

## **FCC REPORTS EDICION NOCTURNA FEB 1-15 PART 1**

**02/01/12**

### **TEEN PILEUP DEPORTATION**

**VO/SOT :36**

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said Wednesday that an illegal immigrant who was injured and lost most of her family in Sunday's multivehicle wreck in Florida will not face deportation. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Miss Lidiene Carmo as she deals with the tragic loss of her family," ICE spokeswoman Barbara Gonzalez said. "Reports of her facing deportation are completely false." "ICE's stated priorities include convicted criminals, immigration fugitives, repeat immigration law violators and recent border crossers," Gonzalez said in a written statement. Lidiene Carmo, 15, the sole survivor among her immediate family, came to the United States from Brazil when she was only 2, according to a pastor at International Church of the Restoration in Marietta, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta.

### **CONNECTICUT IMMIGRANT LATEST**

**VO/SOT :32**

Two-thirds, or 66 percent, of Connecticut residents that participated in a recent nationwide poll believe illegal immigration is hurting the Nutmeg State, according to a statement released The poll, which was commissioned by FAIR and conducted by Pulse Opinion Research last month, also reveals that 67 percent of Connecticut voters oppose in-state tuition aid for illegal aliens looking to attend public universities. There is a bill currently being considered by the state that would allow children of undocumented immigrant aliens to qualify for in-state tuition State Sen. Toni Boucher, a Republican who represents Bethel, New Canaan, Redding, Ridgefield, Weston, Westport and Wilton in the 26th Senate District, told Patch last year that passing the bill would take away spots from citizens and legal aliens

### **AMERICAN AIRLINES 13,000 LAYOFFS**

**VO: 22**

Executives at American Airlines' parent warned its unions Wednesday that deep cuts are coming to the staff of 88,000 at the nation's No. 3 airline. AMR Corp. CEO Thomas Horton, said in a letter to American employees, "We will end this journey with many fewer people. But we will also preserve tens of thousands of jobs that would have been lost if we had not embarked on this path." The company's job-cut target was not disclosed, but Horton said the company needs to save more than \$1.25 billion annually in labor costs, and reduce costs in each work group, including management, by 20%. To try to cushion the blow of those cuts, it is offering employees a profit sharing plan. Other savings will come from restructuring debt and leases, grounding older planes, and improving supplier contracts. Horton said the company wants to cut \$2 billion a year in total cost cuts.

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**02/02/2012**

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE IMMIGRANT TUITION**

**VO: 19**

Students at New Hampshire's public colleges who are illegal immigrants would have to pay higher out-of-state tuition rates under a bill passed by the House on Wednesday. The House voted 250-88 in favor of legislation to require in-state students to prove they are also legal residents of the United States. The state would also have to establish a system to prove students are in the country legally to receive in-state tuition. The bill now goes to the Senate. In a legislative analysis written for the Republican majority on the House Education Committee, supporters of the bill said the burden would be upon the applicant to prove his or her citizenship. The rules would require the same signed affidavit and documentation process applicants use to prove state residency. Opponents, led by Democratic Rep. Mary Stuart Gile of Concord, said no one had testified during the committee's hearing on the bill to indicate this was a problem in the University System of New Hampshire. Republican Rep. Ralph Bohem, of Litchfield, disputed their logic as "faulty." "If no one checks, how would they know if there's a problem?" Bohem asked.

## **STUDENT VISA ABUSES**

**VO: 21**

The State Department has revoked a company's ability to arrange visas for foreign college students to work at a Pennsylvania candy factory that packed Hershey chocolates. The students spent weeks protesting working conditions, complaining of hard labor and pay deductions for rent that left them with little money. A State Department official said Thursday the non-profit Council for Education Travel USA, known as CETUSA, lost its visa designation on Jan. 30 -- nearly six months after the workers began protesting. A message left for CETUSA was not immediately returned. The State Department's action comes a year after an Associated Press investigation exposed widespread abuses in the J-1 Summer Work Travel Program. It annually allows more than 100,000 foreign college students to work in the U.S. for up to four months.

## **HIGH PRICES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS IN FLORIDA**

**MARTIN BERLANGA - MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG: 1:58**

State Rep. Reggie Fullwood remembers the girl whose face was streaked by tears of disappointment. "We had a young lady who came in to reach out to us," the Jacksonville Democrat told me. "She was born here and was raised here and had graduated from high school here [in Jacksonville]. She even had a U.S. birth certificate. "But her parents were from Nigeria, and they were undocumented, so to go to college here, she had to pay out-of-state tuition, and she couldn't afford it ... she was pretty distraught."

That memory, among other things, is what prompted Fullwood to become the lead sponsor on a bill designed to correct that cruelty. If passed, it would allow U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants who attend high school in Florida to pay in-state tuition. Because of administrative rules set in 2005, children born to undocumented immigrants are treated like out-of-state students in Florida. And the tuition differences can kill dreams.

## **SON'S TRAGEDY INTO FIGHT TRANSPLANT ORGANS**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ - NEW YORK**

**PKG: 1:34**

WHEN DOCTORS told Yolany Veliz her son was brain dead after a hit-and-run car accident, she wanted to take the 16-year-old off a ventilator and donate his organs. She got unexpected grief from fellow immigrants in her Long Island neighborhood who believed myths about organ donation, like doctors selling body parts. "So many people told me not to do it," said Veliz, 38, who ignored the naysayers and let her son's organs be harvested. "But it really helps me to know that he lives on in others." Veliz, who is from Honduras and lives in Hempstead, is starting a foundation and website [oscarvelizfundation](http://oscarvelizfundation.com) - to encourage other Latin American immigrants to consider organ donation. Julia Rivera of the New York Organ Donor Network said Hispanic enrollment in the state registry of willing donors is low. "There are still a lot of misconceptions and fears," Rivera said. "We have a very high immigrant population, and unfortunately there's some confusion there."

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**02/03/2012**

## **LABOR DEPARTMENT UNEMPLOYMENT**

**VO: 27**

U.S. stocks jumped sharply in morning trading Friday on news that the unemployment rate dropped to the lowest level in three years. The Dow Jones industrial average gained more than 140 points. Before the market opened, the Labor Department said companies hired 243,000 employees in January, the strongest job growth in nine months. The increase in hiring pushed the unemployment rate down to 8.3 percent. More evidence that the economy is gaining strength followed the jobs report. A trade group said the service industry expanded at the fastest pace since last February. The government said factory orders rose 1.1 percent in December, supported by a rebound in orders for heavy machinery.

## **AIRFORCE CUTS**

**VO: 21**

The Air Force detailed plans on Friday to cut the service by nearly 10,000 active, National Guard and Reserve airmen next year as part of a broad move to downsize and shift capabilities around the United States to prepare better for wars of the future. More than half the personnel cuts, and much of the aircraft and other equipment moves, will be borne by the Air National Guard which triggered criticism from the National Guard Association. The Air Force said the service cannot absorb any further cuts in active duty forces because that would limit its ability to respond to multiple crises.

## **CALIFORNIA CRISIS BIDGET CUTS**

### **LILIANA ESCALANTE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 1:40**

The Controller's announcement comes just two weeks after California Gov. Jerry Brown gave his State of the State speech to the Legislature, then immediately hit the road in a two-day campaign swing through Southern California to tout his November ballot initiative to raise taxes on all Californians. At a stop with 50 of Orange County's top business leaders and CEOs, the Governor outlined how he was already making severe budget cuts, reorganizing state government, and implementing a 12-point pension reform plan. Brown said he offered these actions as credibility before asking business to support his November tax initiative. The Governor added that he welcomed California's future population growth and assured his audience that the State's future is bright. Brown reiterated his support for the nation's first high-speed rail system and for expeditious completion of the environmental review on a proposed project to fix the state's water delivery system that has devastated Central California farmers.

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**02/06/2012**

## **ALABAMA IMMIGRATION**

**VO :23**

Activists fighting for a repeal of Alabama's immigration law, HB 56 announced today that they have called on the state's auto manufacturers to stand with them against Alabama's "backward immigration policy."

## **IOWA IMMIGRATION**

**VO :21**

Immigration policy may be a federal issue, but on Monday Iowa lawmakers started debate on a bill that would require both state and even local law enforcement to investigate complaints about illegal workers. The bill in question is HF 2156 and 38 Republicans as well as three Democrats have signed on as co-

sponsors. A subcommittee met late Monday to begin work on the legislation. The bill would allow anyone to file a complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's Office or even a local county prosecutor. Verified complaints would be reported to federal immigration officials and employers who commit more than one violation could lose state business licenses.

## **TENNESSEE IMMIGRATION**

**VO :18**

A state House bill that would allow law enforcement to check the immigration status of someone pulled over or detained was put on hold last week, at least for the moment. The Lawful Immigration Enforcement Act was moved behind the budget by a House finance subcommittee Wednesday morning. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Joe Carr, R-Lascassas, acknowledged that the move, made until an estimated \$3 million can be generated to implement the measure, slows its progress.

## **FORECLOSURE SETTLEMENT**

**VO :20**

California and New York, the key holdouts in a long-awaited settlement over foreclosure abuses, moved closer Monday to backing a deal that would force the five largest mortgage lenders to reduce loans for about 1 million households. More than 40 U.S. states have agreed to a nationwide settlement.

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**02/07/12**

## **TENNESSEE IMMIGRATION**

**VO: 26**

The sponsor of a bill that would make it a felony to harbor or transport an illegal immigrant has withdrawn the measure from consideration. The bill had been scheduled for a vote in the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. Immigrants' rights activists claimed victory for the change. A news release from the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition said members and supporters had asked their legislators to oppose the measure.

## **ALABAMA IMMIGRATION**

**VO :20**

As the Alabama state legislature begins its new legislative session today, the costs and consequences of the state's "papers, please" anti-immigration law is the hottest political topic in the state. In light of the many controversies and unintended consequences related to the law's provisions, including the sticker shock of up to \$11 billion the law would cost the state's GDP, changes to the immigration law are likely during the legislative session.

## **UTAH IMMIGRATION**

**VO :22**

The sponsor of Utah's enforcement-only immigration law will launch from the House floor Wednesday an employer-sanctions bill that would suspend or revoke business licenses for those hiring undocumented immigrants. Rep. Stephen Sandstrom, R-Orem, said his bill will closely mirror Arizona's law that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court last year

## **ARIZONA CANDIDATE LANGUAGE**

**VILMA TARAZONA / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 1:42**

Arizona's Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that a city council candidate with limited English language skills can be kept off the ballot in a largely bilingual town on the Mexico border. A Yuma County Superior Court judge touched off a furor last week when he disqualified Alejandrina Cabrera, 35, from running for city council in the town of San Luis over what he called a "large gap" between her English proficiency and that required to serve as a public official.

## **CA PROP 8 DECISION**

**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:39**

A federal appeals court has declared California's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional, paving the way for a likely U.S. Supreme Court showdown on the voter-approved law. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled 2-1 Tuesday that a lower court judge interpreted the U.S. Constitution correctly in 2010 when he declared the ban, known as Proposition 8, to be a violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians.

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**02/08/12**

**USA GAY MARRIAGES WASHINGTON**

**VO :22**

Washington state lawmakers voted to approve gay marriage Wednesday, setting the stage for the state to become the seventh in the nation to allow same-sex couples to wed. The action comes a day after a federal appeals court declared California's ban on gay marriage unconstitutional, saying it was a violation of the civil rights of gay and lesbian couples. The Washington House passed the bill on a 55-43 vote. Supporters in the public viewing galleries stood and cheered as many on the Democratic side of the House floor hugged after the vote.

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**02/09/12**

**STATES NEGOTIATE \$25 BILLION DEAL FOR HOMEOWNERS**

**LOURDE MELUZA, WASHINGTON, DC**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ, NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:05 & 1:53**

U.S. states reached a landmark \$25 billion deal Thursday with the nation's biggest mortgage lenders over foreclosure abuses that occurred after the housing bubble burst. The deal requires five of the largest banks to reduce loans for about 1 million households at risk of foreclosure. The lenders will also send checks of \$2,000 to about 750,000 Americans who were improperly foreclosed upon. The banks will have three years to fulfill the terms of the deal. It's the biggest settlement involving a single industry since a 1998 multistate tobacco deal. Federal and state officials announced at a news conference that 49 states had joined the settlement. Oklahoma announced a separate deal with the five banks. The settlement ends a painful chapter that emerged from the financial crisis, when home values sank and millions edged toward foreclosure. Many companies processed foreclosures without verifying documents. Some employees signed papers they hadn't read or used fake signatures to speed foreclosures -- an action known as robo-signing.

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**02/10/12**

**OBAMA TO CHANGE BIRTH CONTROL RULE**

**VILMA TARAZONA. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 1:50**

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops are expressing grave doubts about President Barack Obama's revamped health care rule on birth control. They say it raises serious moral concerns and lacks clear protections for certain employers, insurers and individuals. The statement came hours after Obama announced he was backing off a new requirement for religious employers to provide free birth control coverage, even if it runs counter to their religious beliefs. Instead, employees of those institutions will be able to get free contraception directly from health insurance companies. Other groups who had objected to the administration's original rule supported Obama's change Friday.

**E-VERIFY AND AGRICULTURE**

**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:53**

The agriculture industry fears a disaster is on the horizon if the one bit of new immigration policy that Congress seems to agree on becomes law. A plan to require all American businesses to run their employees through E-Verify, a program that confirms each is legally entitled to work in the U.S., could wreak havoc on an industry where 80 percent of the field workers are illegal immigrants. So could the increased paperwork audits already under way by the Obama administration.

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**02/13/12**

**WA SAME SEX MARRIAGE**

**VO :18**

Washington is the latest state to sanction same-sex marriage. Governor Chris Gregoire signed the bill into law Monday. It will go into effect in June when the legislative session ends. Opponents vow to try to halt its implementation by putting it on the November ballot. In New Jersey, the state Senate passed a bill that would also allow same-sex marriage. The state Assembly is expected to vote on Thursday. Including Washington, there are now seven U-S states that allow same-sex marriage, as well as the District of Columbia.

**GAS PRICES**

**MARIA ROSA LUCCHINI / WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:02**

The average price of a gallon of gasoline has jumped nearly 12 cents over the past three weeks. That's according to the Lundberg Survey of fuel prices, which puts the price of a gallon of regular at \$3.51 nationwide. Midgrade costs an average of \$3.65 a gallon, and premium is at \$3.77. Diesel was up about four cents, at \$3.95 a gallon. Of the areas surveyed, Denver has the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.01. New York's Long Island has the highest at \$3.82.

**SCHOOL BULLYING MN**

**VO :18**

The school board in Minnesota's largest school district has approved a replacement for a policy that required teachers to stay neutral when sexual orientation comes up in class, a stance that has been blamed for fostering bullying. The Anoka-Hennepin School Board approved the "Respectful Learning Environment" policy on a voice vote Monday night. Only board member Kathy Tingelstad voted no.

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**02/14/12**

**CT RAID SETTLEMENT**

**VILMA TARAZONA / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**PKG 1:50**

Eleven men who claimed immigration agents violated their rights in 2007 raids on their New Haven neighborhood have won a \$350,000 settlement from the U.S. government, which also agreed to halt deportation proceedings against the plaintiffs, their attorneys said Tuesday.

**ALABAMA HB 56 PROTEST**

**MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS / MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**PKG 2:30**

Monday afternoon Democratic U.S. Representatives held a hearing at Birmingham City Hall where they heard comments about Alabama's new immigration law from educators, law enforcement officers, and citizens. Birmingham Mayor William Bell, Jefferson County Sheriff Mike Hale, and the Superintendent of

Birmingham City Schools Dr. Craig Witherspoon, offered their opinions on HB 56. Sheriff Hale called it an unfunded mandate. Supporters of the law, claim the federal government's failure to establish comprehensive immigration reform, forced states like Alabama to take action

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**02/15/12**

**CONNECTICUT: COURT FAVOURS IMMIGRATION**

**VILMA TARAZONA. SATELLITE ROOM**

**PKG & LIVER 2:00**

Eleven New Haven residents whose homes were illegally raided by immigration agents almost five years ago have reached an unprecedented settlement of their civil rights lawsuit against top U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials, local agents, and the United States. The plaintiffs and their counsel will announce the settlement at a press conference on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 10:30 AM at the Wilson Branch Library in New Haven, Connecticut. The eleven men alleged that in the early morning hours of June 6, 2007, approximately 20 ICE agents together with other federal, state, and local officers spread out across the predominantly Latino neighborhood of Fair Haven, invaded homes without warrants or consent, and illegally seized and arrested the men. Agents drew their weapons, pushed through the doors of residents' homes, banged on bedroom doors, forced several men out of bed, and frightened young children present in some of the homes

**PAYROLL TAX AGREEMENT**

**VO :20**

U.S. Senator Max Baucus said on Wednesday that a bipartisan deal has been reached to extend a payroll tax cut set to expire on Feb. 29. Baucus said enough Democratic and Republican negotiators have signed off on the accord to clear the way for a vote on it by the full House of Representatives and Senate.

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