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US CRIME BOMB PLOT

NAYELI CHAVEZ GELLER / NEW YORK

LIVE ON TAPE 1:41

The FBI on Wednesday arrested a Bangladeshi man in a sting operation on charges he attempted to blow up the New York Federal Reserve Bank with what he believed was a 1,000-pound (450-kg) bomb, federal authorities said. Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis, 21, faces charges of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to provide material support to al Qaeda, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. If convicted, he faces life in prison.

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

VO :18

The death toll from a U.S. meningitis outbreak linked to contaminated steroids jumped to 19 on Wednesday, while U.S. lawmakers pressed federal health regulators to explain what they knew about the pharmacy that produced the drugs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said four more deaths had been confirmed in the last 24 hours, including two in Tennessee, the state hardest hit with eight deaths since the infections were discovered in late September.

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BOY SCOUTS

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

Again and again, decade after decade, an array of authorities -- police chiefs, prosecutors, pastors and local Boy Scout leaders among them -- quietly shielded scoutmasters and others accused of molesting children, a newly opened trove of confidential papers shows. At the time, those authorities justified their actions as necessary to protect the good name and good works of Scouting, a pillar of 20th century America. But as detailed in 14,500 pages of secret "perversion files" released Thursday by order of the Oregon Supreme Court, their maneuvers allowed sexual predators to go free while victims suffered in silence.

NY GAY MARRIAGE

VO :20

A U.S. appeals court in New York on Thursday ruled that a U.S. law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman unconstitutionally denies federal benefits to lawfully married same-sex couples. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York is now the second federal appeals court to reject a portion of the law. It upheld a lower court ruling that had found a central part of the law unconstitutional. The same-sex marriage issue could be taken up by the U.S. Supreme Court in its current term.

ARIZONA WRONG VOTING DATE

VO :20 SOT :20

Arizona's Maricopa county listed the wrong date in the Spanish version of voter registration cards, a development likely to further complicate tense relations between local authorities and Latino residents. The county's elections office says it mailed out nearly 2 million new voter registration cards. Only about 50 of the cards -- handed out over-the-counter at its offices -- had the error, it said. Instead of November 6, the Spanish translation said the election would take place on November 8.

TRAIN CARS TURNED INTO HOME

VO :20

Housing is hard to find just about anywhere in the Basin but a group of guys in Big Spring are getting creative. They're offering a unique way of living that they say is both comfortable and affordable. It's an idea that Dale Avant and his brother Don have had for a while. The men and their business partner are buying train shipping containers and fixing them up into living spaces. It sounds crazy but to them it makes perfect sense during the housing crunch. The containers are bought and remodeled in San Angelo, then shipped to Big Spring.

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LATIN VOTE

JORGE VIERA. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:00

Volunteers have flooded into Latino-owned nail salons here, buttonholing potential Obama voters as they sit captive in their chairs. In Colorado, supporters are recruiting Latino owners of small businesses to reach out to other business owners whom they view as particularly receptive to the Republican economic message. Mr. Obama and his supporters have outspent Mr. Romney and his backers nearly 2-to-1 on advertising on Spanish-language television stations in three of the most closely contested states - Colorado, Florida and Nevada - including a new advertisement in which Mr. Obama makes a personal appeal for support, speaking entirely in Spanish. Mr. Romney's advisers have relied on a surge of ads across the television spectrum, saying that most Hispanics speak English and consider the economy, not immigration the top issue.

TEXAS A&M UNIV. EVACUATED

VO :12

Texas A&M University's campus was shut down for about five hours Friday after an emailed bomb threat prompted an evacuation of more than 50,000 people and a building-by-building search. A&M Police Lt. Allan Baron said officials were still searching some buildings late Friday afternoon, but no bombs had been found and people were being allowed to come back on campus to retrieve personal belongings and their cars. Evening activities campus, about 100 miles northwest of Houston, were set to go on as planned. The threat also would not prompt extra security for Saturday's football game between sixth-ranked LSU and No. 20 A&M. High-traffic buildings and facilities, including dining and residence halls, had been cleared by police, Baron said, adding that he didn't know how many more buildings still needed to be searched.

MENINGITIS LATEST

VO :20

Confronted with a growing meningitis scare, states are coming under enormous pressure to meet federal requests that they contact more than 1,000 hospitals and clinics that received any injectable drugs from the company at the center of the deadly outbreak. For weeks authorities have been attempting to track down and recall the original three lots of a single steroid compound produced by the New England

Compounding Center and linked to the meningitis outbreak. Those lots were shipped to 23 states and 76 facilities.

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DEFERRED ACTION TRAINING IN L.A.

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

A training about referred action tries to teach undocumented students how to apply to this measure that could be a path for legalization. The Obama administration passed this measure two months ago and so far many students.

MARYLAND DREAM ACT

VO :33

Undocumented students may soon be able to pay in-state tuition in Maryland, with a new Washington Post poll showing 59 percent of likely voters there support a law that would allow them to do so, while only 35 percent oppose it. Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) signed a law in May 2011 allowing young undocumented immigrants to pay in-state college tuition if they attended high school in the state for at least three years and a parent or guardian had been paying taxes. The law was temporarily blocked in July when opponents raised enough signatures to force a referendum from Marylanders on whether it should go forward.

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GAS PRICES

VO :22

Americans thinking about driving over the river and through the woods for Thanksgiving could be in line for a nice surprise: lower gas prices.

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GAS DROP

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VOTER MISINFORMATION

LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA

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In Florida, Virginia and Indiana, voters have received phone calls that wrongly told them there was no need to cast a ballot in person on Election Day because they could vote by phone. In Ohio and Wisconsin, billboards in mostly low-income and minority neighborhoods showed prisoners behind bars and warned of criminal penalties for voter fraud - an effort that voting rights groups say was designed to intimidate minority voters. And across the nation, some employers - notably David and Charles Koch, the billionaire brothers who help fund the conservative group Americans for Prosperity - are pushing their workers to vote for Republican Mitt Romney for president.

US SUES BANK OF AMERICA

VO :20

The United States filed a fraud lawsuit against Bank of America Corp, accusing it of causing taxpayers more than \$1 billion of losses by selling thousands of toxic mortgage loans to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Wednesday's case, originally brought by a whistleblower, is the U.S. Department of Justice's first civil fraud lawsuit over mortgage loans sold to the big mortgage financiers, which were bailed out in 2008. It also compounds the legal problems that Bank of America Chief Executive Brian Moynihan faces over the second-largest U.S. bank's disastrous July 2008 purchase of Countrywide Financial Corp, once the nation's largest mortgage lender.

BARNES & NOBLE CREDIT FRAUD

VO :20

Retailer Barnes & Noble said customers who shopped at any of its 63 stores in the U.S. as recently as September may have had their credit card information stolen, and that federal law enforcement authorities have been informed of the breach. All PIN pads at its U.S. stores were disconnected by the close of business Sept 14. due to signs of tampering, the company said in a statement. Stores in California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island were affected, Barnes & Noble said. The company advised those who have swiped their cards at stores in the affected states to change their debit-card PIN numbers as a precaution, and to review their statements for unauthorized transactions. Still, the company said its customer database was secure, and that purchases made on the Barnes & Noble website, Nook e-reader and Nook mobile apps were not affected. Barnes & Noble said it has been assisting federal authorities with investigations into the matter.

FEMALE GRADUATES IN FULL TIME JOBS EARN \$8,000 LESS THAN MEN, REPORT REVEALS

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:08

One year after graduating women earn average salaries of \$35,296 - but the figure for men is \$42,918. Female graduates in full time employment are earning thousands of dollars less every year than men, a

new report has found. One year after graduating from college women earned average salaries of \$35,296 - almost \$8,000 less than men at \$42,918. The report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) revealed that women earn 82 cents for every dollar which men earn. Worrying: Women in full time employment one year after graduating from college are earning thousands of dollars every year less than men, a report has found. The study analysed data from a Department of Education survey of 15,000 graduates.

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MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

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The deadly outbreak of fungal meningitis tied to tainted steroid medications from a Massachusetts company expanded to 18 states on Thursday with South Carolina reporting its first probable case of the disease. New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Massachusetts, shipped the steroid to 23 states and all but five of those states now have reported cases of rare fungal meningitis. The five states which have not reported cases are California, Nevada, West Virginia, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

NATIONAL GREASY DAY

VO :20

If you had a burger and fries for lunch today, don't feel bad about blowing your diet. It's National Greasy Food Day, so tell yourself you were just caught up in the spirit! If you're a health nut and getting a little grossed out, you might want to re-think some things. It isn't just fried foods that are considered greasy. Cooking oils, like peanut, sesame or avocado, are what make fried foods greasy, but they can also have health benefits and make great salad dressings.

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