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07/01/2013

IMMIGRATION BILL FACES UNCERTAIN FUTURE IN HOUSE

VO: 32

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.

SAN FRANCISCO BART STRIKE

VO: 31

Some 2,400 transit workers in the San Francisco Bay area have gone on strike after weekend talks with management failed to produce a new contract. The walkout of train operators, maintenance workers and other staff could derail more than 400,000 riders who use the nation's fifth-largest rail system. The workers have been asking for a 5 percent annual raise over the next three years.

WEST HEAT WAVE

VO: 29

Temperatures in Death Valley -- the legendary hottest place on Earth -- at least tied a record Sunday as a heat wave brought triple-digit highs across the West. The National Weather Service's thermometer recorded a peak temperature of 128 degrees in Death Valley National Park, which ties the record for the hottest June day anywhere in the country. However, the Los Angeles Times reports that the National Park Service thermometer -- 200 yards away -- recorded a temperature of 129.9, which shatters the record for June. Triple-digit heat struck again elsewhere in Southern California, while metropolitan Phoenix saw just a slight drop in temperatures after experiencing record-breaking heat Saturday.

STUDENT LOAN RATES INCREASE TODAY

VO: 28

As the clock struck midnight Monday and June turned into July, interest rates on federally subsidized Stafford student loans officially jumped from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent, at least temporarily. The increase is a product of Congress failing to reach a compromise last week to avert the rate hike, which Congress' Joint Economic Committee has estimated will cost the average college student an additional \$2,600. Democrats have sought to keep interest on Stafford loans low, saying poor and middle class students need the help to get a college education. Republicans have proposed linking student loans to the financial markets instead of letting Congress set federal lending rates. President Obama included a variation of that market-based approach

in the budget he sent to Congress earlier this year, leaving his fellow Democrats trying to block his efforts.

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07/02/2013

GAS PRICES DROP BELOW \$3.50 A GALLON

VO: 25

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.

CALIFORNIA YOGA IN SCHOOL LAWSUIT VERDICT

VO: 27

Yoga classes can go ahead in the Encinitas Union School District in California. Some parents had filed suit, arguing that the yoga classes were inherently religious and violate the constitutional principle of separating church and state. The judge ruled that although yoga is a religious practice, that's not the way it's taught in the school district. The lessons are funded by a three-year grant.

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07/03/2013

SECURITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY

VO: 29

Cities across the country are ramping up security to unprecedented levels around Fourth of July celebrations this week, as law enforcement officials prepare for some of the largest public gatherings since the Boston Marathon bombings in April.

"The increase [in security] is, of course, related to the Marathon bombing and other global events," David Procopio, a spokesman for the Massachusetts State Police, told Reuters. In Boston, security officials say state police will deploy additional uniformed and undercover troopers along the Charles River Esplanade, where thousands are expected to gather to watch the annual Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular.

"OBAMACARE" DELAY

VO: 28

President Barack Obama's health care law, hailed as his most significant legislative achievement, seems to be losing much of its sweep. On Tuesday, the administration unexpectedly announced a one-year delay, until after the 2014 elections, in a central requirement of the law that medium and large companies provide coverage for their workers or face fines. Separately, opposition in the states from Republican governors and legislators has steadily undermined a Medicaid expansion that had been expected to provide coverage to some 15 million low-income people. Tuesday's move -- which caught administration allies and adversaries by surprise -- sacrificed timely implementation of Obama's signature legislation but might help Democrats politically by blunting an election-year line of attack Republicans were planning to use. The employer requirements are among the most complex parts of the health care law, designed to expand coverage for uninsured Americans.

LADY LIBERTY SET TO GREET GUESTS AGAIN

VO: 26

Lady Liberty will soon receive guests again. New York City's iconic Statue of Liberty, which closed after the 12-acre island she sits on was walloped by Superstorm Sandy, is set to reopen on the Fourth of July. The first ferries to Liberty Island are slated to arrive around 8:45 a.m. Patrons, who can buy tickets online, through a call center or in-person at the ferry station, can roam the grounds and check out the massive monument up close. Those who secure reserved pedestal and crown tickets will be able to enter the 305-foot-tall structure. Sandy socked the New York City area on Oct. 29, one day after the 126th anniversary of the statue's dedication. The surge from the storm covered about 75% of Liberty Island and all of Ellis Island. The statue, which had been closed for about a year for renovations, had just reopened on Oct. 28.

ABORTION RESTRICTIONS-TEXAS

VO: 29

Texas Republicans voted early Wednesday to move forward with new abortion restrictions, after limiting testimony at a public hearing, refusing to consider Democratic amendments and imposing strict security precautions to prevent disruptions from protesting abortion-rights supporters. On a party-line vote, the Republican majority sent the bill to the full Texas House for a vote next week. Gov. Rick Perry is pushing his allies in the Legislature to move quickly after he called lawmakers back for a second special session to pass the bill, which would limit when, where and how women may obtain an abortion in the state.

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07/04/2013

STATE DEPT SPENT \$600K TO ATTRACT FACEBOOK FANS

VO :28 SEC

The State Department has dramatically cut its funding for social media after an inspector general's report found the department spent excessive amounts on advertising for some of its Facebook pages. "We take the valuable feedback of the (Office of Inspector General) seriously, and we're committed to addressing the recommendations and the concern outlined in this assessment," State Department Spokesperson Jen Psaki said Wednesday in the daily press briefing. Released in May, the IG report found that the Bureau of International Information Programs spent \$630,000 on two advertising campaigns to expand the numbers of fans for four of its Facebook pages-as well as the translated versions of those pages. According to its website, the bureau serves as the department's hub for engaging conversations with foreign audiences, both in person and online. The IG notes the advertising campaigns were successful in increasing the English Facebook pages from 100,000 fans to more than two million for each page. The foreign language pages also saw an uptick to 450,000 fans from 68,000 over the course of two years. Psaki said the bureau has sharply reduced its budget for online advertising to \$2,500, down from roughly \$26,000 per month in 2011 and 2012.

US AIRPORT ANIMALS

VO: 34 SEC

From horses in Houston to goats in San Francisco, airports are turning to animals to help with maintenance, security and even to comfort passengers. Airports nationwide are finding animals offer economic and environmental benefits for a variety of tasks. In Houston, ranchers on horseback ride along the outskirts of Bush Intercontinental Airport to help pinpoint breaks in the fence or notify security of suspicious people and abandoned cars. In San Francisco, the airport has brought hundreds of goats to munch on overgrown grass to help maintain the area and prevent an added fire hazard in the dry season. And in Seattle, beekeepers are using what they call an ideal habitat to raise honeybees. The airport in Los Angeles even recently brought in dogs to help comfort stressed out passengers.

FISH OIL MIGHT HELP FIGHT BREAST CANCER

VO : 46 SEC

It's a supplement that millions of Americans take each day, hoping to reduce their risk of heart disease. But a new review of research suggests that fish oil might protect against another killer: breast cancer. Chinese researchers looked at 21 studies and found that a higher intake of fish oil, but not necessarily fish itself, appears to be linked to a lower risk of breast cancer later in life. Specifically, they found that a high intake of fatty acids found in fish oil was associated with a 14 percent reduced risk of breast cancer in postmenopausal women. If it's real, the link could have big implications for women and their health. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in U.S. women other than non-melanoma skin cancers, and the second deadliest cancer in women, following only lung cancer, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But while it is known that a healthy diet and lifestyle decrease the risk of breast cancer, past studies have reached different conclusions when it comes to the consumption of fish oil and breast cancer risk. One thing we do know is that including oily fish in your diet is good for you, a reason that it is recommended by many nutritionists. The benefits of fish oil supplements are less clear, although this has not stopped fish oil from becoming big business. Americans spent \$739 million on fish oil supplements in 2008, according to the trade publication Nutrition Business Journal. Proponents have primarily touted them as heart-healthy, and past research has also pointed to the effects of fish and fish oil on breast cancer risk.

OVERDOSE CAN COME QUICKLY BY "SMOKING" ALCOHOL

VO : 24 SEC

The images are all over YouTube, young people inhaling the fumes from liquor. The methods they use are crude. They vaporize the alcohol with air pumps or pour the booze over dry ice then huff it. Therein lies the problem, medical professionals say. Smoking liquor sends the alcohol straight to the lungs and brain, bypassing the body's normal methods of processing it. It comes with the risk of alcohol overdose or even poisoning and an unknown potential for brain damage. Huffing from the same bottle of gaseous alcohol also can expose an entire group of friends to bacterial or viral meningitis, which is more common in young adults and teenagers than other adults, Hawkins said. Allen said he began smoking alcohol to avoid calories. "Once you lose the weight, you want to keep it off," he said. "So I figured I could have my cake and eat it, too." However, medical professionals say that doesn't work. You still get calories although slightly fewer, and the caloric savings for hard liquor are minimal, according to Slate magazine

RESEARCHS STUDY "SPIT" TO DETERMINE YOUR PERSONALITY

VO :23 SEC

You've heard of a split personality, well, there's a researcher in New Orleans doing lab work on "spit personality." Inside a laboratory at the University of New Orleans, a psychologist is studying people's saliva. Experts said they can find out a whole lot about a person with just a little tube of spit. The spit specialist said saliva can reveal everything from stress levels to how you bond with others. "So you can jump out of an airplane, land, take your gear off and then I collect your saliva and it tells me what you were doing when you weren't jumping out of the airplane," Dr. Birdie Shirtcliff said. Shirtcliff said the saliva tests can also predict specifics, such as whether you'll get acne and whether or not you're a good cuddler.

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07/05/2013

CALIFORNIA BART TO RESUME SERVICE

VO :26 SEC

Commuter rail service will resume Friday following a strike, after the San Francisco Bay Area transit agency and its two largest unions agreed to extend a labor contract for a month while they continue bargaining. A statement released late Thursday by Bay Area Rapid Transit said trains will begin running by 3 p.m. Friday. The agreement between the agency and its unions will be extended for 30 days. BART General Manager Grace Crunican said there is a wide gap of disagreements between the two sides. BART is the nation's fifth-largest rail system and serves more than 400,000 commuters each weekday. BART carries passengers from the farthest reaches of San Francisco's densely populated eastern suburbs to San Francisco International Airport across the bay. The strike began early Monday after negotiations broke off. Talks resumed Tuesday as political pressure and public pleas mounted to reach a settlement. BART has said workers from the two unions average about \$71,000 in base salary and \$11,000 in overtime annually. The workers also pay a flat \$92 monthly fee for health insurance. The unions - which represent nearly 2,400 train operators, station agents, mechanics, maintenance workers and professional staff - want a 5 percent raise each year over the next three years.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY LATEST RESEARCH

VO: 20 SEC

We've all heard the saying -- as the twig is bent, the tree inclines. according to new research -- That also applies to being overweight. let's hear how from abc's senior medical contributor -- Doctor Timothy Johnson. amid a rising tide of obesity in the U-S comes word that the roots of the problem may reach deep. In a report to the american diabetes association, researchers found that children who were overweight in kindergarten were more than five times as likely to be obese when they entered eighth grade as classmates of normal weight. the study looked at more than 77-hundred [7,738] children ages five to fourteen from 1998 to 2007. Babies born 8.8 pounds or heavier who were overweight in kindergarten had a 41.2% chance of being obese by eighth grade. but high birthweight babies who were normal weight in kindergarten had just an 8.1% chance to be obese by age fourteen. boys were more likley to be obese than girls. The authors conclude that we must deal with diet and weight at a very young age, even pre-k. with this medical minute, i'm doctor timothy johnson. These data and conclusions should be considered to be preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal. Kids who were overweight in kindergarten were more than five times as likely to be obese by the time they entered eighth grade as classmates of normal weight. Non-Hispanic blacks had the highest risk of becoming obese by eighth grade and non-Hispanic whites had the lowest risk. CHICAGO -- Kids who were overweight in kindergarten were more than five times as likely to be obese by the time they entered eighth grade as classmates of normal weight, according to a new analysis of data from a large nationally representative longitudinal study. The Early Child Longitudinal Study showed that 31.8% of kindergartners who were overweight were obese at age 14 versus 7.9% of kids who were normal weight in kindergarten, Solveig Cunningham, PhD, of Emory University reported at the American Diabetes Association

meeting here. "Overweight kindergarteners account for 45% of obesity incidence between kindergarten and eighth grade," she said.

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07/08/2013

TEMPORARY JOBS STUDY

VO: 22

Hiring is exploding in the one corner of the U.S. economy where few want to be hired: Temporary work. from Wal-Mart to General Motors to PepsiCo, companies are increasingly turning to temps and to a much larger universe of freelancers, contract workers and consultants. Combined, these workers number nearly 17 million people who have only tenuous ties to the companies that pay them -- about 12 percent of everyone with a job. Hiring is always healthy for an economy. Yet the rise in temp and contract work shows that many employers aren't willing to hire for the long run. The number of temps has jumped more than 50 percent since the recession ended four years ago to nearly 2.7 million -- the most on government records dating to 1990. In no other sector has hiring come close.

FITNESS HEAT

VO: 32

Can't take the heat? Fitness experts say one way for outdoor exercisers who dread the long, hot summer days of steamy runs and breathless aerobics during a heat wave is to embrace it. "It takes most healthy people 10 to 14 days to fully acclimate to exercising in the heat," said Dr. Cedric X. Bryant, chief science officer of the American Council on Exercise. "In order to achieve that you need to be exercising in heat." The heat-acclimated individual will sweat sooner and that sweat will be more dilute, Bryant said. There will be a lower risk for dehydration and a reduction in the heat gained through exercise that will help maintain a lower core temperature and heart rate response. He said as much as 25 percent of the healthy population is estimated to be heat intolerant in an unacclimated state. Once they get acclimated that drops to 2 percent. A 2011 report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control showed that about 6,000 people a year seek emergency treatment for heat illnesses suffered while playing sports or participating in other recreational activities outdoors.

AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC SURGERY

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 3:10

Plastic surgeries that require going under the knife have stalled -- but that hasn't stopped people from trying to improve their looks. it's a facelift -- just not quite in the literal sense. it's those less invasive makeovers that are getting more popular. things like botox, laser hair removal have jumped 20 percent in the last five years. also on the rise. botox injections. you have to get them every five months or so, but it only costs about \$370 a session -- compared to \$3,300 for a surgical forehead lift. teeth whitening. it can be three to seven hundred dollars if you get it done at the dentist. but you can also cut costs by using over the counter whiteners. finally -- laser hair removal. this is a big one. it averages about \$330 per session and can take up to five visits. but there are also home-kits that take longer -- but can save money. about 13 million americans tried one of these last year -- one million of them, men.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CUTS

VO: 21

Furloughs for Department of Defense civilians begin Monday, a move that amounts to a 20 percent cut in pay for hundreds of thousands of defense workers over the next three months and will disrupt operations at installations around the country, Pentagon officials warn. The furloughs, which were ordered by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to meet mandated budget cuts forced by the sequester, will affect more than 650,000 civilian defense workers. The Pentagon initially projected that 22 furlough days would be needed to meet its sequester targets, but Hagel announced in May that the number would be reduced to 11 days. Last week, a coalition of federal employee unions launched a campaign to stop the Pentagon from imposing the furloughs, which they say unfairly target defense workers. While many federal agencies have avoided furloughs, the Defense Department decided it could not meet the mandated cuts without them. The furloughs are projected to save the Defense Department \$1.8 billion, according to officials.

CHANCES OF SURVIVING A PLANE CRASH

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:37

As we see the charred wreckage of asiana flight 214.. it's hard to imagine how most of the passengers.. survived.

but.. as we told you last night..the survival rate in u-s plane crashes is actually pretty high.. 95 percent according to the n-t-s-b..and you can increase those odds if you have an exit strategy in those crucial moments. the pilots abandoned ship leaving crash test dummies - cameras and computers to record what happens nextit's a science experiment conducted by the discovery channel to measure the survivability of a plane crash. one conclusion bracing for impact - they show on the safety card - actually works

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07/09/2013

HEALTH OVERHAUL-SMOKERS

VO: 28

They have to huddle outside office buildings and they can't get their nicotine fix by lighting up on airplanes. But now smokers may catch a break from a glitch in President Barack Obama's health care law. The administration has quietly notified insurers that a computer system problem will limit penalties as high as 50 percent that the law says the companies may charge smokers. A fix will take at least a year to put in place. Experts say older smokers are more likely to benefit from the glitch. But depending on how insurers respond, it's also possible that younger smokers could wind up facing higher penalties than they otherwise would have.

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07/10/2013

IMMIGRATION HOUSE GOP MEET

VO: 28

The White House is trying to turn up the pressure on Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives to pass sweeping immigration reform in coming weeks, making the argument that modernizing the outdated system would boost the economy and cut the deficit. President Barack Obama's top advisers released a 32-page report on Wednesday pulling together well-known economic arguments - highlighted by quotes from some Republican stalwarts - that passing reforms will grow the economy by 3.3 percent by 2023 and reduce the deficit by almost \$850 billion over 20 years. The release of the White House report is part of a shift in strategy by Obama on immigration reform in which he plans to play a more visible role in the debate. Over the past several months, as the Senate considered legislation that would mark the most far-reaching overhaul of the immigration system in nearly three decades, Obama chose to take a behind-the-scenes role on the view that it would help Senate negotiators get bipartisan support for the bill.

IMMIGRATION BARACK OBAMA PUSH

VO/SOT 1:14

House Republicans confronting the politically volatile issue of immigration are wrestling with what to do about those already here illegally, with most Republicans reluctant to endorse citizenship for 11 million unauthorized immigrants but also shying away from suggestions of deportation. As the House GOP prepares to meet Wednesday to debate the way forward on immigration, many lawmakers seem to be gravitating toward offering legal status of some kind for millions here illegally. But exactly what and how are far from clear. For some, a guest worker status would be as far as it goes, while others are leaving open the possibility that once they're in the country legally, immigrants eventually could attain citizenship through existing channels of family or employer sponsorship. Still others are focused on citizenship for people brought to the country as youths, military veterans and perhaps others who've lived in the country for years and proven their contributions to society.

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07/11/2013

IMMIGRATION GOP REJECTS

VO/SOT: 30

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives emerged from an immigration meeting on Wednesday divided over whether to help the 11 million undocumented people living in the United States, but eager to bolster border security. Several lawmakers said there appeared to be no consensus over calls for granting legal status to the 11 million, many of whom have lived in the United States for years, after a 2 1/2-hour closed-door session. "We have a disagreement inside here," said Republican Representative Steve King, who guessed that his colleagues were split "50/50" on whether any of the undocumented residents should get legal status. There will likely have to be

an agreement between the Republican-led House and Democratic-led Senate, which last month approved a comprehensive immigration bill backed by the White House that includes a pathway to citizenship. Backers of the Senate bill insist some sort of path to citizenship must be part of any final bill that they help send to President Barack Obama to sign into law.

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07/12/2013

FORECLOSURES HIT LOWEST LEVEL SINCE DEC 2006

VO: 30

The long national foreclosure nightmare seems to be nearing its end. numbers from real estate website realty trac inc show foreclosure filings hitting their lowest level since before the housing bust. lenders initiated the foreclosure process on just over 57-thousand homes last month, the lowest level for any month in 7-and a half years. realty trac's v-p- says foreclosure filings have plunged so fast the housing market could be back to pre-mortgage meltdown levels before the end of the year.

ARSENIC-APPLE JUICE

VO: 30

Parents who have been fretting over the low levels of arsenic found in apple juice can feel better about buying one of their kids' favorite drinks. The Food and Drug Administration is setting a new limit on the level of arsenic allowed in apple juice, after more than a year of public pressure from consumer groups worried about the contaminant's effects on children. Nationwide, apple juice is second only to orange juice in popularity, according to industry groups. Studies have shown that the juice contains very low levels of arsenic, a cancer-causing agent found in everything from water to soil to pesticides. The FDA has monitored arsenic in apple juice for decades and has long said the levels are not dangerous to consumers, in particular small children who favor fruit juice. But now the agency is putting in place a strict standard on how much arsenic is acceptable in apple juice, limiting the amount to the same level currently permitted in drinking water.

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07/15/2013

IMMIGRATION REPUBLICANS DELAY

VO: 55

Congressional Republicans pressed ahead Sunday with their emerging stance on immigration reform, arguing President Obama delaying the implementation of his health care law raises major concerns about whether he'll enforce border security measures in immigration laws.

"We cannot fix with laws things the president refuses to do," Iowa Republican Rep. Steve King told "Fox News Sunday."

Though well known as one the House's most conservative members, King has emerged as perhaps the chamber's most vocal opponent of the Senate's immigration bill, which includes \$40 billion toward additional security along the U.S.-Mexico border and a path to citizenship for at least some of the roughly 11 million illegal immigrants now living in the United States.

SEVEN MINUTE WORKOUT GAINING POPULARITY

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:20

New 7 minute workout that has been sweeping the country. it's an exercise routine that takes only as long as it takes you to heat up a frozen dinner. is it a dream come true for fitness and weight loss? it's the latest fitness craze -- the "new york times" said, 7 times and you 're done! the 7 minute workout spawned a mini industry, dozens of smartphone apps, countless youtube training clips and now even a music video. some people swear by it, like supercharged executive heather holland. basic philosophy, increase the workout intensity, decrease the time.

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07/16/2013

WORKER PAY EXPECTED TO RISE 2.9% IN 2014

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Pay raises next year will only be slightly more generous than they have been over the past few years. that's the finding of a new survey by consulting firm mercer. employers anticipate increasing worker salaries by an average of two-point-nine percent in 20-14. that's just marginally better than the two-point-eight percent boost they gave this year, according to mercer. but it is a big improvement from 2009, when raises averaged two-point-one percent.

GAS PRICES ON THE RISE

VO: 25

So US gasoline prices are still influenced by world events. Even though oil imports are approaching 20-year lows, and the United States is enjoying a boom in new fuel sources, gasoline prices are soaring again because of political troubles halfway around the world. The civil unrest and military coup in Egypt - a relatively small exporter of crude oil - and the ongoing in-fighting in Syria have energy markets worried that the unrest could spread to other oil-producing countries in the region, disrupting supplies. In just the last week, gas prices in Massachusetts jumped 14 cents, to \$3.62 a gallon, according to AAA Southern New England. Crude oil prices are also rising quickly and now top \$100 a barrel. Analysts believe gas prices are going to climb another 5 cents or more a gallon. This comes as the much higher output from domestic sources, particularly underground shale fields in North Dakota, as well as crude oil from western Canada are adding billions of gallons of crude oil per year to US supplies. The growth has been enough to raise the prospect that North America would soon be cushioned from worldwide oil-price shocks.

IMMIGRATION POLL**VO: 29**

In the ongoing attempt to reform the nation's immigration system, more Americans find themselves agreeing with Democrats than Republicans, according to a poll released Monday. The Gallup survey indicated 48% of adults said the Democratic view on immigration - which wasn't specified during questioning - most closely aligned with their own. Thirty-six percent said the Republican stance came closer to their view. Another 17% said they didn't have an opinion or that neither side shared their opinions. The poll was conducted over a long period of time - from June 13 to July 5. That span included the day when the Senate approved bipartisan immigration reform legislation. In the battle to overhaul the country's immigration structure, unlikely alliances have formed in Congress, including the bipartisan Gang of 8 that developed the Senate's plan, which passed with votes from both parties last month.

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07/17/2013

BARACK OBAMA ON IMMIGRATION**VO: 27**

President Barack Obama on Tuesday conceded that an immigration overhaul cannot be achieved by his August deadline. With House Republicans searching for a way forward on the issue, the president said he was hopeful a bill could be finalized this fall -- though even that goal may be overly optimistic. The president, in a series of interviews with Spanish language television stations, also reiterated his insistence that any legislation include a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million people in the U.S. illegally. Many House GOP lawmakers oppose the citizenship proposal, hardening the differences between the parties on the president's top second-term legislative priority. "It does not make sense to me, if we're going to make this once-in-a-generation effort to finally fix this system, to leave the status of 11 million people or so unresolved," he said during an interview with Telemundo's Denver affiliate.

NEW YORK TO SHELL OUT \$18M TO HELP UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS GET JOBS**VO: 27**

Margarita Lopez says she hopes to take advantage of President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood initiative. The New York City Council's \$18 million fund for adult education and GED classes, which City Council Speaker Christine Quinn will announce Wednesday, should help. New York City plans to spend \$18 million over the next two years to help immigrants who came to the United States illegally as children land legal jobs and get driver's licenses. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn - flexing the power of her office in the midst of a tough election fight as she runs for mayor - will announce the effort Wednesday. It's geared toward helping more young New Yorkers qualify for President Barack Obama's year-old Deferred Action for Childhood initiative, which lets undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. before age 16 and were younger than 31 on June 15, 2012, get driver's licenses and Social Security cards.

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07/18/2013

ABORTION RESTRICTIONS TEXAS**VO: 26**

Texas Gov. Rick Perry is set to sign into law sweeping new abortion restrictions that sparked weeks of protests at

the state Capitol. Perry plans to sign the legislation at a ceremony Thursday morning. It will require abortion clinic doctors to have hospital admitting privileges, restrict abortions to surgical centers, dictate when abortion-inducing drugs can be taken and ban abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy. Only five of Texas' 42 abortion clinics currently meet the new requirements. Republicans failed to pass the bill last month on the last day of a special legislative session because of a Democratic state senator's lengthy filibuster and a raucous crowd. They passed it last week after Perry called another session for that reason.

OBAMA ON HEALTH CARE

VO: 26

Eager to counter Republicans intent on repealing his health care law, President Barack Obama will argue that it's working and hold up as proof half a billion dollars in rebates insurance companies are sending to some 8.5 million consumers as a result. At the White House on Thursday, Obama will argue that his Affordable Care Act is holding insurance companies accountable and putting money back into the pockets of consumers. The rebates average about \$100, spokesman Jay Carney said. Obama was arguing his case a day after the Republican-controlled House voted for the 38th time to eliminate, cut funding or scale back the 3-year-old law since the GOP took control of the House in January 2011. Carney also seized on reports that some states, including New York, California and Oregon, already are anticipating lower premiums because of health insurance marketplaces that are being set up under the law so consumers can comparison shop for the coverage they will be required to by next year.

STUDENTS LOANS SENATORS

VO: 27

Senators are ready to offer students a better deal on their college loans this fall, but future classes could see higher interest rates. The Senate could vote as early as Thursday on a bipartisan compromise that heads off a costly increase for returning students. The compromise could be a good deal for students through the 2015 academic year, but then interest rates are expected to climb above where they were when students left campus this spring. Under the deal, all undergraduates this fall would borrow at 3.85 percent interest rates. Graduate students would have access to loans at 5.4 percent and parents would be able to borrow at 6.4 percent. Those rates would climb as the economy improves and it becomes more expensive for the government to borrow money. The deal was described by Republican and Democratic aides who insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing negotiations by name.

ASPIRIN LINKED TO LOWER COLON CANCER RISK IN WOMEN

VO: 17

What if taking a simple little pill could lower your chance of getting cancer--well, for some women--it could be that simple. for women of a certain age--those 45 and older--taking a low-dose aspirin-. every other day--appears to reduce the risk of colorectal cancer--in otherwise healthy women. researchers from the women's health study randomly assigned nearly 39,000 women either 100 mg of aspirin--or a placebo--taken on alternate days. after 18 years, they found that the women who consistently took the aspirin had a twenty percent lower incidence of colorectal cancer versus those in the placebo group. and those women who chose to continue aspirin after the study ended--exhibited the greatest reduction in colorectal cancer risk.

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DETROIT BANKRUPTCY

VO: 28

Detroit's decades-long fall from industrial powerhouse to financial ruin was the result of a long, slow decline in population and auto manufacturing. Thursday's bankruptcy filing by the one-time irrepressible engine of the American economy had been feared for months, but much about the city's path forward remains uncertain. Bankruptcy could mean laying off employees, selling off assets, raising fees and scaling back basic services such as trash collection and snow plowing, which have already been slashed. Now city and state leaders must confront the challenge of rebuilding Detroit's broken budget in as little as a year.

IMMIGRATION POLL ABC-WASHINGTON POST

VO: 30

A big majority of Americans supports a Senate-approved surge of manpower and fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll. But some recoil at the high costs of implementing the plan, highlighting deep partisan disagreement about whether the effort is worth the cost. Some 55 percent of Americans also support a "pathway to citizenship" for undocumented immigrants, a result nearly identical to those

in three recent Post-ABC polls that asked the same question about "illegal immigrants." The bipartisan Senate immigration measure approved last month would establish a 13-year process for millions of undocumented immigrants to eventually seek permanent legal status or U.S. citizenship.

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GASOLINE PRICES JUMP 12 CENTS

VO: 22

American motorists are bracing for further increases in gas pump prices this summer after average national prices rose 12 cents in the past week alone. AAA says drivers are experiencing "sticker shock" as increased summer demand, unrest in Egypt and production disruptions in the U.S. and other countries push up the price of crude oil and gasoline. The national average price for regular unleaded gasoline was \$3.67 a gallon on Friday. AAA says that's 23 cents more expensive than the same time last year but still below the all-time daily high of \$4.11 a gallon on July 17, 2008. The association says retail gas prices are likely to rise more in the coming weeks. Unscheduled refinery shutdowns or hurricanes on the U.S. Gulf Coast could also add to price increases.

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STUDENT LOANS DEAL

VO: 23

A bipartisan Senate compromise on student loans is heading to House, where lawmakers there already have voted to link interest rates with the financial markets. If lawmakers can iron out the relatively small differences between the House student loan bill and the version the Senate passed Wednesday, students and their parents will find interest rates lower than the ones they faced last year. President Barack Obama encouraged the House to vote quickly on the legislation so returning students can enjoy lower rates across the board.

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STOMACH VIRUS

VO :22

Cyclospora, the one-celled parasite that causes diarrhea, stomach cramps and other symptoms normally associated with a viral stomach bug, is common in tropical regions like Latin America, but isn't typically seen in the United States, according to the CDC. Most of the people affected were in Iowa, Nebraska and Texas. New Jersey, Minnesota and Ohio are the latest states to report cyclospora cases. Because the illness doesn't spread from person to person, it's possible it came from contaminated food or water, said Dr. Nicole Bouvier, an infectious diseases professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City. It's curable. Cyclospora can seem like a stomach bug, but instead of going away within a few days, it hangs around. If you think you have it, Besser suggested alerting your doctor because he or she can do specific tests and prescribe an antibiotic that will rid your body of the microscopic pest.

SCIENTISTS CAN IMPLANT FALSE MEMORIES INTO MICE

VO :27

A team was able to make the mice wrongly associate a benign environment with a previous unpleasant experience from different surroundings. The researchers conditioned a network of neurons to respond to light, making the mice recall the unpleasant environment. they say it could one day shed light into how false memories occur in humans. The brains of genetically engineered mice were implanted with optic fibres in order to deliver pulses of light to their brain. Known as optogenetics, this technique is able to make individual neurons respond to light.

BABY EINSTEIN MUSICAL MOTION ACTIVITY JUMPER RECALLED

VO :30

Hundreds of thousands of these baby einstein jumpers are being recalled. The consumer product safety commission says it has received reports of 61 injuries involving baby einstein musical motion activity jumpers made before november 2011. The agency says people suffered bruises and lacerations when the yellow sun attached to the jumper snapped backwards. Kids two, the manufacturer of the jumper, also joined the recall, which affects approximately 400-thousand jumpers. Kids two advises parents to stop using the product immediately and contact the company for a free toy replacement.

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STUDENT LOANS INTEREST LATEST

VO: 28

The House is set to go along with a bipartisan Senate compromise that would link college students' interest rates to the financial markets and offer borrowers lower rates this fall. The Senate bill hews closely to one the House already has passed, and leaders from both parties and in both chambers expect those differences won't stand in the way of quick resolution, perhaps as early as Wednesday. House approval would send the measure to President Barack Obama, who has said he would sign it into law "right away." But critics note that if the economy improves, as expected, rates could climb higher.

STUDY-TOP 10 STATES TO BE UNEMPLOYED

VO: 22

Unemployment rates have fallen nationwide, but there are still nearly 12-million active job seekers who cannot find work. based on unemployment insurance benefits data and employment statistics, 24/7 wall st. has identified the states where residents had the best chances of finding work and also received the best benefits while they were looking. to determine the best states to be unemployed...24/7 wall st. reviewed figures published by the department of labor's office of unemployment insurance and bureau of labor statistics. here are the top 10: 1. montana 2. hawaii 3. north dakota 4. iowa 5. minnesota 6. idaho 7. vermont 8. washington 9. utah 10. kansas

MARFAN SYNDROME

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Marfan's syndrome is an inherited anomaly of the connective tissue in the body. In the severe form, Marfan's produces long, thin arms and legs, dislocation of the lenses of the eyes, which may greatly interfere with vision, and enlargements, called aneurysms, of the aorta, the main artery conducting blood from the heart to the body. Other skeletal changes, such as chest deformities and curvature of the spine, are common. The condition is caused by a mutation in a single gene, one that codes for fibrillin, a protein fiber in connective tissue. Marfan's occurs in about one in 10,000 persons, and is found equally in most racial and ethnic groups. It is inherited as a dominant trait, meaning that someone with the condition will pass it on to about half of his or her children. The molecular defect does not appear to interfere with fertility, so the disease is readily passed down in families. In about 25 percent of cases there is no family history, and, presumably, the mutation in the fibrillin gene occurred in that person.

AMAZON OPEN JOBS

VO: 24

Amazon.com Inc. is looking to fill 7,000 jobs in 13 states. The company says it will add 5,000 full-time jobs at its U.S. distribution centers, which currently employ about 20,000 workers who pack and ship customer orders. The world's largest online retailer has been spending heavily on order fulfillment, a strategy meant to help the business grow, but one that has also weighed on profits. Amazon said last week it lost money in the second quarter even as revenue increased. Warehouse jobs are available in Arizona, Delaware, California, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The company is also adding 2,000 customer

service jobs, including full-time, part-time and seasonal, in Kentucky, North Dakota, Washington and West Virginia. Work-from-home positions are available in Oregon, Washington and Arizona.

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INTESTINAL PARASITE IN SEVERAL STATES

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It's a small parasite with a big name cyclospora and it's causing a rash of intestinal infections. just last week health officials reported 48 new cases in texas. that number has now grown to 353 cases in 14 other states. this is cyclospora...a microscopic organism made of just one cell... this cell can cause cyclosporiasis (pronounced: sike-low-spo-re-ye-uh-sis)--an infection of the small intestine. health officials aren't sure how people are ingesting the parasite, but in the past it has been linked to eating contaminated produce. people in states across the country it's caused a host of uncomfortable symptoms like watery diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite and fatigue. these symptoms can last a few days or a month or longer. despite the severe symptoms, cnn senior medical correspondent elizabeth cohen says the infection is not fatal.

LUNG CANCER-SCREENING

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The government says more cancer deaths could be prevented if certain current and former heavy smokers get annual CT scans, a type of X-ray. It's the first time the government has gotten behind lung cancer screening for heavy smokers. Monday's advice by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force is a draft recommendation. If it becomes final as expected, it would clear the way for insurers to cover the scans. The panel recommends them for people ages 55 through 79 who smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for 30 years or the equivalent, such as two packs a day for 15 years. Whether screening would help younger or lighter smokers is not known, so scans aren't advised for them. Scans also aren't advised for people who quit at least 15 years ago or people too sick or frail to undergo cancer treatment.

STRESS TIPS

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG: 1:30

Who doesn't wish for just a little more give in their daily schedule. apparently -- almost noone. a survey by working woman magazine shows 97-percent of women are stressed by their schedule. 52-percent -- extremely stressed out. but there are some simple solutions to that stress. natasha eldridge's day starts at 4:45 am first there's the laundry, feeding the dog, making breakfast for her two girls, getting them ready for school, prepping dinner, getting herself ready, driving girls to school, driving to work, spending an intense day running her educational services firm, picking up the girls from school, cooking dinner, taking the girls to ballet, helping them their home work, folding clothes, getting them ready for bed, catching up on office work. finally getting to bed after midnight. barely four hours sleep.

KIDS WHO WERE BREASTFED LONGER HAVE HIGHER IQS

VO:46

Young children who were breastfed as infants scored higher on intelligence tests than formula-fed kids, and the longer and more exclusively they were breastfed, the greater the difference, say Harvard University researchers in a study published today in. This study adds "to the body of literature of the association between duration of breastfeeding and cognition," says NBC News diet and health editor Madelyn Fernstrom, Ph. D., CNS. But does breastfeeding make your child smarter? Fernstrom says this study shows an association, not cause and effect. The researchers analyzed 1,312 expectant mothers enrolled between 1999 and 2002 in Project Viva, a study in eastern Massachusetts examining pregnancy and child health, and the children they delivered. The researchers found that 7-year-olds whose moms had done any breastfeeding during the child's first year - exclusively or in combination with formula - gained a little more than a third of a point in verbal IQ for each month of breastfeeding compared to children who were never breastfed. That means if the mom did any mix of breastfeeding for the entire 12 months, the gain would be 4.2 verbal IQ points.

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TSA EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT UP 26% IN 3 YEARS

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN

PKG 1:41

Misconduct allegations increased 26 percent against U.S. airport security employees in the past three years, half of them over attendance and security issues, a government report said, but a workers' union said its members had a strong record. The report said that the U.S. Transportation Security Agency (TSA), created after the Sept. 11, 2001 hijacked plane attacks, lacks comprehensive systems to ensure employees follow its rules. The report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office said 3,408 misconduct allegations were filed against TSA workers last year, up from 2,691 in 2010. TSA said in a statement that the agency followed the highest ethical standards and had zero tolerance for misconduct in the workplace. A review was carried out as a series of news reports in recent years highlighted allegations of misconduct by TSA employees across the United States.

STOMACH BUG-OUTBREAK

MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN

PKG 1:18 + VO :26

Iowa and Nebraska health officials said Tuesday that a prepackaged salad mix is the source of a cyclospora outbreak that sickened more than 178 people in both states. Cyclospora is a rare parasite that causes a lengthy gastrointestinal illness. Outbreaks of the same illness have been reported elsewhere in the U.S., but it's not clear that illnesses in any other states are linked to prepackaged salad mix. Also, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it's not clear whether all of the illnesses are linked to a single source. Nebraska officials said the salad mix included iceberg and romaine lettuce, along with red cabbage and carrots, and came through national distribution chains. A spokeswoman for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services said the agency was still trying to identify the specific brand or brands. Local health departments are working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to identify exactly where the contamination originated in the food production chain and where the product was distributed.

FOR SURGERY, BIG AND FAMOUS HOSPITALS AREN'T ALWAYS THE BEST

VO :27

Patients going to a hospital for surgery care about many things, from how kind the nurses are to how good the food is, but Consumers Union (CU) figures what they care about most is whether they stay in the hospital longer than they should and whether they come out alive. In the first effort of its kind, the nonprofit publisher of Consumer Reports magazine released ratings of 2,463 U.S. hospitals in all 50 states on Wednesday, based on the quality of surgical care. The group used two measures: the percentage of Medicare patients who died in the hospital during or after their surgery, and the percentage who stayed in the hospital longer than expected based on standards of care for their condition. Both are indicators of complications and overall quality of care, said Dr John Santa, medical director of Consumer Reports Health.

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