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**07/16/13**

**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 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 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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07/19/13

**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES  
SALVADOR DURAN / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
PKG 2.00**

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 Lindbergy 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  
PKG 2:18**

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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07/25/13

**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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**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  
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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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**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**

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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**

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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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