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**01/01/12**

**TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS**

**REBECA SUAREZ / HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**PKG 2:07**

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano has extended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for eligible nationals of Honduras for an additional 18 months, beginning Jan. 6, 2012, and ending July 5, 2013. Current Honduran beneficiaries seeking to extend their TPS status must re-register during the 60-day re-registration period that runs from Nov. 4, 2011 through Jan. 5, 2012. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) encourages beneficiaries to register as soon as possible when the 60-day re-registration period begins. Applications will not be accepted before Nov. 4, 2011. The 18-month extension also allows TPS re-registrants to apply for a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Eligible Honduran TPS beneficiaries who timely re-register will receive a new EAD with an expiration date of July 5, 2013. USCIS recognizes that all re-registrants may not receive their new EADs until after their current EADs expire. Therefore, USCIS is extending the current TPS Honduras EAD bearing a Jan. 5, 2012, expiration date for an additional six months, through July 5, 2012.

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**01/02/2011**

**SUPREME COURT ON IMMIGRATION LAWS**

**FERNANDO PIZARRO - WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG: 2:02**

The year 2011 started out as a tough year for immigrants, with five states enacting harsh anti-immigration legislation modeled after Arizona's SB 1070. But one by one, the key provisions of

each of these laws - like the Arizona law that inspired them - have been blocked by federal judges. Now the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal from Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer to the temporary stay of her state's law. The fate of SB 1070 - and possibly those of the copycat laws it inspired in Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Indiana and Utah - hangs in the balance. A showdown in 2012 between Arizona and the federal government over SB 1070 may provide crucial guidance for other federal courts on newer state laws that are moving through the system. If Arizona's law is found to be unconstitutional, it could have a chilling effect on other state legislatures that were looking to follow Arizona's and Alabama's lead. But even without such a decision, conservative politicians may not be so quick to enact their own copycat laws. That's because the negative economic legacy of these laws in 2011 in states like Alabama, and the political price paid by their supporters in Arizona, could make conservative politicians think twice before enacting similar laws in the coming year.

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**01/03/2011**

#### **GEORGIA LABOR HURT GEORGIA FARM**

**VO: 18**

A shortage of workers in the field caused \$10 million in crop losses for 500 Georgia farmers who responded to a study called for by Georgia's new immigration law. The tough laws Georgia passed last year as House Bill 87 likely scared some workers away, the study concluded. Figures released earlier this year said the total losses on more than 40,000 Georgia farms was \$74.9 million on seven major crops, and that 11,080 jobs in the fields went begging. State Agriculture Commissioner Gary W. Black said one in five farmers surveyed reported they had trouble finding enough workers in 2011, 40 percent said that the federal guest-worker program was so cumbersome, complex and slow that it was not usable, and farmers can expect more worker shortages this year. Black asked state Attorney General Sam Olens to consider whether Georgia could implement a state guest-worker program, and Owens told him it could not.

#### **NEW YORK TIMES ON IMMIGRATION HOSPITALS**

**VO: 22**

Hundreds of patients have been languishing for months or even years in New York City hospitals, despite being well enough to be sent home or to nursing centers for less-expensive care, because they are illegal immigrants or lack sufficient insurance or appropriate housing. As a result, hospitals are absorbing the bill for millions of dollars in unreimbursed expenses annually while the patients, trapped in bureaucratic limbo, are sometimes deprived of services

that could be provided elsewhere at a small fraction of the cost. "Many of those individuals no longer need that care, but because they have no resources and many have no family here, we, unfortunately, are caring for them in a much more expensive setting than necessary based on their clinical need," said LaRay Brown, a senior vice president for the city's Health and Hospitals Corporation. Under state law, public hospitals are not allowed to discharge patients to shelters or to the street.

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**01/04/2011**

**NOTHING TO REPORT**

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**01/05/2011**

**CALIFORNIA DRIVERS ESTRATEGY**

**LILIANA ESCALANTE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:01**

Thanks to a crop of new services, tens of thousands of California drivers have gotten their pricey speeding tickets either reduced or completely dismissed by courts. TicketBust paved the way back in 2004, when its founder, Steve Miller, realized a lot of drivers were ignoring the fine print on the back of their speeding tickets. The state offers drivers a special "Trial by Declaration" option, which means they can mail in their forms and don't have to show up in court. "Nobody in California was assisting people getting out of tickets by using the trial by written declaration so we developed the system and since then have done about 38,000 tickets," Miller says. The service costs \$249 but TicketBust guarantees customers will see their fines reduced or dismissed - or they get a complete refund.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE 325.000 IN DECEMBER**

## **VO: 18**

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell further in the final week of 2011, a positive sign for hiring one day ahead of Friday's December employment report. The Labor Department says weekly applications dropped 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 372,000 last week. It was the fourth drop in five weeks. The four-week average, which smooths fluctuations, declined to 373,250, the lowest level since June 2008. When applications drop below 375,000 -- consistently -- they generally signal that hiring is strong enough to reduce the unemployment rate. Applications have declined steadily over the past three months. The four-week average fell 11 percent in 2011, evidence that companies are laying off fewer workers. But many employers have been slow to add jobs.

## **SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM**

### **VO: 15**

President Barack Obama is looking to boost summer job prospects for kids. The White House says that with help from the private sector it's gotten commitments for nearly 180,000 youth employment opportunities for next summer and is aiming for tens of thousands more. Obama says that with young people facing record unemployment the government must do everything it can to make sure they have opportunities to learn skills and a work ethic. The summer jobs plan is to be announced Thursday. It's the administration's latest "We Can't Wait" initiative to go around Congress. Many of the positions would be unpaid training opportunities. Republicans charged that the White House is taking credit for

positions at places like CVS and Bank of America that were going to be created anyway.

## **MORTGAGE RATE**

### **VO: 20**

2012 looks to be another year of opportunity for the few who can afford to buy or refinance a home. The average rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage fell to 3.91 percent this week, Freddie Mac said Thursday. That matches the record low reached two weeks ago. The average on the 15-year fixed mortgage ticked down to 3.23 percent from 3.24 percent. That's up from 3.21 percent two weeks, also a record low. Mortgage rates are lower because they tend to track the yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which fell below 2 percent this week. They could fall even lower this year if the Fed launches another round of bond purchases, as some economists expect. Still, cheap mortgage rates have done little to boost the depressed housing market. For eight straight weeks at the end of 2011, the average fixed mortgage rates hovered around 4 percent. Yet many Americans either can't take advantage of the rates or have already done so.

## **GENERAL MOTORS RECALL**

**VO: 26**

General Motors on Thursday said that it would upgrade the steel structure and liquid cooling system that surround the battery in its Chevrolet Volt to address concerns that the car could catch fire after a severe crash. Company officials said they had shared their plans with the federal safety regulators who had been investigating the fire risks of the Volt, an electricity and gas-powered hybrid, since November and were "optimistic" the action would satisfy the government's concerns. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in a statement posted on its Web site, said the changes "should address the issue," though its investigation remained open. G.M. described the modifications as voluntary "enhancements" and stressed that neither the car nor the battery was being recalled, but that all Volt owners would be asked to take the car to a dealership, much as they would for a formal recall.

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**01/06/2011**

**IMMIGRATION NEW RULES REACTION**

**JUAN JOSE RODAS - DALLAS, TEXAS**

**PKG: 2:00**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas said Friday the change would let children and spouses ask the government to decide on a waiver request before they head to their home countries to apply for visas to return. Mayorkas says the change would reduce family separations to days or weeks, from months. Congressional Republicans have repeatedly criticized the administration for making policy changes they describe as amnesty to illegal immigrants.

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**01/09/2011**

**ARIZONA FIELD WORKERS AGAINST HB1070**

**VO/SOT 1:00**

Much of Arizona's tough immigration law, Senate Bill 1070, is already on hold, headed to the U.S. Supreme Court. But Monday, there was an attempt to take another big bite out of it in federal court in Phoenix. Judge Bolton heard arguments about whether she should freeze another part of the law, which prohibits day laborers from looking for work on the streets. A federal appeals court recently struck down a similar law in California. It's one of the things SB 1070 protesters objected to: the crackdown on day laborers. Jose is a day laborer. He says with the law the way it is right now, people are scared to look for work, afraid police will arrest them. Attorneys for the state defend the law. "It is a reasonable regulation of a real problem, not just immigrants. It applies to you and me, we cannot get in the street and obstruct traffic," says John Bouma, attorney for the State of Arizona.

## **CALIFORNIA HOMELESS SHELTER**

### **JULIO CESAR ORTIZ - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:00**

A proposed ballot initiative could make harder for undocumented immigrants to be deported from California. The initiative, called the "California Opportunity and Prosperity Act." was filed last month. The law would decriminalize eligible undocumented immigrants and make deporting them a lower priority. To qualify for the program, undocumented immigrants would have had to lived in the United States before 2008, have no felonies on their criminal record, speak English and have paid their taxes. The measure's supporters say the program funding would come from registration fees. Supporters must collect over 504,000 signatures to get the proposed law on the ballot. The measure was proposed by John Cruz of Orange County, a Republican and former Secretary of Appointments for Governor Schwarzenegger, and the Honorable Felipe Fuentes, a Democratic Assemblyman from the San Fernando Valley, according to the

## **GAS PRICES**

### **LUIS MEGID - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 1:52**

Gas prices are continuing to move upward with a gallon of regular at \$3.38, up 8 cents from a week ago, The Energy Department said today. The weekly national average increased almost 30 cents from a year ago, and rose for the third consecutive week, adding to predictions that 2012 might be an uncomfortably expensive year for drivers across the country. Last year was a record year for gas prices but 2012 is forecasted to surpass its annual average. The real annual average for a gallon of regular gas last year hit \$3.56, up from \$2.90 in 2010, according to the EIA. From its data that begins in 1919, the previous record high was in 1981, at \$3.45. Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy's senior petroleum analyst, forecasts that by Memorial Day, the national average will range between \$3.86 and \$4.13 per gallon. He also predicts that prices in 2012 will come close to or set new all-time highs. If prices soar this year, drivers could spend \$200 to \$300 more for gas in 2012.

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**01/10/2012**

**JOE ARPAIO ON DEPORTATION**

**VILMA TARAZONA - SAT ROOM**

**PKG: 1:50**

Drew Ryan Maras, who officials say shot and killed a Maricopa County deputy sheriff on Sunday before being killed in a shootout with police, is the suspect in the mysterious slayings of two other people in Arizona. At a Tuesday morning news conference, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said that department experts believe the same weapon, a high-powered rifle, was used to kill Deputy William Coleman in Anthem, Ariz., on Sunday, and James Johnson of Jaffrey, N.H., and Carol Raynsford of Nelson, N.H. The bodies of the New Hampshire couple were found in a car near Sedona on Friday. Accompanied at the news conference by Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Mascher, Arpaio said the cartridges taken from both crime scenes are a match. "We have two murders within days of each other, within relatively close proximity to one another and both involving a high-powered rifle," Arpaio said in a prepared statement. "We believed from the outset, these killings were somehow likely connected."

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**01/11/2012**

**USA MURDER**

**VO: 25**

A respiratory illness that strikes the elderly knocked homicide off the list of the top killers in the United States for the first time in 45 years in 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Wednesday.

## **BARBOUR PARDON**

**VO: 25**

A Mississippi judge has temporarily blocked the release of 21 inmates who'd been given pardons or medical release by Republican Haley Barbour in one of his final acts as governor. Circuit Judge Tomie Green issued an injunction late Wednesday at the request of Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood.

## **MILITARY INVESTIGATING VIDEO OF SOLDIERS URINATING ON TALIBAN BODIES**

**VILMA TARAZONA**

**PKG: 2:00**

A video that appears to show United States Marines urinating on the dead bodies of Taliban fighters could implicate those involved in war crimes, CNN on Wednesday. The 39-second video posted on YouTube and TMZ.com appears to show combat-ready soldiers desecrating the remains of several bodies on the ground; it's titled "Marines peeing on taliban."

## **MAYOR BLOOMBERG PLANS TO LIMIT ALCOHOL SALES AND ADVERTISING**

**ALEX ROLAND - NEW YORK**

**PKG: 2:00**

Mayor Bloomberg has plans to limit the sale of alcohol in the city, as well as advertising and promotions for bars and liquor. The Partnership For A Healthier New York City initiative seeks to reduce "alcohol retail outlet (e.g. bar, corner store) density and illegal alcohol" and reduce "the exposure to alcohol products and bar advertising and promotion in retail and general (trains, buses, etc.) settings (stores, restaurants, etc.)"

## **ORANGE JUICE**

**VO: 20**

Fears that the U.S. might ban imports of orange juice from Brazil drove orange juice futures to an all-time high on Tuesday as health regulators began testing all incoming shipments for traces of an illegal fungicide called carbendazim. According to the Food and Drug Administration, a U.S. juice producer had detected low levels of carbendazim in orange juice concentrate imported from Brazil, the top grower accounting for more than 10 percent of the U.S. supply.

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**1/12/2012**

**NOTHING TO REPORT**

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**1/13/2012**

**S & P WORLD DOWNGRADE**

**GALO ARELLANO**

**PKG: 1:40**

After Standard & Poor's downgraded the government debt of France, Italy, Spain, Austria and five other nations that use the euro, some European leaders said the move was unjustified. But most said the downgrades wouldn't severely hurt their ability to fight off the continent's debt crisis

**EDWARDS TRIAL LATEST**

**VO: 20**

Former U.S. senator and presidential candidate John Edwards has a medical issue that will delay his criminal trial on charges of flouting campaign finance laws to cover up an affair with a woman who bore his child, a legal source said on Friday. Edwards, 58, is accused of secretly accepting more than \$900,000 from two wealthy supporters to help cover up an extramarital affair and a child conceived with a videographer working for his 2008 presidential campaign.

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