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On our **4th show**, "Stretching Our Wings into Defiance, Ohio," co-hosts Ramon Perez y Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce speak with the officers of the Latin Community Center, Angelica Mojica, President, y Joe Eureste, Vice-President, who share with us what they are doing to keep our Latinx culture alive and to fill the void left behind by the historic social and cultural venue known as the "Latin American Club," which was located on Elliott Rd. in Defiance, Ohio. They also explain why it is important to have and preserve our Latinx culture. Food for this show was provided by Jairo Morales y Alonso Giron of Taquería Carnales, who prepared a huge spread of Mexican food, from Menudo to tacos, and even Aguas Frescas. You don't want to miss this episode! You can find this podcast at WTGE.org/laprensahabla or on any of your favorite podcasting stations.





On our **5th show**, Jessica Molina comes back to co-host with Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce an episode on "Financial Planning: How the rich get richer, and how we can too? From lending to spending, setting boundaries, and building wealth." Guests for this show are financial experts Mark Urrutia y Stephanie Villegas. Be ready to understand what you need to do to plan for your future, the future of our next generation, and why we believe we need more conversation around financial planning in the Latinx community. You can find this podcast at WTGE.org/laprensahabla or on any of your favorite podcasting stations.

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Our **7th episode**, "Strengthening Toledo's Latino Community," was hosted by Jessica Molina and features Margarita De Leon and Paul ViaFranco of the Latino Alliance of NW Ohio. This discussion is a deep dive into Latino advocacy and leadership in Toledo, from media representation and scholarships to mental health and belonging. This conversation explores lessons from the past and priorities for the Latino Alliance's future. You can find this podcast at WTGE.org/laprensahabla or on any of your favorite podcasting stations.



Nuestra Gente Gives Away Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets

Nuestra Gente will distribute 150 Thanksgiving dinner baskets during its 9th Annual *Nuestra Gente Thanksgiving Giveaway* on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Nuestra Gente Community Center, located at 1411 Broadway Street, Toledo, OH 43609.

Hundreds of people are expected to line up on Tuesday, November 24, to receive turkeys and other items to help prepare a Thanksgiving meal for their families and friends on Thursday.

For many low-income families in our community, the holiday season can bring additional financial challenges. Linda Parra, Nuestra Gente's program director, wanted to ease some of that burden by helping families enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Nine years ago, that desire led to the creation of the organization's annual Thanksgiving basket campaign, which supports families throughout Lucas County.

"We are going to help as many people as we can during the giveaway," said Parra.

Currently, more than 150 families are on the list to receive assistance. In the nine years since the program began, Nuestra Gente has never had to turn anyone away.



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Alcalde y gobernadora de NY prometen un nuevo día para Puerto Rico tras victoria demócrata

Por DÁNICA COTO Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Nov 6, 2026 (AP) — El alcalde de la ciudad de Nueva York, Zohran Mamdani, y la gobernadora del estado de Nueva York, Kathy Hochul, prometieron el viernes dar más apoyo a Puerto Rico, mientras la isla sigue atrapada en múltiples crisis, y afirmaron durante un viaje al territorio que la amplia victoria demócrata en las elecciones legislativas de mitad de mandato en Estados Unidos dará impulso al territorio estadounidense.

"Existe la posibilidad de que por fin podamos empezar a cumplir para la gente trabajadora de todo este país", señaló Mamdani. "Lo que escuchamos hoy fue que lo que con tanta frecuencia se describe como una crisis natural aquí en Puerto Rico es en realidad una crisis política, resultado de decisiones políticas".

Hochul señaló que los resultados electorales representan "un día completamente nuevo" para la isla y advirtió que el gobierno federal tendrá que rendir cuentas.

"Lo que hemos visto en los últimos dos años es realmente un abandono de ese compromiso", afirmó. "Y esperamos que todas esas heridas sanen, asegurándonos de seguir aportando recursos para la resiliencia, proyectos de energía, reforzar la red eléctrica, así como restablecer la atención médica, programas de nutrición".

Mamdani y Hochul forman parte de un grupo de funcionarios del gobierno de Nueva York que visitan Puerto Rico para asistir a una conferencia anual de cuatro días. El viernes se reunieron con organizaciones sin fines de lucro locales, mientras los funcionarios anunciaban una alianza de 280.000 dólares para ayudar a la isla a enfrentar emergencias.

Puerto Rico lucha por salir de las crisis

La alianza entre Hispanic Federation y el Federal Home Loan Bank of New York se produce mientras Puerto Rico lidia con apagones crónicos e interrupciones intermitentes del suministro de agua, al tiempo que intenta reconstruirse tras el paso del huracán María y otros desastres.

La organización sin fines de lucro Hispanic Federation indicó que el dinero dotaría de una mayor capacidad de almacenamiento de agua a 10 centros de resiliencia comunitarios en toda la isla; algunos también recibirían sistemas de recolección de lluvia, infraestructura de cocina y energía solar con almacenamiento en baterías.

"Tenemos que empezar a trabajar con los líderes para asegurarnos de que la agenda de Puerto Rico no se olvide", declaró a The Associated Press Frankie Miranda, presidente y director ejecutivo de Hispanic Federation.

"En Puerto Rico todavía hay algunos enormes desafíos", afirmó. "Todas las políticas públicas han sido tan perjudiciales para Puerto Rico".

El anuncio llega meses después de que el gobierno de Trump cancelara proyectos solares en Puerto Rico que presuntamente ayudarían a miles de familias de bajos ingresos. Uno de ellos, valorado en 400 millones de dólares, contemplaba la instalación de sistemas solares y de almacenamiento en baterías en hogares de bajos ingresos y en aquellos con necesidades médicas.

El Departamento de Energía de Estados Unidos señaló que el dinero inicialmente destinado a proyectos solares se usaría para ayudar a dar mantenimiento a la deteriorada red eléctrica puertorriqueña, que fue devastada por el huracán María en septiembre de 2017. Sin embargo, la red ya estaba debilitada debido a la falta de mantenimiento e inversión.

Las decisiones provocaron indignación en la isla a medida que se desvanece el apoyo federal a los proyectos solares.

Puertorriqueños demandan al gobierno de Estados Unidos

La semana pasada, seis residentes de Puerto Rico demandaron al Departamento de Energía de Estados Unidos y a su secretario, Chris Wright, tras la eliminación de un programa financiado con fondos federales por 1.000 millones de dólares para proporcionar energía solar y almacenamiento en baterías a quienes más lo necesitaban.

"El costo de esos sistemas sigue estando fuera del alcance de la mayoría de los puertorriqueños", se indica en la demanda.

Entre los demandantes está Ileana Ríos, residente de Arecibo de 63 años, quien es diabética y necesita refrigerar su insulina. Por otra parte, su hijo padece asma y necesita usar un nebulizador, lo que requiere electricidad.

En la demanda se indica que Ríos "pierde el servicio eléctrico con regularidad cuando el clima está estable y lo pierde siempre durante las tormentas, a veces durante varias semanas seguidas".

Los otros residentes que demandaron también tienen condiciones de salud graves y necesitan equipos o medicamentos que dependen de la electricidad.

En la demanda se solicita, entre otras cosas, que un juez ordene al Departamento de Energía de Estados Unidos que restablezca el programa de subvenciones. En un breve comunicado emitido el viernes, la agencia dijo que trabaja estrechamente con el gobernador de Puerto Rico para estabilizar la red eléctrica de la isla, al tiempo que criticó a la administración anterior por "promover su agenda del Nuevo Engaño Verde en lugar de ayudar a Puerto Rico a construir una red eléctrica asequible, confiable y segura".

La pérdida de fondos ha sido un golpe para organizaciones sin fines de lucro y otros organismos, que enfrentaron meses de incertidumbre y confusión mientras esperaban la decisión del gobierno de Trump sobre si continuaría el programa y de qué manera.

"Tuvimos mucha incertidumbre... En algunos momentos simplemente se sentía como si no estuviéramos hablando con nadie", afirmó Sybelle Rodriguez del Valle, directora de operaciones de la organización sin fines de lucro de resiliencia energética Barrio Eléctrico, que formaba parte del programa del Departamento de Energía de Estados Unidos.:

Barrio Eléctrico brinda servicio eléctrico a más de 500 familias y estaba en condiciones de proporcionar energía resiliente a 1.200 familias con fondos del programa federal. Solo había completado aproximadamente un tercio de sus proyectos antes de que el programa terminara, perdiendo un estimado de 16 millones a 20 millones de dólares en financiamiento.

Presidenta mexicana descarta tensión con EEUU por caso de exfiscal señalado de colaborar con la CIA

The Associated Press Associated Press

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO, Nov 13 2026 (AP) — La presidenta mexicana Claudia Sheinbaum descartó el viernes eventuales tensiones con Estados Unidos por el caso de un exfiscal estatal señalado de colaborar con agencias estadounidenses para facilitar operaciones secretas en México.

Sheinbaum rompió el silencio que mantuvo por varios días sobre el reportaje publicado esta semana por el diario The New York Times sobre un exfiscal del estado norteño de Chihuahua que habría apoyado a la CIA.

Pese a las tensiones que desató hace siete meses la participación de agentes de la CIA en la destrucción de un laboratorio de drogas sintéticas en Chihuahua sin autorización del gobierno federal mexicano, en esta oportunidad Sheinbaum descartó que el caso del exprocurador Guillermo Zuany Portillo pueda generar roces con Washington.

"Es muy relevante como es que esta persona vinculada en su momento con actos de corrupción y vínculos con la delincuencia organizada después se acerca a las agencias de Estados Unidos", comentó la mandataria en su conferencia matutina y recordó que cualquier persona del gobierno estadounidense que realiza actividades de seguridad en México "tiene que cumplir con la Constitución y la ley de seguridad nacional".

Sheinbaum se abstuvo de pronunciarse sobre si Zuany Portillo está en Estados Unidos bajo protección de las autoridades de ese país.

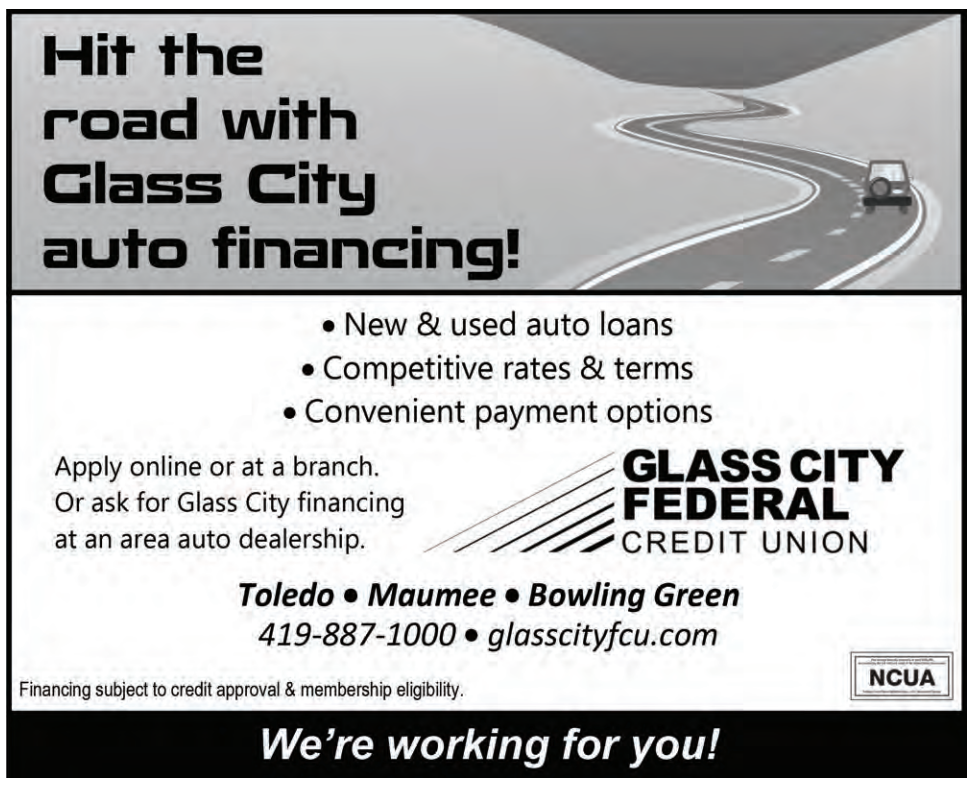
Según The New York Times, el exfiscal fue reclutado por la CIA a pesar de que era investigado en Estados Unidos por vínculos con los cárteles y le habían retirado la visa. El diario estadounidense agregó que durante más de seis meses Zuany Portillo acompañó a agentes de la CIA mientras éstos entrenaban a las fuerzas de Chihuahua, se unió a esas fuerzas en ciertas misiones y aportó su experiencia durante operaciones terrestres. A cambio, el exfiscal recuperó su visa estadounidense.

El caso de los dos agentes de la CIA que murieron en abril en un accidente de tránsito en Chihuahua tras participar en el desmantelamiento de un laboratorio de drogas sintéticas generó fricciones entre Washington y México y tensiones internas.

Tras el accidente el gobierno de Sheinbaum rechazó la operación alegando que no había sido informado sobre la presencia en el país de los dos funcionarios estadounidenses fallecidos y aclaró que no estaban autorizados para actuar en territorio mexicano.

De igual forma la mandataria le reclamó a la gobernadora opositora del estado de Chihuahua, María Eugenia Campos, la actuación de los agentes de la CIA y aseguró que esa operación vulneraba la ley de seguridad.

En medio de esas tensiones, el fiscal de Chihuahua, César Jáuregui, dejó el cargo y seis meses después fue detenido. Ahora enfrenta un proceso por el delito de traición a la patria y supuestos actos de corrupción.





Analysts weigh how Democrats' midterm wins could shift Trump's Latin America policy

By MARÍA VERZA Associated Press

MEXICO CITY, Nov 11, 2026 (AP) — U.S. President Donald Trump's impact on Latin America in the last two years has been enormous, from immigration and deportations to boat strikes that have killed hundreds to the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro.

Now analysts are trying to get a read on whether the sweeping wins by Democrats in the midterm elections will signal changes ahead for the region in Trump's final two years in office.

Initial signals from the White House have been contradictory. Trump has given mixed signals on immigration policy, at one point describing his past policy as "too tough," but then suggesting a hard line on immigration would continue. He appointed Stephen Miller, the primary architect of his immigration agenda, as his new chief of staff.

A U.S. House effort to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth fell short Tuesday. The key figure shaping priorities for the hemisphere, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, remains a key member of Trump's Cabinet.

Here is a look at the key areas that might be impacted by the political shifts in the U.S.

Migration: Deportations with adjustments

The first postelection message on X from the Secretary of Homeland Security, Markwayne Mullin, was unequivocal: "Deportations will continue."

But two Texas cities — Houston and Austin — already have announced plans to limit police cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, a trend that could extend to state-level law enforcement once Gov.-elect Gina Hinojosa, a vocal critic of ICE's practices, takes office in January 2027.

Former Mexican Ambassador Martha Bárcena expressed hope that increased collaboration among mayors, members of Congress, governors and their Mexican counterparts will help to "limit and curb the cruelty of ICE and discrimination against the Hispanic population."

Security: More pressure on cartels

Mexico could be the place where pressure intensifies the most, as it offers the United States the best opportunity for tangible, short-term results, specifically more arrests and extraditions, while the Justice Department continues to investigate cartels, Mexican analyst David Saucedo said.

On Monday, the heads of Mexico's security apparatus and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration posted messages about their meeting last week to strengthen collaboration against the cartels.

Further south, the U.S. military, including the Army and the Navy, is expected to maintain its focus on joint operations under the "Shield of the Americas" initiative with Latin American partners to combat criminal gangs. Saucedo noted that this approach does not require significant Congressional funding. Additionally, crime remains a top priority for most Latin American countries, most of them led by Trump allies who won elections based on promises to crack down on criminals.

Boat strikes in the Caribbean and the Pacific, which have killed at least 240 people, are likely to face increased scrutiny, as Democrats already have called for an investigation into the legality of these actions.

Venezuela and Cuba remain Trump administration targets

Some analysts believe that Trump will maintain his aspirations to assert U.S. dominance in the region, although his capacity to act could be limited.

Venezuela stands out as a top Latin American priority for the Democrats, as it touches upon a key voter concern: corruption.

There are already specific calls from Democratic lawmakers to investigate who has benefited from oil agreements signed between the Trump administration and Caracas.

Christopher Sabatini, of the London-based think tank Chatham House, expects Democrats in Congress to pursue hearings on oil deals and also anticipates increased pressure for the holding of elections in Venezuela. That said, he believes the tense relationship between the Democrats and opposition figure María Corina Machado, a Trump ally, could hinder concrete progress.

Some believe pressure on Cuba will not ease. Two days after the election, Rubio announced further sanctions against the island.

José Briceño, a professor from the Mexican Center for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CIALC), considered a military operation against the island unlikely, given the complexity and risks involved. But no one wants to rule it out.

"A secretary of state with presidential ambitions has every incentive to seek a quick result in Cuba," wrote Orlando J. Pérez, a professor at the University of North Texas.

Brazil will stand as the main counterweight to Washington as Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's win served to check the region's growing shift to the right and denied Trump a powerful ally. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum, who also leans to the left, has been less outspoken and has walked a fine line with the Trump administration.

Economy and trade are key issues

The economy proved a key issue for U.S. voters, opening the possibility for changes in trade policy, particularly in areas where tariffs have fueled inflation for U.S. businesses and consumers, said Mariana Aparicio, an expert in international political economy at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Nevertheless, she predicted Trump will continue to use tariffs as a tool for political leverage.

Mexican Economy Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said tariffs are unlikely to change significantly, but he suggested the new Congress could make adjustments to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Analysts also agree that economic support for Latin American governments aligned with the White House will continue; however, it is highly unlikely that Trump will be able to repeat actions such as the $20 billion in support for Javier Milei's Argentina in late 2025.

Associated Press journalists Regina García-Cano in Caracas, Venezuela, and Valerie González in McAllen, Texas, contributed to this report.

Latino voters swing left in midterm elections, lifting Democrats to big wins in Texas and nationwide

By VALERIE GONZALEZ, MIKE CATALINI and JONATHAN J. COOPER Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Texas, Oct 26, 2026 (AP) — Latino voters moved sharply to the left in the midterm elections, propelling Democrats to an improbable electoral sweep in Texas and in battleground House races from coast to coast.

It's a remarkable pivot for a demographic that had shifted toward President Donald Trump just two years ago.

"We showed our power and flexed our muscle during this election," said Democratic Rep. Gabe Vasquez, who won his battleground district in New Mexico by around 17 percentage points after winning by less than 1 percentage point in 2022.

Democrats capitalized on voters' angst over rising prices and government corruption, riding a wave of frustration to retake control of the House and the Senate.

Hispanics joined in that decisive repudiation of Trump and his Republican Party. In Texas, every county voted more Democratic than it did two years ago, when Trump beat Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris in the presidential race. But the more heavily Hispanic the county, generally the heavier the shift.

"This is our lightning-in-the-bottle moment, that we were able to make such historic gains that we probably never conjured, especially here in Texas," said Johnny Garcia, a sheriff's deputy who won a newly created House district in the San Antonio area where Trump won by 10 percentage points in 2024. "The only way we did that is by going after the issues that were meaning the most to people."

Republicans lost the gains Trump made with Hispanic voters in 2024

About one-third of Hispanic voters said they backed the Republican in their local U.S. House race, according to The AP Voter Poll, a survey of more than 100,000 midterm voters, while roughly 4 in 10 voted for Trump two years ago.

The shift was especially pronounced in Texas, where voters flipped a Senate seat and the governor's office to Democrats along with every statewide office on the ballot.

Roughly 7 in 10 Hispanic voters supported Democrat James Talarico in the U.S. Senate contest, while only about 3 in 10 voted for Republican Ken Paxton. The group was essentially split in the 2024 presidential election, according to AP VoteCast, an extensive survey of voters and nonvoters.

Younger Hispanics' shift was even more pronounced, with swings of around 20 percentage points toward Talarico among Hispanic voters

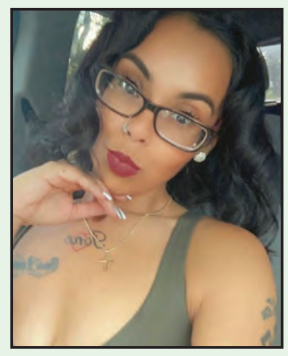
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BRIA ESTRELLA MARTINEZ (BOONE)

November 15, 1993 – October 29, 2026



Bria Estrella Martinez (Boone), 32, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 29th, 2026. Born on November 15th, 1993, to Rebecca Rodriguez-Barrera and Jose (Irene) Martinez Jr. Bria was a beloved mother, daddy's girl, daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend whose presence touched the lives of many. Above all, Bria was a proud and loving mother to her two children, Lorna (King) and Antonio (Boone) Martinez, who will forever carry on their mother's love and legacy.

Bria was truly one of a kind. Funny, intelligent, outspoken, and full of personality, she was unapologetically herself and never afraid to speak her mind. She had a way of leaving an impression, welcoming people with a warm smile, a home-cooked meal, or a conversation that could turn into hours of laughter. A woman with an entrepreneurial spirit and a heart for helping others, Bria was a licensed esthetician and business owner who worked hard to build something of her own. She also carried a deep commitment to giving back, a value instilled by her mother and beloved Grandma Lola.

Throughout the years, she extended that generosity to families and children in need, helping single mothers, organizing giveaways of backpacks and school supplies, and making Christmas brighter for children whose families were facing difficult times. Bria also had a special love for writing. Bria was deeply impacted and inspired by her early journey to South Africa to participate in the Global Youth Summit and early mentorship by Dr. Lorna Gonsalves, her daughters namesake. Through poetry and the words she put to paper, she found a way to express herself, share her thoughts, and leave pieces of her spirit behind. Her words, creativity, humor, and unmistakable voice will remain with those who knew and loved her.

Bria's life was made up of many chapters, filled with triumphs, challenges, laughter, lessons, and memories that her family and friends will carry forever. Though her life ended far too soon and not without its struggles, we find comfort in believing that she has cashed in all her chips and called upon every spiritual favor, now resting in a peace beyond this world.

Beyond her children and parents, Bria leaves behind; her siblings, Alicia Martinez, Christina Barrera, Jose Martinez and Marcus Barrera II; chosen family, Tori Hester, Cheyenne Armstrong, and Austin Baker; her nieces and nephews, Mackenzie Robinson, Emma Dye, Manuel Asad, LeiLani Ellis, Myela Asad, Frederick Fordham, Dominique Hester, Nico Fordham, Donovan Hester, Jasani Andrews, Malaya Thomas, Amina Hester, along with much extended family, and chosen family who loved her dearly.

Bria is preceded in death by, Dolores "Lola" Rodriguez (grandmother), Santos Rodriguez (grandfather) Ramona Garay (great-grandmother), Rita Gonzalez(great-grandmother), David Trinidad (great-uncle), Robert Rodriguez (uncle), Richard "Richie" Rodriguez (godfather/uncle), Marisa Reilly (cousin), Jamie Rodriguez (cousin), James "Jimmy" Reilly (cousin).

Her family will forever cherish the gatherings, trips, celebrations, conversations, and countless moments that now mean more than words can express. Bria will be deeply missed, but her love, her words, her generosity, and the unmistakable mark she left on this world will continue to live on.

Source: www.newcomertoledo.com

RENE RODRIGUEZ SR.



Rene Rodriguez Sr., age 57, of Defiance, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 30, 2026.

He was born on May 24, 1969 to Israel and Norma (Montoya) Rodriguez in Paulding, Ohio. Rene attended Four County Career Center and was a 1989 graduate of Defiance High School. He worked for over 30 years at Johns Manville in Defiance. Rene was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, and in his leisure time he enjoyed fishing and hunting. His greatest love was his family, and he loved watching his grandkids play ball. Rene will be greatly missed by his family and many great friends.

Rene is survived by his mother Norma Houlguin of Toledo, stepmother Rebecca Rodriguez of Defiance, former wife Heather (Kevin) Browns of Defiance, and his children, Rene (Aimee) Rodriguez, Jr. of Bryan, Ohio, Kaitlin (Thomas Cameron) Rodriguez and Isaiah Rodriguez, all of Defiance, and Nathaniel Rodriguez of Toledo, Ohio. He also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, and his siblings; Theresa Rodriguez of Toledo, Christina Rosse, Marcela Sierra, Priscilla (William) Mendoza, Danielle Trevino, Sierra Hatchett, all of Defiance, Ray Rodriguez Jr. of Napoleon, and Lorenzo Houlguin of Toledo.

He was preceded in death by Father, Israel "Ray" Rodriguez, Sr.

Toledo Museum of Art Invites Families to Escape Into Art This Winter Break



Winter break just got brighter. The *Toledo Museum of Art (TMA)* will fill its snow globe-like *Glass Pavilion* with hands-on art, live music and dance, glassblowing demonstrations and holiday fun when The Great Glass Art Escape returns Saturday, Dec. 19, and Sunday, Dec. 20, 2026.

The seasonal favorite is free for all and runs 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Glassblowing demonstrations run hourly from 2 to 5 p.m. both days, and a hot chocolate and snack station will be open in the Crystal Corridor (available for purchase).

"The holiday season is the perfect opportunity for families to spend meaningful time together and create lasting memories," said Grace Toth, Emma Leah Bippus Director of Education at TMA. "With glassblowing demonstrations, live music, hands-on art activities, and immersive experiences, we hope visitors of all ages leave feeling inspired, energized, and connected through art."

The full event schedule is available online at https://toledomuseum.org/events/glass-art-escape. While much of the Museum is temporarily closed for reinstallation, the Glass Pavilion, Education Wing, Sculpture Garden and Library remain open.

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Recipe of the Week

By Alicia Boes, aliciaboes1@gmail.com

Mexican-Style Adobo Roasted Turkey!

Marinated in a rich blend of dried chiles, garlic, citrus, and traditional Mexican spices, this turkey is packed with flavor from the inside out. The adobo marinade creates beautifully seasoned, juicy meat and a gorgeous golden-red skin. It's a wonderful way to bring cultural tradition and a little extra flavor to a classic Thanksgiving favorite!

PREP TIME: 30 minutes MARINATING: 12–24 hours SERVINGS: 10–12


Alicia Boes

Ingredients

For the turkey

- 1 whole turkey (12–14 pounds), thawed
- ½ cup softened butter
- 1 orange, quartered
- 1 onion, quartered
- 1 head of garlic, halved
- Fresh rosemary and thyme (optional)

For the Mexican adobo marinade

- 5 dried guajillo chiles, stems and seeds removed
- 2 dried ancho chiles, stems and seeds removed
- 5 garlic cloves
- ½ cup orange juice
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dried Mexican oregano
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

This recipe is a delicious way to put a Mexican twist on a holiday staple, making it a standout centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table. The flavorful adobo marinade is also versatile enough to use with chicken for an easy, flavor-packed weeknight dinner!

Instructions

1. Prepare the adobo marinade. Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add the guajillo and ancho chiles and simmer for 10 minutes until softened. Drain and transfer to a blender. Add garlic, orange juice, lime juice, apple cider vinegar, chicken broth, cumin, oregano, smoked paprika, black pepper, salt, and cinnamon. Blend until completely smooth.

2. Prepare the turkey. Remove the neck and giblets from the turkey and pat the turkey completely dry with paper towels. Gently loosen the skin over the breast and thighs.

3. Season and marinate. Rub softened butter underneath the skin and over the outside of the turkey. Spread the adobo marinade generously over the entire turkey, including underneath the skin. Cover and refrigerate for 12–24 hours.

4. Prepare for roasting. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place the turkey on a roasting rack inside a large roasting pan. Stuff the cavity with orange quarters, onion, and garlic.

5. Roast the turkey. Roast uncovered, allowing approximately 13–15 minutes per pound as a starting estimate. If the skin begins browning too quickly, loosely cover with foil. Baste occasionally with pan juices.

6. Check for doneness. Cook until the thickest part of the breast and innermost part of the thigh reach 165°F on a food thermometer. Check without touching the bone.

7. Rest and serve. Remove from the oven and allow the turkey to rest for 30 minutes before carving. Serve with the flavorful pan juices.





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Spanish Idioms

Spanish: *Ahogar las penas*

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La Prensa

La Premiere de los Latin Grammy recompensa a Drexler, Milo J y CA7riel & Paco Amoroso

Por BERENICE BAUTISTA Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, Nov 12, 2026 (AP) — Jorge Drexler, Ca7riel & Paco Amoroso, Milo J, Rosalía y Sara Schell fueron recompensados el jueves en La Premiere del Latin Grammy.

El rapero argentino Milo J superó a pesos pesados como Daddy Yankee, Ryan Castro, Feid y Karol G para llevarse el premio a mejor interpretación urbana por "Gil" con Trueno, su amigo, compatriota y colega, con quien subió al escenario por el premio.

Milo J extendió su dominio más allá de la música urbana al llevarse el Latin Grammy a mejor álbum folklórico por "La vida era más corta".

"Para mí, del lugar de donde vengo, que es Morón y del género que vengo, que vendría a ser el trap, o como le dicen ustedes, la música urbana, ganar este premio de música folklórica para mí me huila la cabeza", dijo.

Entre sus agradecimientos mencionó a "La gran Mercedes Sosa que está en el cielo" y cuya voz mezcló en el álbum.

Camilo Joaquín Villarruel, el nombre verdadero de Milo J, también ganó el premio de mejor diseño de empaque gracias a su labor como director de arte de "La vida era más corta". Dedicó su premio a los diseñadores gráficos.

Sara Schell destronó a Edgar Barrera

La venezolana Sara Schell se convirtió el jueves en la primera mujer en llevarse el premio al compositor del año en los Latin Grammy. Las canciones de Schell han colaborado con artistas como Becky G, Belinda, Mora, Natanael Cano, Nicki Nicole e Iván Cornejo. Schell rompió la racha ganadora de Edgar Barrera, quien se había impuesto en la categoría desde su creación en 2023.

Pero Barrera defendió su título de productor del año, el cual ganó por cuarta ocasión en su carrera.

"Doy gracias a la Academia por seguir creyendo que soy merecedor de este premio", dijo. "Lo recibo con mucha humildad".

Barrera, quien es el principal nominado general de los Latin Grammy todavía tiene posibilidad de ganar varios premios más incluyendo grabación, álbum y canción del año. Se llevó el premio a mejor canción regional mexicana por "No capea" una canción interpretada por Xavi y Grupo Frontera, con quienes subió al escenario.

Por su parte Grupo Frontera se llevó otro premio a mejor álbum de música norteña por "Lo que me falta por llorar".

Jorge Drexler

El uruguayo Jorge Drexler, otro de los principales nominados de la noche, subió feliz acompañado de varios de los compositores de "Ante la duda, baila" que se llevó el premio a mejor canción alternativa. Drexler destacó que era su primer experimento de composición colectiva y "salió bien".

Momentos después volvió al escenario para recoger el premio de mejor canción de raíces por "El tambor chico", la cual interpreta con la agrupación uruguaya Rueda De Candombe. Drexler se llevó su tercer gramófono de la Premiere a mejor álbum cantautor por "Taracá", el cual dedicó a la música uruguaya.

"Ustedes no se imaginan lo que es de verdad venir de un país en el que yo me crie", dijo. "A nadie se le ocurría que se pudiera, en los años 80, vivir de la música en Uruguay y hoy en día tenemos una música que está en plena efervescencia".

Ca7riel & Paco amoroso

Ca7riel & Paco amoroso, unos de los cuatro artistas más nominados de la noche, se llevaron su primer Latin Grammy a mejor interpretación de música electrónica por "Beto's Horns - Fred Remix" su colaboración con el DJ y productor británico Fred Again.

También se llevaron el premio a mejor video musical versión larga por "FREE SPIRITS (The Film)" en el cual participa otro artista británico, Sting. El dúo argentino agradeció a Sting al recoger su tercer premio en La Premiere a mejor canción pop/rock por "Hasta Jesús tuvo un mal día", que interpreta con ellos y en la cual tiene un crédito como compositor bajo su nombre verdadero: Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner.

Bizarrap

El celebrado productor argentino Bizarrap se impuso en la categoría de mejor canción urbana por su colaboración con Daddy Yankee, quien fue galardonado el miércoles como Persona del Año por "Daddy Yankee: Bzrp Music Sessions, Vol. 0/66". Bizarrap dijo que su proyecto Bzrp Music Sessions el cual ha tenido invitados como Shakira, Quevedo y Peso Pluma, está llegando a su fin.

"Siempre trató de darle entidad y espacio a los artistas sin importar si están empezando o si están consagrados, y eso siento que es lo más importante que conseguí hasta ahora como productor", destacó. "Sigamos abriéndole la puerta a los artistas jóvenes siempre".

Rosalía

La artista española Rosalía, quien era una de las cuatro más nominadas de la noche, se llevó los premios de mejor álbum de música alternativa por "LUX (Complete Works)", mejor canción pop por "La Perla", la cual interpreta con Yahritza y Su Esencia y mejor video versión corta por "Sauvignon Blanc (Official Video)".

Su álbum también fue reconocido con el premio a mejor ingeniería de grabación.

Otros ganadores destacados

La banda mexicana The Warning, integrada por las hermanas Alejandra, Daniela y Paulina Villarreal, se llevó su primer Latin Grammy al conquistar el premio a mejor canción de rock por "Ego".

Bobby Pulido, quien el año pasado anunció en los Latin Grammy sus intenciones de postularse como representante en Texas, se impuso en la categoría de mejor álbum de música tejana por "Bobby Pulido & Friends Una Tuya y Una Mía (Vol.2/En Vivo)".

Anunció en el escenario que se retirará de la música tras ser elegido representante del Distrito 15 de Texas por el Partido Demócrata.

"Me voy lleno de gratitud", expresó. "La música tejana está en muy buenas manos, tenemos muchísimo talento con talento joven… Los quiero mucho y nos vemos pronto, porque hay que representar y hay que ponerse a trabajar para utilizar la voz para otra cosa".

Las categorías de pop de La Premiere se repartieron entre artistas consagrados. Alejandro Sanz se llevó el de mejor álbum pop contemporáneo por "¿Y Ahora Qué +?" y Laura Pausini mejor álbum pop tradicional por "Yo Canto 2".

Discursos emotivos

Camila Fernández se emocionó hasta las lágrimas al ganar su primer Latin Grammy por su álbum "La Fernández" en la categoría de mejor álbum de música ranchera/mariachi. Fernández está embarazada de su segundo hijo.

"Gracias por creer en mí y por tener este disco que marcó mi carrera", manifestó Fernández. "Este bebé que me está dando también fuerza para estar acá".

La música mexicana Silvana Estrada se llevó el premio a mejor canción cantautor por "Dime", subió al escenario con una tarjeta de Batman y dijo que era porque le recordaba a su mejor amigo fallecido quien era admirador del superhéroe.

"Este premio y mi vida entera se la dedico a mi mejor amigo", dijo. "Lo extraño como nada en el mundo a toda la gente que tiene el corazón roto, que extrañamos a gente que amamos y que ya no está, la vida es para los vivos".

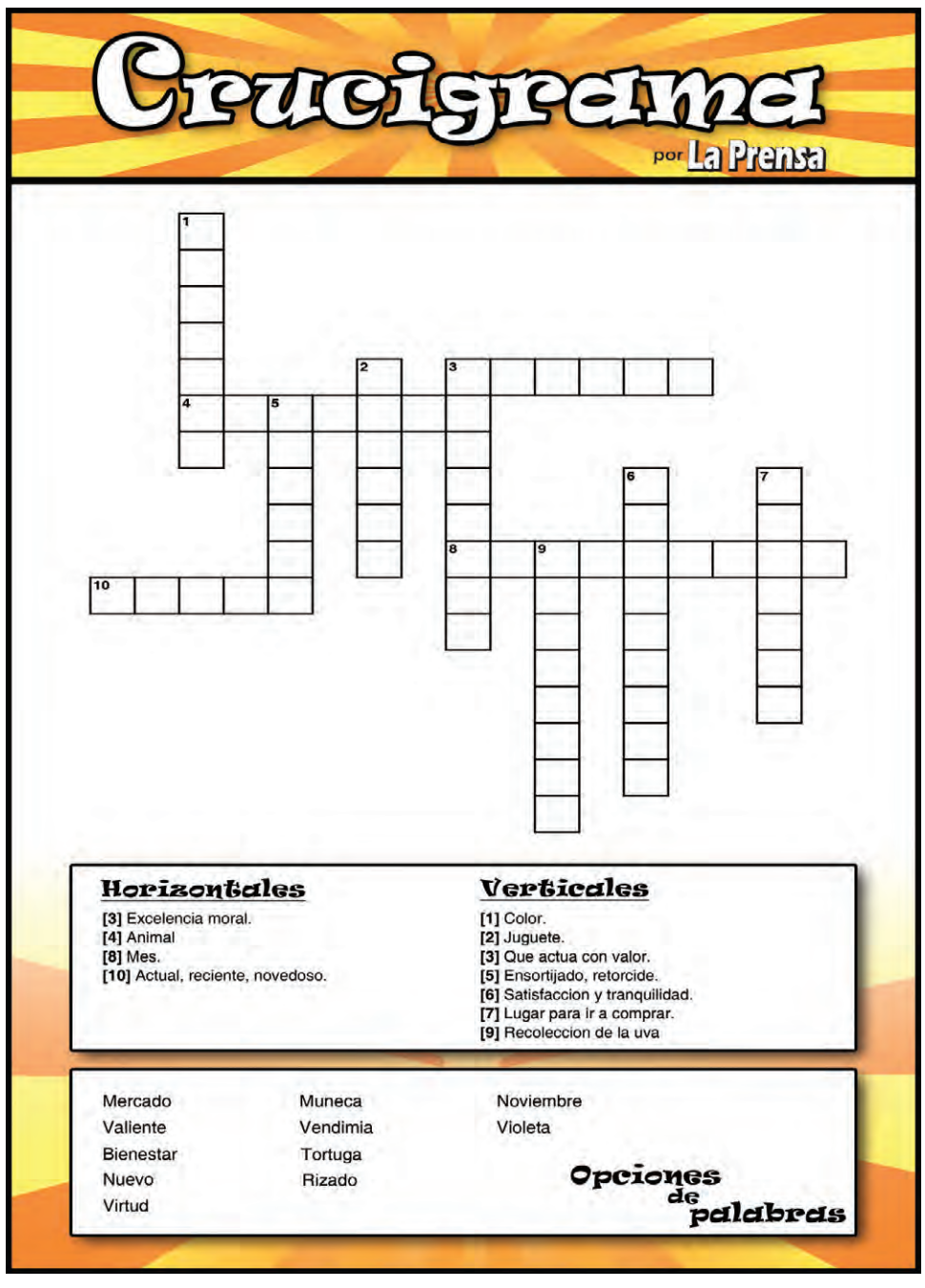
Música tropical

El músico nicaragüense-estadounidense Luis Enrique se llevó el premio al álbum de salsa por "El alma en clave". Momentos después, Luis Enrique regresó al escenario por el premio de mejor canción tropical por "Nombre y apellido", su colaboración con De La Ghetto.

La categoría de canción tropical tuvo un empate y además de Luis Enrique fue premiada "Realidad-Es" de Grupo Niche.

Números musicales

La Premiere arrancó con un número musical con los nominados a mejor álbum de vallenato: Jorge Celedón y Víctor Nain Jr., Gusi y Karen Lizarazo. Pablo Alborán interpretó su tema "Mis 36". Kakalo originario de Sonora, México, presentó "Bien, ¿y tú?". El ganador del premio al álbum de música flamenca, Yerai Cortés, y la cantante brasileña Marina Sena fueron otros de los artistas con números musicales.











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Nominations Encouraged for Michigan Lottery's Excellence in Education Awards to Honor Outstanding Educators

Parents, students, school staff members, and others are encouraged to nominate outstanding public-school educators for the Michigan Lottery's 2026-27 Excellence in Education awards.

All public-school employees may be nominated for the Excellence in Education awards, which recognize educators who go "above and beyond" to make a difference in the lives of children. To nominate a public-school educator, go to www.michiganlottery.com/excellence-in-education.

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

One outstanding educator will be selected each week and will receive a $2,000 cash prize. At the end of the school year, one of these weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and will receive a $10,000 cash prize.

Winners of the weekly award are featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, WNEM-TV in Saginaw, WWTV-TV in Traverse City, and WLUC-TV in Marquette.

The winner of the 2026 Educator of the Year award was Brandon Bailey, a fifth-grade math and science teacher at Forest View Elementary. The school is part of the Cadillac Area Public Schools.

Hundreds of educators were nominated during the 2025-26 school year, which was the 12th year of the Excellence in Education awards program. Thirty-four of these nominees, including Bailey, were selected to win a weekly award.

Previous winners of the Educator of the Year award:

2025 – Kelly Herberholz, a science teacher and administrative team intern at Dakota High School.

2024 – Samantha Two-Crow, the director of the Indigenous Education Program for Suttons Bay Public Schools in Suttons Bay.

2023 – Kathryn Kluzak, a kindergarten teacher with Robert L. Green Elementary in East Lansing.

2022 – Spencer Vanderheide, a high school teacher with Kenowa Hills High School in Grand Rapids.

2021 – Janice Smith, a school social worker at Fisher Magnet Lower Academy in Detroit.

2020 – Megan Sidge, an Autism Spectrum Disorder teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary in Walled Lake.

2019 – Stewart Kieliszewski, an Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media teacher for eighth through 12 graders at the Ubly Community Schools.

2018 – Kerri Moccio, a first-grade literacy intervention specialist at Bedford Elementary School in Dearborn Heights.

2017 – Linda Holzwarth, a social studies teacher at Portage West Middle School in Portage.

2016 – Daniel Carr, a Spanish and sports marketing teacher at Waverly High School in Lansing.

2015 – Michael Craig, a special education teacher at the Charles Drew Transition Center in Detroit.

Excellence In Education award nominees should demonstrate the following qualities:

• Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement.

• Dedication – They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.

• Inspiration –Their work inspires others around them to exceed expectations either academically or professionally.

• Leadership – They demonstrate clear leadership skills in their positions with their school or school districts.

• Effectiveness – The nominee's work has clear and positive results on the educational advancement of students within the school or school district.

Afterschool Meals at Detroit Public Library Main Branch



Afterschool meals are available Monday through Saturday. They will be served on Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat (2pm-5:30pm) and Tues & Wed. (2pm- 7:30pm). Meals are available for children of any age and disabled adults only. They must be eaten in the Children's Library or HYPE (ages 13-18). Perishible items cannot be taken home. Staff will be available for meal service and questions.

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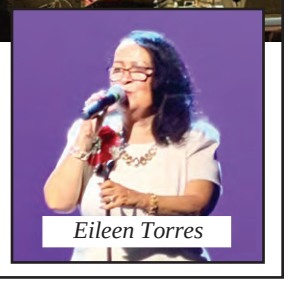


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75 Years of Latin Music in Lorain, Sunday, October 25, 2026, at the Lorain Palace Theatre. This family-friendly event brought generations together to celebrate the music, memories, culture, and community that shaped Lorain's Latin music scene for 75 years—photos taken by Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce.



Eileen Torres

Upcoming Events

Lorain Public Library System

www.lorainpubliclibrary.org

Let's Cook: Healthy Holiday Side Dishes
Columbia Branch Friday, Nov. 20; 2 to 3 p.m.
In this demonstration, learn to make Mediterranean Pantescan potato salad and nutrient-dense spinach with sweet raisins. Explore creative and healthy substitutes for traditional favorites. Preregistration required.

Friends of the Avon Library Book Room Hours
Avon Branch
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Nov. 21, 28
The Friends of the Avon Library Book Room is open to the public every Saturday. Find books and DVDs for all ages for a suggested donation of $1 per item.

Book Doctor Workshop
Columbia Branch
Saturday, Nov. 21
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Give your well-loved books a second chance. Bring in a damaged or worn book for a consultation and learn whether they can be repaired or rebound. Please note: this program is intended for general book repair/rebinding and not suitable for antiques or rare books. Preregistration required.

Drop-In Engraved Wooden Spatula
Avon Branch
Saturday, Nov. 21
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Stop in to the Create Space to make an engraved wooden spatula using our laser engraver. While supplies last.

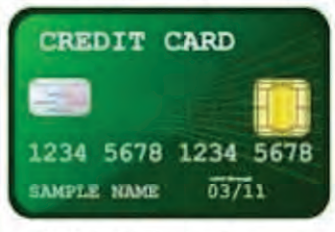
Family Play Date
Domonkas Branch
Saturday, Nov. 21
11 a.m. to noon
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A Magically Sweet Gathering
Main Library
Saturday, Nov. 21
Noon to 1 p.m.
Meet and greet some of your favorite princesses as we play fun and magical games and partake in the sweetest of treats!

Checkmates
Columbia Branch
Saturday, Nov. 21
3 to 5 p.m.
Learn how to play chess, solve puzzles, watch live international competitions and compete head-to-head in friendly matches. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Hygge Hangout
Main Library
Saturday, Nov. 21
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A national movement of faith-based pilgrimages highlights deadly immorality of U.S. immigration jail

245 miles walked across NJ, CA, TX, WA, OH

Courtesy of interfaithimmigration.org

Migration is part of being human, and pilgrimages are part of many world religions. In the United States, a movement of faith leaders is pointing their compasses toward federal immigration jails — in solidarity with those incarcerated inside their walls.

Americans of diverse faiths recently traveled 245 miles in five pilgrimages across New Jersey, California, Texas, Washington State, and Ohio.

Montclair to Delaney Hall — New Jersey

On Good Friday, 150 people walked ten miles from First Congregational Church in Montclair to Delaney Hall, the notorious Newark immigration jail. "It's our way of showing our prayers with our feet," said Rev. Katrina Forman of Union Congregational (United Church of Christ).

As the pilgrims arrived, Bishop Chau of the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark and Father Alex Gaitán of the Claretian Ministries wrapped up Good Friday services inside the jail. A walker received a phone call from his detained father and the crowd recited the Lord's Prayer together with those trapped inside.

Sadly, Father Gaitán passed suddenly in September.

Crystal City to Dilley — Texas

In June, Japanese American internment survivors and advocates walked forty-five miles from the former Crystal City internment camp to the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, where they strung origami cranes along the razor wire. "What is happening today is a repetition of American history, over and over and over again," said Satsuki Ina, born inside Crystal City.

Organized by Free Families, Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministries, Grassroots Leadership, and Tsuru for Solidarity, the pilgrimage called for an end to family detention. "We know that God cries out for justice with us," said Pastor Dianne Garcia of Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Refugio in San Antonio.

Adelanto to Los Angeles — California

From September 29 to October 6, an interfaith group walked ninety-six miles from the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in San Bernardino County to downtown Los Angeles, raising $65,000 for immigration bonds. Rev. Jaime Edwards-Acton of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Hollywood described losing fourteen community members to ICE raids at the Ambiance Apparel factory: "These are great men. These are great husbands, great fathers. Three of them were deported."

Organized by Sacred Resistance, CLUE, and Nefesh L.A., the march drew followers on TikTok, who joined along the way. "We have woven together a beautiful sense of group and shared purpose," said Rabbi Susan Goldberg.

On November 2 and 3, Californians will hold a 24-hour prayer vigil outside the federal building in Los Angeles. "We walked; now we keep watch," wrote the organizers. They will be praying "for a democracy in which every voice is counted and every person is treated with dignity."

Seattle to Tacoma — Washington State

From October 7 to 10, Japanese-American internment camp survivors and allies walked forty-eight miles from Seattle to the Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, stopping at King County International Airport, the ICE field office in Tukwila, and the Puyallup Fairgrounds — a former internment camp.

Rev. Kenji Akahoshi of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego was incarcerated in the Amache, Colorado internment camp as an infant. He said, "I felt I had a responsibility to respond as someone who has gone through this experience." Organized by Tsuru for Solidarity, Free Families, and La Resistencia NW, the pilgrimage ended at Urban Grace Church.

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Springfield to Columbus — Ohio

In Ohio, pastors are among those detained and those organizing the fight for freedom and justice. Leaders with the Haitian Support Center, UNDIVIDED, Kairos Center, Faithful America, and others walked 40-plus miles from Springfield to Columbus to demand an end to detentions, deportations, and ankle shackles used to brand immigrants.

Pastor Reginald Silencieux of PEEHSO and the League of Haitian Pastors said, "We are people who work hard. We pay our bills. We are honest people, and we are here to participate in the development and the growth of Springfield, Ohio." During the pilgrimage his friend and colleague, Pastor Julio Dumano, was released from an Ohio ICE jail.

Pastor Joubert Adrien, freed on bond from the Butler County Jail, co-led a worship service to kick off the pilgrimage, which arrived at the Ohio Statehouse on October 24.

Kern County, CA & Alexandria, LA

Sadly, the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI) was forced to postpone its annual pilgrimage to Kern County due to a 45-day ICE enforcement surge.

On October 26–27 in Alexandria, Louisiana, Free Families and Louisiana Interchurch Conference held an "Interfaith Witness for Our Children" near England Airpark, where Trump plans a new family and child detention center.

The Ministry Continues

"A pilgrimage is a sacred practice in many faith traditions," said Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez of CLUE. "It's also a spiritual journey, closer to God." These pilgrimages are also part of an active, everyday ministry.

In Houston and Dilley, Sisters of Charity of the

A national movement of faith-based pilgrimages

Incarnate Word bore witness to the government's injustices, hanging posters of thirty-five immigrants who died in ICE custody. In Vermont, seven clergy were arrested after demonstrating outside the National Criminal Analysis Targeting Center. In Ohio, interfaith vigils outside all six immigration jails drew solidarity from detained Muslim, Christian, and Hindu men who held hands and joined in prayer from inside.

From California to Washington State, Texas to Ohio, the pilgrimages are a reminder that "Love thy neighbor" isn't just something people say. They demonstrate a deeply personal and moral reckoning with today's immigration policies, and a clarion call for change.

Have a tip about a pilgrimage or action your faith community is planning that you'd like to lift up? Contact us at https://interfaithimmigration.org/about/contact-us-general/

Peregrinaciones de fe recorren cinco estados para denunciar las condiciones de detención migratoria en Estados Unidos

Migrar es parte de nuestra historia como seres humanos. Y para muchas comunidades religiosas, caminar también es una forma de expresar su fe, acompañar a otros y llevar un mensaje de esperanza.

En Estados Unidos, líderes de distintas religiones han decidido convertir esa tradición en una muestra de solidaridad. Su destino son los centros de detención migratoria, donde miles de personas permanecen lejos de sus familias.

Con oraciones, pasos y un mismo propósito, personas de distintas creencias recorrieron 245 millas en cinco peregrinaciones por Nueva Jersey, California, Texas, Washington y Ohio. Un recorrido para recordarles a quienes están detenidos que no están solos.

Desde Montclair a Delaney Hall a Nueva Jersey

El Viernes Santo, 150 personas se reunieron para caminar diez millas desde la Primera Iglesia Congregacional de Montclair hasta Delaney Hall, un centro de detención migratoria en Newark.

"Es nuestra manera de expresar nuestras oraciones con los pies", explicó la reverenda Katrina Forman, de la Iglesia Congregacional Union (Iglesia Unida de Cristo).

Mientras el grupo llegaba a su destino, dentro del centro de detención el obispo Chau, de la Arquidiócesis Católica de Newark, y el padre Alex Gaitán, de los Ministerios Claretianos, terminaban una ceremonia religiosa del Viernes Santo.

Entonces ocurrió un momento que unió a quienes estaban afuera con quienes permanecían detenidos. Uno de los participantes recibió una llamada de su padre, que se encontraba dentro del centro. A través de esa llamada, todos rezaron juntos el Padrenuestro, sin importar los muros que los separaban.

Lamentablemente meses después, en septiembre, el padre Gaitán falleció repentinamente.

De Crystal City a Dilley, Texas

En junio, un grupo de personas caminó 45 millas desde Crystal City, donde durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial funcionó un campo de internamiento de familias de origen japonés, hasta un centro de detención de familias migrantes en Dilley, Texas.

Entre quienes participaron había personas que habían vivido ese encierro en carne propia. Al llegar, colocaron grullas de papel hechas con origami sobre las cercas de alambre de púas, como símbolo de paz y esperanza.

Para Satsuki Ina, quien nació dentro del campo de internamiento de Crystal City, esta caminata tenía un significado muy personal. "Lo que está ocurriendo hoy es una repetición de la historia estadounidense, una y otra y otra vez", afirmó.

La peregrinación fue organizada por Free Families, Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministries, Grassroots Leadership y Tsuru for Solidarity. Juntos, caminaron para pedir que ninguna familia migrante tenga que vivir encerrada en un centro de detención.

"Sabemos que Dios también clama por justicia junto a nosotros", expresó la pastora Dianne García, de la Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Refugio, en San Antonio.

De Adelanto a Los Ángeles, California

Durante ocho días, del 29 de septiembre al 6 de octubre, personas de distintas comunidades religiosas caminaron 96 millas desde el centro de detención de ICE en Adelanto, en el condado de San Bernardino, hasta el centro de Los Ángeles. Además de mostrar su solidaridad con las personas migrantes detenidas, lograron recaudar 65,000 dólares para ayudar a pagar fianzas migratorias.

Para algunos participantes, esta caminata tenía un significado muy personal. El reverendo Jaime Edwards-Acton, de la Iglesia Episcopal de San Esteban en Hollywood, compartió que catorce personas de su comunidad fueron detenidas durante las redadas de ICE en la fábrica Ambiance Apparel. "Son grandes hombres. Grandes esposos, grandes padres. Tres de ellos fueron deportados", recordó.

La peregrinación fue organizada por Sacred Resistance, CLUE y Nefesh L.A. A medida que avanzaban, más personas conocían la iniciativa a través de TikTok y se sumaban al recorrido.

"Hemos tejido un hermoso sentido de comunidad y propósito compartido", expresó la rabina Susan Goldberg.

Pero la caminata no fue el final. Los días 2 y 3 de noviembre, las comunidades de California convocaron a una vigilia de oración de 24 horas frente al edificio federal de Los Ángeles.

"Caminamos; ahora permanecemos vigilantes", escribieron los organizadores, quienes llamaron a orar "por una democracia en la que todas las voces cuenten y todas las personas sean tratadas con dignidad".

De Seattle a Tacoma, Washington

Del 7 al 10 de octubre, sobrevivientes de los campos donde el gobierno estadounidense encerró a personas de origen japonés durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, junto con personas que apoyan los derechos de los migrantes, caminaron 48 millas desde Seattle hasta el centro de detención de ICE en Tacoma.

A lo largo del camino hicieron varias paradas, entre ellas el Aeropuerto Internacional del Condado de King, una oficina de ICE en Tukwila y los terrenos feriales de Puyallup, un lugar que años atrás también fue utilizado para



detener a personas de origen japonés.

Para algunos de los participantes, esta caminata significaba mucho más que mostrar solidaridad. Era también una forma de recordar su propia historia.

El reverendo Kenji Akahoshi, del Templo Budista de San Diego, fue encerrado cuando apenas era un bebé en el campo de internamiento de Amache, Colorado.

"Sentí que tenía la responsabilidad de responder como alguien que ha vivido esta experiencia", explicó.

La peregrinación fue organizada por Tsuru for Solidarity, Free Families y La Resistencia NW, y terminó en la Iglesia Urban Grace.

De Springfield a Columbus, Ohio

En Ohio, algunos pastores han sido detenidos por las autoridades migratorias, mientras otros se han unido para pedir su libertad y defender los derechos de las personas migrantes.

Líderes de organizaciones como Haitian Support Center, UNDIVIDED, Kairos Center y Faithful America, junto con integrantes de la comunidad, caminaron más de 40 millas desde Springfield hasta Columbus.

Con esta peregrinación buscaban llamar la atención sobre las detenciones y deportaciones de migrantes, así como el uso de dispositivos electrónicos en los tobillos para vigilar sus movimientos.

"Somos personas trabajadoras. Pagamos nuestras cuentas. Somos personas honestas y estamos aquí para contribuir al desarrollo y crecimiento de Springfield, Ohio", expresó el pastor Reginald Silencieux, de PEEHSO y la Liga de Pastores Haitianos.

Durante la caminata, los participantes recibieron una noticia especial: el pastor Julio Dumano, amigo y colega de Silencieux, había sido liberado de un centro de detención de ICE en Ohio.

Otro pastor que conocía de cerca la experiencia de estar detenido era Joubert Adrien. Después de recuperar su libertad bajo fianza tras permanecer en la cárcel del condado de Butler, ayudó a dirigir una ceremonia religiosa con la que comenzó la peregrinación.

Tras varios días de camino, el grupo llegó al Capitolio estatal de Ohio el 24 de octubre, llevando hasta la sede del gobierno estatal las voces y preocupaciones de las comunidades migrantes.

Condado de Kern, California, y Alexandria, Luisiana

No todas las peregrinaciones pudieron realizarse como estaban planeadas. En California, el Movimiento Interreligioso por la Integridad Humana (IM-4HI) tuvo que posponer su caminata anual al condado de Kern debido a un operativo de ICE de 45 días, que generó temor e incertidumbre entre las comunidades migrantes de la zona.

Mientras tanto, en Alexandria, Luisiana, las comunidades religiosas encontraron otra forma de hacerse presentes.

Los días 26 y 27 de octubre, Free Families y la Conferencia Intereclesial de Luisiana organizaron un encuentro interreligioso llamado "Testimonio interreligioso por nuestros niños" cerca de England Airpark.

La elección del lugar no fue casual. Allí, la administración Trump planea abrir un nuevo centro de detención para familias migrantes y menores de edad.

La solidaridad de las comunidades de fe no termina con las peregrinaciones

"Una peregrinación es una práctica sagrada en muchas tradiciones religiosas. También es un viaje espiritual que nos acerca a Dios", explicó la reverenda Jennifer Gutiérrez, de CLUE.

Pero para estas comunidades, la solidaridad no termina cuando acaba la caminata. Su compromiso continúa todos los días, de distintas maneras.

En Houston y Dilley, las Hermanas de la Caridad del Verbo Encarnado colocaron carteles con los rostros de 35 personas migrantes que murieron bajo custodia de ICE, para recordar sus vidas y denunciar lo ocurrido.

En Vermont, siete líderes religiosos fueron arrestados después de participar en una protesta frente al Centro Nacional de Análisis Criminal para la Identificación de Objetivos.

En Ohio, personas de distintas religiones se reunieron a orar frente a los seis centros de detención migratoria. Desde el interior, hombres musulmanes, cristianos e hindúes se tomaron de las manos y se unieron a las oraciones, a pesar de los muros que los separaban.

Desde California hasta Washington, y desde Texas hasta Ohio, estas historias nos recuerdan que "Ama a tu prójimo" es mucho más que una frase. Para estas comunidades, significa estar presentes, acompañar a quienes más lo necesitan y convertir su fe en acciones.

Cada paso, cada oración y cada muestra de solidaridad reflejan una preocupación por la manera en que se trata a las personas migrantes en Estados Unidos y un llamado a construir un futuro donde todas las personas sean tratadas con dignidad.

¿Tu comunidad de fe está organizando alguna peregrinación o actividad de solidaridad con las personas migrantes? Escríbenos para compartir tu historia y ayudar a que más personas la conozcan. https://interfaithimmigration.org/about/contact-us-general/



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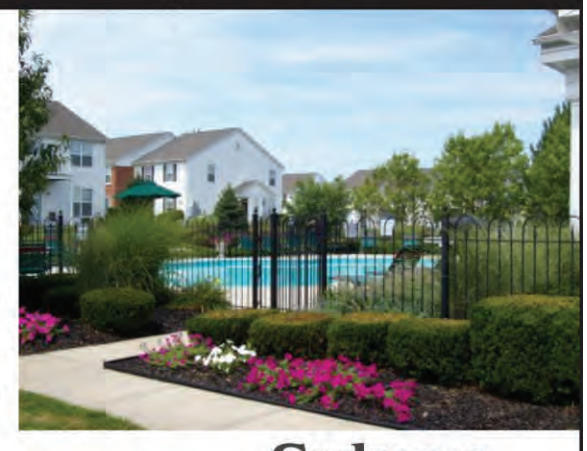
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- STEM Center
- Urban Agriculture

Housing Preservation (non-NRSAs)

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- Youth Programs
- Food Pantries
- Health Services
- Legal Services
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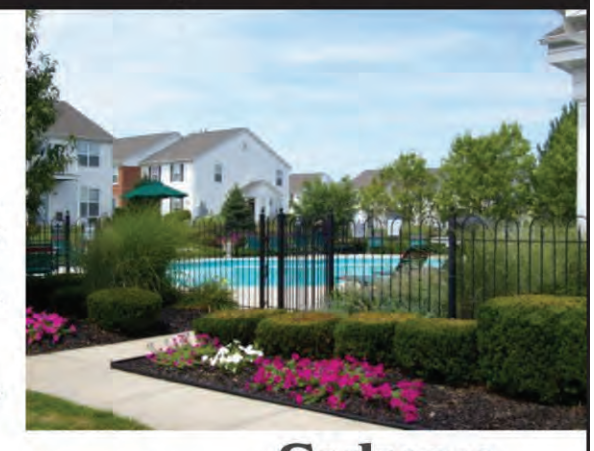
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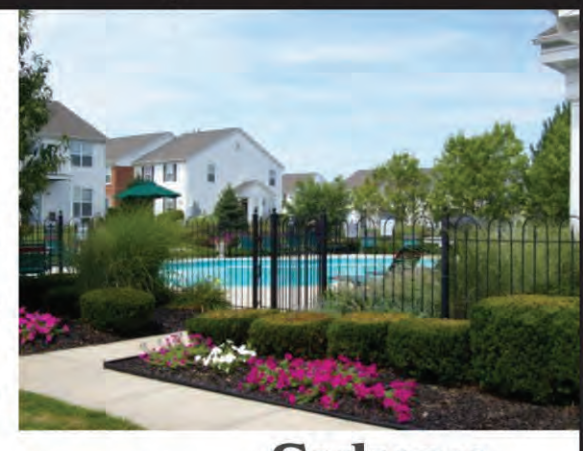
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Tras su emotivo regreso, el papa denuncia el machismo en Perú y exige protección para las mujeres

Por NICOLE WINFIELD, MAURICIO SAVARESE, ASTRID SUÁREZ y FRANKLIN BRICEÑO Associated Press

LIMA, Perú, Nov 12, 2026 (AP) — El papa León XIV denunció el jueves la extendida actitud "machista" y la violencia contra las mujeres en Perú, exigiendo que las mujeres reciban protección y respeto, mientras giraba instrucciones a su querida Iglesia y pueblo peruanos.

Después de su emotivo regreso a casa del miércoles, el papa peruano se puso manos a la obra y abordó los desafíos que afrontan una Iglesia y un país que conoce bien.

Pidió a la influyente jerarquía católica que sea modelo de unidad y comunión, e instruyó a los obispos peruanos a acompañar a su grey y responder a las víctimas de abusos sexuales del clero con verdad y justicia. También se reunió con seis sobrevivientes, incluidas algunas víctimas de un abusivo grupo de tipo sectario que el papa Francisco suprimió el año pasado.

Pero el pontífice de 71 años también se mostró verdaderamente feliz de estar en casa y tan relajado como lo ha estado en público desde su elección en 2025.

León cantó con entusiasmo mientras 40.000 personas reunidas en la Plaza Mayor de Lima coreaban "Contigo Perú", una famosa canción de la costa del Pacífico peruano que celebra la unidad nacional. Más tarde cantó otro himno del país, Alma Misionera, junto a 30.000 jóvenes reunidos en el estadio de Lima para una vigilia. Recibió una enorme ovación cuando recitó la letra de otro famoso himno criollo, "Mi Perú".

Para Ángel Esquives, un artesano originario de la antigua diócesis de León en Chiclayo y actual residente de Lima, la visita del pontífice es una bendición no sólo para los chiclayanos sino para todo Perú. Añadió que salió de su casa a las 3 de la mañana para ir al centro histórico y hacer fila para acercarse lo más posible al papa.

Zózimo Pérez llegó con un disfraz de diseño propio al que llamó "el Guerrero Inca", con la imagen del pontífice en el pecho y la espalda. Rompió en llanto al ver a León mientras recorría la plaza.

Tal como lo demostró en las dos primeras escalas de su viaje por Sudamérica, León se encontraba en buena forma física a pesar de haberse sometido a una cirugía por cáncer de pulmón el mes pasado. Subió fácilmente una empinada escalera la mañana del jueves y bromeó con los obispos al decir que algunos "Tomases" incrédulos habían pronosticado que no podría venir.

"Pero Dios es grande y su gracia es más grande que todos nosotros. De verdad estoy muy contento de estar entre todos ustedes", manifestó entre aplausos.

Un llamado a proteger y respetar a las mujeres

En un discurso a los peruanos en la plaza, León denunció la cultura "machista" y la violencia contra las mujeres que prevalece en Perú, diciendo que ello iba en contra de la enseñanza cristiana que proclama que hombres y mujeres comparten igual dignidad.

"Nos duele constatar que la violencia contra las mujeres, que podrían ser nuestras abuelas, madres, hermanas, hijas, sigue siendo una realidad que hiere a la humanidad entera", dijo. Añadió que las mujeres pobres, indígenas y afroperuanas se ven afectadas por partida doble, y pidió que todas las mujeres sean valoradas, protegidas y respetadas.

La violencia de género es un problema social urgente en Perú, que registró 1.261 víctimas de feminicidio entre 2016 y 2024, según el Instituto Nacional de Estadística e Informática. Durante ese período, el número de mujeres asesinadas por su género aumentó un 44%, lo que deja entrever que el problema solo está empeorando.

Nicole Cruz, quien asistió el jueves a la Plaza Mayor para el discurso del papa, dijo que, si bien las mujeres han avanzado con el sufragio femenino y en ser escuchadas más, los feminicidios siguen en aumento, o al menos reciben más atención.

También espera que las palabras del papa ayuden a unir a las mujeres y a que los hombres entiendan que ellas no se están quejando, sino que quieren ayuda y ser amadas y escuchadas.

Una bienvenida multitudinaria al "Padre Robert"

El pontífice, antes conocido como Robert Prevost, pasó dos décadas como sacerdote misionero y obispo en Perú y atribuye al lugar haberle enseñado a ser pastor. En muchos sentidos, ha modelado su vocación como obispo a partir de Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo, del siglo XVI, el primer arzobispo de Lima.

Mogrovejo es venerado por haber recorrido largas distancias para estar con sus feligreses y por haber defendido los derechos de los pueblos indígenas y de las personas esclavizadas. Estudió quechua y aimara y supervisó la impresión del Catecismo de la Iglesia católica en estas lenguas indígenas, porque creía que la fe debía transmitirse en el idioma que la gente pudiera comprender.

León instó el jueves a los obispos a modelar su vocación según su ejemplo. Ser obispo, dijo, significa "conocer su diócesis entrando en los hogares, acompañando a los enfermos, encontrando a los jóvenes y acercándose a las comunidades que, por su distancia geográfica o su fragilidad social, pocas veces pueden hacerse escuchar o ser escuchadas".

Aunque el escándalo de abusos sexuales del clero no ha estallado públicamente en Perú como lo ha hecho en otros países de Latinoamérica, León lo identificó como una "realidad que nos ha causado tanto dolor".

"Hemos de responder como lo haría Jesús, con la verdad, con justicia, con perdón, con reparación y un compromiso cada vez más decidido a favor de una cultura de la prevención y protección de los más débiles frente a estos delitos", afirmó el pontífice.

Más tarde puso eso en práctica al reunirse durante una hora con seis víctimas, escuchando sus historias "y reflexionando con ellos sobre cómo fomentar un cambio de mentalidad a través de la escucha a las víctimas, la búsqueda de la verdad, los procesos de sanación y el compromiso con la creación de entornos seguros", dijo el Vaticano.

Entre ellos se incluía a antiguos miembros de Sodalitium Christianae Vitae, un movimiento con sede en Perú.

León, quien fue el enlace de los obispos peruanos para recibir a víctimas del Sodalitium mientras era obispo de Chiclayo, conoce bien el caso.

En 2011, algunos antiguos miembros se quejaron ante la arquidiócesis de Lima de presuntos abusos por parte de su fundador, Luis Figari. Pero ni la Iglesia local ni la Santa Sede tomaron medidas concretas hasta que una de las víctimas y un periodista, Pedro Salinas y Paola Ugaz, escribieron un libro en 2015.

Luego de varios intentos de una reforma, el papa Francisco envió a sus dos investigadores de mayor confianza para indagar las denuncias de abusos de Sodalitium. Su informe descubrió abusos "sádicos" de poder y espiritualidad de tipo sectario, así como abusos financieros en la administración de fondos de la Iglesia. Francisco suprimió el movimiento poco antes de su muerte, aunque aún ejerce cierto poder económico en Perú.

José Escardó, el primer denunciante de Sodalitium que escribió sobre los abusos que sufrió en 2000, dijo el jueves que la retórica de la Iglesia no ha tenido un impacto cuando se trata de castigar a sacerdotes que cometen delitos.

Fuera de la casa donde se hospeda el pontífice, Escardó se quejó de que León no ha respondido a las cartas de víctimas desde hace más de un año.

Más allá del caso de Sodalitium, la base de datos en línea BishopAccountability ha identificado a 77 sacerdotes, hermanos, seminaristas y laicos consagrados en Perú que han sido acusados públicamente de abusar sexualmente de menores de edad. Pero, basándose en las tendencias de otros países, la organización dijo que esa cifra es una "pequeña fracción" del total, argumentando que las víctimas simplemente aún no han dado un paso al frente en un país abrumadoramente católico donde la Iglesia ejerce una influencia significativa.

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Recycle Broken Christmas Lights

Toledo, OH, November 12, 2026: As Thanksgiving approaches and the weather turns colder, many people are excitedly pulling out the Christmas décor to prepare for the holiday season. AIM Ecycling, Genoa Bank, and Nature's Nursery have teamed up to offer options for old and broken Christmas lights.

For its fourth year, AIM of Toledo has mobilized a convenient way to offer an ecofriendly option for getting rid of old Christmas lights. Now through January 15th, you can drop off your old broken Christmas lights at most Genoa Bank branch locations during lobby business hours and at Nature's Nursery in Waterville.

"Christmas lights are just one of those things that people often overlook as being recyclable but it's really important to utilize this option" said Brian Simmons from AIMEcycling. "Christmas lights are made from several non-biodegradable components, mostly plastic, glass, and copper. They take decades, if not hundreds of years to break down if sent to a landfill."

Christmas light bulbs can also contain toxic metals such as mercury that can be released into the environment when the bulbs are broken. With Christmas lights often only lasting a few seasons, the waste generated by any given household adds up quickly. Over the last three years, nearly 12,000 pounds of lights have been collected and recycled with this initiative.

In addition to helping the environment by recycling your lights, AIM has committed to making a donation to Nature's Nursery Center For Wildlife Rescue of up to 20 cents per pound collected to assist in their efforts toward environmental and habitat sustainability.

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ICE reporta récord de arrestos y deportaciones de inmigrantes

Por TIM SULLIVAN Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov 12, 2026 (AP) — El Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de Estados Unidos (ICE, por sus siglas en inglés) arrestó y deportó a más personas durante el último año fiscal que en cualquier otro momento de sus 23 años de historia, informó el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) el jueves, mientras el presidente Donald Trump buscaba cumplir con las promesas de deportaciones masivas que le ayudaron a regresar a la Casa Blanca en 2024, pero que también alimentaron la reacción política que llevó a la abrumadora victoria de los demócratas en las elecciones de mitad de mandato de la semana pasada.

Las cifras publicadas el jueves por el DHS reflejan la enorme financiación que se ha destinado a potenciar la aplicación de las leyes migratorias durante el gobierno de Trump, con más dinero para oficiales de deportación, centros de detención y vuelos de deportación.

Pero los miembros demócratas del Congreso, impulsados por sus contundentes victorias tanto en la Cámara de Representantes como en el Senado, prometen una supervisión enérgica de la agencia.

El ICE indicó que deportó a 483.200 personas en el año fiscal que terminó el 30 de septiembre. En 2014, 405.090 personas fueron deportadas bajo el entonces presidente Barack Obama, cuando algunos activistas lo calificaron como el "deportador en jefe" .

Las cifras de 2026 aumentaron un 9% respecto a su anterior máximo de 442.640 en el mismo periodo un año antes y un 78% respecto a las 271.480 de 2024, el último año de la presidencia de Joe Biden.

"Gracias al liderazgo del presidente Trump, el ICE ha sido liberado para perseguir y expulsar a extranjeros ilegales, de modo que podamos salvar vidas estadounidenses", declaró el secretario de Seguridad Nacional, Markwayne Mullin.

Los detalles de los arrestos del ICE siguen siendo imprecisos

Sin embargo, mucho quedó sin decir en el comunicado de prensa del DHS, como cuántos deportados tenían antecedentes penales y un desglose detallado de las estadísticas. Además, las cifras de deportación pueden ser notoriamente imprecisas, con totales contabilizados de distintas maneras en diferentes años. Y el gobierno de Trump en gran medida dejó de publicar datos regulares sobre la aplicación de las leyes migratorias una vez que asumió el cargo, y en su lugar difunde información de manera intermitente en comunicados de prensa o en redes sociales sin los datos detallados que solía entregar.

"Es cierto que el ICE está realizando cifras récord de arrestos", notó Marc R. Rosenblum, investigador visitante del Migration Policy Institute y ex alto funcionario encargado de las estadísticas en el DHS. "Tienen recursos récord. Han duplicado su personal. Están recibiendo mucho apoyo de otras agencias policiales".

Pero los escasos datos del anuncio del jueves significan que "realmente no podemos ver qué está pasando de ninguna manera detallada".

La oficina de estadísticas del DHS solía publicar datos mensualmente sobre arrestos y deportaciones migratorias, mientras que el sitio web del ICE solía tener un panel que detallaba información sobre detenciones, arrestos y deportaciones del ICE. Pero eso se detuvo al comienzo del segundo mandato de Trump, lo que planteó preguntas sobre cuántas personas el departamento estaba realmente arrestando y expulsando del país.

El grupo conservador Oversight Project, que propugna por más deportaciones, ha presentado una demanda para obtener datos de deportación del gobierno.

Scott Mechowski es investigador visitante de estudios de deportación en el Oversight Project y solía ser subdirector de la oficina de campo del ICE para operaciones de cumplimiento y expulsión en Nueva York. Dijo que sin información más detallada del departamento sobre cómo están contabilizando las deportaciones y qué están incluyendo, es escéptico de las cifras publicadas el jueves.

"Muéstrenme los datos", dijo Mechowski. "Incluso si las cifras son lo que dijeron que eran, aun así, no alcanzará la promesa de campaña del presidente".

El Oversight Project ha publicado un informe que detalla cómo el gobierno puede alcanzar el millón de deportaciones prometido al año, incluso aumentando los arrestos en los lugares de trabajo.

Muchos votantes consideraron excesivas las operaciones de deportación de Trump

Trump hizo campaña prometiendo librar a Estados Unidos de migrantes criminales, diciendo que apuntaría a "los peores de los peores".

Pero eso rara vez es el caso. En julio, por ejemplo, aproximadamente una cuarta parte de los deportados tenía condenas penales, según el Deportation Data Project. Más de la mitad ni siquiera enfrentaba cargos.

Las cifras publicadas el jueves también quedaron muy por debajo del objetivo de la Casa Blanca de 1 millón de deportaciones anuales, una promesa que hizo cuando recibió miles de millones en financiación adicional del Congreso, potenciando la burocracia migratoria del gobierno.

Trump regresó al poder el año pasado prometiendo poner fin a los cruces ilegales en la frontera sur. Su gobierno ha impulsado restricciones tanto a la inmigración legal como a la ilegal y aceleró las deportaciones. Las operaciones migratorias suelen ser deliberadamente notorias, en parte para asustar a los migrantes y que se vayan por su propia voluntad.

Pero la ofensiva no siempre sale según lo planeado.

El mayor cambio se produjo este año en Minneapolis, cuando más de 2.000 agentes federales fueron desplegados en la ciudad y miles de manifestantes salieron para confrontar a agentes enmascarados y a menudo fuertemente armados que salían de convoyes de vehículos sin identificación.

Dos ciudadanos estadounidenses —Renee Good y Alex Pretti, ambos de 37 años— murieron al ser baleados por agentes, y el gobierno rápidamente dejó de hacer operaciones tan mediáticas.

Los arrestos disminuyeron después de esas muertes, pero rápidamente volvieron a subir, aunque en redadas migratorias más discretas.

Para las elecciones de la semana pasada, el mensaje migratorio de la Casa Blanca se había fragmentado, e incluso algunas zonas rurales profundamente republicanas votaron por candidatos demócratas después de que la gente viera como sus vecinos migrantes de larga data, muchos de ellos trabajadores clave en granjas, fincas y plantas de procesamiento de carne, eran arrestados.

La cifra más alta registrada de deportaciones en la historia se produjo durante la ofensiva del presidente Dwight D. Eisenhower contra los inmigrantes ilegales de México. La política, a menudo caótica, hizo que las cifras de deportación se dispararan drásticamente a principios de la década de 1950, alcanzando un máximo de 1,1 millones en 1954.

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Latino voters swing left in midterm elections

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in Texas under 65 years old.

Cindy Candia, a 56-year-old lifelong Democrat, was thrilled to see her party find success for the first time in her 20 years living in Texas. She was especially excited about the incoming governor, Gina Hinojosa, who grew up in the Rio Grande Valley, where Candia lives now.

"She's a woman, she's Hispanic, she is from Brownsville, and I don't think anybody thought that Texas would vote for that, for that type of person," Candia said.

Democrats won every House district that touches the U.S.-Mexico border — which includes seats in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California — for the first time since 2008.

Even in the Senate race in Florida, where Republican Sen. Ashley Moody managed to narrowly win reelection, less than half of Hispanic voters supported Moody, while Trump definitively won this group two years earlier with 55% of Hispanics' support.

In southwestern Kansas, three Hispanic-majority counties that voted overwhelmingly for Trump flipped to backing Adam Hamilton, who became the first Democrat in nearly a century to win a U.S. Senate contest in the state. Turnout also surged 27% over 2022 in the three counties, Finney, Ford and Seward.

Fourteen Hispanic Democrats were newly elected on Tuesday, 10 of them in districts that are currently represented by Republicans or were redrawn to favor the GOP. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus will have more members than ever before, said Rep. Linda Sanchez of California, chair of the caucus' campaign arm, CHC BOLD PAC.

Latino voters want someone who is "understanding of their issues" to represent them on Capitol Hill, said Leticia Gutierrez, a Democrat who won a Houston-area House district that Texas Republicans redrew in a failed attempt to pick up five more seats in the state.

"I'm gonna carry all of those things with me to Washington to be able to have that lens," Gutierrez said.

Manny Rutinel, a Democrat who defeated Republican Rep. Gabe Evans in Colorado, said voters responded to his life story, trusting that he understands their economic concerns after growing up in a family that sometimes struggled to make ends meet.

"I think that they elected me because they know that for me it's deeply personal," Rutinel said.

Democrats can't take Latino voters for granted

In House districts where at least a quarter of the citizen voting-age population is Hispanic, the Democratic share in Tuesday's midterms averaged about 11 percentage points higher than Harris' 2024 performance. By contrast, other House districts saw a 7-percentage-point gain on average.

In majority-Hispanic counties, Democratic Senate candidates exceeded their party's 2024 results by more than 15 percentage points.

Latinos have been especially affected by Trump's immigration crackdown, which was a prominent issue alongside economic concerns in some of the most heavily Latino districts.

Though Trump's promise to arrest and deport immigrants living in the country illegally was popular during his campaign, Americans now disapprove of his approach to immigration enforcement.

"Everybody voted for him, but the people that voted for him, he's locking them up," said Elton Reid, a 44-year-old Latino voter and full-time caregiver for his father in Allentown, Pennsylvania. "Like he promised them the world, and he didn't come through with it, and now he's locking them up."

Reid voted for Democrats in his battleground district, where Democrat Bob Brooks defeated Republican Rep. Ryan McKenzie.

Allentown Mayor Matt Tuerk, a Latino Democrat, warned that the shift toward Democrats hinges on the party keeping campaign pledges.

"They saw betrayal from Trump after they gave him a chance in 2024," Tuerk said. "And they went with the Democrats, and they're giving them a chance now."

"But," he added, "they're on probation."

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Catalini and Cooper reported from Washington. Associated Press journalists Linley Sanders, Aaron Kessler and Humeri Lodhi in Washington; John Hanna in Topeka, Kan.; Erik Verduzco in York, S.C.; Fabianna Rincon in New York; and Tassanee Vejpongsa in Allentown, Pa., contributed.

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The City of Toledo announces the availability of federal funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for the 2027 Program Year (July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2028), subject to the availability of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For all CDBG-, ESG-, and HOME-funded projects that include construction, rehabilitation, or other covered labor, projects selected for funding will be reviewed by the City's Purchasing Division to determine whether the following requirements are applicable based on the final project scope, cost, and funding sources:

- Prevailing Wage and Labor Standards: Requirements may include the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA), Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4115, and applicable provisions of the Toledo Municipal Code.
- Performance Bond: Where required, the performance bond must equal 100% of the construction contract amount.
- Project Labor Agreement: Projects may be subject to the Project Labor Agreement requirements of Toledo Municipal Code § 187.12(d).

Applicants should account for all applicable requirements above when developing their proposed project budgets. Selected applicants/subrecipients will be responsible for compliance with all requirements determined applicable to their awarded projects.

CDBG Applications will be accepted with a funding priority for the following programs/activities:

Programs/Activities
Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs)
- Housing Preservation
- Adaptive reuse of existing structures for housing
- New Housing Construction (if performed by a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO))
- STEM Center
- Urban Agriculture

Housing Preservation (non-NRSAs)

Public Service
- Youth Programs
- Food Pantries
- Health Services
- Legal Services
- Community Gardens

Eligible applicants: 501(c)3 organizations, other nonprofits, government agencies, and certified Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs). **New applicants must have participated in or be registered for the Toledo Neighborhood Capacity Building Institute and attended the CDBG or ESG application workshops with the Department of Housing and Community Development.**

NOTE: Special consideration will be given to Public Service and New Construction activities in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) when implemented by a Department of Housing and Community Development certified Community Based Development Organization (CBDO).

ESG/CDBG applications from Homeless Service Providers will be considered, with funding prioritized for the following project components.

Project Components
Access and Prevention (AP)
Emergency Shelter (ES)
Rapid-Rehousing (RRH)
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
Transitional Housing (TH)
Street Outreach (SO)

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE AT THE MANDATORY APPLICATION MEETING IS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR FUNDING AND RECEIVE THE APPLICATION LINK:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
(for Non-Homeless Service Providers)
Friday, January 8, 2027
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Toledo/Lucas County Public Library
Large Glass Community Room
325 N. Michigan Street
Toledo, OH 43604

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
(for Homeless Service Providers)
Friday, January 8, 2027
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Toledo/Lucas County Public Library
Large Glass Community Room
325 N. Michigan Street
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Open office hours will be available for CDBG general questions for NEW APPLICANTS ONLY as follows:

Wednesday, January 20, 2027, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Department of Housing and Community Development
One Government Center, Suite 1800
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CDBG AND ESG APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2027 AT 4:45 P.M.

HOME applications will be accepted from certified City of Toledo Community Housing and Development Organizations (CHDOs) and non-CHDOs for the following projects that demonstrate a gap in financing, address the City of Toledo's affordable and special populations' homeownership needs, and leverage HOME funds with other funding sources.

Projects
Construction/Rehabilitation of Homebuyer Units (CHDO)
HOME Owner Rehabilitation Program Management

HOME NOFA Workshop
Friday, January 22, 2027, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Link: https://toledo-oh-gov.zoom.us/j/84005002713

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE HOME APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2027 AT 4:45 P.M.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH ZOOMGRANTS

FOR CDBG/ESG: For additional information, please contact Monica Adams, Community Planning and Development Grants Manager, at Monica_R.Adams@toledo.oh.gov

FOR HOME: For additional information, please contact Steven Powell, Housing Manager, at Steven.Powell@toledo.oh.gov

The City of Toledo supports the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you would like to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion ADA coordinator at (419) 245-1198 or submit a request online at toledo.oh.gov/ada

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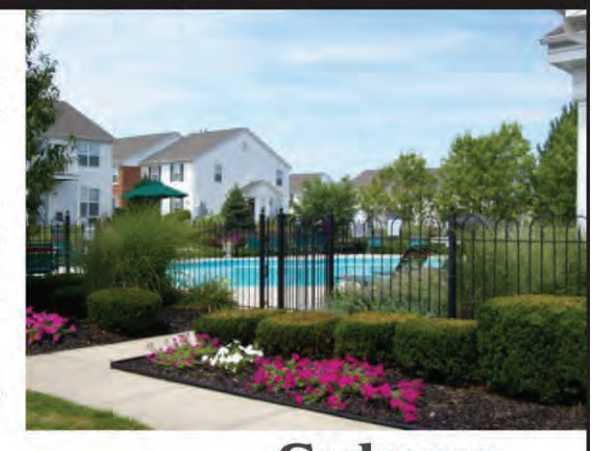
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- **Línea de Crisis de YWCA:** 419-241-7273

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