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US TRAVEL WARNING

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The U.S. State Department issued a worldwide travel alert Saturday warning of the possibility of anti-American attacks in response to the killing of two top al Qaeda members. The warning came a day after U.S. officials said Anwar al-Awlaki, identified as "chief of external operations" for al Qaeda's Yemen branch, was killed in an attack by missiles fired from multiple CIA drones in Yemen. "The death of Awlaki, in the near term, could provide motivation for anti-American attacks worldwide from individuals or groups seeking to retaliate against U.S. citizens or interests because of this action," the State Department said. The drone strike also killed Samir Khan, an American who served as editor of a glossy magazine used as a propaganda and recruitment tool by al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

BEEF RECALL

VO : 22

California-based Manning Beef is recalling 80,000 pounds of beef products over possible E. coli contamination, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said. "The establishment is recalling a variety of beef primal and subprimal cuts ... and manufacturing trimmings due, in part, to insanitary conditions as reflected by an unusually high number of confirmed positive E. coli" test results, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Friday. The beef products were produced on Sept. 23 and shipped from the Pico Rivera, California, operation to retail establishments and food service centers in Arizona and California and to another federally regulated establishment in Nebraska, the USDA statement said.

FLORIDA TEEN SEXTING ILLEGAL

VO: 22

No more sexy texts for teens. Starting on Saturday, teen "sexting" is illegal in Florida. The new state law, which passed in June, bans teens from sending nude or racy photos to each other by phone. The first offense is a non-criminal violation punishable by eight hours of community service or a \$60 fine. The second strike is a first-degree misdemeanor.

ILLINOIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

VIVIANA AVILA - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PKG: 2:01

Domestic violence victims and their supporters will fly purple ribbons, display purple light bulbs on porches and participate in several events in Santa Cruz and Watsonville in October to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Monday at Pacific and Cooper streets in downtown Santa Cruz, supporters plan to string a clothesline with decorated T-shirts designed by domestic abuse survivors. The event aims to call attention to domestic violence and engage passersby in conversations about a problem that can often go unreported. National studies suggest that 1 in 4 women will have a domestic violence experience in their lifetime

10/2/11**LUIS GUTIERREZ ON DEPORTATION****VO: 22**

President Barack Obama says he backs immigration reform, announcing last month an initiative to ease deportation policies, but he has sent home over 1 million illegal immigrants in 2-1/2 years -- on pace to deport more in one term than George W. Bush did in two. The Obama administration had deported about 1.06 million as of September 12, against 1.57 million in Bush's two full presidential terms. This seeming contradiction between rhetoric and reality is a key element of debate over U.S. immigration policy, and stakes are high for 2012's presidential election as Obama faces criticism from both conservatives and liberals. In 2008, 67 percent of Hispanics voted for Obama over Republicans John McCain and Sarah Palin. But Obama fell short on his promise to have a comprehensive reform bill in Congress in his first year. And despite his push of the DREAM Act in 2010, that bill failed in the Senate at the end of the Democrat-run 111th Congress.

10/3/11**NEVADA FEDS HOTEL DISCRIMINATION****CARMEN VARGAS - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA****PKG: 2:05**

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed suit on behalf of three fired white workers against the owners of a Craig hotel the agency alleges discriminated against them. The lawsuit, filed last week in federal court in Denver, claims the owners of the Hampton Inn franchise in Craig fired the workers because they are white and "it was their impression that such workers are lazy," the case filing states. "In their opinion Hispanics worked harder," the lawsuit alleges. Employment-discrimination lawsuits

undertaken directly by the EEOC are infrequent, and lawsuits filed alleging discrimination against white workers are even less common. Most cases - including several filed around the country in the last week - accuse companies of failing to hire or promote non-white employees. "I've been doing this work for 30-some years, and I've never filed a case like this," EEOC Regional Attorney Mary Jo O'Neill told the Associated Press. The lawsuit is one of four the EEOC has filed in the last week in Denver. The other suits accuse Beverage Distributors Company in Colorado of disability discrimination and H&E Equipment Services and The Original Honeybaked Ham Company of Georgia of gender discrimination.

10/4/11

FAST AND FURIOUS

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:39

The scandal by sending illegal weapons to crime in Mexico seem to have reached The doors of The Secretary Of Justice, Eric Holder. Documents leaked to the media suggests that Holder knew about the secret report of the operation much earlier than he admits before Congress and Republican lawmakers are demanding a special investigation.

PRISON OVERCROWDING IN CALIFORNIA

LILIANA ESCALANTE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:09

California's prisons are too full. Indeed, federal courts have found them to be illegally, unconstitutionally overcrowded and have repeatedly ordered the state to address the problem. But even if the courts had not done so, hard economic times and empty state coffers all but demand it. As the largest single consumer of state prison services, Los Angeles County has at least a moral obligation to help come up with solutions. According to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, about 54,000 offenders, or a third of all state prison inmates, are from Los Angeles County. Last year, about 19,000 offenders from the county were newly admitted to state prison.

TSA AIRPORT SECURITY

VO: 31

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) today announced that it began testing a limited, voluntary passenger pre-screening initiative with a small known traveler population at four U.S. airports. The TSA PreCheck initiative implements a key component of the agency's intelligence-driven, risk-based

approach to security. This pilot program will help assess measures designed to enhance security by placing more focus on pre-screening individuals who volunteer information about themselves prior to flying in order to potentially expedite the travel experience.

10/5/11

ALABAMA SCHOOLS

MARTIN BERLANGA / MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:22

Last week, NCLR (National Council of La Raza) was outraged to learn that U.S. District Court Judge Sharon Blackburn upheld some of the most egregious provisions of Alabama's HB 56, the strictest anti-immigrant law in the nation. Bucking the trend set by courts across the country, Blackburn let stand provisions that would bring racial profiling into Alabama's classrooms and undermine education. Janet Murguía, President and CEO of NCLR, swiftly criticized this ruling in a statement released last week, calling Blackburn's failure to stop the law's "clearly unconstitutional directive to force teachers and schools to ascertain their students' immigration status" a decision that endangers the education of every child in the state and jeopardizes teachers' abilities to do their jobs.

NAPOLITANO IMMIGRATION POLICY

VO :20

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says the government is deporting record numbers of illegal immigrants -- but she says it's putting at the top of the line those who pose a public safety or national security threat. She defended the administration's policy, which she said is a

shift from the Bush administration's policy, in a speech today at American University in Washington.

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ALABAMA INJUNCTION

VILMA TARAZONA/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 1:59

A coalition of immigrant support groups has asked a federal appeals court to block enforcement of Alabama's new immigration law. The coalition said it filed the petition to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta several hours after the federal government filed its challenge. The filing said the new law has brought "chaos" to Alabama. It was brought by a coalition that includes the American Civil Liberties Union and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

DREAM ACT DEADLINE

LUIS MEGID / BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:50

It is "highly likely" that Gov. Jerry Brown will sign the bill for the California Dream Act Part II before the Oct. 9 deadline, according to California Assemblyman V. Manuel Perez. Perez, who is co-author of the bill, said on Wednesday that he thinks Brown is "probably going to sign it by next week." The second part of the California Dream Act would give undocumented students the ability to apply for financial aid if they can demonstrate need and merit.

EMPLOYMENT CREATION

LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:06

U.S. employers hired more workers than expected in September and job gains for the prior two months were revised higher, easing recession fears.

But the unemployment rate remained stuck at 9.1 percent for a third straight month, keeping pressure on President Barack Obama and the U.S. Federal Reserve to do more to spur a stronger recovery.

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CALIFORNIA JERRY BROWN SIGNS DREAM ACT

SALVADOR DURAN - LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

LIVE - 2:50

California Governor Jerry Brown Saturday signed a controversial bill dubbed the "Dream Act" that would allow illegal immigrants to receive public funds for college education. "Going to college is a dream that promises intellectual excitement and creative thinking," Brown, a Democrat, said in a statement issued by his office. "The Dream Act benefits us all by giving top students a chance to improve their lives and the lives of all of us," he said. Brown in July fulfilled a campaign promise by signing into law a companion bill to allow illegal immigrants to receive privately funded college scholarships, but not public funds.

ARIZONA RAIDS

VO: 22

We now know that seven workers were arrested during a Sheriff Joe Arpaio raid on an east valley business. SkyFOX captured video over the scene Wednesday at C&M Homes near McDowell and Greenfield in Mesa. A tip led deputies to the construction company. They believe as many as 15 workers used fake identification to get their jobs. In a statement, the company said it was surprised by the raid and that all employees provided documents verifying their right to work.

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JERRY BROWN SIGNS DREAM ACT REACTIONS

LILIANA ESCALANTE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:04

Undocumented immigrant children in California will soon be able to receive financial aid to attend college... That's under a new law signed Saturday by Governor Jerry Brown. It allows immigrant students to start receiving state-funded financial aid beginning in 2013. The new law is one of two pieces of legislation known as the California Dream Act. The other half of the California Dream Act was signed into law in July. It allows undocumented immigrant students to receive privately funded scholarships administered at public universities and community colleges

10/10/11

UNDOCUMENTED ALABAMA PARENTS

MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS - BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

PKG: 2:27

Terrified by Alabama's strict new immigration crackdown, parents living in the state illegally say they are doing something that was unthinkable just days ago - asking friends, relatives, co-workers and acquaintances to take their children if they're arrested or deported. Many illegal immigrants signed documents in the past week allowing others to care for their children if needed, assistance groups say, and a couple living illegally in nearby Shelby County extracted a promise from the man's boss to send their three young children - all U.S. citizens - to Mexico should they be jailed under the law. A key sponsor of the measure, Republican state Sen. Scott Beason, said such concerns weren't raised when legislators were considering the bill, and he wonders if the stories now are designed to "pull on heart strings" and build sympathy for illegal immigrants.

JERRY BROWN SIGNS BILL PLACING LIMITS ON DUI CHECKPOINTS

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 1:53

Police agencies in California will no longer be able to freely impound cars from sober but unlicensed drivers who are stopped at drunk-driving checkpoints under legislation signed Sunday by Gov. Jerry Brown. Under the new law written by Assemblyman Gil Cedillo (D-Los Angeles), if a sober driver is caught at a DUI checkpoint without a valid license, law enforcement officers must release the car to a qualified driver representing the registered owner. In cases where a legal driver is not readily available, AB 353 says, the vehicle is to be released to one later at the impound yard. Some Latino lawmakers have alleged that sobriety checkpoints have been misused by some cities to unfairly target illegal immigrants who do not have a driver's license. Because cities can hold cars taken from unlicensed drivers for 30 days, the accumulated impound fees can turn out to be more than the car is worth, resulting in some drivers losing their cars.

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ALABAMA LAW JAIL

MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS - MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

PKG: 2:30

Alabama asked a federal appeals court Tuesday to allow the state to enforce much of its strict law targeting illegal immigration, and state officials tried to clear up confusion over the crackdown among court officials and police. The state said in arguments that the Justice Department and a coalition of advocacy groups failed to demonstrate that enforcing the law will cause irreparable harm. The state argued the U.S. District Court in Birmingham considered hundreds of pages of briefs, almost nine hours of oral arguments and more than six weeks of consideration before it upheld parts of the law. The Justice Department and the advocacy groups have until Wednesday morning to file a response. After that, the court could decide whether to intervene by issuing a preliminary injunction.

10/12/11

FAST AND FURIOUS

PABLOS SANCHEZ. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:01

leading House Republican investigating the ATF operation dubbed Fast and Furious subpoenaed documents from Atty. Gen. Eric H. Holder Jr. on Wednesday, escalating the confrontation over the botched gun-tracing program. Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Vista), chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, issued a far-ranging subpoena seeking all communications between Holder, his deputies and the White House in connection with the now-defunct operation run by the Phoenix field office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Issa contends the attorney general knew more about the operation than he has told congressional investigators. Holder strongly denies that.

ALABAMA IMMIGRATION

MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS. ALABAMA

PKG 2:52

Along Main Street in this small Alabama town, the Mexican restaurant was closed, lights were out at a Hispanic-owned grocery store and even a bank catering to Spanish speakers was dark. Nearby, the usual hum of a chicken processing plant was silent. Businesses dependent on immigrant labor were shuttered Wednesday as workers took the day off to protest the state's strict new immigration law. The work stoppage appeared largest in northeast Alabama, the hub of the state's \$2.7 billion poultry industry, but metropolitan areas were also affected. At least a half-dozen chicken processing plants closed or scaled back operations because employees, many of whom are Hispanic, didn't show up for work or told managers in advance they wanted to join the sick-out to show disapproval of the law upheld by a federal judge two weeks ago.

BLACKBERRY PROBLEMS

VILMA TARAZONA. SATELLITE ROOM

PKG 2:00

BlackBerry users across the world were exasperated Wednesday as an outage of email, messaging and Internet services on the phones spread to the U.S. and Canada and stretched into the third day for Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa. It was the biggest outage in years for BlackBerry users, and strained their relationship with an already tarnished brand. It came on the eve of the launch of a mighty competitor -- a new iPhone model.

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NEW YORK IMMIGRATION HELP

PABLO SANCHEZ - NEW YORK

PKG: 2:02

Even as immigrant dropout rates in the city's public schools have soared, immigrant parents - mystified by the bureaucracies, short on time, cowed by their inability to speak English or fearful that their illegal immigration status would be discovered - have typically stayed away from schools. On Thursday, the New York Immigration Coalition an umbrella group of dozens of immigration organizations, announced an ambitious project that it hopes will address both problems. The coalition introduced a city-backed plan to increase involvement by immigrant parents in the city's public school system. The project, supported by public and private money, establishes a network of resource centers at schools around the city that will help immigrants learn about the American educational system.

ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LATEST

MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS - MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

PKG: 2:28

Cash registers rang again and classrooms were back to normal in Alabama as Latino children and adults returned to work and school a day after staying away to protest the state's immigration law. Customers trickled into Hispanic-owned stores and restaurants Thursday, and the parking lot was full at a poultry plant in Albertville that closed Wednesday because of a lack of workers. Latino immigrants, most of them of Mexican origin, are upset with the tough new law. Some have even fled the state since a judge upheld it a couple of weeks ago. Officials say a one-day protest will have had little economic impact on the state. Despite the return of protesters, however, things are not quite the way they were before the law took effect last month.

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ALABAMA HB 56

MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS. BIRMINGHA, ALABAMA

PKG 2:35

A U.S. appeals court Friday temporarily blocked Alabama from enforcing part of its tough new law cracking down on illegal immigrants but allowed some disputed portions to remain in effect. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, based in Atlanta, halted a provision that permits Alabama to require public schools to determine the legal residency of children upon enrollment. But the court ruled the state could continue to authorize police to detain people suspected of being in the country illegally if they cannot produce proper documentation when stopped for any reason.

MEAT RECALL

JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:07

About 378,000 pounds of ground beef have been recalled in California and Nevada after testing determined it may be contaminated with E. coli, posing a potentially serious food poisoning risk. The Commercial Meat Co. ground beef recall was announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) on October 11, after routine testing found E. coli O157:H7 in the ground beef. Although there have been no illnesses reported in connection to the recalled ground beef, E. coli O157:H7 is one of the more common causes of food poisoning in the United States.

LISTERIA LETTUCE

VO :18

Pittsburgh's Giant Eagle Inc is recalling packaged iceberg lettuce because of the potential threat of listeria contamination, according to a company statement. Listeria-tainted cantaloupes have killed at least 23 people across 12 states in recent weeks, matching the death toll in a 1998 outbreak, health officials have said. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has told Giant Eagle about the presence of listeria in a routine test of Giant Eagle Farmer's Market eight-ounce package of shredded iceberg lettuce, the company said in a statement dated Wednesday and appearing on the FDA website.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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