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# Dreamer's fate may hinge on which court hears case

## FEDERAL VS. IMMIGRATION COURT

Seattle case may set precedent

By NINA SHAPIRO  
Seattle Times staff reporter

It seemed a good sign for Daniel Ramirez Medina, arrested and detained last month despite his status as a Dreamer, when a federal

judge ordered that he have a bond hearing in immigration court within a week.

U.S. District Court judges don't usually determine what happens in immigration court. So Chief Magistrate Judge James Donohue's intervention sent a message that Ramirez's case was urgent.

Yet when immigration court duly scheduled a bond hearing for five days later, Ramirez's lawyers canceled it.

Why would they turn down a chance to free their client, letting the government declare, in a recent brief, that his continued detention was "of his own making"?

"If we started down that road, the risk is that the government would say, 'Here we are and we need to stay here,'" explained Ethan Dettmer, a San Francisco attorney on Ramirez's legal team.

"Here" is immigration court, a little-understood system run by the

Department of Justice, with its own rules and avenues of appeal.

Ramirez's lawyers adamantly maintain it is the wrong place to consider whether the 23-year-old Mexican native and father of a toddler was unconstitutionally detained, given his authorization to live and work in the U.S. by President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

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# Big GOP divide on health care law

## OBAMACARE REPEAL

Trump endorses replacement, conservatives balk

By CAROLYN LOCHHEAD  
San Francisco Chronicle

WASHINGTON — A day after it was unveiled, a Republican House plan to replace the Affordable Care Act seemed already to be in jeopardy as opposition mounted from influential conservative groups and key GOP lawmakers, who derided the legislation as "Obamacare 2.0."

The administration and congressional supporters warned opponents within their party that the bill is the only means Republicans have to keep their long-held promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

"If you like your Obamacare you can keep it," Vice President Mike Pence told Republican senators after meeting with them

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# Residents of The Field homeless camp scatter as Seattle carries out eviction

SOME ACCEPT TEMPORARY SHELTER, OTHERS HEAD TO OTHER CAMPS



STEVE RINGMAN / THE SEATTLE TIMES

Homeless people leave the Sodo camp Tuesday with help from Seattle police, city workers, the Salvation Army and others. Some accepted offers from city outreach workers and moved into temporary shelters. Others packed their belongings into carts and moved to nearby encampments.

By DAVID GUTMAN AND VERNAL COLEMAN  
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Evicted from the Sodo homeless camp known as the The Field on Tuesday morning, the "community" some of its residents had hoped to keep together began to scatter.

Some accepted offers from city outreach workers and moved into temporary shelters. Others packed their belongings into carts and moved to nearby encampments.

The eviction began after Seattle police set up metal barricades on the camp's borders. A few dozen officers, city officials and members of the Union Gospel Mission began waking up campers about 7 a.m.

At its peak, after city officials designated the camp as a stopgap destination for those being evicted from homeless encampments in around the East Duwamish Greenbelt. The Field held as many as 80 tents, officials said.

Only a few dozen people remained in the camp Monday morning, said Meg Olberding, a spokeswoman with Seattle's Human Services Department. The city has been reaching out to the camp residents and working to find

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Commuters drive by on Airport Way South as the sweep of the Sodo homeless camp was underway.

# N. Korea's nuclear push raising dilemma for Trump

By GERRY MULLANY AND CHRIS BUCKLEY  
The New York Times

HONG KONG — The United States said on Tuesday that it had begun deploying an advanced and contentious missile-defense system in South Korea, prompting China to warn of a new atomic-arms race in a region increasingly on edge over North Korea's drive to build a nuclear arsenal.

The U.S. announcement came a day after the simultaneous launch of four missiles by North Korea into waters off the Japanese coast, which North Korea said was a drill for striking U.S. bases in Japan. The feat, footage of which was broadcast on state television, raised concern about the North's ability to

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un

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