as HB 56, on unauthorized immigrants and their families, as well as the larger Alabama communities in which they live. It is based in part on first-hand accounts by 57 Alabama residents, including citizens and permanent residents, who reported abuse or discrimination under the law

CANADIAN BORDER IMMIGRATION

VO: 18

She was a failed refugee claimant due to be deported to St. Vincent; he, a 6-foot-8 detention officer at the Rexdale Blvd. immigration holding centre. What happened between them during a 60-minute meeting in an interview room on July 8, 2010, is at the centre of the former officer's sexual assault trial. The 46-year-old woman, whose identity is protected by a publication ban, has accused Seibert Phillips, 36, of ripping off her clothes, grabbing her breast and forcing oral sex and intercourse on her. The former Canada Border Services Agency officer has denied the allegations, saying all that happened was "cheek-to-cheek" contact initiated by the complainant who was desperate to delay her removal from Canada.

HOLIDAY SALES AND CRISIS

VIVIANA AVILA - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG: 2:03

With the final Christmas countdown begun, the nation's largest retail trade group has upgraded its holiday sales forecast reflecting growing optimism that much more spending is to come. The National Retail Federation said Thursday it now expects holiday sales for the November and December period to rise 3.8 percent to a record \$469.1 billion. That's up from its more modest 2.8 percent forecast made in early October when the economy's

health looked more uncertain. The new forecast is hardly stellar. The projected gain is still below the 5.2 percent pace seen during the holiday 2010 season from the prior year, but it's well above the 2.6 percent average increase over the past 10 years

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