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Heritage argued in a newly released [report](#) that allowing 11 million undocumented immigrants a pathway to citizenship could cost \$6.3 trillion.

The immigration legislation being debated by the Senate includes changes to the H-1B program for skilled foreign workers. Silicon Valley isn't the only place clamoring for visas. Check out a [graphic](#) of employer requests for H-1B visas by metro.

In SC, an Unlikely Win for the Ethically Challenged Sanford

It is with deep disappointment that we faced the South Carolina loss of Elizabeth Colbert Busch. This one is not about political points of view, it's about integrity. In a tactic of bait and switch, Sanford "[debated](#)" a paper cut out of Nancy Pelosi.

In essence, voters were asked to hate the Democrats and Pelosi more than they hated the former Governor who was charged by the State Ethics Commission with [37 ethics violations](#).

Look for the Democrats to capitalize on this. The party will brand this election as representative of Republican "values". Debbie Wasserman Schultz is already on the airwaves decrying Republican values.

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The Boston Marathon Attack and Immigration Reform

By Scott Orr

The Boston Marathon bombing has awakened Americans to the deadly potential of killers in our midst, an undefined and unrelated segment of the American underground that may be quietly radicalized and preparing to attack.

There is a certain feeling of helplessness here, when you consider the ease with which Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev were able to construct and deploy the deadly bombs that shattered the calm of one of America's premiere sporting events.

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Stephen Colbert and Caren Turner attend an Elizabeth Colbert Busch fundraiser in NYC on April 23, 2013.



Hallie Fishman (left), Caren Turner (middle) and Stephen Colbert attend a fundraiser for Elizabeth Colbert Busch in NYC on April 23, 2013.

Baucus Retirement: New Life for Tax Reform?

By Scott Orr

Sen. Max Baucus, the centrist Democrat who has long represented a conservative state, has shed the bonds of party and ideology to better enable him to sculpt his legacy in the form of a sweeping reform of the U.S. tax code.

Baucus, 71, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee announced last week that he will not seek reelection in 2014.

The [conventional wisdom](#) is that Baucus will now be free to pursue the tax reform package he thinks is right, not the one his party demands.

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Talk of a "Red Line" Increasing Pressure to Act

By Carl Chancellor

With evidence mounting that Syria's Assad regime has resorted to the use of chemical weapons, calls for the President to act are growing louder on Capitol Hill.

A number of U.S. lawmakers are using the [President's own words](#)—"red line" and "game changer"—to pressure him to take stronger measures to address the increasingly chaotic and deadly conflict in Syria. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), pointing to the lack of response by the Obama administration to the chemical attacks, allegedly by Assad forces, has intimated that the president has backpedaled from his promise that such transgressions would trigger U.S. action.

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