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GAS PRICES

VO:21

A consumer alert--there's going to be plenty of pain at the pump for drivers in 2012...As both gasoline and crude oil prices are at historic highs for this time of year. Because of this, we may hit the four-dollar mark ..before.. spring.

01/17/2012

BORDER PATROL-ZERO TOLERANCE

VO:20

The U.S. Border Patrol is overhauling its approach on migrants caught illegally crossing the 1,954-mile border that the United States shares with Mexico. Years of growth and new technology are enabling the federal agency to do more than send border-crossers back to Mexico after fingerprinting them, but without any punishment. The new national strategy will be announced in weeks. It relies on programs already in effect in some areas, such as prosecution or transfer to a border city hundreds of miles before being sent back to Mexico. A key portion is a new color-coded system that categorizes detained migrants based on their number of crossing attempts or criminal history. That's been in use in the patrol's busiest corridor for illegal crossings, and Tucson, Ariz., sector officials say it's working.

US GUNS/ COURTS

VO:27

The gun industry on Monday appealed a U.S. judge's decision to uphold new Obama administration regulations requiring gun dealers in four states bordering Mexico to report the sales of multiple semi-automatic rifles. Judge Rosemary Collyer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled on Friday the reporting requirements ordered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) last year were sufficiently narrowly tailored.

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02/18/2012

CONGRESS-DEBT

VO: 29

The House is kicking off its second session under GOP control by staging a politically-fueled vote against raising the government's borrowing limit by \$1.2 trillion as permitted under last summer's bipartisan debt and budget agreement. Under that law, supported by all of Congress' top GOP leaders, the debt ceiling is automatically raised 15 days after the president officially notifies lawmakers that the government is close to the current \$15.2 trillion cap -- unless Congress votes to deny the borrowing increase. Wednesday's measure to block the debt increase is expected to pass easily. But it's a dead issue in the Senate, and Obama's veto power serves as a final guarantee that the increase will go through as designed and that the nation won't face another debt crisis like last summer's.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

VO: 21

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits plummeted last week. The Labor Department says weekly applications fell to 352,000. That's 50,000 less than the week before and the lowest level since April 2008. A department spokesman cautions that this tends to be a volatile time of year for first-time claims. But applications consistently below 375,000 is usually a signal that hiring is strong enough to push down the unemployment rate.

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US-DEPORTATION

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The Obama administration has recommended canceling deportation proceedings for more than 1,600 illegal immigrants in Denver and Baltimore not considered a national security or public threat, a DHS official said Thursday. The recommendations come after a review of 11,682 pending cases involving illegal immigrants not jailed by federal authorities as part of an Obama administration pledge to focus deportation efforts on criminal illegal immigrants and those who pose a national security or public safety threat. According to preliminary figures shared with The Associated Press, 7,923 cases were reviewed in Denver and officials recommended closing 1,301. In Baltimore, 366 of the 3,759 cases reviewed were recommended for closure.

FOOD AND FARM-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

VO :29

It's unclear whether farmers in Georgia and Alabama will face a shortage of workers due to tough new laws targeting illegal immigration, but some producers said they have begun changing their plans for planting and harvesting this year's crops. Some farmers said they might reduce the number of acres they plant or shift to less labor-intensive crops, while others are bracing for higher labor prices and have turned to new recruiting tools to attract workers. Georgia and Alabama have approved laws that have tough enforcement provisions that farmers say are scaring migrant workers away from the states. Since the laws were approved last year, farmers in both states have reported labor shortages because migrant workers aren't showing up and they say they can't find other workers to fill the jobs. Farmers and state officials have said that some produce was

left to rot in the field last year because there weren't enough workers to help with the harvest.

OVERWEIGHT MEN WITH PROSTATE CANCER HAVE A HIGHER RISK OF DYING

VO :23

Men who are overweight when they have locally advanced prostate cancer have almost double the risk of dying from the disease compared with men of normal weight, new research says. The study, led by a team at Massachusetts General Hospital, is the first to find that excess weight alone is associated with deaths in men whose tumors had grown beyond the prostate or spread to lymph nodes, according to the study, which appears in the journal Cancer. For men with a normal body mass index of 25, the death rate from prostate cancer was 6.5 percent after eight

years. For overweight men, with a BMI between 25 and 30, it was 13.1 percent, and for obese men, with a BMI over 30, the death rate was 12.2 percent.

SEX-HEARTS

VO :25

A leading doctors group is weighing in on one of the least discussed issues facing heart attack survivors -- is it safe to have sex? In its first science-based recommendations, the American Heart Association says having sex only slightly raises the chance for a heart attack. And that's true for people with and without heart disease. The recommendation says if a person is healthy enough to walk up two flights of stairs without chest pain or gasping for breath, that individual can have a love life. The lead author of the report says many heart patients don't think twice about climbing stairs, yet many worry that sexual activity will cause another heart attack, or even sudden death. And there's no evidence heart patients have more sex-related heart attacks than people without cardiac disease.

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JOB DISCRIMINATION

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Federal job discrimination complaints rose to an all-time high last year, led by an increase in bias charges based on religion and national origin. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received nearly 100,000 charges of discrimination during the 2011 fiscal year, the most in its 46-year history. That's a slight increase over the previous year, which had 25 fewer

complaints. Charges of religious discrimination jumped by 9.5 percent, the largest increase of any category. Claims of bias based on ancestry or country of origin rose 5 percent. Experts say the increase reflects the growing diversity of the nation's work force. "We're seeing a greater diversity among minority groups in America," said Ron Cooper, a former general counsel of the EEOC who now works in private practice. "We're seeing more workers from India, Pakistan and other countries that bring additional religious complexity to the work force.

ABORTION SAFER THAN GIVING BIRTH

VO: 25

Getting a legal abortion is much safer than giving birth, suggests a new U.S. study published Monday. Researchers found that women were about 14 times more likely to die during or after giving birth to a live baby than to die from complications of an abortion. Experts say the findings, though not unexpected, contradict some state laws that suggest abortions are high-risk procedures. The message is that getting an abortion and giving birth are both safe, said Dr. Anne Davis, who studies obstetrics and gynecology at the Columbia University Medical Center in New York, and wasn't involved in the new study. "We wouldn't tell people, 'Don't have a baby because it's safer to have an abortion' -- that's ridiculous," she told Reuters Health. "We're trying to help women who are having all reproductive experiences know what to expect." An induced abortion, like any other medical procedure, requires getting informed consent from the woman, said Dr. Bryna Harwood, an ob-gyn from the University of Illinois in who also didn't participate in the new research.

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HEALTHIER SCHOOL LUNCHES

VO: 18

Schoolchildren's favorite lunch the ubiquitous frozen pizza -- is about to get healthier. First lady Michelle Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack are expected to announce Wednesday that most school meals will have less sodium, more whole grains and more fruits and vegetables as sides. The popular pizzas will still be on school lunch lines but made with healthier ingredients. Mrs. Obama and Vilsack are appearing at an elementary school in Alexandria, Va., with celebrity chef Rachael Ray. The new rules represent the first major nutritional overhaul of school meals in 15 years. They won't be as aggressive as the Obama administration had hoped. Congress last year blocked the USDA from making some of the changes the department had sought, including limiting french fries and pizzas.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COALITION REAX TO TACO COMMENT

VO: 20

Connecticut civil rights groups are calling for the enforcement and expansion of a state law requiring police departments to submit traffic stop data. The information would be used to see if police are racially profiling people. The call comes after the F-B-I arrested four East Haven police officers, accusing them of targeting and mistreating Latinos. State lawmakers joined civil rights leaders at a news conference on the Penn Act in Hartford today. But they also took shots at East Haven Mayor Joseph Maturo, for saying Tuesday that he would help Latinos in his town by quote "eating tacos."

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DRUG TESTING WELFARE RECIPIENTS

Maria Eugenia Payan- MIAMI, FLORIDA

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You just stepped on a land mine with that kind of stuff. It is a politically explosive idea. I am definitely in favor of anybody receiving any kind of welfare having a drug test. If you cannot be employed you should not get a handout being a druggie. In the updated version of republican representative lonnie napier's bill, not all welfare recipients would be drug tested - only those who caseworkers determine show signs of drug use. Napier says some drug abusers sell taxpayer funded food for drug money. Why should we as a taxpaying citizen supply the funds for illegal drug habits on the taxpayers' money? It's just not right. If a welfare recipient tests positive for drugs, under the proposed bill, they would be placed on probation for two months, but still get government benefits. If they test positive again after 60 days, they'll get two weeks to enroll in rehab and if they don't, they'd lose the welfare assistance. Two other states already have drug testing for welfare recipients, but a federal judge has blocked florida's law.

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