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STUDENT LOANS DOUBLE

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College students taking out new loans for the fall term will see interest rates twice what they were in the spring -- unless Congress fulfills its pledge to restore lower rates when it returns after the July 4 holiday. Subsidized Stafford loans, which account for roughly a quarter of all direct federal borrowing, went from 3.4 percent interest to 6.8 percent interest on Monday. Congress' Joint Economic Committee estimated the cost passed to students would be about \$2,600. Efforts to keep interest rates from doubling on new Stafford loans fell apart last week amid partisan wrangling in the Senate. Democratic senators and the White House both predicted that a deal would be reached in Congress to bring the rates down again before students return to campus. But if an agreement remains elusive, students could find themselves saddled with higher interest rates this year than last. A \$1,000 subsidized Stafford loan is part of her financial aid package and she said she's reconsidering how she pays for school.

IMMIGRATION REFORM LATEST REID PLANS TO RALLY TO PRESSURE THE HOUSE

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, D.C

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The immigration debate is shifting to the Republican-led House, where lawmakers have shown little appetite for the comprehensive approach their Senate colleagues embraced last week. The Republican chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Sunday that any attempt at comprehensive immigration legislation cannot offer a, quote, "special pathway to citizenship" for those in the United States illegally. Democrats have called that component a deal-breaker. Rep. Bob Goodlatte, the Virginia Republican who leads the House Judiciary Committee, is suggesting a pathway to legal standing, similar to immigrants who have green cards. Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York calls that proposal unacceptable and says, quote, "no Democrat will vote for any bill without a path to citizenship."

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OBAMA CARE DELAY UNTIL 2015

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Over the past several months, the Administration has been engaging in a dialogue with businesses - many of which already provide health coverage for their workers - about the new employer and insurer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We have heard concerns about the complexity of the requirements and the need for more time to implement them effectively. We recognize that the vast majority of businesses that will need to do this reporting already provide health insurance to their workers, and we want to make sure it is easy for others to do so. We have listened to your feedback. And we are taking action. The Administration is announcing that it will provide an additional year before the ACA mandatory employer and insurer reporting requirements begin. This is designed to meet two goals. First, it will allow us to consider ways to simplify the new reporting requirements consistent with the law. Second, it will provide time to adapt health coverage and reporting systems while employers are moving toward making health coverage affordable and accessible for their employees. Within the next week, we will publish formal guidance describing this transition.

WOMEN OVERDOSE IN PAINKILLERS

LOURDES DEL RIO/ MIAMI, FL

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The number of women overdosing on prescription painkillers such as Vicodin and OxyCotin has increased by more than 400 percent in the past decade, a new national survey on drug use and health from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found. About 18 women die every day from taking prescription painkillers, according to the survey. Since 2007, more women have died from overdosing on prescription painkillers than in motor vehicle accidents. And death rates from opioid abuse in women are more than four times higher than death by cocaine and heroin use combined. In 2010, nearly a million women visited emergency rooms for drug misuse or abuse, and 6,600 of them died. Prescription drug abuse by women doubled between 2004 and 2010. Since women are smaller than men, they feel the impact of prescription drugs on smaller doses, said Foster. They also become addicted to prescription drugs more quickly than men and are more likely to use prescription drugs in combination with other drugs, such as alcohol, according to the report.

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07/03/2013

**GAY MARRIAGE AND IMMIGRATION
LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA
2.00 PKG**

U.S. immigration officers will begin reviewing visa applications for same-sex spouses of American citizens, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said on Monday. Her statement was in response to last week's Supreme Court decision that found a key provision of the Defense of Marriage Act, which denied certain federal benefits to same-sex couples, unconstitutional. President Barack Obama has directed federal agencies to begin reviewing their practices to ensure the court's decision is swiftly implemented. Previously, even if a gay or lesbian couple wed in one of the 12 states that allow same-sex marriage, they were prevented from benefiting from a federal provision that allows a non-American spouse of a U.S. citizen from applying for a work visa. On its website, the Department of Homeland Security now tells same-sex couples they are permitted to file petitions for immigrant visas, and that those applications will no longer be automatically denied because the partners are of the same sex. Legislation has been introduced over the past decade that would recognize same-sex partners for immigration purposes, though none has been successful. Same-sex couples in which one partner is a non-U.S. citizen have either moved to other countries or lived apart.

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07/04/13

**GAS PRICES
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CA
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If cheap gas is considered as patriotic as draping Old Glory in the back window of your pickup truck, the news from the government's oil price watchers couldn't come at a better time. The price of regular-grade gasoline has fallen below \$3.50 a gallon on average nationally just in time for the Fourth of July weekend in the weekly survey by the Energy Information Administration reports. And it wasn't just a tiny price drop. A gallon of regular fell eight cents during the week from \$3.577 to \$3.496. That's unusual, given not only that the four-day holiday weekend is coming up, but also because the nation is entering the heart of the summer vacation driving season. Among regions, the cheapest gas can still be found, as usual, on the refinery-rich Gulf Coast. There, it averaged \$3.312 a gallon, down from \$3.377 a gallon. And the priciest? In California, the country's driving Mecca, gas still tops an average of \$4 a gallon -- but just barely. It's \$4.002 in the survey. On the West Coast in general, including California, gas averages \$3.892.

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07/05/13

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

VO 25 SECS.

Hiring beat expectations in june, as employers added 195-thousand new jobs. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.6-percent. and revisions to the april and may tallies now show that hiring in those months was stronger than originally thought. The labor department's latest report showed big job gains in leisure and hospitality , professional and business services, and retail . but the government is still losing jobs. five thousand federal government jobs disappeared in june, due to forced budget cuts. overall, the public sector has been hit hard in the last twelve months, losing 65k jobs in that time. another concern -- the labor participation rate is still too low. Meaning how many people are counted in the labor force. We're not seeing any change there. many workers are still discouraged -- meaning they're out of work, and not bothering to look for work. still, investors responded well to the new jobs numbers, with one analyst calling it an "upside surprise" and others showing less worry about the federal reserve cutting back on its economic stimulus too soon. If economic data continues to improve, we might see more investors on board with the timing of the fed's plan to pull back. im alison kosik in new york.

**SOUTH FLORIDA CITIES WITH RED LIGHT CAMERZAS SCRAMBLE TO MEET DEADLINE
LOURDES DEL RIO / MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2.00**

Some South Florida cities' red-light camera programs came to a screeching halt Monday as municipalities scramble to comply with a new state law.The law, which came into effect Monday, says drivers nabbed by a red-light camera have the right to contest their citations before a special local hearing board.Some cities don't have one, and will stop issuing tickets until they do. In Miami, city commissioners quickly assembled to vote on an emergency ordinance to create a special hearing system, but the measure did not get the four-fifths majority it would have needed to pass, said Commission Chairman Marc Sarnoff.Without a hearing board, Miami can't issue red-light camera tickets without violating state law, he said.Some commissioners would rather scrap the camera program entirely than set up the new hearing system. They'll vote again on July 11.Eliminating the red-light camera program would mean breaching the city's contract with camera company American Traffic Solutions, which Miami pays to operate and maintain the cameras, said Sarnoff.

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07/06/13

**BART SERVICES RESUMES
VO 25 SECS.**

The bart system is back online in san francisco, but nobody is sure for exactly how long. It may look like things are back to normal with bart trains up and running again, but it's clear from both bart management and their two primary unions that there's still a lot of work to do to truly solve the transit district's labor issues. The fact that bart and its unions agreed to a 30-day contract extension is in many ways a large indicator of just how far apart they are. At last word, bart's unions still want pay increases of at least 4 1/2 percent per year...for the next 3 years...and bart was still offering 2 percent annually...for 4 years. in the meantime, bart workers are back on the job after a four-and-a-half day strike that left tens of thousands of bay area commuters scrambling for alternatives. even so, it was nothing like this :the longest bart strike in the system's history -- the summer of 1979, when bart's unions stayed out for three months.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM
JAIME GARCIA/ LOS ANGELES, CA**

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Is immigration reform doomed in the House? Reform advocates and Democrats on the Hill are not ready to give up just yet, and they are quietly circulating a new memo that details a list of House Republicans they believe may - *may* - be gettable in support of reform. The idea here is that if Speaker John Boehner does, in the end, allow a vote on the Senate bill, or something else that does contain a path to citizenship, you would need only a few dozen House Republicans to support it for it to pass, since most House Dems would vote for it. Boehner has publicly ruled that out, but there are some grounds for doubting whether a decision has actually been made. From the memo: If there is a vote on comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship in the House, it will pass with a bipartisan majority. If all but a handful of the House Democrats vote yes, and at least 20 Republicans from the list below come along, reform can easily clear the 218 necessary to pass the lower chamber. Looking at the list of 99 House Republicans below, it's clear that capturing those 20 or so Republican votes is well within reach. Our target list includes several different groups of Republicans,

TPS FOR SALVADORIANS IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE

ALEX ROLAND/ NEW YORK

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Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, a move that will allow more than 208,000 Salvadorans to live and work in this country for another 18 months, the Department of Homeland Security announced. In this way, if Salvadoran citizens complete the enrollment procedures properly, they will be able to remain in the United States until March 9, 2015, rather than have their TPS expire next Sept. 9. The United States grants TPS to immigrants from countries experiencing severe consequences from armed conflicts and/or natural disasters and over the past decade it has been applied to several Central American nations affected by hurricanes and earthquakes, such as the one that struck El Salvador in 2001. The Salvadoran Embassy in Washington hailed the measure in a communique and calculated that it will benefit 208,490 of its citizens who are currently on the TPS rolls, some 3,500 fewer than benefitted from the previous extension. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano authorized the measure in response to the request by the Salvadoran government formally made in April at a meeting between Salvadoran Foreign Minister Hugo Martinez and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. Salvadorans now have 60 days to sign up for TPS - that is, **until July 29** - and they may do so at their country's embassy in Washington or at any of the 16 consulates in 11 U.S. states.

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IN THE HANDS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY LATEST IN THE IMMIGRATION REFORM

JAIME GARCIA/LOS ANGELES, CA

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Landmark immigration legislation passed by the Senate would remake America's workforce from the highest rungs to the lowest and bring many more immigrants into the economy, from elite technology companies to restaurant kitchens and rural fields. In place of the unauthorized workers now commonly found laboring in lower-skilled jobs in the agriculture or service industries, many of these workers would be legal, some of them permanent-resident green card holders or even citizens. That's the portrait that emerges from recent analyses of the far-reaching bill passed last month by the Senate with the backing of the White House. Although the bill aims to secure the borders, track people overstaying their visas and deny employers the ability to hire workers here illegally, it by no means seeks to choke off immigration. Indeed, the U.S. population over the next two decades would be likely to increase by 15 million people above the probable level if no changes were made to immigration laws, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Even after decades of growth in the U.S. foreign-born population, the added increase could be felt in ways large and small around the country, from big cities that would absorb even more diversity to small towns that may still be adjusting to current immigrant arrivals. The level of immigration under the legislation has been a political issue in the debate and will probably continue to be disputed in the weeks ahead as the House's GOP majority wrestles with how to respond to the Senate bill. The House timetable is unclear, with majority Republicans scheduled to hold a closed-door meeting on Wednesday to plan their next steps. Senate Majority leader Harry Reid urged Speaker John Boehner on Monday to allow a vote on the Senate-passed measure, but that is unlikely, at least in the short run.

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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY LATEST IN THE IMMIGRATION REFORM

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, D.C

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President Barack Obama jumped into the immigration debate on Wednesday by releasing a report touting economic benefits from reforms and meeting with Hispanic lawmakers, as Republican lawmakers gathered to try to craft their response. The release of the White House report signaled a new engagement by Obama, who has made immigration a top legislative priority but stayed on the sidelines of the debate that raged in the Senate in May and June. The report said passing reforms would expand the economy 3.3 percent by 2023 and reduce the federal deficit by almost \$850 billion over 20 years. Obama also met with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus as he launches an offensive to pressure hesitant Republicans in the House of Representatives to act on comprehensive immigration legislation this year. "He said he was open to do anything we thought in Congress would be helpful," Democratic Representative Xavier Becerra said following the White House meeting. Meanwhile, House Speaker John Boehner invited all 233 of his fellow House Republicans to a two-hour meeting to discuss the bipartisan Senate bill to give legal status to around 11 million undocumented residents and eventually allow them to apply for U.S. citizenship.

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DREAMER'S PROYECT: KIDS ACT

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At least one piece of legislation on undocumented immigrants is likely to find Republican support in the House, after the offices of Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) and Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) confirmed Thursday they are working together on a bill to help undocumented children. The bill, tentatively named the KIDS Act, would be a Republican alternative to the Dream Act that failed in the Senate in 2010, and would allow undocumented young people to become legal residents. Although offices for Cantor and Goodlatte would not get into details or the timetable, Cantor has said previously that undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children should be allowed to become citizens. The KIDS Act would be one of several bills that the House could consider on immigration reform as part of its piecemeal approach. So far, Republicans seem far more comfortable with legalizing so-called Dreamers than they do with a path to citizenship for their parents. GOP House members had said after a meeting on Wednesday that they would likely pursue a bill to address undocumented young people.

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WASHINGTON, DC VS. WALMART, MINIMUM WAGES

VO 25 SECS.

For decades, Walmart has been known in the retail industry for its hard-line negotiating tactics. As the world's largest retailer, it's massive enough that it can offer to pay a ridiculously low price, threaten to walk unless its price is met, and watch suppliers trip over themselves to shrink their margins. So it shouldn't be surprising that Walmart conducts its governmental relations the same way. Earlier, Walmart threatened to pull three planned stores from Washington, D.C., killing thousands of potential jobs in the district, unless Washington's city council abandoned a bill called the Large Retailer Accountability Act, which required companies that made more than \$1 billion in annual revenue and have at least 75,000 square feet (read: Walmart) to pay employees a raised minimum wage, \$12.50 an hour instead of the regular \$8.25. Yesterday, D.C.'s city council passed the bill anyway. Lydia DiPillis at Wonkblog thinks there will be "negative consequences" from the D.C. city council's decision to go ahead with the bill, whether it's in the form of lower property taxes, missing multiplier effects, and abandoned sites where the Walmarts would

have stood. She points out that D.C. residents may go to Walmarts in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs now, instead of in D.C. proper, and that the stores that have been scuttled were likely to have the lowest profit margins for Walmart anyway.

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**SAME SEX CHICAGO
VO 25 SECS.**

Hundreds of same sex marriage supporters marched through the streets of Chicago, Illinois Saturday (7/13) demanding marriage equality for all. They carried signs and waved their rainbow flags hoping to get their message across. Activists are asking for the passage of the Marriage Equality Legislation that is pending before the State House of Representatives. Following the rally supporters marched to Washington Square Park, the site of the beginning of the first pride parade in Chicago.

**CDC REPORTS LOW MURDER RATES
VO 25 SECS.**

The centers for disease control and prevention says murder rates for children, teens and young adults hit a 30-year-low in 2010. The c-d-c says homicide rates for 10 to 24-year-olds have been falling since 2000. CDC's injury prevention center says homicide still consistently ranks in the top three causes of death for young people. In 2010, 4,828 children and young adults aged 10 to 24 were murdered in the united states. The cdc says most of the killings involved firearms.

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**OPERATION IGUARDIAN
JAIME GARCIA/LOS ANGELES,CA
PKG 2:07**

Two hundred and fifty-five suspected child predators were arrested and 61 victims of child sexual exploitation were identified during a five-week operation announced Monday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and its Internet Crimes Against Children task forces across the United States and its territories. Operation iGuardian," which ran May 28 to June 30, was described by ICE as a "surge operation" aimed at identifying and rescuing victims of online sexual exploitation, and arresting their abusers as well as others who own, trade and produce images of child pornography. According to investigators, a disturbing trend is emerging in which child predators are increasingly using the Internet to entice children to produce and share sexually explicit material online. During Operation iGuardian, ICE agents said they encountered various child predators chatting online with minors about sexual topics, sending them obscene images, encouraging them to produce nude or sexual photos and videos, and attempting to meet them in person to engage in sexual activity. In some cases, they said, child predators are also sexually extorting, or "sextorting," the minors into producing additional and increasingly graphic images and videos.

**"IN THE WEB OF THE PIRATE"
MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS
PKG 3:11**

The Internet has been like a mix of the high seas and the Wild West - a mostly lawless arena with authorities struggling to contain the, let's call them, "creative" element. Between SOPA, PIPA, and the rash of file-sharing websites going dark lately, it looks like this freewheeling era could be slowing down,

though probably not coming to an end. As such, we thought we'd look back on some of the most notorious, weirdest, over-the-top characters who set foot in the pirates-and-cowboys-movie that is the Web.

PLAN B IF THE IMMIGRATION REFORM DOES NOT PASS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

PKG 2:12

Although a Senate immigration reform Bill recently passed with flying colors, Texas Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Dist. 21) said the bill will not get House approval. "The Speaker of the House has said we are not going to take the Senate bill up, but there are two reasons that we are not going to take that bill up. One is that it's unworkable, the other is that it's unconstitutional. We are prohibited by the constitution from taking it up. It has revenue generators in the Senate bill, it has additional taxes and any bill with taxes or revenue generators has to originate in the House, not in the Senate," said Smith. Instead, Smith said the House plans to take up several individual bills come September. Those bills include a guest worker program, a bill allowing immigrants who get degrees in science engineering and math in America to stay in the country to work, and a bill requiring employers to make sure employees are legally eligible to work in this country.

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