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About 2,000 runners and walkers take part in Sunday's inaugural Cardiff Kook 5K/10K Run, named after the famous surfer statue. Run proceeds will go to a local beautification group and to physical education programs at Cardiff Elementary School. For more photos, go to utsandiego.com/kook. Story, B2. HOWARD LIPIN • U-T

IMMIGRATION WAIVER AT ISSUE

Undocumented spouses, children of U.S. citizens could stay in country while applying for visa

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A proposed change to a law governing how illegal immigrant spouses and children of U.S. citizens apply for legal status could allow thousands of families to stay together during the application process.

While mixed-status families and their advocates see hope in the planned amendment, critics

consider it an attempt by the Obama administration to make life in the U.S. easier for illegal immigrants.

Currently, undocumented spouses and family members must return to their native country and apply for a visa to enter the U.S. legally. Once out of the United States, many applicants can be barred from returning for up to a decade because they had lived in the U.S. without permission. Waivers exist for people who can prove extreme hardship, but they must be filed in the individuals' home countries and can take months or years to process.

The planned change, outlined

in the Federal Register, would allow undocumented immigrants to apply for the waiver while still in the U.S. Applicants would only return to their birth country — for a few days or weeks — when it's time for an in-person visa interview, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The aim is to benefit U.S. citizens and limit the amount of time family members are separated by the bureaucratic process, said agency director Alejandro Mayorkas. If adopted, the new rule could go into effect by the end of the year. It would be retroactive.

Conservatives consider the proposal an unfair administrative maneuver that sidesteps Congress.

"This is just another attempt by the administration to make it easier for illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S.," said Joe Kasper, spokesman for Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Alpine. "What's most ironic about this change is that the administration has been complaining about the backlog of immigration cases and is expediting proceedings and providing amnesty where it can, and now it's contributing to the backlog."

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DEFIANT EGYPT TO PROSECUTE AMERICANS

Officials probing funding of pro-democracy groups

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CAIRO
Egypt's military-led government said Sunday that it would put 19 Americans and two dozen others on trial in a criminal investigation into the foreign financing of nonprofit groups that has shaken the 30-year alliance between the United States and Egypt.

The decision raises tensions between the two allies to a new peak at a decisive moment in Egypt's political transition after the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak a year ago. Angry protesters are battling security forces in the streets of the capital and other major cities. The economy is in urgent need of billions of dollars in foreign aid. And the military rulers are in the final stages of negotiations with the Islamists who dominate the new Parliament over the terms of a transfer of power that could set the country's course for decades.

The criminal prosecution is a rebuke to Washington in the face of increasingly stern warnings to Egypt's ruling generals from President Barack Obama, Cabinet officials and senior congressional leaders that it

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FLEDGLING EFFORT TO BOOST WILD CONDOR POPULATION

Human-caused threats such as lead poisoning pose major obstacle

MIKE LEE • U-T

The San Diego Zoo made conservation history 30 years ago by adopting a California condor chick and raising it at what is now the Safari Park. The known free-ranging population at the time was 22 birds — a number that fell to zero in 1987 when the last wild condor was taken captive in hopes of preventing extinction.

It was the first time since the Pleistocene era that no condor soared over North America.

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Today, pioneering work has boosted the wild condor population to 210 across the Southwest and Baja California, and decades of research has advanced techniques for boosting avian recovery initiatives more broadly.

But human-caused threats pose the major obstacle for wild condors to survive without costly intervention by wildlife agencies and nonprofit groups, according to a new journal paper by scientists at the zoo's Institute for Conservation Research and elsewhere. It shows that lead poisoning

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A condor takes its first free flight in the Sierra de San Pedro Martir National Park in Baja California as part of a push to increase the wild condor population. KEN BOHN

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THIS WEEK

INSIDER TRADING BILL: Legislation that would ban insider trading by law-

makers and thousands of executive-branch officials is headed for the House floor this week. The bill sailed through the Senate, but it could face a more contentious debate in the House. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said he plans to strengthen the Senate bill.

PETA LAWSUIT: Today there will be a U.S. District Court hearing on SeaWorld's motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed in October by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The suit says the marine-themed park is holding five orcas against their will in violation of the 13th Amendment's ban on slavery. This is the

first lawsuit of its kind to argue that constitutional rights should extend to non-humans. The hearing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in front of U.S. District Judge Jeffrey T. Miller.

TWO CONTESTS ON TUESDAY: The Republican race for the presidential nomination moves to Colorado and Minnesota, where caucuses will be held Tuesday. Missouri will hold a nonbinding primary on that day.

PORT REPORT: The San Diego port staff is due to issue its plans for several big projects Tuesday in advance of a Feb. 14 meeting. The most closely watched will be the staff's

take on the "Wings of Freedom" project proposed for the Navy Pier.

SYMPOSIUM ON ADDRESSING SEX ABUSE: Top Vatican officials and international representatives from the Roman Catholic Church will meet this week in Rome to launch a global initiative to address the church's sex-abuse scandal.

LOAN ANALYSIS: The White House plans to release the results of a 60-day review of the Energy Department's loan programs, including several auto-sector awards and the bankruptcy of solar panel startup company Solyndra.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL: It's festival season and this week it's the Jewish film festival, which will start Thursday. The 22nd annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival features a slate of movies showcasing different cultures, topics and genres. For information, go to sdjcf.org.

GRAMMY AWARDS: The music industry's showcase awards will be presented Sunday. There are four nominees with local ties, including Eddie Vedder and Nickel Creek alum Chris Thile. Confirmed performers include Adele, Katy Perry, Paul McCartney, and Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band.

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