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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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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* - 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
PKG 1:40**

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
PKG 2:07**

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
PKG 2:25**

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
VO. 25**

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.

07/15/13

**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.

=====END OF PART ONE=====

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**QUICK RULING ON DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR 'DREAMERS' SOUGHT IN COURT
 LUIS MEGID/SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
 PKG 1:43**

Claiming the trial judge was wrong, attorneys for Arizona "dreamers" want a federal appeals court to immediately order the state Motor Vehicle Division to start issuing licenses to deferred action recipients. Legal papers filed late Monday contend there are real dangers to those in the program, formally known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, including arrest for driving without a license and the inability to get certain jobs. That, coupled with a state policy of issuing licenses to those in other deferred action programs, shows challengers are facing "irreparable harm." That question is crucial: Federal court rules require a judge weighing whether to issue any kind of injunction to consider whether there is a chance of irreparable harm to those seeking the relief. The judge also has to balance the hardships on each side of the dispute. In this case, the lawyers contend, that harm to the dreamers, including the five plaintiffs in the case, is quite real. The lawyers pointed out one of the plaintiffs already has been cited for driving without a license, pleaded guilty and was forced to pay a fee to have the vehicle released from an impound lot. Last month U.S. District Court Judge David Campbell concluded the challengers may eventually win the lawsuit after a full-blown trial, saying there is evidence the state policy violates equal protection provisions of the U.S. Constitution.

**HEALTH FAIR IN SAN DIEGO
 CARMEN ESCOBOSA
 PKG 1:31**

Love it or hate it, Obamacare is moving forward as law, and that means you need to get in the know about health reform now. We're here to help. Second Opinion is a weekly Q-and-A series that answers questions from San Diegans on the Affordable Care Act. Ask yours here. Becki Mendia is 60 years old and lives in her daughter's colorful, art-filled bungalow in City Heights. She lost a full-time gig with an oil company five years ago and has since worked odd jobs through a temp agency. She hasn't been able to get back on a comprehensive health plan and hasn't yet checked into getting covered through Medi-Cal. Instead, she's been paying out of pocket at low-cost clinics. But her savior - what she says has kept her in good health in recent years - is home remedies. She has a daily regimen of cinnamon, honey and coconut oil for a cough (she's a former smoker) and swears by apple cider vinegar for digestive health. "I'm just so thankful that there are a lot of other people before me that have been doing alternative health care and they've posted their (tips on the internet)," Mendia said.

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**PROTEST BECAUSE OF DEMILITARIZATIONS ON THE BORDER
 DULCE MASCAREÑO. PHOENIX, ARIZONA
 PKG 2:12**

On June 27th, the United States Senate approved an amendment to the evolving comprehensive immigration reform (CIR) bill. The amendment dramatically expands enforcement along the U.S.-Mexico border creating what Senator John McCain proudly announced as the greatest border militarization since the Fall of the Berlin Wall. The Arizona Senator did not appear to notice the contradictory irony underlying his statement: The Berlin Wall was finally brought down by people seeking peace and reunification, ending militarization; the Tortilla Curtain keeps going up, promoting conflict and disunity. Does this mean that the human fence consisting of 40,000 border patrol agents is analogous to the East German military border patrol and the Stasi secret police? How is this an accomplishment worthy of a civilized nation? The \$46 billion measure will nearly double the number of border patrol agents from 20,000 to 40,000 and greatly expand the deployment of drones. The Senate measure as it is currently formulated will also lead to the construction of an additional 700 miles of border fencing. The amendment was approved by an overwhelming vote of 69 to 29.

**FINANCIAL HELP FOR "DREAMERS" IN NEW YORK
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK
PKG 1:49**

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn says the program is meant to help young New Yorkers qualify for President Barack Obama's 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. 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. As many as 79,000 New Yorkers meet the age and immigration requirements for the program, Quinn says, but as many as 16,000 of them could be disqualified because the strict program requires applicants to have graduated from high school, earned a GED or be currently working toward a diploma. The \$18 million from the City Council will fund adult education classes and GED programs for people who need help meeting the education requirements. "We can't let the opportunity ... fall short because we didn't do what we need to do," Quinn (D-Manhattan) told the Daily News. "We're talking about children who were brought here by their parents ... They're New Yorkers, for God's sakes."

**HOUSE REPUBLICANS VOTE TO DELAY OBAMACARE MANDATES
VO :21**

Staging a fresh assault on President Barack Obama's signature healthcare reform law, the Republican-led House of Representatives on Wednesday approved largely symbolic legislation to delay key coverage requirements. The measures, the 38th and 39th House bills to take aim at the 2010 reforms known as Obamacare, would delay for a year the requirement that Americans obtain health insurance and would codify the Obama administration's recent decision to delay the mandate for larger employers to offer health coverage. The White House's surprise announcement of the one-year employer delay this month sparked a new wave of Republican anger over the healthcare law that threatens to bleed into other issues, such as government spending legislation, in the next fiscal year. Obama administration officials have insisted that the law's core provision, the requirement for uninsured Americans to obtain subsidized coverage through new online exchanges, will remain in place. Those with no coverage will face tax penalties starting in January.

**DEAL ON STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES
VO :21**

Heading off a costly rate increase for returning college students, a bipartisan group of senators reached a deal Wednesday that would offer students better rates this fall but perhaps assign higher rates in coming years. The deal would offer students lower interest rates through the 2015 academic year but then rates were expected to climb above where they were when students left campus this spring. The interest rates would be linked to the financial markets but Democrats won a protection for students that rates would never climb higher than 8.25 percent for undergraduate students. Graduate students would not pay rates higher than 9.5 percent and parents' rates would top out at 10.5 percent. 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. A vote on the agreement could come as early as Thursday, although it could be pushed back to the middle of next week depending on the Senate calendar.

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**"U" VISAS FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ
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Some immigrants may be afraid to report acts of domestic violence to the police or to seek other forms of assistance. Such fear causes many immigrants to remain in abusive relationships. Victims of domestic violence who are the child, parent, or current/former spouse of a United States citizen or a permanent resident (green card holder) and are abused by the citizen or permanent resident may be eligible to apply for a green card themselves without needing the abuser to file for immigration benefits on their behalf. This provision of the law was created under the VAWA. Victims must establish that they have or had a qualifying relationship with the abuser spouse, or,

are the parent or child of the abuser, reside or resided with the abuser, have good moral character, and have been victims of battery or extreme cruelty.

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**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES
SALVADOR DURAN / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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Fire officials have issued an evacuation warning for 700 homes on the western flank of a wildfire that's growing in the mountains above Palm Springs. Evacuation of Pine Cove on Friday is recommended as authorities grow concerned about unstable weather causing erratic winds. The fire in the San Jacinto Mountains has grown to 39 square miles and is 15 percent contained. About 6,000 people remain evacuated for a third day as the fire spreads in three directions. Fire spokesman Capt. Mike Lindbery says cooler air Friday combined with ground heat could create a strong convection current, drawing smoke so high into the atmosphere that the top of the smoke column turns to ice. The smoke column can collapse under the weight of the ice, creating a dangerous downdraft.

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**USA FLOODING
VO 25 SECS.**

Motorists were rescued after rainfall of one to two inches (2.5 to 5 cm) per hour fell on already saturated water causing flash flood in parts of Arizona on Saturday (July 21). Residents were stranded and fire crews responded to numerous water rescues from Apache Junction to Phoenix, according to the National Weather Service and local media reports. The rain in the nearby mountains turned the desert washes into rapid, thigh-high rivers. Several vehicles and people were left stranded by the flooding waters, according to local media reports. Two men were carried to safety after flood waters overtook their vehicle in the eastern Phoenix suburb of Apache Junction, Arizona. The two men were able to scramble up to a tree where they awaited a rescue helicopter to airlift them to safety.

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**HOT SAUCE CONTAINS HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD STUDY SAYS
JORGE VIERA/ MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:10**

Well, Nevada researchers have found that little added twang might not be an intended result of the recipe: Many imported hot sauces sold in the U.S. contain dangerous levels of lead, according to a what is billed as a first-of-its-kind environment and food study. Shawn Gerstenberger, lead researcher for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas study, told the Los Angeles Times that there are no U.S. government standards for the amounts of lead in hot sauce brands. UNLV researchers tested 25 bottles of hot sauce imported from Mexico and South America. The products were bought in the U.S. at ethnic markets and grocery stores. Four bottles, or 16% of the sample, exceeded U.S. Food and Drug Administration standard for safe levels of lead. The product packaging was also tested because lead in packaging has been known to leach into food.

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07/24/13

REACTION TO STEVE KING COMMENTS ON IMMIGRATION
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, D.C
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A Hispanic Democratic lawmaker blasted Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) on Tuesday for comments he made recently regarding immigrants illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, calling the Republican's statements "beneath the dignity" of the House of Representatives. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) opposes immigration reform legislation. Rep. Joe Garcia (D-Fla.) called out King for the comments during a House Judiciary Committee subcommittee hearing on how Congress might establish the legal status of the children of illegal immigrants. With King sitting across the dais, Garcia read the comments and then said: "It is offensive. And it is beneath the dignity of this body." King didn't respond or clarify his comments when he spoke just a few moments later. In a recent interview with the conservative Web site Newsmax King said that legalizing undocumented immigrants will not occur because of the high number of undocumented immigrants who carry drugs across the border. "Some of them are valedictorians, and their parents brought them in," King told Newsmax in an interview last week. "It wasn't their fault. It's true in some cases, but they aren't all valedictorians. They weren't all brought in by their parents." "For everyone who's a valedictorian, there's another 100 out there who weigh 130 pounds - and they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert," King said later in the interview. "Those people would be legalized with the same act."

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DETAINED DREAMERS
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
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Nine activists who were brought to the United States illegally as children are being detained in Arizona after they tried to re-enter the U.S. in order to protest increased deportations, according to the National Immigrant Youth Alliance. The undocumented immigrants comprise a group being used to describe people who were brought to the United States illegally as young children. They are a group that has been at the forefront of the comprehensive immigration reform debate, as lawmakers consider crafting a bill to offer them a path to citizenship. However, it's a move those young adults say only addresses a fraction of the 11 million undocumented people living in the United States and something they fear could further separate their families. The number of foreign-born people deported in 2006 was 280,974, while in 2011, that number increased to 391,953 people, according to the Department of Homeland Security's 2011 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics.

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NOTHING TO REPORT

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CALIFORNIA OUT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2.00

The California economy continues to improve, but the economic growth means unemployment benefits will soon be running out for some. The reason is because California is losing its eligibility for "Tier Four" federal unemployment extensions. The tier 4 extension lets claimants get an extra ten weeks of unemployment benefits while they continue to look for a job. However, many people in the north state are still unemployed. Unemployment rates in Butte, Shasta, Tehama and other surrounding counties are still well above the state average, ranging between 9.4 and 11.3 percent. The California unemployment rate recently dropped to 8.5 percent, which is below the level required by federal guidelines in order to provide the ten weeks of additional

benefits. Tier 4 is the final extension of unemployment benefits, and E.D.D. estimates that more than 100,000 Californians are currently collecting benefits as part of the Tier 3 federal extension and will be the first to be impacted by the loss of eligibility. According to E.D.D., anyone starting a tier 4 extension prior to August 11th can still collect the remainder through December 28th of this year. Tier 4 benefits have been payable in California since February of 2010. The loss of such benefits means the new maximum potential benefit amount available for claimants is up to 63 weeks.

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**DEADLINE JULY 29, 2013 FOR TPS RE-REGISTRATION
JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ
PKG 2.02**

USCIS reminds eligible nationals of El Salvador (and persons without nationality who last regularly resided in El Salvador) and who currently have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to re-register for TPS by **Monday July 29, 2013**. Failure to re-register by this deadline may result in the loss of your TPS status and your work authorization. Eligible Salvadoran TPS beneficiaries who re-register during the registration period and request employment authorization will receive a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with an expiration date of March 9, 2015. USCIS recognizes that some re-registrants whose EADs expire in September may not receive their new EADs until after their current EADs have expired. Therefore, USCIS is automatically extending current TPS El Salvador EADs bearing a Sept. 9, 2013, expiration date for an additional six months. These existing EADs are now valid through March 9, 2014

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07/29/13

**VICTIMS RECOVERED FROM CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING
VO 25 SECS.**

Operation Cross Country-a three-day nationwide enforcement action focusing on underage victims of prostitution- has concluded with the recovery of 105 sexually exploited children and the arrests of 150 pimps and other individuals. The sweep took place in 76 cities and was carried out by the FBI in partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) as part of the Bureau's Innocence Lost National Initiative. It is the seventh and largest such enforcement action to date. Since its creation in 2003, the Innocence Lost National Initiative has resulted in the identification and recovery of more than 2,700 children who have been sexually exploited. Behind those numbers are the stories of real victims.

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07/30/13

**NY SODA BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL
VO 21 SECS.**

New York City's crackdown on big, sugary sodas is staying on ice. A mid-level state appeals court ruled Tuesday that the city's Board of Health exceeded its legal authority when it voted last year to put a 16-ounce size limit on high-calorie soft drinks served in restaurants, theaters, stadiums, sidewalk food carts and many other places. In a unanimous opinion, a four-judge panel of the state Supreme Court Appellate Division said that while the board has the power to ban "inherently harmful" foodstuffs from being served to the public, sweetened beverages don't fall into that category. Soda consumption is not necessarily harmful when done in moderation, the court wrote, and therefore "cannot be classified as a health hazard per se." The panel didn't address whether the size limit would have infringed on personal liberties, but said that in adopting it, the health board improperly assumed broad lawmaking powers given only to legislative bodies, like the City Council. Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the driving force behind the regulation, promised a quick appeal. The American Beverage Association, which had been among the groups challenging the rule, applauded the ruling, which was the second to find that the Board of Health had overstepped its authority. A similar lower court ruling in March kept the regulation from taking effect.

**CONCERNS ON FBI'S CRIMINAL DATABASES TO SCREEN JOB APPLICANTS
LOURDES MELUZA**

2.00 PKG

As a standard part of hiring new workers, lots of businesses run background checks on applicants using the FBI's criminal databases. But those databases have serious problems. A new report from the National Employment Law Project takes a close look at the FBI's databases, and finds that their widespread use as an unquestioned screening tool could be resulting in thousands of worthy people being unable to find work. One major problem: full half of the reports in the database have information about why someone was arrested, but fail to report what the final outcome of the case was. An outcome that could be, you know, being found innocent. From the report: NELP estimates that 1.8 million workers a year are subject to FBI background checks that include faulty or incomplete information, and 600,000 of those workers may be prejudiced in their job search when the FBI reports do not include up-to-date and accurate information that would benefit them. African Americans are especially disadvantaged by the faulty records because people of color are consistently arrested at rates greater than their representation in the general population, and large numbers of those arrests never lead to conviction. It does not take a great deal of imagination to connect the dots from stop-and-frisk to discriminatory policing to faulty FBI databases to persistent unemployment. The database is the easiest part of this chain to fix. So it should be fixed.

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07/31/13

STUDENTLOANS/RATES

VO :24

A bill that would lower the cost of student loans has passed the House and is heading to President Barack Obama for his signature. The House on Wednesday gave final congressional approval to a bipartisan measure that links student loan interest rates to the financial markets. Most students would see lower interest rates in time for classes this fall. Undergraduates this fall would borrow at a 3.9 percent interest rate for subsidized and unsubsidized loans. Graduate students would have access to loans at 5.4 percent, and parents would borrow at 6.4 percent. The rates would be locked in for that year's loan, but each year's loan could be more expensive than the last. Rates would rise as the economy picks up.

10 MIL TSA MISCONDUCT

PADRO ULTRERAS. NEW YORK

PKG 2:00

Complaints against airport security workers have increased 26 percent in the past three years, and the U.S. Transportation Security Agency lacks comprehensive systems to ensure that its employees follow its rules, according to a government report. The report, released ahead of congressional hearings on the TSA due to begin on Wednesday, said complaints included use of drugs and alcohol by TSA agents while on duty, and inconsistent use of security devices such as X-ray machines. The report said 3,408 misconduct allegations were filed against TSA workers last year, up from 2,691 in 2010. Most concerned violations of attendance and security policies, the report by the Government Accountability Office found.

UNDERWATER MORTGAGES

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

The California city of Richmond said Tuesday that it's ready to take an extraordinary step in its bid to stop foreclosures -- threatening to wrest mortgages from the investors who now control them. As a first step, the San Francisco Bay city said it will work with an investment firm to try to purchase mortgages of underwater homeowners at a price well below their current balances. It would then try to get those loans restructured to make them affordable. But if the holders of the loans, who are mostly investors, refuse to sell by Aug. 14, the city said it will invoke eminent domain to seize the mortgages so it has more control over the process of making them affordable. Eminent domain is the legal principle that lets government entities purchase land or structures, usually from reluctant owners who don't want to sell. It is typically invoked for public uses such as parks, roads or utilities not mortgages. In the case of Richmond, the city argues that eminent domain is in the public interest because

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