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**GAS PRICE GOUGING**

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New York state has notified 13 gas station operators it's going after them for violating the state law against price gouging, with more enforcement likely following Superstorm Sandy. The 13 stations include two in Nassau County, three in Suffolk County, two in Westchester County, one in Brooklyn, three in Queens and two in the Bronx. After the storm, gas was in short supply or stations didn't have electricity to pump it. Schneiderman says a station in Long Island City, with a posted price of \$3.89 per gallon, had a three-block line and the cash price was actually \$4.89.

**1,000 UNCOUNTED BALLOTS IN FL**

**VO: 23**

As criticism mounted over the handling of last week's election in Broward County, voting advocates said Tuesday they want to meet with elections supervisor Brenda Snipes to fix the problems. Of Florida's 67 counties, Broward was the last to finish counting ballots, posting final tallies in two commission races at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday - seven days after the polls closed. Among the problems: nearly 1,000 unaccounted-for ballots were found in a Lauderhill warehouse; worker fatigue delayed the recount of votes; and ill-trained poll workers appeared to be overwhelmed by the crush of voters at the polls on Nov 6.

**IMMIGRANTS SCARED**

**LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:52**

The number of people identified as victims of human trafficking in California has increased steadily since 2010 as the crime has become a growing threat, California Attorney General Kamala Harris reported Friday. There were 304 victims from April through June of this year - the latest period available - a figure that is triple the 100 victims during the same period of 2011, Harris said in the report. The number has increased during each three-month period since the fourth quarter of 2010, when there were 80. The total number of victims over those two years now stands at 1,277.

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**GAS PRICES DOWN**

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Gas prices continued their decline, yet at a much slower pace than the double-digit weekly declines seen in October. The national average price for a gallon of regular self-serve gasoline dropped to \$3.43 Friday, just 3 cents lower than a week ago, yet 33 cents less expensive than one month ago. For nearly three months the national average has been the highest on record each calendar day, however, that gap has almost disappeared. One month ago the national average exceeded the previous record for that day, also set in 2011, by more than 30 cents.

**CALORIES: ALCOHOL=SODAS**

**VO :23**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Americans are drinking about 100 calories a day in alcohol. That's almost as many calories as they consume in sugary drinks and soda. The new C-D-C study finds adults consume 5-percent of all their calories from alcoholic beverages compared to almost 6-percent for other sweetened drinks. The research also made a few other discoveries.....like men drink more calories a day than women. And men also drink more beer than other types of alcohol.

**HOMEOWNERS GET RELIEF**

**VO :19**

JPMorgan Chase and Credit Suisse agreed on Friday to pay a combined \$417 million to settle civil charges lodged by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which accused the firms of misleading investors about home mortgages that were pooled into securities and sold to Wall Street. The settlements are the latest effort by regulators and prosecutors to hold Wall Street accountable for misconduct stemming from the 2008 financial crisis. JPMorgan has faced especially intense scrutiny, mostly tied to Bear Stearns, a struggling firm it absorbed in the midst of the financial crisis at the request of federal regulators. JPMorgan's chief executive has said that the bank lost \$5 billion to \$10 billion related to Bear Stearns.

**HOW MUCH TO SAVE FOR RETIREMENT**

**LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:00**

Financial rules of thumb are just that. If you follow them, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you've taken action - but they do not guarantee you'll get the results you desire. Still, in the savings game guideposts can be especially useful. A near-term target will help you get started, and that's half the battle. Fidelity Investments recently put together an age-based savings guideline with a range of savings goals. It's meant to prod individuals into action, which it might-if, that is, the firm's daunting assumptions don't discourage them first. Here are the guideposts: At age 35, you should have saved an amount equal to your annual salary. At age 45, you should have saved three times your annual salary. At 55, you should have five times your salary. When you retire at age 67, you should have eight times your annual pay.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS 41,000**

**VO :12**

First-time claims for state unemployment benefits fell sharply in the latest week but remained elevated due to Hurricane Sandy, the Labor Department reported Wednesday. The number of initial claims in the week ending Nov. 17 fell 41,000 to 410,000. The consensus forecast of Wall Street economists was for claims to fall 18,000 to 418,000. Claims in the previous week were revised to an increase of 90,000 to 451,000 compared with the initial estimate that they rose 78,000 to 439,000. The four-week average rose 9,500 to 396,250. Economists expect claims will continue to pour in for several more weeks. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in the fall of 2005, claims remained elevated for more than a month.

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**MASS. NYC ENDS ODD-EVEN GAS RATIONING SATURDAY**

**VO: 22**

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is ending the gas rationing put in place after Hurricane Sandy. It will end on Saturday at 6 A-M. Since November 9th, license plates with odd numbers could only buy gas on odd-numbered days, with even numbered plates buying gas on even-numbered days. The aim was to reduce long lines at gas pumps following the storm, and stabilizing demand while the supply-chain got back up to speed. The mayor says more than 85-percent of gas stations are now operating, there's no need for the rationing.

### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

**VO: 23**

Thousands of small shops and stores around the country are taking part in Small Business Saturday, offering discounts and other extras to holiday shoppers today. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg tells NBC's "Today" show that small businesses are a significant part of his city's economy. He says in addition to shopping at small businesses for holiday gifts, he plans to visit a number of small restaurants in his neighborhood.

### **CYBER MONDAY STARTES EARLIER**

**VO: 24**

Like every holiday that seems to be starting early this year Cyber Monday is no exception. Post-Thanksgiving online discounts are everywhere you look. Retailers like Walmart, Amazon, Best Buy and Ann Taylor unveiled "pre-Black Friday deals" even before Thanksgiving. Apple posted its one-day online shopping discounts on Black Friday, as did beauty brand MAC Cosmetics. Cyber Monday's original appeal, as the first weekday after Thanksgiving, was access to quick Internet speeds while at work.

But now, more people have speedy Internet connections at home and can shop from their phones and tablets, too.

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### **MA: STUDENTS TUITION**

**MICHELLE OBERG. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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Scholarships, grants, and tuition waivers are types of college financial aid that do not have to be repaid. These awards are usually given to students with financial need, strong academic skills, or outstanding

talent in sports or the arts. They may also be given on the basis of career interests or other criteria. The federal government, the Massachusetts state government, colleges and universities, and other organizations offer scholarships, grants, and tuition waivers to help students pay for college.

## **USA RETAIL / HOLIDAY**

**VO :20**

If you make holiday shopping convenient, Americans will come in droves. It's estimated that U.S. shoppers hit stores and websites at record numbers over the Thanksgiving weekend, according to a survey released by the National Retail Federation on Sunday. They were attracted by retailers' efforts to make shopping easier, including opening stores on Thanksgiving evening, updating mobile shopping applications for smartphones and tablets, and expanding shipping and layaway options. All told, a record 247 million shoppers visited stores and websites over the four-day weekend starting on Thanksgiving, up 9.2 percent of last year, according to a survey of 4,000 shoppers that was conducted by research firm BIGinsight for the trade group. Americans spent more too: The average holiday shopper spent \$423 over the entire weekend, up from \$398. Total spending over the four-day weekend totaled \$59.1 billion, up 12.8 percent from 2011.

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## **OBAMA IMMIGRATION REFORM**

**VO :18**

President Barack Obama will push for comprehensive immigration reform, his spokesman said on Monday, an accomplishment that eluded him during his first four years in office.

## **SUPREME COURT OBAMACARE**

**VO :20**

Obamacare: Supreme Court orders new look at university's lawsuit. The Supreme Court on Monday ordered an appeals court to consider the underlying merits of Liberty University's lawsuit - including whether Obamacare violates religious freedom.

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**CONGRESS ACHIVE ACT**

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Two Senate Republicans on Tuesday unveiled their version of the Dream Act, stalled legislation that would provide a path to legal status for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, many who have spent most of their lives in the United States. The bill introduced by Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas was the latest effort by Republicans to show they are serious about tackling the immigration issue after their poor showing of support among Hispanics in the Nov. 6 election.

**DOMESTIC WORKERS**

**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

PKG 1:56

The National Domestic Workers Alliance will release a groundbreaking new report, *Home Economics: The Invisible and Unregulated World of Domestic Work*, examining the state of domestic work in the US. Domestic workers and their supporters will host a panel of domestic workers and policy experts to launch the report's findings. In a unique partnership between academic researchers and domestic workers, the National Domestic Workers Alliance surveyed more than 2,000 nannies, house cleaners, and caregivers in 14 cities, developing a vivid, empirically grounded picture of what it means to be a domestic worker in modern America. Domestic workers are excluded from key federal and state labor laws and regulations, and are often denied meal and rest breaks, overtime pay, or paid vacations or holidays. In the absence of legal protection, this workforce is especially vulnerable to employer abuse and exploitation.

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**IMMIGRATION PLAN**

**LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

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Today, leaders of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, joined by Senator Robert Menendez, held a press conference to announce their own nine principles of immigration reform. Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL), the

Chair of the CHC's Immigration Task Force, asked for "one simple thing" in immigration reform-fairness-during their event, entitled "One Nation: Principles on Immigration Reform and Our Commitment to the American Dream."

## **DEA PROBING WALGREENS**

**VO :25**

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is probing three Walgreen Co pharmacies in Florida in connection with a wide-ranging investigation of the diversion of prescription drugs for illicit use. The Miami Field Division of the DEA issued the pharmacies with orders to show cause - notifications that are given to facilities requiring them to prove why they should be allowed to keep their licenses. The pharmacies affected are Walgreens #04727 in Fort Pierce; Walgreens #03629 in Hudson; and Walgreens #06997 in Oviedo. The actions by the DEA do not immediately prevent the pharmacies from handling or distributing potentially addictive controlled substances such as sedatives and narcotic pain-killers.

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## **DRIVER LICENSE LAWSUIT**

**VO :20**

A coalition of civil rights organizations today filed a class-action lawsuit challenging Arizona's unconstitutional policy denying driver's licenses to a specific class of immigrant youth even though they have grown up in the United States and are authorized to live and work here. The lawsuit seeks to block Arizona Executive Order 2012-06, issued by Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer on August 15 after the federal government implemented the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The program allows certain undocumented immigrant youth who came here as children to live and work in the United States for a renewable period of two years. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Arizona Dream Act Coalition, an immigrant youth-led organization, and five young individuals. The lawsuit states that Arizona's policy violates the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution by interfering with federal immigration law, and also violates the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause by discriminating against certain non-citizens. Arizona's motor vehicle division implemented Brewer's order on September 18. An estimated 1.76 million youth in the United States are eligible for the DACA program, including 80,000 in Arizona, according to The Migration Policy Institute, an independent, non-profit think tank in Washington, D.C.

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**ILLINOIS RAID**

**VIVIANA AVILA. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**PKG 2:00**

During the execution of the search warrants, HSI agents arrested 34 individuals on administrative immigration violations. The investigation continues

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