

## **FCC REPORTS NETWORK NEWS 6:30 FEB. 15-29/ PART 2**

**02/16/12**

### **DESPIDO AGENTES JUSTICIA**

**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:43**

From this Friday, dozens of experienced agents anti drug State will be dismissed which could paralyse the fight against gangs and drug trafficking in California. Lynda Gledhill, spokesman for the Attorney Kamala Harris pointed out that 73 will be anti-drug agents, but the total number of laid-off between agents and staff of the Department of Justice joined nearly 300.

### **PAYROLL TAX DEAL REACHED**

**VO :17**

Congress announces a deal to extend the payroll tax cut. Just before midnight, Congress worked out the final details on a deal to extend the payroll tax cut through December. That may be welcome relief for 160 million American taxpayers who will keep their \$1000 tax credit. Congress was able to avoid an 11th hour showdown - the deal comes two weeks before the current short-term extension was set to expire. ABC News' Karen Travers has the details from Washington.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS LOW**

**VO :20**

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell to the lowest point in almost four years last week, the latest signal that the job market is steadily improving. The Labor Department says weekly applications for unemployment benefits dropped 13,000 to a seasonally adjusted 348,000. It was the fourth drop in five weeks and the fewest number of claims since March 2008. The four-week average, which smooths out fluctuations in the weekly data, fell for the fifth straight week to 365,250. The average has fallen nearly 13 percent in the past year.

### **ARSENIC IN BABY FORMULA**

**VO :20**

The food you're feeding your little one... may have arsenic in it. That's coming from researchers at Dartmouth University. They looked at different foods that use organic brown rice syrup as a sweetener and found arsenic in some of the foods... including baby formula. Researchers say at least one formula sample had six times the legal limit of arsenic the government allows in drinking water. Right now, there are no federal laws restricting how much of the carcinogen can be in food. Arsenic is found in soil and has been linked to cancer and immune system problems.

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**02/17/12**

## **CONGRESS APPROVES PAYROLL TAX CUTS**

**VO :16**

John Boehner says he learned how to deal with all sorts of people working as a boy in his dad's bar. That skill came in handy this week in Congress, but not all left happy. With his willingness to bargain, the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives won passage on Friday of the economically important payroll tax-cut extension. But he lost a hefty block of Republicans who may end up determining his political fate. Ninety-one Republicans broke ranks with Boehner and voted against the measure. Yet 146 other House Republicans and 147 Democrats voted for it.

## **NJ GAY MARRIAGES**

**VO :17**

Republican Governor Chris Christie on Friday vetoed a bill to make New Jersey the latest U.S. state to legalize gay marriage, but hours later a similar measure advanced by a razor-thin margin in Maryland and appeared destined to become law. Christie, a rising star in the U.S. Republican Party, accompanied his veto with a call for lawmakers in the state capital Trenton to appoint an advocate for same-sex couples under the state's existing civil union law. The Democratic-controlled New Jersey legislature does not appear to have the votes to override Christie's veto.

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**02/18/2012**

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**02/19/2012**

**6:30 & 11:30**

**ALABAMA IMMIGRATION**

**VO : 23**

Some families who left Alabama last fall in fear of the state's tough crackdown on illegal immigration are returning to the state. No one knows exactly how many people left Alabama because of the law, parts of which were blocked by judges, so it's impossible to say how many families have returned. Still, there are examples. Some are like Ana Jimenez and her husband, who were terrified of being sent back to their native Mexico. They moved more than 2,000 miles to Los Angeles from Alabama after the law took effect but have since returned. Gwen Ferreti, a researcher and activist in the Hispanic community, says some immigrants remain wary but are coming back because of their deep ties to the state.

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**02/20/2012**

**BIRTH CONTROL POLITICS**

**FERNANDO PIZARRO, WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:07**

A group of evangelical pastors on Monday joined Roman Catholic clergy who oppose an Obama administration requirement that employees of religiously affiliated businesses receive birth control coverage. Speaking at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins said more than 2,500 pastors and evangelical leaders have signed a letter to President Obama asking him to reverse the mandate.

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**02/21/12**

**GAS PRICES SOARING**

**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:43**

Oil prices have climbed to the highest level since May on concerns that Iran will cut off more oil to Europe. The surge, which included a 2.5 percent jump on Tuesday, could make gasoline and other fuels more expensive if prices stay high. At a national average of \$3.57 per gallon, U.S. pump prices already are the highest ever for this time of year, and analysts say they may reach a record \$4.25 per gallon this spring. The rise in oil follows an announcement by Iran over the weekend that it will stop selling oil to Britain and France in retaliation for a planned European oil embargo this summer.

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**02/22/12**

**WH CORPORATE TAX PLAN**

**VO :20**

The President fired the first shot today in the battle to simplify America's corporate tax code. The White House unveiled a plan...they claim would make American businesses more competitive....while encouraging manufacturing here in the United States...as opposed to overseas. Oil and gas companies are among the industries that would actually see an increase in their overall tax bill because they would lose many large deductions and subsidies..

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**02/23/2012**

**BECK BACKS DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

**JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:49**

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca said he supports the idea of allowing illegal immigrants to have driver's licenses as long as they have been in the United States for a number of years without committing other crimes. Baca's comments Thursday come as Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck has also expressed support for driver's license for illegal immigrants. Baca said such licenses should only be issued after illegal immigrants fill out comprehensive applications, similar to those for citizenship. The sheriff also said the licenses should be up for renewal annually, and be noticeably different than those issued to citizens.

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**02/24/2012**

**TRUCK DRIVERS IN ARIZONA MUST SPEACK ENGLISH**

**MARÍA ANTONIETA COLLINS. NOGALES, ARIZONA**

**PKG 2:00**

Truck drivers in Arizona coming from Mexico must speak english. The drivers that don't speak english are getting driving tickets and they have to wait for a driver that speaks english and have a valid driver licence to claim the vehicle.

#### **1.4 MIL FAMILIES \$2 PER DAY**

**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:00**

The number of families living on \$2 or less per person per day for at least a month in the USA has more than doubled in 15 years to 1.46 million. When food stamps are included as income, the number of households in extreme poverty, defined as living on \$2 a day, drops to 800,000, Shaefer says. That's up from 475,000 in 1996. The number of American households with cash income of no more than \$2 a day per person doubled in 15 years.

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**02/25/2012**

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#### **MISSISSIPPI INMIGRACION**

**VO: 22**

A bill modeled after Alabama's tough immigration law moved through Mississippi's House on Friday, although the legislation's sponsor said the language that could get it tied up in a federal court was removed. The House Judiciary B Committee voted 15-6 to pass House Bill 488, which now goes to the House Education Committee. It would then go to the full chamber. The bill's sponsor, Judiciary B Committee Chairman Andy Gipson, R-Braxton, said the Mississippi bill should stand up to legal scrutiny. Alabama's law is considered one of the toughest state laws against undocumented immigrants.

#### **GAS PRICES ON THE RISE**

**VO: 21**

The pain at the pump continues across the country. The national average for a gallon of unleaded gas went up another three cents overnight. According to Triple-A, the national average is now three-dollars-and-67-cents. That's up 30 cents from just last month.

## **IDENTITY THEFT**

### **JUAN CARLOS GUTIERREZ - DENVER, COLORADO**

**PKG: 2:00**

The government says the number of identity theft complaints involving tax and wage fraud is soaring even as law enforcement tries to crack down. Federal Trade Commission officials tell The Associated Press that 24 percent of the nearly 279,000 identity theft complaints it received last year came from people concerned their Social Security numbers had been stolen and used to fraudulently file for tax refunds or apply for jobs. The agency says that's 8 percent more than the year before. David Torok of the commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection says the trend has continued into 2012. The number of complaints filed with the FTC on any issue has risen from 35,000 a week to 50,000. He says most of the additional complaints are for tax and wage identity theft.

## **ORGANS TRANSPLANT**

### **JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 1:53**

The chain linked a number of people who wanted to donate an organ to a loved one but were unable to because they were not a clinical match. Instead, they gave a kidney to a stranger and in return their sick relative received one which matched their blood and antibody type. The domino chain of transplants took place over four months and involved 17 hospitals across 11 states. It began with Rick Ruzzamenti, a 44-year-old from Riverside, California, who decided on impulse that he would donate a kidney to a stranger. It ended with Donald C Terry Jr, from Joliet, Illinois, who was dying of renal failure and had no family either willing or able to donate a kidney to him.

## **MIGRAINES FOR WOMEN**

**VO :22**

In medical news tonight... promising news for women who suffer from migraine . those debilitating headaches strike some 27 million american women... the 27 million american women who suffer from migraine. it's a problem that strikes three times more women than men.

and an extraordinary number are also at risk for depression. but doctors are now unlocking the connection in hopes of breaking that connection.

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**02/26/2012**

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**02/28/12**

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**02/29/12**

**JUDGE BLOCK AZ IMMIGRATION LAW**

**VO :17**

A federal judge blocked police in Arizona from enforcing a section of the state's 2010 immigration enforcement law that prohibited people from blocking traffic when they seek or offer day labor services on streets. U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton ruled Wednesday that groups seeking to overturn the law will likely prevail in their claim that the day labor rules violate the First Amendment.

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