

# NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS

**JANUARY 1, 2012 – JANUARY 31, 2012**

**01/01/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MITT ROMNEY**

**Time Aired: 7:31**

**Synopsis:**

Mitt Romney explicitly stated today that if he is elected president he would veto the Dream Act legislation that would give permanent residency to some illegal immigrants who met certain criteria, such as having proof that they entered the country before age 16 or having graduated from a U.S. high school. "The answer is yes," said Romney, when asked if he'd veto the proposed legislation during a campaign stop at The Family Table restaurant in Le Mars, Iowa, Saturday afternoon. Romney, who has said before that he opposes the Dream Act, said tonight that he does not oppose at least one of the provisions in the Dream Act that would allow servicemen and woman to gain permanent residency. "I am delighted with the idea that people who come to this country and wish to serve in the military can be given a path to become permanent residents in this country," he explained. "Those who serve in our military and fulfill those requirements I respect and acknowledge that path."

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**01/03/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MEN GRAB MOST NEW JOBS, EVEN 'WOMEN'S WORK' IN RETAILING**

**Time Aired: 2:24**

**Synopsis:**

Men are claiming more than two-thirds of the private-sector jobs created as the economy recovers, reversing a long-running trend that came within a whisker of giving the USA its first-ever majority-female workforce. In a wrinkle that puzzles economists, one important driver of the trend is that hundreds of thousands of men are showing up in retailing, once considered a source of jobs for women. Nearly 1.28 million men gained jobs in the 12 months that ended in November, compared with 600,000 women, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Although men have returned to work in greater numbers in goods-producing jobs and service-related businesses, they're not returning to still-stagnant construction industries. Instead, retailers have added 216,900 men - about five times as many as have been added by traditionally male financial services companies - vs. about 9,000 women. Also, manufacturers have added more than 250,000 men and cut 33,000 women.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MITT ROMNEY ON DREAM ACT**

**Time Aired: 3:20**

**Synopsis:**

Republican front-runner Mitt Romney faces prejudice in Iowa from evangelicals who are "suspicious" of his Mormon faith. Meanwhile, social conservatives are rallying behind former Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum, even disillusioned ones like Chris La Tondresse, founder and CEO of an organization called Recovering Evangelical. In a column at CNN.com\_La

Tondresse said "there's no questioning Santorum's social conservative bona fides," but "more than any other Republican candidate (and even more than some Democrats), Santorum speaks openly and passionately about his concern for poor and vulnerable people in the U.S. and around the world."

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TPS DEADLINE**

**Time Aired: 3:20**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminds its customers that the open re-registration period for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua ends on Jan. 5, 2012. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano extended TPS for eligible nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua for an additional 18 months, beginning Jan. 6, 2012, and ending July 5, 2013. To re-register, current TPS beneficiaries must submit an Application for Temporary Protected Status Form I-821. TPS re-registrants must also submit an Application for Employment Authorization Form I-765, regardless of whether they are applying for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Re-registrants do not need to pay the Form I-821 application fee, but they must submit the biometric services fee, or a fee waiver request, if they are age 14 or older.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ICE IMMIGRATION NEW HOT LINE**

**Time Aired: 5:21**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security [DHS] announced the launching of a hot line for people jailed on immigration charges who believe they are victims of abuse, or are U.S. citizens detained through immigration enforcement in error. The telephone service is Washington's latest effort to address concerns about suspected undocumented immigrants booked in local jails. The new policy comes after recent reports of U.S. citizens being deported and DHS putting an end to an immigration enforcement agreement it had with Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) in Arizona, due to "discriminatory policing practices" which allowed Sheriff Arpaio's deputies to check the immigration status of local jail inmates and triggered a series of allegations of racial profiling and discrimination against Latinos.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: New York IMMIGRATION HOSPITAL**

**Time Aired: 6:21**

**Synopsis:**

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.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: HEALTH CALORIES**  
**Time Aired: 7:24**

**Synopsis:**

When it comes to packing on body fat, the volume of calories you ingest seems to count more than whether those calories come from lots of protein, or very little. Researchers found that people who ate high-calorie diets all gained about the same amount of fat. Those whose diets were low in protein gained less weight overall than people on high- and moderate-protein diets, but that's because the low-protein group also lost muscle. "Huge swings in protein intake do not result in huge swings in body fat gain," said Dr. James Levine, who studies obesity at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota but wasn't involved in the new study. "It really is the calories that count."

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**01/05/2012**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
**Time Aired: 2:25**

**Synopsis:**

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 smoothes 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.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: MORTGAGE RATES**  
**Time Aired: 3:20**

**Synopsis:**

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.

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**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GENERAL MOTORS "VOLT" RECALL**

**Time Aired: 8:23**

**Synopsis:**

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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**01/06/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA PLANS CHANGE IN IMMIGRATION RULE ON WAIVERS**

**Time Aired: 2:20**

**Synopsis:**

The Obama administration has proposed to change a rule to reduce the time illegal immigrant spouses and children are separated from their American relatives while they try to gain legal status in the United States. Currently, many illegal immigrants must leave the country before they can ask the government to waive a three- to 10-year ban on coming back. 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.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: EMPLOYMENT SITUATION**

**Time Aired: 2:20**

**Synopsis:**

Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the December 2011 Employment Situation report released today. "Our nation's strengthening labor market posted broad-based growth in the month of December. Nonfarm payroll employment added 200,000 jobs, exceeding expectations, and the unemployment rate fell to 8.5 percent, its lowest level in nearly three years. "Month by month, industry by industry, and state by state, America's labor market grew stronger in 2011. We're now seeing sustained job growth across almost every industry. We created nearly 2 million private sector jobs in 2011, and the unemployment rate fell

in 45 states and the District of Columbia last year. Additionally, the number of mass layoffs continued to decline, with 14 of 19 industries reporting a decrease in layoffs over the year.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HELP SOUGHT TO GET MORE HAITIANS VISAS TO US**

**Time Aired: 5:21**

**Synopsis:**

With the two-year anniversary of Haiti's massive earthquake approaching next week, members of Congress are joining Haitian-American community leaders to push the Obama administration to help more Haitians get visas to live and work in the U.S. They want to fast-track visas for tens of thousands of Haitians whose petitions to join relatives in this country already have been approved. A cap on the number of visas that the U.S. grants each year, though, means it can take a decade for a visa to be issued. It's estimated that more than 100,000 Haitians are on the waiting list for visas to join their families in the U.S., and more than 15,000 of them are the spouses and children of U.S. citizens, according to the Dec. 22 letter sent by eight members of Florida's congressional delegation to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: "DREAM ACT" REPEAL FAILS**

**Time Aired: 5:21**

**Synopsis:**

A petition to repeal a California law allowing undocumented immigrants access to taxpayer-funded scholarships, failed to get enough signatures, its backers say. A drive to place repeal of the California Dream Act on the state ballot came up short -- netting 447,514 of the required 500,000 signatures required to present to the secretary of state by the Friday deadline, the Los Angeles Times reported. "This is disappointing news," said the public face of the petition drive, San Bernardino Republican Assemblyman Tim Donnelly. "It is no less of a warning to Gov. Brown, and every [Democratic] legislator who voted to create a new entitlement program for illegals while the state still has a budget deficit of over \$9 billion, and cannot even meet its obligation to legal California students," Donnelly said.

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**01/09/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES**

**Time Aired: 9:21**

**Synopsis:**

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, Gas Buddy'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**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: U. S. EXTENDS SALVADORAN TPS**

**Time Aired: 3:25**

**Synopsis:**

The Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a foreign country for TPS due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its nationals adequately. USCIS may grant TPS to eligible nationals of certain countries (or parts of countries), who are already in the United States. Eligible individuals without nationality who last resided in the designated country may also be granted TPS. To be granted any other immigration benefit you must still meet all the eligibility requirements for that particular benefit. An application for TPS does not affect an application for asylum or any other immigration benefit and vice versa. Denial of an application for asylum or any other immigration benefit does not affect your ability to register for TPS, although the grounds of denial of that application may also lead to denial of TPS.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GUM NICOTINE PATCHES WON'T HELP**

**Time Aired: 5:24**

**Synopsis:**

For smokers who want to make the leap to quit, are nicotine replacement therapies (NRTs) the way to go? A new study suggests therapies like the nicotine patch and gum may not be as effective as some smokers trying to quit might hope. For the study, researchers at Harvard School of Public Health and the University of Massachusetts Boston followed 787 adult smokers in Massachusetts who had recently quit smoking. They asked whether the participants had used a nicotine replacement therapy - including nicotine patches, gum, inhalers or nasal sprays - to help them quit, and if they had, for how long. Participants were also asked if they had received help from a quit-smoking program, doctor, counselor or other professional.

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**01/11/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ARRESTS IN PUERTO RICO, U.S. IN DOCUMENT FRAUD CASE**

**Time Aired: 3:23, 5:32**

**Synopsis:**

Fifty people have been accused of conspiring to sell the identities of hundreds of Puerto Ricans to illegal immigrants in the U.S. mainland in the largest single fraud case ever for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, authorities said Wednesday. Hundreds of birth certificates, Social Security numbers and driver's licenses were sold for up to \$2,500 a set as part of a black market ring based in Puerto Rico that operated since at least April 2009, according to ICE Director John Morton.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA AND JOBS (5)**

**Time Aired: 6:33**

**Synopsis:**

President Barack Obama says he wants to reward companies that invest in America and eliminate tax breaks for companies that don't, and he's planning new tax proposals to do it. The President says rising American productivity and increasingly competitive costs here at home means it's good business to keep jobs in the U.S. rather than overseas. And he says there's a moral case for it, too, and that business leaders have a responsibility to invest in their country.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FORD VEHICLES RECALL (5, 9)**

**Time Aired: 6:33, 10:25**

**Synopsis:**

Ford Motor Co. said Wednesday that it's recalling nearly half a million minivans and SUVs because of a pair of mechanical issues. The Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker is recalling 205,896 Freestar and Mercury Monterey minivans made during the 2004 and 2005 model years, because their torque converter output shaft may fail. If that happens, there could be a sudden loss of power that could cause a crash, Ford said.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ORGANGE JUICE**

**Time Aired: 10:25**

**Synopsis:**

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**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UP (1, 5)**

**Time Aired: 2:28, 6:29**

**Synopsis:**

The Labor Department says applications for jobless benefits spiked last week as companies let go of thousands of workers after the holiday season. Weekly applications rose by 24,000 to a seasonally adjusted 399,000 -- the highest level in six weeks. Economists are downplaying the increase, saying that it's typical in early January.

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**1/13/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DELTA CONSIDERING BUYING AMERICAN AIRLINES**

**Time Aired: 3:23**

**Synopsis:**

Delta Airlines may be eyeing a takeover at American Airlines. At least, that's what the Wall Street Journal is reporting. It comes after American announced it was filing for bankruptcy last year. But Delta's not the only one looking into buying the embattled airline. The Journal reports U-S Airways and T-P-G Capital-- a private equity firm-- are also considering placing bids on American Airlines. All of the companies refused to comment on the report.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: BACON, SAUSAGE/CANCER RISK**

**Time Aired: 5:17**

**Synopsis:**

There's some bad news out today for breakfast lovers. New research in the British Journal of Cancer shows a link between eating processed meat, like bacon and sausage, and pancreatic cancer. The researchers found that eating one sausage a day could increase a person's risk of pancreatic cancer by 19- percent. The study, analyzed previous data from 11 trials and 6,643 patients with cancer of the pancreas. The risk increased by 19-percent for every 50 of processed meat someone added to their daily diet. Having an extra 100g would increase the risk by 38-percent.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: S&P NEWS**

**Time Aired: 9:25**

**Synopsis:**

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.

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**1/16/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DEPORTATION CASES REVIEW**

**Time Aired: 3:30**

**Synopsis:**

In a trial of a politically divisive program, U.S. prosecutors in Denver and Baltimore are reviewing thousands of deportation cases to determine which illegal immigrants might stay in the country - perhaps indefinitely - so officials can reduce an overwhelming backlog by focusing mainly on detainees with criminal backgrounds or who are deemed threats to national security.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HUNTSMAN QUILTS**

**Time Aired: 3:30**

**Synopsis:**

Republican Jon Huntsman has dropped out of the GOP presidential race and has endorsed Mitt Romney. Huntsman said the former Massachusetts governor gives the Republican Party its best shot at defeating President Barack Obama in the November general election. After staking his candidacy on New Hampshire, Huntsman finished third in the primary there last week. He faced a likely defeat in South Carolina's primary on Saturday.

**Duration: 30**



**Topic: ZAPPOS MILLION CUSTOMERS HACKED**

**Time Aired: 8:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

24 million Zappos customers are at risk. The online retailer says hackers accessed a server, compromising customers' names, email addresses, mailing addresses, and phone numbers. The company says partial credit card numbers were exposed. The hack also revealed account passwords but Zippos says those were encoded. As a precaution though, it's forcing customers to reset their passwords.

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**01/17/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NEW YORK PRE-KINDERGARTEN CUTS**

**Time Aired: 9:24 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The expansion in public pre-kindergarten programs has slowed and even been reversed in some states as school districts cope with shrinking budgets. As a result, many 3- and 4-year-olds aren't going to pre-school. Kids from low-income families who start kindergarten without first attending a quality education program enter school an estimated 18 months behind their peers. Many never catch up, and research shows they are more likely to need special education services and to drop out. Kids in families with higher incomes also can benefit from early education, research shows. Yet, roughly a quarter of the nation's 4-year-olds and more than half of 3-year-olds attend no pre-school, either public or private. Families who earn about \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually face the greatest difficulties because they make too much to qualify for many public funded programs, but can't afford private ones, said Steven Barnett, director of the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University.

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**01/18/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: IMMIGRANTS TAX CONTRIBUTION**

**Time Aired: 3:21 PM**

**Synopsis:**

While many Americans believe illegal immigrants don't pay taxes, billions of dollars deducted from paychecks issued to undocumented workers flow to the Social Security Administration (SSA) every year. Those workers almost certainly will never see that money again. Social Security officials keep a record of wages that do not match up with real names and numbers in their system. The record is called the earnings suspense file. In 2009, the last year for which figures are available, employers reported wages of \$72.8 billion for 7.7 million workers who could not be matched to legal Social Security numbers. That total hit a record \$90.4 billion, earned by 10.8 million workers, in 2007, just before the recession. Some of those were legal workers who simply made paperwork mistakes, but the majority are believed to be illegal immigrants.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: U.S. GOVERNMENT WARNING MEXICO TRAVEL**

**Time Aired: 4:20 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Are Cancun and Cabo San Lucas safe places for Texans to travel? The short answer is, yes. They are at least as safe as most U.S. cities. In fact, when one compares death rates, apples to apples, Cancun, Cozumel, Playa del Carmen and Cabo San Lucas are safer than most travel destinations anywhere in the world. Mexico's widespread drug violence has put the issue of safety on the front burner for many Texans deciding on traveling to that country. By reading the various travel advisories carefully, Americans will find that most of the warnings are focused on the U.S.-Mexico border, some urban regions, and a few tourist spots like Acapulco.

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**01/19/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CALIFORNIA STUDENT TUITION PROPOSAL**

**Time Aired: 3:22 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Students at the University of California at Riverside have proposed a new payment plan that will allow students to pay 5 percent of their salaries back to the UC system for 20 years after graduating. The plan would effectively eliminate tuition and student loans. "Charging students when they're making money just makes sense," noted Chris LoCascio, president of Fix UC, the group proposing the plan, who was interviewed by KABC-TV in Los Angeles. "It's really surprising to me that this hasn't been pursued, at least here in the United States." LoCascio said that the "UC Student Investment Proposal," as it is called, would help students financially and would ultimately generate more income for UC than the current tuition does. "Under this plan," he said in a presentation to the regents, "no undergraduate student would have to worry about paying for their UC education while they are in school.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DENVER AND BALTIMORE IMMIGRANT REVIEW**

**Time Aired: 8:20 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Homeland Security Department is recommending canceling deportation proceedings for more than 1,600 illegal immigrants in Baltimore and Denver. The recommendations come after a review of cases pending in federal immigration court in those two cities. Officials from DHS and the Justice Department reviewed 11,682 cases 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. Of the 7,923 cases reviewed in Denver, officials recommended closing 1,301, according to figures shared. In Baltimore, 3,759 cases were reviewed and 366 were recommended for closure.

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**01/20/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA DEPORTATION PLAN**

**Time Aired: 3:32 pm**

**Synopsis:**

A review ordered by the Obama administration of virtually all 7,900 deportation cases before the immigration court here has identified about 1,300 foreigners - 16 percent - who pose no security

risk and will be allowed to remain in the United States, although with no new legal status, immigration officials said Thursday. It was a fast-paced test run of the first comprehensive docket review in the nation's immigration courts. Department of Homeland Security officials plan to extend it in coming months to all of about 300,000 deportation cases before the courts nationwide.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: INTERNET PIRACY**

**Time Aired: 6:22 pm**

**Synopsis:**

Yielding to strong opposition from the high tech community, Senate and House leaders said Friday they will put off further action on legislation to combat online piracy. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he was postponing a test vote set for Tuesday "in light of recent events." Those events included a petition drive by Google that attracted more than 7 million participants and a one-day blackout by the online encyclopedia Wikipedia.

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**1/23/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ALABAMA IMMGRATION LAW MEETING**

**Time Aired: 3:32 pm**

**Synopsis:**

"Are great numbers of our unemployed really victims of the illegal alien invasion, or are those illegal tourists actually doing work our own people won't do? One thing is certain in this hungry world, no regulation or law should be allowed if it results in crops rotting in the fields for lack of harvesters." Thus spoke Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. However, with the passing of House Bill 87, *The Illegal Immigration Reform Bill of 2011*, this looks set to become practice in certain states, particularly Georgia and Alabama. The worry is that politicians are pandering to the concerns of right wing voters and upping opposition to immigration in the Southern states, despite the dramatic impact this is likely to have on the agricultural economy.

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**1/25/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TPS**

**Time Aired: 9:32 pm**

**Synopsis:**

The United States on Tuesday extended for the eighth time the Temporary Protected Status that will allow some 212,000 Salvadorans to live and work in the country for another 18 months, the Department of Homeland Security announced. TPS was set to expire for Salvadorans on March 9. The United States grants TPS to immigrants from countries experiencing armed conflicts or natural disasters, and over the past decade it has been applied to several Central American nations affected by hurricanes and earthquakes, including the pair of tremors that struck El Salvador in early 2001. DHS determined that the extension is justified because the conditions whereby El Salvador has benefited from TPS to date are still being fulfilled. The decision comes in response to the Salvadoran authorities' request to extend the measure again.

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1/26/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: LOS ANGELES HOMELESS CHILDREN**

**Time Aired: 6:32 pm**

**Synopsis:**

55,000 children in Los Angeles County are homeless, most of them Hispanics. The numbers are increasing and most of them live in poverty.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TEXAS LAW FOR IMMIGRANT STUDENTS**

**Time Aired: 9:30 pm**

**Synopsis:**

Texas officials are tweaking the law that allows some illegal immigrants to pay in-state college tuition rates to remind them they promised to seek legal status. The tuition break was a flashpoint issue that helped doom Republican Gov. Rick Perry's campaign for president.

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01/27/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ILLEGAL FUNGICIDE DISCOVERED IN ORANGE JUICE**

**Time Aired: 9:25 pm**

**Synopsis:**

Shipments of orange juice have been detained by the FDA after traces of an illegal fungicide were discovered. The government does indicate that the juice is safe to drink. However, the fungicide, carbendazim, is not approved for use in the United States, so any juice that contains small amounts of it must be detained. It is used in other countries to combat mold on orange trees. On Friday, the FDA said about 11 percent of orange juice and orange juice concentrate imports had been detained since it started testing for the fungicide earlier this month. The agency detained nine of 80 total shipments at the border, while importers withdrew two additional shipments from import after learning of the FDA testing. Importers have 90 days to export or destroy the product once it is detained.

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01/28/12

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CALIFORNIA SECURE COMMUNITIES**

**Time Aired: 9:25 pm**

**Synopsis:**

A bill being drafted by a state legislator would limit local law enforcement from holding arrestees on behalf of immigration authorities seeking to deport them. Assemblyman Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco) said he is finalizing amendments to a bill that would be the first statewide measure to counter the Secure Communities enforcement program, which requires law enforcement agencies to forward to immigration authorities the fingerprints of all arrestees booked into local jails. If those authorities identify a candidate for deportation, they can issue a

detainer, which asks the agency to hold them beyond the time when they would normally be released so immigration agents can take custody. The program has come under fire because many of those ensnared have never been convicted of crimes or are low-level offenders.

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**01/29/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: US FAST & FURIOUS**

**Time Aired: 7:25 pm**

**Synopsis:**

The Justice Department is tightening procedures for responding to information requests from Congress in the aftermath of a troubled arms trafficking investigation. In Operation Fast and Furious, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives allowed hundreds of weapons to flow across the border into Mexico. The Justice Department told three congressional committees in a letter Friday night that it has improved coordination between agents and their managers in carrying out arms trafficking investigations. Attorney General Eric Holder probably will face questions about the changes when he testifies Thursday before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. That committee has been investigating the department's mistakes in the probe since early last year. In a letter last February to Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the department said that ATF had not authorized the sale of assault weapons to a straw purchaser and that the agency makes every effort to intercept weapons that have been purchased illegally.

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## **NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2012 – FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

**01/02/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PFIZER RETIRED ONE MILLION BIRTH CONTROL PILLS**

**Time Aired: 2:23**

**Synopsis:**

Pfizer Inc is reaching out directly to women consumers to warn them about its U.S. recall of one million packets of birth control pills as concerns mounted that a manufacturing error could raise the risk of unplanned pregnancies. The world's largest drug maker recalled 14 lots of Lo/Ovral-28 and 14 lots of the generic counterpart Norgestrel and Ethinyl Estradiol late on Tuesday, prompting panicked exchanges on social media like Twitter. Litigators began soliciting new clients who may have suffered health problems or unplanned pregnancy as a result. "Unfortunately, this manufacturing error diminishes

people's confidence in an extremely important and safe method of contraception," said Dr. Vanessa Cullins, vice president for external medical affairs at Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MORE LATINOS WITHOUT SICK DAYS**

**Time Aired: 3:20**

**Synopsis:**

Many of the 1.5 million New Yorkers who don't have paid sick leave could see that change thanks to the efforts of a local politician who is the driving force behind a council effort to guarantee paid sick leave for many New York employees. "The idea that you can't take time off to deal with your sick kid is almost incomprehensible, yet hundreds of parents can't do that," Brewer said. "This is good for everybody ... It's a public health bill." Brewer first introduced paid sick leave legislation in the council in 2010. But the legislation is now closer to success than ever before, which Brewer credited to compromise amendments proposed in recent weeks to appease council members who have worried the bill would hurt businesses. Brewer's current bill includes several concessions to small businesses, including a one-year grace period for new businesses to begin giving employees sick pay and an exclusion for businesses with fewer than five employees.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: AMERICAN AIRLINES LAYOFFS**

**Time Aired: 9:25**

**Synopsis:**

Executives at American Airlines warned its unions Wednesday that deep cuts are coming to the staff of 88,000 at the nation's No. 3 airline. AMR Corp. CEO Thomas Horton said in a letter to American employees, "We will end this journey with many fewer people. But we will also preserve tens of thousands of jobs that would have been lost if we had not embarked on this path." The company's job-cut target was not disclosed, but Horton said the company needs to save more than \$1.25 billion annually in labor costs, and reduce costs in each work group, including management, by 20%. To try to cushion the blow of those cuts, it is offering employees a profit sharing plan. Other savings will come from restructuring debt and leases, grounding older planes, and improving supplier contracts. Horton said the company wants to cut \$2 billion a year in total cost cuts.

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**02/02/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT 1ST TIME CLAIMS DROPPED 12K**

**Time Aired: 5:20**

**Synopsis:**

The number of people seeking unemployment aid fell last week, a sign that companies are cutting fewer jobs and likely stepping up hiring. The Labor Department says weekly unemployment applications fell 12,000 to a seasonally adjusted 367,000. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, dropped for the third straight week to 375,750. That's the second-lowest level for the four-week average since June 2008. When applications stay consistently below 375,000, it usually signals that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate. The report comes a day before the government will issue its jobs report for January. Economists forecast that the report will show that employers added 155,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate remained at 8.5 percent.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HIGHER TUITION INMIGRANTS**

**Time Aired: 9:21**

**Synopsis:**

Students at New Hampshire's public colleges who are illegal immigrants would have to pay higher out-of-state tuition rates under a bill passed by the House on Wednesday. The House voted 250-88 in favor of legislation to require in-state students to prove they are also legal residents of the United States. The state would also have to establish a system to prove students are in the country legally to receive in-state tuition. The bill now goes to the Senate. In a legislative analysis written for the Republican majority on the House Education Committee, supporters of the bill said the burden would be upon the applicant to prove his or her citizenship. The rules would require the same signed affidavit and documentation process applicants use to prove state residency. Opponents, led by Democratic Rep. Mary Stuart Gile of Concord, said no one had testified during the committee's hearing on the bill to indicate this was a problem in the University System of New Hampshire. Republican Rep. Ralph Bohem, of Litchfield, disputed their logic as "faulty." "If no one checks, how would they know if there's a problem?" Bohem asked.

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**02/03/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

**Time Aired: 3:25**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. stocks jumped sharply in morning trading Friday on news that the unemployment rate dropped to the lowest level in three years. The Dow Jones industrial average gained more than 140 points. Before the market opened, the Labor Department said companies hired 243,000 employees in January, the strongest job growth in nine months. The increase in hiring pushed the unemployment rate down to 8.3 percent. More evidence that the economy is gaining strength followed the jobs report. A trade group said the service industry expanded at the fastest pace since last February. The government said factory orders rose 1.1 percent in December, supported by a rebound in orders for heavy machinery.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY SPOTLIGHTS HEART DISEASE**

**Time Aired: 4:22**

**Synopsis:**

It's National Wear Red Day, the American Heart Association's campaign to spread awareness for heart disease in women, their number one killer. An estimated one in four women dies from heart disease in the U.S., according to the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. That's more deaths from heart disease than the next four causes of death combined, says the AHA. But 80 percent of those deaths could be prevented if women eat right, exercise, and don't smoke. That's why the AHA spreads awareness through its *Go Red For Women* campaign so women "don't become a statistic." Besides keeping themselves healthy, the AHA says women should look out for signs of a heart attack so they call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital immediately - or at most within five minutes. Women should be on the lookout for uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of their chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or comes and goes. Also, be on the lookout for pain or discomfort in one or

both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach. Shortness of breath, with or without chest discomfort, is also signs of a heart attack, along with breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CHRYSLER ADDING 1800 NEW JOBS**

**Time Aired: 4:20**

**Synopsis:**

Chrysler announced plans today to continue sprucing up its Belvidere, Ilanos plant, now with a clearer goal in mind: the plant will be tapped to produce the Dodge Dart, the company's upcoming sedan; a move that the automaker says will add 1800 new jobs. The Belvedere plant previously built the Jeep Compass, Patriot, and the Dodge Caliber. The Caliber's long-overdue death late last year brings in some space for the Dart. The line is presently building re-production examples, but should ramp up to full volume early this year. Adding the Dart to the Belvedere plant took a bit of work on Chrysler's part. New tooling, line upgrades, a 638,000-square-foot body shop, and quality- focused metrology center were recently bestowed upon the plant. All told, the upgrades represented a \$700 million investment in the Belvedere facility. The better news - at least for the United Auto Workers - is that the addition of Dart production also means additional workers. Chrysler announced it's adding a third shift to Belvedere for the first time since 2008. As a result, the automaker expects to hire 1800 new employees, including 500 tied directly to launch production of the Dart. Once hiring is finished, the plant's workforce should grow from 2700 to 4500 employees.

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**02/05/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FEES INCREASE**

**Time Aired: 3:42**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. citizenship is priceless to some, worthless to others. But now the State Department has a dollar figure: U.S. citizenship is worth \$450. At least that's what it will cost you to renounce it. Under new consular fees published Thursday in the Federal Register, the cost of processing a formal renunciation of U.S. citizenship skyrocketed from \$0 to \$450. The announcement locks in fee hikes that had been proposed in 2010 and instituted on an interim basis. The State Department doesn't say how or why it calculated the cost. Citizenship is free for most Americans who are accorded the privilege at birth. The department says only that it "has decided that the renunciant should pay this fee at the visit during which he or she swears the oath of renunciation." It's also getting more expensive if you want to keep your U.S. citizenship and need a passport to prove it. The application fee for a passport is jumping by 27 percent, from \$55 to \$70 with a 100 percent increase, from \$20 to \$40, in the passport security surcharge.

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**02/06/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ALABAMA REPEAL ACTION**

**Time Aired: 8:42**

**Synopsis:**



In the year since it has become law, HB 56 has been nothing short of a disaster for Alabama. HB 56 has legitimized racial profiling, terrorized persons of color regardless of their legal status, frightened children, entrapped foreigners - including business executives - and damaged the state's economy. According to a new analysis by Sam Addy, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Alabama, HB 56 could cost the state between \$2.3 billion and \$10.8 billion in economic output and \$265 million in tax revenue. The impact of the law has been so harsh and so counterproductive that even proponents of HB 56 have concluded that the law must be fixed. But HB 56 is beyond repair and it must be repealed for the good of Alabama and its residents.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: IMMIGRATION IOWA**

**Time Aired: 9:30**

**Synopsis:**

Immigration policy may be a federal issue. But on Monday, Iowa lawmakers began debating a bill that would require both state and even local law enforcement to investigate complaints about illegal workers. The bill in question is HF 2156 and 38 Republicans as well as three Democrats have signed on as co-sponsors. A subcommittee met late Monday to begin work on the legislation.

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**02/07/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CALIFORNIA PROP 8 DECISION**

**Time Aired: 2:30**

**Synopsis:**

A federal appeals court has declared California's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional, paving the way for a likely U.S. Supreme Court showdown on the voter-approved law. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled 2-1 Tuesday that a lower court judge interpreted the U.S. Constitution correctly in 2010 when he declared the ban, known as Proposition 8, to be a violation of the civil rights of gays and lesbians.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ALABAMA LEGISLATION HB 56**

**Time Aired: 3:30**

**Synopsis:**

As the Alabama state legislature begins its new legislative session today, the costs and consequences of the state's "papers, please" anti-immigration law is the hottest political topic in the state. In light of the many controversies and unintended consequences related to the law's provisions, including the sticker shock of up to \$11 billion the law would cost the state's GDP, changes to the immigration law are likely during the legislative session.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: AMERICANS LIVING ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE**

**Time Aired: 5:23**

**Synopsis:**

More than one in three Americans lived in a home that received Medicaid, food stamps or other government assistance, according to a new report. Analysts at George Washington University found

when Social Security, Medicare and unemployment benefits are included, nearly half of the nation lived in a household that received a government check. That's more than 148 million Americans. Those numbers are on their way up thanks to the great recession and its aftermath, which have pushed record numbers of people onto public assistance programs.

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**02/08/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: USA GAY MARRIAGES WASHINGTON**

**Time Aired: 5:23**

**Synopsis:**

Washington state lawmakers voted to approve gay marriage Wednesday, setting the stage for the state to become the seventh in the nation to allow same-sex couples to wed. The action comes a day after a federal appeals court declared California's ban on gay marriage unconstitutional, saying it was a violation of the civil rights of gay and lesbian couples. The Washington House passed the bill on a 55-43 vote. Supporters in the public viewing galleries stood and cheered as many on the Democratic side of the House floor hugged after the vote.

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**02/09/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: STATES NEGOTIATE \$25 BILLION DEAL FOR HOMEOWNERS**

**Time Aired: 5:23**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. states reached a landmark \$25 billion deal Thursday with the nation's biggest mortgage lenders over foreclosure abuses that occurred after the housing bubble burst. The deal requires five of the largest banks to reduce loans for about 1 million households at risk of foreclosure. The lenders will also send checks of \$2,000 to about 750,000 Americans who were improperly foreclosed upon. The banks will have three years to fulfill the terms of the deal. It's the biggest settlement involving a single industry since a 1998 multistate tobacco deal. Federal and state officials announced at a news conference that 49 states had joined the settlement. Oklahoma announced a separate deal with the five banks.

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**02/10/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA TO CHANGE BIRTH CONTROL RULE**

**Time Aired: 2:30**

**Synopsis:**

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops are expressing grave doubts about President Barack Obama's revamped health care rule on birth control. They say it raises serious moral concerns and lacks clear protection for certain employers, insurers and individuals. The statement came hours after Obama announced he was backing off a new requirement for religious employers to provide free birth control coverage, even if it runs counter to their religious beliefs. Instead, employees of those institutions will

be able to get free contraception directly from health insurance companies. Other groups who had objected to the administration's original rule supported Obama's change Friday.

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**02/13/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: KANSAS IMMIGRATION**

**Time Aired: 5:30**

**Synopsis:**

State legislators on Monday started a week-long debate on immigration policy ranging from allowing undocumented workers to stay in Kansas to measures aimed at chasing them away. First up was a bill endorsed by business and religious groups that would allow undocumented workers who had no criminal record and who had been working in Kansas at least five years to apply for a legal status that would allow them to work in Kansas industries facing labor shortages.

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**02/14/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ALABAMA HB56 PROTEST**

**Time Aired: 2:18**

**Synopsis:**

Monday afternoon Democratic U.S. Representatives held a hearing at Birmingham City Hall where they heard comments about Alabama's new immigration law from educators, law enforcement officers, and citizens. Birmingham Mayor William Bell, Jefferson County Sheriff Mike Hale, and the Superintendent of Birmingham City Schools Dr. Craig Witherspoon, offered their opinions on HB 56. Sheriff Hale called it an unfunded mandate. Supporters of the law, claim the federal government's failure to establish comprehensive immigration reform, forced states like Alabama to take action

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TAX HIKE**

**Time Aired: 2:18**

**Synopsis:**

President Barack Obama proposed tax increases on wealthy individuals and some corporations Monday, setting the stage for an ideological battle that won't be resolved until after the November election -- if then. Obama's proposed tax hikes put him at odds with the Republican presidential hopefuls. They have all called for tax packages that would lower taxes but possibly add to the federal deficit.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES**

**Time Aired: 2:18**

**Synopsis:**

The average price of a gallon of gasoline has jumped nearly 12 cents over the past three weeks, according to the Lundberg Survey of fuel prices, which puts the price of a gallon of regular at \$3.51 nationwide. Midgrade costs an average of \$3.65 a gallon, and premium is at \$3.77. Diesel was up about

four cents, at \$3.95 a gallon. Of the areas surveyed, Denver has the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.01. New York's Long Island has the highest at \$3.82.

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**02/15/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TAXES**

**Time Aired:**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. Senator Max Baucus said on Wednesday that a bipartisan deal has been reached to extend a payroll tax cut set to expire on Feb. 29. Baucus said enough Democratic and Republican negotiators have signed off on the accord to clear the way for a vote on it by the full House of Representatives and Senate.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CONNECTICUT: COURT FAVOURS IMMIGRATION**

**Time Aired:**

**Synopsis:**

Eleven New Haven residents whose homes were illegally raided by immigration agents almost five years ago have reached an unprecedented settlement of their civil rights lawsuit against top U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials, local agents, and the United States. The plaintiffs and their counsel will announce the settlement at a press conference on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 10:30 AM at the Wilson Branch Library in New Haven, Connecticut. The eleven men alleged that in the early morning hours of June 6, 2007, approximately 20 ICE agents together with other federal, state, and local officers spread out across the predominantly Latino neighborhood of Fair Haven, invaded homes without warrants or consent, and illegally seized and arrested the men. Agents drew their weapons, pushed through the doors of residents' homes, banged on bedroom doors, forced several men out of bed, and frightened young children present in some of the homes.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SECURE COMMUNITIES**

**Time Aired:**

**Synopsis:**

Secure Communities is critical to protect citizens and community. It uses fingerprints and biometrical information from individuals after being arrested and booked into jail to compare it with FBI and ICE databases. Changes have been made in Secure Communities to ensure that the program efforts target criminals. New directives and prosecutorial discretions have been issued to the ICE agents to protect victims of crime and witnesses, ensuring that they don't face removal. As a result there has been a reduction in the number of non-criminals removed through the program.

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**02/16/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CALIFORNIA LAYOFFS**

**Time Aired:**

**Synopsis:**

As of this Friday, dozens of experienced anti drug State agents will be dismissed which could paralyze the fight against gangs and drug trafficking in California. Lynda Gledhill, spokesperson for 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 would be nearly 300.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PAYROLL TAX DEAL REACHED**

**Time Aired:**

**Synopsis:**

Congress announced 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.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS LOW**

**Time Aired:**

**Synopsis:**

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 smoothes 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.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ARSENIC IN BABY FORMULA**

**Time Aired:**

**Synopsis:**

Researchers at Dartmouth University 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**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UTAH IMMIGRATION LAW**

**Time Aired: 2:30**

**Synopsis:**

A federal judge said Friday he will decide within the next few days whether to allow Utah's immigration enforcement law to go into effect or delay his decision until after the U.S. Supreme Court rules on a similar law in Arizona. If U.S. District Court Judge Clark Waddoups decides to wait, the law created by House Bill 497 will remain on hold for about another six months. It was first blocked by Waddoups eight months ago, 14 hours after it went into effect.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CONGRESS APPROVES PAYROLL TAX CUTS**

**Time Aired: 5:30**

**Synopsis:**

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.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DIET PILLS LATEST**

**Time Aired: 8:30**

**Synopsis:**

Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration will recommend whether the agency should approve the first new prescription diet pill in 13 years. The F.D.A. rejected the drug under review, Qnexa, in 2010, amid safety concerns, and the drug's manufacturer is now presenting additional data to argue its case. But thousands of people in central California, where Qnexa's inventor ran a weight-loss clinic and others across the country have not had to wait for the drug's approval. Through a regulatory loophole of sorts, many obesity doctors prescribe two separate drugs that, when taken together, are essentially the same medicine.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES**

**Time Aired: 9:30**

**Synopsis:**

The average price of gas in San Diego is almost 5 cents more than it was yesterday, with an average of \$3.99 for a gallon of self-serve regular, making it the biggest overnight jump in about a year, and the most expensive since summer. Triple A tells us, there's lots of reasons behind the hike. And unfortunately it doesn't look like the price is coming down anytime soon. Believe it or not, right now, gas in San Diego is even more expensive than Alaska-- which usually pays the most. Plenty of signs here show gas at well over 4 dollars. Customers say this holiday may be better spent at home.

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**02/19/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ALABAMA IMMIGRATION**

**Time Aired: 2:20**

**Synopsis:**

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. 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.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: INHALABLE CAFFEINE**

**Time Aired: 2:20**

**Synopsis:**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials plan to investigate whether inhalable caffeine sold in small canisters is safe for consumers. AeroShot went on the market last month in Massachusetts and New York. It's also available in France. Each canister contains the caffeine equivalent of a large cup of coffee. AeroShot didn't require FDA review because it's sold as a dietary supplement. But New York's U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is concerned about overuse of the product, particularly by young people, and says FDA officials have agreed to review its safety. An FDA official confirmed to The Associated Press that the agency would review AeroShot. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity. Manufacturer Breathable Foods says AeroShot is safe.

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**02/20/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: BIRTH CONTROL AND POLITICS**

**Time Aired: 7:34 PM**

**Synopsis:**

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**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES SOARING**

**Time Aired: 2:34 PM**

**Synopsis:**

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.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: CORPORATE TAX**  
**Time Aired: 4:34 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The Obama administration will propose lowering the current 35 percent corporate tax rate, while at the same time eliminating loopholes and subsidies and imposing a minimum tax on the overseas profits of American companies. Administration officials said the Treasury Department on Wednesday will detail aspects of President Barack Obama's proposed overhaul of the corporate tax system, a plan he broadly outlined in his State of the Union speech last month.

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**02/22/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: PEW CENTER: HISPANIC POPULATION GROWTH**  
**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The 2010 Census counted 50.5 million Hispanics in the United States, making up 16.3% of the total population. The nation's Latino population, which was 35.3 million in 2000, grew 43% over the decade. The Hispanic population also accounted for most of the nation's growth-56%-from 2000 to 2010. Among children ages 17 and younger, there were 17.1 million Latinos, or 23.1% of this age group, according to an analysis by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. The number of Latino children grew 39% over the decade. In 2000, there were 12.3 million Hispanic children, who were 17.1% of the population under age.

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**02/23/2012**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: FDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF QNEXA**  
**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration Endocrinology and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee recommended Qnexa be granted marketing approval by the FDA for the treatment of obesity in adults. The Committee voted 20 to 2, on the recommendation for an approval based on a favorable benefit-risk profile.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT**  
**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The number of people seeking unemployment aid was unchanged last week and the four-week average of applications fell to its lowest point in four years. The figures are the latest evidence that the job market is improving. The Labor Department says 351,000 laid-off workers sought unemployment aid last week. That's the lowest figure of persons seeking unemployment aid since March 2008, just a few months into the recession.



**Duration: 30**

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

**Time Aired: 7:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

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**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: 1.4 MIL FAMILIES \$2 PER DAY**

**Time Aired: 7:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

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. 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**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES**

**Time Aired: 7:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

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 \$3.67, that's up 30 cents from just last month.

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**02/27/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CHILD SUPPORT DEBTS**

**Time Aired: 3:34 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Old child support debts could cost thousands of poor men their only income next year because of a policy aimed at reducing the cost to the government of mailing paper checks to pay federal benefits. The

Treasury Department will start paying benefits electronically next March. It will stop issuing the paper checks that many people rely on to safeguard a portion of their benefits from states trying to collect back child support.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: STEM CELLS TO GROW HUMAN EGGS**

**Time Aired: 3:34 PM**

**Synopsis:**

There may be new hope for treating infertility. Scientists in Massachusetts are using stem cells to grow human eggs. They first tested the theory on mice, cultivating eggs that could be fertilized and produce embryos. They were able to produce immature egg cells using human ovaries. The work is still in the early stages.

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**02/28/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SLEEPING PILLS**

**Time Aired: 4:32 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A new study finds a link between sleeping pills and an increased risk of death.

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**02/29/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: AUTO SAFETY-CHILDREN**

**Time Aired: 4:27 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Federal transportation officials are again delaying final rules aimed at helping prevent drivers from unintentionally backing over children. The government's proposed rules would require that automakers give drivers a better view of what's behind them, effectively necessitating rearview video camera systems on most new cars and trucks. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a letter to lawmakers Tuesday that his department needs more time for "research and data analysis" before it can issue final regulations. Lobbyists for automakers who met with White House officials in December urged the administration to allow manufacturers the option of meeting the proposed visibility standard through expanded mirrors on vehicles rather than cameras. The government estimated the video systems would add about \$58 to \$200 to the cost of each new vehicle.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: JUDGE BLOCK ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW**

**Time Aired: 8:32 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A federal judge blocked police in Arizona from enforcing a section of the state's 2010 immigration enforcement law that prohibited persons 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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## **NOTICIAS AL MINUTO - TELEFUTURA NEWS**

**MARCH 1, 2012 - MARCH 31, 2012**

**03/01/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST**

**Time Aired: 3:30**

**Synopsis:**

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell slightly last week to the lowest point in four years, a further sign that the U.S. job market is steadily improving. A seasonally adjusted 351,000 people sought unemployment aid, down from 353,000 the previous week, the Labor Department said Thursday. That matches the four-year low reached three weeks ago. It's the fewest since March 2008. A four-week average of claims, which smoothes out weekly fluctuations in the data, also fell last week to 354,000. That's also the lowest figure in four years. Applications have fallen steadily since October. The average has declined 14.6 percent since then. When applications drop consistently below 375,000, it usually signals that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate. Economists expect the government to report another strong month of hiring for February, similar to the average net gain of about 200,000 in the previous three months

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: US SENATE REJECTS REPUBLICAN BIRTH CONTROL CHALLENGE**

**Time Aired: 4:30**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. Senate narrowly backed a key plank of President Barack Obama's healthcare law on Thursday by rejecting a sweeping Republican measure that would have allowed employers to opt out of birth control coverage and other services on moral grounds. Senators voted 51-48 to set aside a measure proposed by Republican Roy Blunt that would have exempted employers like Catholic hospitals, universities and charities from an Obama healthcare provision that requires most employers to offer free insurance coverage for women's contraceptives.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: TENSIONS RAISE SPECTER OF GAS AT \$5 A GALLON**

**Time Aired: 8:30**

**Synopsis:**

Gasoline at \$5 a gallon? The possibility is hardly far-fetched. With no clear end to tensions with Iran and Syria and rising demand from countries like China, gas prices are already at record highs for the winter months - averaging \$4.32 in California and \$3.73 a gallon nationally on Wednesday according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. As summer approaches, demand for gasoline rises, typically pushing prices up around 20 cents a gallon. And gas prices could rise another 50 cents a gallon or more analysts say, if the diplomatic and economic standoff over

Iran's nuclear ambitions escalates into military conflict or there is some other major supply disruption.

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**03/05/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CREDIT CARD DEBT TAXES**

**Time Aired: 3:34**

**Synopsis:**

Billions of dollars in credit card debt that was charged off during the Great Recession some of it decades old - is coming back to haunt borrowers in the form of unexpected tax bills. Debt that is canceled or forgiven is considered taxable income, something many borrowers don't realize until they receive a 1099-C tax form from their lender. The IRS projects that creditors will send taxpayers 6.4 million 1099-Cs in 2012, up from 3.9 million in 2010.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SNORING TODDLERS**

**Time Aired: 4:32**

**Synopsis:** Snoring has been tied to many health problems in adults, including obesity, sleep apnea, and a higher risk for heart disease. But according to a new study, snoring may also be problematic for kids' mental health. The study found toddlers who snore are more likely to develop behavioral problems like hyperactivity once they reach school-age.

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**03/06/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SCHOOLS DISCIPLINE**

**Time Aired: 2:29 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A report to be released today by the Education Department raises questions about whether students of all races are disciplined evenhandedly in America's schools. An early snapshot of the report says that more than 70 percent of students involved in school-related arrests or cases referred to law enforcement are Hispanic or African-American. It also finds that black students are more than three times more likely than their white peers to be suspended or expelled. Education Secretary Arne Duncan tells reporters it's a "sad fact" that minority students across America face much harsher discipline than non-minorities, even within the same school. The report was based on 2009-2010 data.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ECONOMY SURVEY**

**Time Aired: 3:32 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A new survey finds economists growing more optimistic about the nation's economy. They see slightly stronger growth and hiring than they predicted two months earlier. The leading economists, surveyed by The Associated Press late last month, believe the unemployment rate will fall from its current 8.3 percent to 8 percent by Election Day. That's better than their 8.4 percent estimate when surveyed in late December.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA PRESS CONFERENCE**

**Time Aired: 4:12 PM**

**Synopsis:**

President Barack Obama declared Tuesday that diplomacy can still resolve the crisis over Iran's possible pursuit of nuclear weapons, and he accused his Republican critics of "beating the drums of war." "Those folks don't have a lot of responsibilities," Obama said. "They are not commander in chief." Tension with Iran, and Obama's preference for restraint, dominated his first full news conference of the year, held on the same day that Republican Super Tuesday voting was drawing attention as well.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: IMMIGRATION EXPIRED VISAS**

**Time Aired: 4:12 PM**

**Synopsis:**

By the time the suspect in an alleged bomb plot against the U.S. Capitol was arrested in a parking lot, wearing what he thought was an explosive-laden suicide vest, he had been living illegally in the United States for 12 years. The criminal case against Amine El Khalifi, 29, of Alexandria, Va., has renewed the debate about how the U.S. government - a decade after the terror attacks of 2001 - routinely fails to track millions of foreign visitors who remain in the country longer than they are allowed.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: CONCUSSIONS CAN CAUSE LINGERING SYMPTOMS**

**Time Aired: 6:29 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Children with even relatively mild concussions can have persistent attention and memory problems a year after their injuries, according to a study that helps identify which kids may be most at risk for lingering symptoms. In most kids with these injuries, symptoms resolve within a few months but the study results suggest that problems may linger for up to about 20 percent, said study author Keith Owen Yeates, a neuropsychologist at Ohio State University's Center for Biobehavioral Health. The study found that problems like forgetfulness were more likely to linger than fatigue, dizziness and other physical complaints.

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**03/07/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MERCURY DISCOVERED IN COSMETIC PRODUCTS**

**Time Aired: 3:29 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Women in at least seven states may have been unwittingly slathering poison on their faces by using mercury-tainted cosmetics, the Food and Drug Administration warned today. The products, usually used for lightening skin, are sold as soaps, skin creams, and lotions. In all, the FDA has identified 35 products, most of them manufactured overseas, and most sold in Latino, Middle Eastern, African-American, and Asian neighborhoods. Mercury poisoning can cause illness and even death, and while the amounts of mercury in the cosmetics is typically low, mercury, like lead and some other poisons, accumulates in the body. Mercury is also readily absorbable through skin. It damages the nervous system and other organs such as kidneys.

Consumers could be giving themselves frequent small doses of poison that will eventually lead to symptoms like irritability, tremors, depression, memory problems and changes in hearing and vision.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ADP SURVEY JOBS**

**Time Aired: 3:29 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Private-business hiring in February was solid, according to a report released Wednesday. The number suggests an equally strong gain in Friday's payrolls report. Private-sector jobs in the U.S. increased 216,000 last month, according to a national employment report published by payroll giant Automatic Data Processing Inc, and consultancy Macroeconomic Advisers. The gain was close to expectations of 215,000 put forth by economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires. The January data were revised to show a gain of 173,000 instead of the 170,000 increase reported earlier.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS DOWN**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Gas prices are down for the second day in a row. Triple-A says prices dropped about three tenths of a cent. The nationwide price for a gallon of regular remains at \$3.76. Congressional Republicans and Democrats are again battling over rising gas prices. At a hearing Wednesday, Republicans and oil industry leaders called for more U.S. production, while Democrats focused on conservation and the role of Wall Street speculators.

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**03/08/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MORE WORK NEEDED TO STOP YOUTH TOBACCO USE**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

More work needs to be done to keep young Americans from using tobacco, including creating smoking bans and increasing taxes on tobacco products, the U.S. Surgeon General's office said in a report released Thursday. Almost one in five high school-aged teens smokes, down from earlier decades, but the rate of decline has slowed, the report said. It says it's particularly important to stop young people from using tobacco because those who start smoking as teenagers can increase their chances of long-term addiction. They also quickly can experience reduced lung function, impaired lung growth, early heart disease and other health problems like asthma. More than 80 percent of smokers begin by age 18 and 99 percent of adult smokers in the U.S. start by age 26, according to the 920-page report, which is the first comprehensive look at youth tobacco use from the surgeon general's office in nearly two decades.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: POST OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN**

**Time Aired: 6:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. Postal Service said on Wednesday it would suspend a plan to close or consolidate mail processing facilities during the months leading up to the November election to alleviate

concerns that voting by mail would be disrupted. The USPS, an independent agency of the U.S. government, is losing billions of dollars annually as customers switch to email and online bill payment and has been hurt by a massive payment to prefund retiree health benefits as well as other liabilities. The mail carrier's officials have warned of annual losses of more than \$18 billion by 2015. As part of a cost-cutting plan, the USPS intends to close or consolidate more than 200 mail processing sites and close thousands of post offices.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: US IMMIGRATION ALABAMA**

**Time Aired: 8:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A U.S. appeals court ordered the state of Alabama on Thursday to stop enforcing additional parts of its controversial new immigration law, pending review of a federal challenge to the measure that is considered the toughest in the nation. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, based in Atlanta, issued a brief order expanding its initial injunction to include provisions that barred illegal immigrants from obtaining a driver's license and barred courts from enforcing contracts that involved illegal immigrants. The appeals court in October blocked the state from enforcing another key provision of the law that required schools to check the immigration status of children on enrollment.

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**03/09/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA JOBS**

**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Raising campaign cash in Republican territory, President Barack Obama on Friday hailed a rebounding economy and accused Republicans of banking on voters having "amnesia" about the steps that led to a brutal economic collapse. Bidding for re-election, Obama bounded between a rally-style event in a sprawling Rolls-Royce manufacturing plant south of Richmond, Va., to a pair of Houston fundraisers. Framing the trip: a new monthly jobs report showing employers 227,000 jobs in February, the latest sign that the economy is headed in the right direction. Every month's jobs report is seen as a barometer of the economy and an important factor in the presidential race. The unemployment rate held steady at 8.3 percent, the result of more Americans looking for work as job growth takes hold month by month.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT**

**Time Aired: 3:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A previously announced \$25 billion settlement between five major banks accused of abusive mortgage practices and government officials will be filed in federal court on Monday, people familiar with the matter said late Friday. The pact unveiled Feb. 9 is expected to result in payments and other mortgage relief for about one million borrowers, but must first be approved by a judge. Bank of America Corp, Wells Fargo & Co, JPMorgan Chase & Co, Citigroup Inc and Ally Financial Inc agreed to the settlement after 16 months of negotiations with state attorneys general and federal agencies, including the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: "I'M GETTING ARRESTED" APP AIMS TO HELP UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS**

**Time Aired: 3:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A group of pro-immigrant rights activists in Arizona aim to develop a Smartphone application that would help immigrants notify friends, family and their attorney if they are detained and arrested during a traffic stop. Arizona was the first state to pass a law to make it a crime to be an undocumented immigrant, leading to an increased crackdown and climate of fear among immigrants. For years, the nonprofit's emergency hotline has monitored cases of possible civil rights violations against Latinos by local law enforcement, provided information about rights, and tracked down missing family members in immigration custody after undocumented drivers are detained. It was Guzman's experience with Respect/Respeto and the increased crackdown on undocumented immigrants by local police using state laws that inspired her friend Todd Landfried, a spokesperson for Arizona Employers for Immigration Reform, to come up with an idea for a Smartphone app that could do what the group does and more. The app will allow users to notify family, friends, attorneys and even their consulate when they get pulled over by law enforcement or when they are facing an emergency situation that puts their safety or civil rights at risk.

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**03/10/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GLASS OF WINE EASES STROKE RISK IN WOMEN**

**Time Aired: 4:35PM**

**Synopsis:**

A study of more than 80,000 women found that low to moderate alcohol consumption was associated with a 17% to 21% reduction in risk of stroke. Compared with women who didn't drink, the relative risk of stroke ranged from 0.83 for drinking less than 5 grams per day (g/d) to 0.79 for those who consumed up to 15 g/d, Kathryn M. Rexrode, MD, MPH, from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and colleagues found. The benefit was the same for ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke, they reported online in *Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association*. The investigators noted that previous associations have been seen with light to moderate drinking and reduced stroke risk. However, they said that many studies did not take into account the stroke type, nor did they break down drinking according to the amount.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

**Time Aired: 5:22**

**Synopsis:**

Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time. In the European Union, Summer Time begins and ends at 1:00 a.m. Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time). It begins the last Sunday in March and ends the last Sunday in October. In the EU, all time zones change at the same moment.

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**03/12/2012**



**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: GAS PRICES**  
**Time Aired: 5:22**

**Synopsis:**

The price of gasoline jumped by nearly a nickel over the weekend and is now \$3.80 per gallon. That's the highest ever for this time of year. Pump prices have risen an average 52 cents this year as refineries and wholesalers pass along the higher cost of crude oil. And this month they're getting an additional boost as investors bet that supplies will shrink ahead of the summer driving season.

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**03/13/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: RED MEAT DANGERS**  
**Time Aired: 4:24**

**Synopsis:**

People who eat a lot of red meat are more likely to die at any given time than those who go light on the burgers and hot dogs, a new study suggests. Researchers found that the more servings of processed or unprocessed red meat people reported eating daily, the higher their chance of more than a 20-year span. "Red meat and especially processed red meat contains a lot of compounds and chemicals that have been linked to chronic disease risk," said Dr. Frank Hu, one of the study's authors from the Harvard School of Public Health -- and cooking red meat produces more carcinogens.

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: STUDENT LOAN DEBTS**  
**Time Aired: 4:24**

**Synopsis:**

Millions of college students could be in for a shock this summer when the interest rate on a popular federally subsidized student loan doubles unless Congress acts. College students on Tuesday delivered more than 130,000 letters to congressional leaders asking them to stop rates from increasing from 3.4 to 6.8 percent. The rate hike affects new subsidized Stafford loans, which are issued to low and middle income undergraduates. They hope to raise enough awareness to get Congress to stop it.

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**03/14/12**

**Duration: 30**  
**Topic: COLLEGE STUDENTS IMMIGRATION. STATUS**  
**Time Aired: 4:24**

**Synopsis:**

On March 14th at 3:30pm, on the Lehman College Campus, a momentous and unforgettable event is going to be taking place. It is on this day in which the Lehman College Dream Team is going to be hosting a "Coming out of the Shadows" event. This is going to be a day in which students either undocumented or allies are going to share their stories, and express their commitment in support of the enormous struggles all undocumented students have to face each

and every day, as well as speak about the importance of the New York DREAM Act and how this bill would provide them economic relief to attend college.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: STUDENT ABUSE**

**Time Aired: 8:32**

**Synopsis:**

The State Department has scrapped a plan to require FBI-based fingerprint searches for people hosting foreign high school foreign exchange students. Documents obtained by The Associated Press say the agency considered requiring FBI fingerprint-based background checks to keep teens from being assigned to families where they might be exposed to criminals. Officials said last year that implementing the program wasn't feasible and it was dropped. The move would have ensured a federal criminal background check on families who wanted to host visiting high school students.

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**3/15/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES**

**Time Aired: 3:30**

**Synopsis:** Oil prices are falling on reports that Britain and the United States will release oil from government-controlled emergency reserves. News organizations reported Thursday that the two countries will try to knock down oil prices by releasing spare supply on the market. High oil prices have helped push gasoline in the U.S. to the highest price ever for this time of year, \$3.82 per gallon. Experts predict the national average could reach as high as \$4.25 per gallon by late next month. The U.S. released oil from its Strategic Petroleum Reserve in August with only limited success. Prices dipped for just a few days.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**Time Aired: 4:30**

**Synopsis:** A resurgent U.S. job market that has lifted the economy appears to be enduring. Factories in the Northeast kept hiring in early March. And the number of people applying for unemployment aid fell back to a four-year low. The economy is adding jobs at a time when inflation remains relatively mild outside of higher gas prices. The upbeat government reports Thursday reinforced the message sent by last week's encouraging job figures. Applications for unemployment aid dropped to a seasonally adjusted 351,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That matched a four-year low reached last month. The four-week average, which smoothes fluctuations, was unchanged at 355,750, also a four-year low. Applications have declined 14 percent since October. When applications drop consistently below 375,000, it usually signals that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate. The steady decline has coincided with the best three months of hiring in two years. From December through February, employers added an average of 245,000 jobs a month. The unemployment rate has fallen to 8.3 percent, the lowest in three years.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: NEW ANTI SMOKING ADDS**

**Time Aired: 8:32**

**Synopsis:** The government has revamped its strategy for getting people to kick the smoking habit, and the new campaign is about to hit TV and radio air waves and billboards, magazines and newspapers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will run ads containing graphic, eye-catching images of health problems that can come from cigarette smoking, such as heart surgery, a tracheotomy, lost limbs or paralysis. The \$54 million campaign is the largest and starkest anti-smoking push by the CDC. After aggressive anti-smoking campaigns in the past succeeded in substantially cutting back the percentage of people who smoke, the smoking rate has now stalled at about 20 percent. The CDC hopes the ads will get as many as 50,000 Americans to kick the habit.

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**03/16/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: WHITE RICE AND DIABETES**

**Time Aired: 8:32**

**Synopsis:**

A new study, published in the British Medical Journal, shows white rice increases the risk of type two diabetes if eaten regularly. The authors of the study, from Harvard School of Public Health, wanted to determine whether the risk was dependent on the amount of rice consumed and if the Asian population was more at risk, because it tends to eat more white rice. After looking at the results from four studies--from China, Japan, the U-S and Australia, the researchers found a significant trend: the more white rice eaten, the higher the risk of type two diabetes. The authors estimated the risk of type two diabetes increased 10-percent with each increased serving of white rice. And though the risk applies to both Asian and Western cultures, scientists thought the Asian countries were at a higher risk since more rice is eaten there. The study authors recommended bigger studies and eating whole grains, which include brown rice, instead of refined carbs like white rice, in order to help slow down the global diabetes epidemic.

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**03/19/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GAS PRICES**

**Time Aired: 4:32 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Gas prices are continuing their climb. The auto club AAA says the national average price for regular grade gasoline reached \$3.83 per gallon Friday, up 7 cents in the last week. Prices remain 31 cents higher than a month ago, 28 cents higher than a year ago and within 28 cents of the all-time record high of \$4.11 per gallon set in July 2008.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: STATES WITH MORE CORRUPTION**

**Time Aired: 6:22 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Eight state governments received a failing "F" grade when it comes to transparency, accountability and anti-corruption efforts, while not a single state earned an "A," according to a comprehensive new study released Monday. Michigan, North Dakota, South Carolina, Maine, Virginia, Wyoming, South Dakota and Georgia received failing grades in the State Integrity

Investigation, an analysis of all 50 state governments conducted by the Center for Public Integrity, Global Integrity and Public Radio International.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GENDER GAP PERSISTS IN COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Time Aired: 10:20 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Women still pay more than men for the same health insurance coverage, according to new research and data from online brokers. The new health care law will prohibit such "gender rating," starting in 2014. But gaps persist in most states, with no evidence that insurers have taken steps to reduce them.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: PEW HISPANIC STUDIES**

**Time Aired: 10:20 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The 10 states with the largest Hispanic populations are California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois, Arizona, New Jersey, Colorado, New Mexico and Georgia. The 10 states in which the Hispanic share of the population is highest are New Mexico, Texas, California, Arizona, Nevada, Florida, Colorado, New Jersey, New York and Illinois. Nearly half (47%) of all Hispanics live in California (14.1 million) or Texas (9.5 million), down from 50% in 2000. California has 5.4 million Hispanic immigrants, more than any other state. California is followed by Texas, with 2.9 million Hispanics immigrants, and Florida with 2.1 million Hispanic immigrants.

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**03/22/0212**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**Time Aired: 2:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

The number of people seeking unemployment aid in the U.S. fell to a four-year low last week, bolstering the view that the job market has strengthened. The Labor Department says weekly applications dropped 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 348,000, the lowest level since February 2008. The four-week average of applications, a less volatile measure, dipped to 355,000, near a four-year low. Applications have steadily declined since last fall. The drop has coincided with the best three months of hiring in two years. From December through February, employers added an average of 245,000 jobs per month. That's pushed down the unemployment rate to 8.3 percent, the lowest in three years. The report suggests that employers would likely add jobs at a healthy pace in March for the fourth straight month.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: LATIN VOTE**

**Time Aired: 4:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

Today, NCLR (National Council of La Raza) launched its **Mobilize to Vote (M2V)** campaign, one of the country's largest Hispanic-focused civic engagement efforts working to register and mobilize 180,000 Latinos to vote on Election Day this coming November. NCLR's Mobilize to Vote campaign includes plans for field canvassing operations in Florida, Nevada, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey; a service provider program working with NCLR Affiliates to

register eligible Latinos in additional states, including California, Texas, and North Carolina; and a digital program offering online registration and voter education tools to Latinos nationwide. Registration efforts will primarily focus on door-to-door canvassing and community-based events. Mobilize to Vote will engage the Hispanic community at all stages of the electoral process, from registration, to voter education and protection, to mobilization to the polls.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: DISSOLVABLE TOBACCO COULD REDUCE RISKS**

**Time Aired: 9:30 PM**

**Synopsis:**

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel says dissolvable tobacco products could reduce health risks compared with smoking cigarettes but also have the potential to increase the number of tobacco users. Dissolvable tobacco is finely milled tobacco pressed into shapes like tablets that slowly dissolve in a user's mouth. Despite its findings, the panel noted that there's a lack of research on the products. They make up a small share of the market. Tobacco companies are focusing on cigarette alternatives for future sales growth as demand for cigarettes declines. The FDA plans to review the findings to decide any future actions, but there's no timeline for it to act. The report posted online ahead of a Friday deadline was mandated by the law giving the FDA authority over the industry.

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**03/25/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS-TEXAS**

**Time Aired: 2:35**

**Synopsis:**

A Dallas suburb has spent five years and nearly \$5 million trying to ban illegal immigrants from renting apartments within city limits, but court challenges have kept the law from taking effect. Still, city officials say they're likely to press on. The fight has pushed Farmers Branch, a quiet collection of bedroom communities and office parks, into the national debate about illegal immigration. Local Latinos say it also has made U.S. citizens and legal immigrants feel unwelcome in the city, where the Latino population has fallen in recent years. City officials and law backers argue that illegal immigrants strain local schools and police resources. They also note that local voters supported an early version of the law five years ago by a 2-to-1 margin. "We're trying to solve a problem that people perceive to have," Mayor Jack Glancy told The Associated Press. "If the (federal) government would do what it's supposed to do, we wouldn't be in the middle of this thing."

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: GEORGIA IMMIGRATION LAW**

**Time Aired: 5:45**

**Synopsis:**

A bill making its way through the Georgia Legislature could prevent illegal immigrants from being able to get a marriage license or access to water and sewage service in the state. The bill sponsored by Sen. Barry Loudermilk, R-Cassville, has gotten a lot of attention because it would also bar illegal immigrants from the state's public colleges, universities and technical schools. But another provision that's generated very little discussion removes foreign passports from a list of identification documents that government agencies can accept for certain transactions. To

be acceptable, foreign passports would have to be accompanied by federal immigration documentation proving someone is in the country legally.

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**03/26/2012**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SUPREME COURT HEALTH REFORM**

**Time Aired: 2:32**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday appeared prepared to decide the fate of President Barack Obama's sweeping healthcare law rather than delaying for years a review of the mandate that Americans buy insurance or pay a penalty. During the first of three days of historic arguments, the justices voiced doubt that a U.S. tax law requiring that people pay first and litigate later should delay the legal challenge to the president's signature domestic legislative achievement.

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**03/27/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: HEALTHCARE REFORM**

**Time Aired: 2:24**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday appeared closely divided along ideological lines over whether Congress had the power to require most people in the United States to buy medical insurance, with conservative justices asking skeptical questions about President Barack Obama's healthcare law and liberals defending it. During a dramatic two hours of arguments, pivotal justices on the nine-member Supreme Court suggested they would uphold the so-called individual mandate regarding obtaining insurance only if they believed they were not giving Congress new power over people's lives.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: US DIABETES CURE**

**Time Aired: 4:36**

**Synopsis:**

New research in the US gives clear proof that weight-loss surgery can reverse and possibly cure diabetes, and doctors say it should be offered sooner to more people with the disease - not just as a last resort. The two studies, released on Monday, are the first to compare stomach-reducing operations to medicines alone for "diabesity" - Type 2 diabetes brought on by obesity. Millions of Americans have this and cannot make enough insulin or use what they do make to process sugar from food. Both studies found that surgery helped far more patients achieve normal blood-sugar levels than medicines alone did. The results were dramatic.

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**03/28/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: IMMIGRATION IN SOUTHERN STATES**

**Time Aired: 2:24**

**Synopsis:**

Last year, several states passed strict laws aimed at cracking down on illegal immigration. Those laws are now being challenged in federal court, and next month the Supreme Court is set to hear arguments on Arizona's immigration law - but that hasn't stopped some Southern states from moving forward with more restrictions. In 2011, Georgia passed a sweeping anti-immigration measure that requires law enforcement officers to check the status of people they suspect are in the country illegally and forces employers to verify the immigration status of workers. Now, lawmakers have been debating a bill to ban students here illegally from attending all public colleges - and that has drawn criticism.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: SUPREME COURT HEALTH REFORM**

**Time Aired: 3:34**

**Synopsis:**

The Obama administration's top courtroom lawyer made an impassioned plea on Wednesday for the Supreme Court to save President Barack Obama's healthcare law, capping three days of historic arguments that left it unclear how the nine justices would rule. Having peppered lawyers for and against the law with questions for more than six hours over the three days, the justices withdrew to their chambers to begin up to three months of deliberation expected to yield a decision by late June.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: MODERATE ALCOHOL**

**Time Aired: 6:24**

**Synopsis:**

Male heart attack survivors who drink alcohol in moderation, may be less likely to die from heart disease and other conditions than non-drinkers, according to research from Harvard. For 20 years, scientists monitored the health of more than 18-hundred first-time heart attack patients. They found that men who drank up to 2 alcoholic drinks a day had a 42% lower risk of death from heart disease and a 14% percent lower risk of death from all causes than men who did not drink. The drinking habits for most men in the study did not change after suffering a heart attack.

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**03/29/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: OBAMA WANTS TAX BREAKS FOR OIL COMPANIES STOPPED**

**Time Aired: 2:30**

**Synopsis:**

President Barack Obama is renewing his call for Congress to end tax breaks to oil companies. In a Rose Garden speech Thursday, Obama will urge Congress to vote to end what the White House calls "the billions in taxpayer dollars handed out to oil companies every year." The address comes before a Senate procedural vote on a bill to repeal oil tax subsidies. Obama is also expected to suggest how the money could be spent on clean energy.

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: UNEMPLOYMENT**

**Time Aired: 4:30**

**Synopsis:**

The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits dropped last week to the lowest level in four years, adding to evidence that the job market is strengthening. The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly unemployment benefit applications fell by 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 359,000. That's the smallest number of applicants since April 2008. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, declined to 365,000, the lowest since May 2008. The department also made its annual revisions to the past five years of unemployment benefit data. The revisions increased the number of unemployment benefit applicants in recent months. But the downward trend remains intact, though it is less dramatic. In the past six months, applications have fallen about 12 percent. Before the revisions, the decline was 16 percent.

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**03/31/12**

**Duration: 30**

**Topic: FDA - TOBACCO COMPANIES MUST LIST HARMFUL INGREDIENTS**

**Time Aired: 9:24**

**Synopsis:**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced Friday that it will require the tobacco industry to report on a range of toxic chemical ingredients, and to also back up any claims for "safer" tobacco products. Both actions are preliminary at this point, and subject to a period of public comment. While there are more than 7,000 chemicals in tobacco and tobacco smoke, the FDA has a working list of 93 chemicals that cause or may cause harm to smokers or non-smokers. These include formaldehyde, nicotine, arsenic, cadmium, ammonia and carbon monoxide. Tobacco companies will be required to list quantities of 20 different ingredients associated with cancer, lung disease and other health problems on consumer-friendly packaging by April 2013.

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**March, 11th 2012**

SHOW #1  
WASHINGTON DC -2012-  
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**Host:** Armando Gúzman 30min-6:00pm

**Guests:**

1. Congressmen Xavier Becerra and Mario Diaz- Balart.
2. Clarissa Martinez fro The national Council of la Raza
3. Mark Lopez from the PEW Center

**Topic :** The Importance of the Latino Vote

**Perspectiva Nacional**  
**March, 18th 2012**

SHOW #2  
WASHINGTON DC -2012-  
(WFDC)

**Host:** Armando Gúzman 30min-6:00pm

**Guests:**

1. Hilda Solis, from the U.S. Department of Labor.
2. Gerald Kicanas, from Catholic Relief Services Board

**Topic :** Unemployment rates and an analysis of the pope's visit to Mexico and Cuba

**Perspectiva Nacional**  
**March, 25th 2012**

SHOW #3  
WASHINGTON DC -2012-  
(WFDC)

**Host:** Armando Gúzman 30min-6:00pm

**Guests:**

1. Jorge Ramón Hernández Alcerro, Amabbasor of Honduras.
2. Silvestre Reyes, Congressman.

**Topic:** The Drug Cartels