



Tuesday's Mini-Report

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Today's edition of quick hits:

* **A bellicose tone:** "Buoyed by support from his country's NATO allies, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned Syrian forces on Tuesday to stay clear of their troubled border or face a Turkish military response to any perceived threat, following the disputed downing of a Turkish warplane."

* **A welcome reversal:** "The University of Virginia governing board voted unanimously Tuesday to reinstate Teresa Sullivan as president, more than two weeks after board leaders had forced her to resign."

* **Splitting Murdoch's empire:** "Top executives at News Corporation met on Tuesday to discuss a potential breakup that would sever the media company's underperforming newspapers from its lucrative entertainment assets."

* For all of the effort the Romney campaign puts into **heckling** President Obama, the president still waves off booing of his rival.

* **A done deal?** "Top leaders in the Senate say they have reached a deal on freezing student loan rates for another year, though they are still deciding the mechanics for how the proposal should make its way through the Congress in the final busy days before lawmakers leave Washington for a week-long July 4 holiday."

* **A fact** that Republicans simply choose not to believe: "Illegal immigration has fallen precipitously and border enforcement is at an all-time high." That's in conflict with GOP talking points, so it's forcefully rejected.

* I really wish more media outlets took **Ben Bernanke's plea** for more fiscal stimulus seriously.

* And the long, contentious fight the Koch brothers have waged for control of the Cato Institute **appears to be finished.**

Anything to add? Consider this an open thread.