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**Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur honors United States Service Academy nominees from across Northwest Ohio. See article on Page 5.**

### Encuentros con la Inmigración (I.C.E.)

**Si ICE llega a su casa:**

- No abra la puerta. Pida a través de la puerta o ventana cerrada que se identifique a sí mismo y su propósito.
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  - Si la orden es válida, no se resista, salga rápidamente para no poner en peligro a nadie más en la casa. Recuerde que tiene derecho a no ofrecer ninguna información y a permanecer en silencio. Dígalos que quiere ponerse en contacto con un abogado. Usted no tiene derecho a que se le asigne un abogado en los procedimientos de inmigración (civiles). En todos los casos trata de mantener la calma y no corras.

**Si ICE llega a su lugar de trabajo:**

- Tenga un plan con su empleador con anticipación.
  - Establezca un punto de contacto con su empleador que pueda abogar por usted si no están disponibles. Los empleadores pueden negar el consentimiento para el registro.
  - Si se produce una redada, manténgase organizado y no responda a los agentes. Los agentes deben tener una orden judicial que especifique las áreas que deben ser registradas.
  - Recuerde que tiene derecho a permanecer en silencio y decirles que quiere comunicarse con un abogado. En todos los casos mantén la calma y no corras.

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- No mostrar documentos falsos para identificación. Siempre tienes derecho a guardar silencio. De nuevo, mantén la calma y no corras.

### Encounters with Immigration (I.C.E.)

**IFICE comes to your home:**

- Do not open the door. Ask through the closed door or window to identify themselves and their purpose.
- They must have two types of orders:
  - An arrest warrant that must have the name of the person being arrested and their address. A judge must also sign the arrest warrant. Tell them to slip it under the door or in the screen door. Do not open the door if the arrest warrant does not live in your home.
  - If the document is a deportation order and does not have your name on the order do not open the door.
- If the order is valid, do not resist, leave quickly to not jeopardize anyone else in the home. Remember you have a right not to offer any information and stay silent. Tell them that you want to contact a lawyer. You do not have a right to get an attorney appointed to you in immigration (civil) proceedings. In all cases try to stay calm and do not run.

**IFICE comes to your workplace:**

- Have a plan with your employer ahead of time.
  - Establish a point of contact with your employer who can advocate for you if they are not available. Employers can deny consent to search.
  - If a raid occurs stay organized and do not respond to agents. The agents must have a warrant that specifies areas that are to be searched.
  - Remember, you have a right to remain silent and tell them you want to contact a lawyer. In all cases stay calm and do not run.

**IFICE stops you on the street or in your car:**

- You have a right to ask why you are being detained. Ask if you are free to go.
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# Just days into the new Trump administration, worries spike amid a show of force on immigration

By MIKE CATALINI and REBECCA SANTANA Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J., Jan 25, 2025 (AP): Less than a week into his presidency, the Trump administration touted deportation efforts and published new rules Friday making it easier to remove people — part of a flurry of actions to make good on campaign promises to crack down on illegal immigration. Amid officials' latest show of force, waves of worry reverberated in parts of the country, with officials in Newark, New Jersey, lashing out over what they called illegal arrests by immigration agents.

President Donald Trump's administration portrayed U.S. military planes carrying migrants that touched down in Central America as a start to deportations and announced that Immigration and Customs Enforcement made 593 arrests on Friday and 538 on Thursday. He also sent U.S. soldiers and Marines to the U.S.-Mexico border and lifted longtime rules restricting immigration enforcement near schools and churches.

Many of the ICE actions were not unusual. Similar deportation

flights also took place under the Biden administration, though not using military planes. ICE averaged 311 daily arrests in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. President Joe Biden also sent active duty troops to the border in 2023, and numerous administrations have sent National Guard troops to assist Customs and Border Protection.

However, rumors of arrests and news reports or social media posts about the presence of agents sparked worries in communities around the country. Some rights groups launched plans to protect immigrants in the event of arrests at schools or workplaces. Chicago Public Schools officials on Friday mistakenly believed ICE agents had come to one of their elementary schools and put out statements to that effect before learning the agents were from the Secret Service. It heightened fears among immigrant communities in the country's third-largest city.

There is widespread support in America for beefing up security at the southern border and undertaking some targeted deportations, par-

ticularly of people who committed violent crimes, according to a survey from *The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research*. That poll also found that most Americans think local police should cooperate with federal immigration authorities on deportations in at least some cases. But support falls considerably when it comes to deporting people in the country illegally who have not been convicted of a crime.

### Newark officials say ICE went too far

Mayor Ras Baraka said ICE agents showed up at a business Thursday for what he called a warrantless raid and detained three "undocumented residents" as well as some U.S. citizens. He said one person was questioned even after showing military identification.

The city is just across the Hudson River from New York, and half of the population of 305,000 is Black and nearly 40% is Hispanic.

"When I got this information I was appalled, upset, angry that this would happen here, in this state, in this

country," Baraka, a Democrat who is seeking the party's nomination for governor, said at a news conference. "We're going to fight for all of our residents in this city, no matter what that looks like for us."

ICE confirmed it had conducted a "targeted enforcement operation" at a Newark business and that some of the people agents encountered were U.S. citizens who were asked for identification. ICE said it could not comment further because the investigation is active.

While Trump has vowed a campaign of mass deportations, his White House border czar has repeatedly said that they will be targeted operations focused initially on specific people who have committed crimes.

Amy Torres, executive director of New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, disputed that what happened Thursday was a targeted approach, saying that type of language suggests "some deep intel and prior investigation." She said her organization got a call when ICE arrived.

"If this is such a sterile and targeted operation, why was a U.S. citizen interrogated?" Torres said.

She and other officials declined to identify the business, but the owner of Ocean Seafood Depot spoke to reporters, saying the government should go

after "bad people, not working people."

### Expanding "expedited removal" authority

The Trump administration said Friday that it was expanding the use of "expedited removal" authority so it can be used across the country starting right away.

"The effect of this change will be to enhance national security and public safety — while reducing government costs — by facilitating prompt immigration determinations," the administration said in a notice in the Federal Register outlining the new rules.

"Expedited removal" gives enforcement agencies broad authority to deport people without requiring them to appear before an immigration judge. There are limited exceptions, including if they express fear of returning home and pass an initial screening interview for asylum.

Critics have said there's too much risk that people who have the right to be in the country will be mistakenly swept up by agents and officers and that not enough is done to protect migrants who have genuine reason to fear being sent home. Friday's notice said the person put into expedited removal "bears the affirmative burden to show to the satisfaction of an immigration officer" that they have the right to be in the U.S.

The powers were created under a 1996 law. But they weren't really widely used until 2004, when Homeland Security said it would use expedited removal authority for people arrested within two weeks of entering the U.S. by land and caught within 100 miles (160 kilometers) of the border. That meant it was used mostly against migrants who recently arrived.

### Using military planes to carry out deportations

The Trump administration is also relying on the active-duty military to help secure the border and carry out deportations. After sending about 1,500 troops to San Diego and El Paso, two Air Force C-17 cargo planes carrying migrants removed from the country touched down early Friday morning in Guatemala.

Honduras received two deportation flights Friday carrying a total of 193 people, the Foreign Ministry confirmed.

However, officials underscored that this was normal. Antonio García, vice foreign minister of Honduras, said the government has an agreement with the U.S. to accept between eight and 10 flights a week.

"The big question is how many more flights they will ask us to take," he told the AP. "We will hear them out and we want them to hear our plans and concerns."

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## Lo que hay que saber del fallo que bloquea la orden de Trump sobre la ciudadanía por nacimiento

Por GENE JOHNSON y MIKE CATALINI Associated Press

SEATTLE, Jan 24, 2025 (AP) — La orden ejecutiva del presidente Donald Trump que niega la ciudadanía estadounidense a los hijos de padres que viven sin la documentación pertinente en el país enfrentó el jueves el primero de lo que serán muchos desafíos legales. No le fue bien.

Un abogado del Departamento de Justicia apenas había comenzado a presentar sus argumentos en un tribunal de Seattle cuando el juez del distrito de Estados Unidos John C. Coughenour empezó a bombardearlo con preguntas, calificando la orden ejecutiva de “abiertamente inconstitucional”. El magistrado procedió a bloquearla temporalmente en espera de más alegatos.

A continuación, algunas cosas que debe saber acerca de la decisión y las demandas que desafían la orden de Trump.

¿Qué es la ciudadanía por nacimiento?

La ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento supone que alguien nacido en un país es ciudadano de ese país. En Estados Unidos, este principio está consagrado en la 14ta enmienda a la Constitución, que establece que “Todas las personas nacidas o nacionalizadas en Estados Unidos y sujetas a su jurisdicción, son ciudadanos de Estados Unidos y del estado en el que residen”. Fue ratificada en 1868 para

garantizar la ciudadanía de los antiguos esclavos después de la Guerra Civil.

Los detractores de la inmigración sin restricciones han alegado que esto es un incentivo para que las personas entren o se queden en Estados Unidos ilegalmente: saben que si tienen hijos, esos niños serán ciudadanos y más tarde podrían solicitar que sus padres se conviertan en residentes legales permanentes.

En un esfuerzo por frenar la inmigración ilegal, Trump emitió la orden ejecutiva justo después de asumir la presidencia para un segundo mandato el lunes. La medida provocó recursos legales inmediatos en todo el país, con al menos cinco demandas presentadas por 22 estados y varios grupos de defensa de los derechos de los migrantes. La presentada por Washington, Arizona, Oregón e Illinois fue la primera en ser escuchada.

¿Qué sigue para los desafíos legales?

El fallo del jueves fue una orden de restricción temporal que impide al gobierno hacer cumplir o implementar la orden de Trump a nivel nacional durante los próximos 14 días. En las próximas dos semanas, las partes presentarán más informes sobre los fundamentos legales de la orden ejecutiva. Coughenour fijó otra vista para el 6 de febrero en la que escuchará argumentos a favor y en contra de dictar una orden preliminar, que

bloquearía la orden ejecutiva a largo plazo mientras el caso avanza.

Mientras, algunos de los otros recursos contra la orden también han echado a andar en los tribunales.

La próxima audiencia será la del caso presentado en Maryland por CASA, una organización sin ánimo de lucro que apoya a menores que sufrieron abusos o malos tratos en hogares de acogida. Está prevista para el 5 de febrero en el Tribunal de Distrito en Greenbelt.

Otro recurso, encabezado por Nueva Jersey en nombre de 18 estados, el Distrito de Columbia y San Francisco, y uno presentado en Massachusetts por el Centro de Trabajadores Brasileños aún no tienen vistas programadas.

Además de discutir la constitucionalidad de la orden ejecutiva, los estados afirman que la medida sometería a todos los menores afectados a la deportación y convertiría a muchos de ellos en apátridas. Los privaría de sus derechos e impediría que participasen en la vida económica o cívica, de acuerdo con los estados.

¿Por qué bloqueó el juez la orden de Trump?

Coughenour no explicó su razonamiento durante la audiencia del jueves, pero su afirmación de que la orden es “abiertamente inconstitucional”, así como su interrogatorio directo al abogado del Departamento de Justicia Brett Shumate —y su falta de preguntas para el fiscal general adjunto de Washington, Lane Polozola—

sugirió que estaba de acuerdo con los argumentos de los estados.

Los estados sostienen que está bien establecido que la 14ta Enmienda garantiza la ciudadanía por nacimiento y que el presidente no tiene autoridad para determinar quién debe o no debe recibirla.

“Llevo más de cuatro décadas en los tribunales. No puedo recordar otro caso donde la cuestión planteada fuese tan clara como este”, dijo Coughenour a Shumate.

El Departamento de Justicia indicó más tarde en un comunicado que “defenderá enérgicamente” la orden ejecutiva del presidente.

“Esperamos presentar una argumentación completa ante el Tribunal y el pueblo estadounidense, que está desesperado por ver que se cumplan las leyes de nuestra nación”, apuntó.

¿Quién es el juez?

Coughenour, de 84 años, se licenció en Derecho en la Universidad

de Iowa en 1966 y fue nombrado juez por el presidente Ronald Reagan en 1981. Es juez federal desde hace más de cuatro décadas y, aunque ahora está semiretirado, sigue escuchando casos. Tiene reputación de ser un jurista duro, independiente y a veces cascarrabias.

El recién elegido fiscal general de Washington, Nick Brown —exfiscal federal en Seattle— dijo después de la vista que no le sorprendió la reacción de Coughenour ante la “absurdidad” de la orden ejecutiva.

“He estado frente al juez Coughenour y he visto su frustración personalmente”, indicó Brown. “Pero creo que las palabras que expresó y la seriedad que mostró han confirmado lo que hemos estado diciendo. Esto es bastante obvio”.

Entre los miles de casos juzgados por Coughenour, que abarcan desde el derecho penal hasta el ambiental, probablemente el más famoso fue el del “terrorista del milenio”,

Ahmed Ressay. Ressay fue arrestado a su entrada en Estados Unidos en diciembre de 1999 con un maletero lleno de explosivos y planes para atacar en el Aeropuerto Internacional de Los Ángeles en Nochevieja.

Coughenour discutió repetidamente con los fiscales federales durante la vista de sentencia de Ressay por los beneficios que debería recibir por cooperar con la justicia después de su condena. En dos ocasiones, el juez sentenció a Ressay a 22 años, mucho menos de lo que pedía la fiscalía, y otras tantas veces el Tribunal de Apelaciones del Noveno Circuito de Estados Unidos revocó su decisión.

Finalmente, Coughenour sentenció a Ressay a 37 años en 2012. En aquel momento declaró que el caso de Ressay era el único que se le ocurría en el que la corte de apelaciones lo consideró demasiado indulgente.

Catalini informó desde Trenton, Nueva Jersey.

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## MIRC Denounces Rescission of ICE Protected Areas Policy

*End of Protections Threatens Children, Victims of Emergencies and Violence, and Religious Communities*

DETROIT, MI, January 23, 2025: The Trump administration rescinded a longstanding policy that disfavored most enforcement actions around sensitive locations. Since 2011, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has maintained guidance requiring Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to refrain from immigration enforcement actions in areas such as schools and places where children gather, health care facilities, places of worship, social service and shelter facilities where people seek aid in emergency situations and to escape violence, as well as religious or civil ceremonies and demonstrations.

The Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC) condemns this action from the Trump administration designed to stoke fear among immigrant communities. The protective policy prompted agents to understand the activities that take place in sensitive locations, and “the importance of those activities to the well-being of people and the communities of which they are a part, and the impact an enforcement action would have on people’s willingness to be in the protected area and receive or engage in the essential services or activities that occur there.” The policy acknowledged this “is a determination that requires the exercise of judgment.” This layer of protection meant that communities could focus on prayer, healing, and learning rather than worry about enforcement actions in these few places. Doing away with the policy may endanger public safety and health.

It is also important not to overstate the impact of this change. Law enforcement agencies, including ICE, generally plan operations that are focused on specific individuals, rather than general populations.

While that approach may change, MIRC does not interpret the rescission of this policy to signal that previously sensitive locations are now going to be the focus of generalized enforcement operations in our region.

In tandem with rescinding the protected areas policy, ICE also outlined guidance to officers engaging in enforcement operations in and around courthouses. The new guidance states that such operations are against targeted individuals but can include noncitizens with a prior removal order. The agency also continues to discourage civil immigration enforcement actions associated with courthouses dedicated to non-criminal proceedings, such as family court.

Communities should be aware that several legal protections remain in place despite the removal of the protected areas policy. Individuals are still protected by the Fourth Amendment from unreasonable searches. In most cases, private spaces in areas that are no longer considered sensitive locations may still request that enforcement agents show they have proper legal authority (such as a search warrant) allowing them to enter sensitive areas. People in those areas are also protected by the Fifth Amendment and have the right to remain silent. It should be noted,



however, that because Michigan is within 100 miles of the border, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has special legal authority to search for individuals without lawful status on buses, trains, and boats. Additionally, survivors of domestic and sexual violence have specific statutory protections regarding enforcement around courthouse proceedings associated with escaping violence.

A resource guide is available at [www.mirc.org](http://www.mirc.org) which highlights recommendations for affected community locations. Immigrants in Michigan who have questions about their rights can consult MIRC’s Know Your Rights resources at [bit.ly/MIRCKYR](http://bit.ly/MIRCKYR) or call (734) 239-6863.

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## ‘We’ve got to move forward’ - Michigan electric vehicle industry responds to policy changes

By ALEXA ST. JOHN Associated Press

DETROIT, Jan 24, 2025 (AP): While President Donald Trump took aim at the electric vehicle industry this week, there is still optimism about the industry’s future in Michigan, a state retooling from America’s most recognizable auto hub to its number one destination for electric vehicle investment.

More than \$27 billion is being poured into some 60 EV manufacturing and battery projects in the state, edging out even Georgia, with \$26.6 billion, according to Atlas Public Policy, indicating that the birthplace of the modern auto industry continues to be central to its present and future.

Michigan is home to hundreds of supply companies in addition to the automakers.

There is Factory ZERO, GM’s remade assembly plant for electric Hummers and Silverados in the diverse Detroit neighborhood of Hamtramck, on a lot rich with auto history.

There is the \$1.6 billion battery manufacturing campus in Van Buren Township in southeast Michigan that’s expected to create more than 2,100 jobs and the equivalent of 200,000 EV battery packs each year once fully running.

And there is the futuristic building in Detroit’s Corktown neighborhood, next to the once-blighted Michigan Central train sta-

tion Ford renovated, now home to Newlab, where entrepreneurs experiment on high-tech equipment, network with other founders and funders and collaborate with automakers.

The list goes on. “I think that it’s still the direction that we’re heading,” said auto dealer *Eric Frehsée of Tamaroff Auto Group*.

On the east side of Detroit, Ray Smith runs an EV training program for aspiring auto technicians. At Blast Detroit, would-be apprentices learn to diagnose EV electrical, software and battery systems and compare them to traditional gasoline-fueled cars.

Regardless of federal policy changes, “We’ve got to move forward, of course,” Smith said.

Monday, the president signed an executive order promising to eliminate an EV “mandate,” referring to President Joe Biden’s target for 50% of new vehicles sold in the U.S. by 2030 to be electric and Environmental Protection Agency action to slash planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles over the coming years. The policies never required automakers to sell electric vehicles or consumers to buy them.

President Trump’s order indicates he will roll back those pollution rules. Perhaps more important to some consumers, he is

likely to seek repeal of a \$7,500 tax credit for new EV purchases. He already paused billions of dollars in funding allocated for EV charging stations.

Stellantis, the manufacturer of Jeep and Ram, said in a statement it is “well positioned to adapt to the policy changes enacted by the new Administration” and that it looks forward to working with the president. Ford had no comment on the changes, and a GM spokesperson did not comment.

Already, the EV industry broadly has faced headwinds. Some automakers have pulled backplans to go electric, and though EVs accounted for 8.1% of new vehicle sales in the U.S. in 2024, the pace of the sales growth slowed from the year before. While EVs are getting more affordable, they still cost more up front than a car that runs on gasoline.

At the nonprofit Eastern Michigan Electric Automobile Association, president Bruce Westlake told The Associated Press that customers are coming in with the desire to clean up the environment. But that demand could dampen with less federal support for EVs and clean energy broadly.

U.S. automakers “may find themselves in a position they can’t recover from where they are making what the market doesn’t want,” Westlake added.

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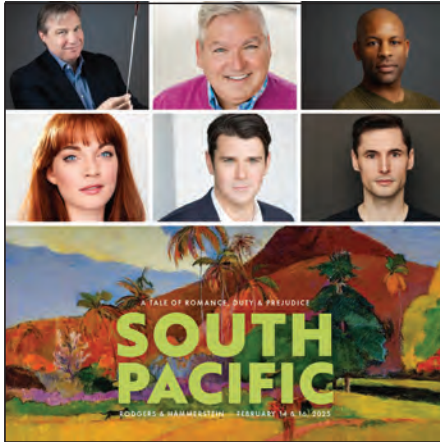
## Toledo Opera and Toledo Spirits to host “Get into the Spirit of Opera”

Toledo, OH: Toledo Opera and The Toledo Spirits Company will host the pop-up event, “Get into the Spirit of Opera,” on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at The Toledo Spirits Company, 1301 North Summit Street, Toledo, OH 43604.

To celebrate the upcoming performance of *South Pacific*, the evening will feature signature cocktails, crafted by The Toledo Spirits Company, a performance by members of the *South Pacific* cast, and a drawing for two tickets to opening night of *South Pacific* on Friday, February 14, 2025 and a \$75 gift certificate for Toledo Spirits/Bellwether.

“We are thrilled that we can share this exciting event with our audience while continuing our partnership with Toledo Spirits,” shared Toledo Opera General Director James M. Norman. “I invite Toledoans to join us as we engage with the community and showcase the voices of *South Pacific*.”

“We are excited to see the return of Toledo Opera, and we are just as excited to be able to experience their world class talent along with outstanding cocktails here at our cocktail bar Bellwether” added *Andrew Newby*,



*CEO Toledo Spirits.*

**About *South Pacific*:** Just in time for Valentine’s Day and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its premiere, Toledo Opera presents *South Pacific*. Winner of 10 Tony Awards in 1950 including Best Musical and Best Original Score, *South Pacific* debuts to Toledo Opera audiences in a new production brought to life by conductor J. Ernest Green and stage director James M. Norman. Based on the anecdotes of a real-life U.S. Navy commander who was stationed on an island, *South Pacific* follows two intercultural love stories: Nellie, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with Emile, a French plantation owner on the island who has two children from his late Polynesian wife; at the same time, U.S. Lieutenant Cable falls for a beautiful island native named Liat. Both Americans find themselves struggling to reconcile their own cultural prejudices

with their amorous feelings, all the while under the dark cloud of a war that is coming ever closer to their island paradise. *South Pacific* stars Claire Leyden as Nellie Forbush, Metropolitan Opera Baritone Keith Phares (The Merry Widow and Cinderella) as Emile de Becque, and Mike Schwitter as Lt. Joseph Cable. *South Pacific* will be presented in English with English captions. *South Pacific* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.

Toledo Opera will perform *South Pacific* at the Valentine Theatre on Friday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. To learn more about *South Pacific* cast and production team and to buy tickets, visit: [toledoopera.org](http://toledoopera.org).



Pictured: Marcy Kaptur, Samuel Arquette, Gage Yackee, and Mario Gutierrez

## Kaptur honors *United States Service Academy* nominees from across Northwest Ohio

Toledo, OH: On Friday January 17, 2025 *Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09)* a senior member of the *House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense* held a reception to honor and announce her 2025 nominees from Ohio’s 9th Congressional District to the United States Service Academies.

“I want to thank all of those who sought admission to United States Service Academies, knowing that it means putting country above self. As President Kennedy famously said in his inaugural address, ‘ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,’” said *Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09)*. “Their initiative to apply for nomination to our Service Academies shows a true sense of selflessness, and the understanding of the mission of our service academies to prepare the next generation of leaders for our armed forces to defend the cause of Liberty at home and abroad. I want to thank the Citizen Advisory Committee for helping to select these fine young men and women, and I keenly look forward to all they will go on to accomplish, knowing that this is just the start in their higher education and military careers.”

The United States Service Academies are among the most highly respected institutions of higher learning in the world. They offer young Americans the opportunity to serve our nation as commissioned officers in the United States Armed Services upon graduation.

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**Congresswoman Kaptur’s Principal Nominees are listed below by their school and Service Academies:**

**Service Academy Principal Nominee List:**

- **Samuel Arquette** of Sylvania, Ohio (St. Francis De Sales High School) – US Airforce Academy
- **Mario Gutierrez** of Perrysburg, Ohio (Perrysburg High School) – US Military Academy at West Point
- **Gage Yackee** of Wauseon, Ohio (St. John’s Jesuit High School) – US Naval Academy

In addition, *Congresswoman Kaptur* has named Alternate Nominees. Should a Principal Nominee be unable to matriculate, their Alternates will be considered for placement. Their Alternate Nomination also places each of the students in a national pool to compete for entry to the academies based upon the academic, athletic, and extra-curricular achievements.

**Alternate Nominees for Ohio’s 9th District for 2025 include:**

- **Jackson Halbur** of Curtice, Ohio (Clay High School) – nominee to the US Merchant Marine Academy, alternate to the US Military Academy and the US Naval Academy
- **Brady Borton** of Defiance, Ohio (Defiance High School) alternate to US Military Academy, the US Naval Academy and the US Air Force Academy

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- **Emery Alafa** of Toledo, Ohio (Toledo Technology Academy of Engineering) alternate to US Airforce Academy

- **Jacob Achenbach** of Perrysburg, Ohio (Perrysburg High School) alternate to the US Naval Academy
- **Kylie Gerken** of Maumee, Ohio (Maumee High School) alternate to the US Military Academy

- **Hannah Damaske** of Swanton, Ohio (Evergreen High School) alternate to the US Air Force Academy
- **Maxwell Ish** of Hicksville, Ohio (Hicksville High School) alternate to the US Air Force Academy

- **Juakeen Baker** of Millbury, Ohio (Lake High School) alternate to the US Naval Academy

- **Autumn Henry** of Defiance, Ohio (Tinora High School) alternate to the US Naval Academy and the US Air Force Academy

- **Christopher Adams** of Toledo, Ohio (Aerospace and Natural Science Academy of Toledo) alternate to the US Naval Academy

- **Natalie Peugeot** of Sandusky, Ohio (Naval Academy Preparatory School) alternate to the US Naval Academy

- **Brooke Moreland** of West Unity, Ohio (Millcreek-West Unity High School) alternate to the US Air Force Academy

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# Gulf of Whatnow? Trump's geographic renaming plans leave mapmakers pondering what to do next

By LAURIE KELLMAN and HILLEL ITALIE Associated Press

Jan 23, 2025 (AP): What's in a name change, after all?

The water bordered by the Southern United States, Mexico and Cuba will be critical to shipping lanes and vacationers whether it's called the Gulf of Mexico, as it has been for four centuries, or the Gulf of America, as President Donald Trump ordered this week. North America's highest mountain peak will still loom above Alaska whether it's called Denali, as ordered by former President Barack Obama in 2015, or changed back to Mt. McKinley as Trump also decreed.

But Trump's territorial assertions, in line with his "America First" worldview, sparked a round of rethinking by mapmakers and teachers, snark on social media and sarcasm by at least one other world leader. And though Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis put the Trumpian "Gulf of America" on an official document and some other gulf-adjacent states were considering doing the same, it was not clear how many others would follow

Trump's lead.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum joked that if Trump went ahead with the renaming, her country would rename North America "Mexican America." On Tuesday, she toned it down: "For us and for the entire world it will continue to be called the Gulf of Mexico."

### The politics of maps are undeniable

Map lines are inherently political. After all, they're representations of the places that are important to human beings — and those priorities can be delicate and contentious, even more so in a globalized world where multiple nations often share the same maps.

There's no agreed-upon scheme to name boundaries and features across the Earth.

"Denali" is the mountain's preferred name for Alaska Natives, while "McKinley" is a tribute to President William McKinley, designated in the late 19th century by a gold prospector. China sees Taiwan as its own territory, and the countries

surrounding what the United States calls the South China Sea have multiple names for the same body of water.

The Persian Gulf has been widely known by that name since the 16th century, although usage of "Gulf" and "Arabian Gulf" is dominant in many countries in the Middle East. The government of Iran — formerly Persia — threatened to sue Google in 2012 over the company's decision not to label the body of water at all on its maps. Many Arab countries don't recognize Israel and instead call it Palestine. And in many official releases, Israel calls the occupied West Bank by its biblical name, "Judea and Samaria."

Americans and Mexicans diverge on what to call another key body of water, the river that forms the border between Texas and the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas. Americans call it the Rio Grande; Mexicans call it the Rio Bravo.

Trump's executive or-

der — titled "Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness" — concludes thusly: "It is in the national interest to promote the extraordinary heritage of our Nation and ensure future generations of American citizens celebrate the legacy of our American heroes. The naming of our national treasures, including breathtaking natural wonders and historic works of art, should honor the contributions of visionary and patriotic Americans in our Nation's rich past."

But what to call the gulf with the 3,700-mile coastline?

"It is, I suppose, an internationally recognized sea, but (to be honest), a situation like this has never come up before so I need to confirm the appropriate convention," said Peter Bellerby, who said he was talking over the issue with the cartographers at his London company, Bellerby & Co. Globe-makers. "If, for instance, he wanted to change the Atlantic Ocean to the American Ocean, we would probably just ignore it."

### For some, it's decision time

As of Thursday afternoon, map applications for Google and Apple still called the mountain and the gulf by their old names.

A spokesperson for National Geographic, one of the most prominent map makers in the U.S., said this



week that the company does not comment on individual cases and referred questions to a statement on its web site, which reads in part that it "strives to be apolitical, to consult multiple authoritative sources, and to make independent decisions based on extensive research." National Geographic also has a policy of including explanatory notes for place names in dispute, citing as an example a body of water between Japan and the Korean peninsula, referred to as the Sea of Japan by the Japanese and the East Sea by Koreans.

The Associated Press, which disseminates news around the world to multiple audiences, will refer to the Gulf of Mexico by its original name while acknowledging the name Gulf of America. AP will, however, use the name Mount McKinley instead of Denali; the area lies solely in the United States and as president, Trump has the authority to change federal geographical names within the country. And at the Interior Department, a spokesman said Thursday that staff are

working to comply with the president's executive order quickly.

In discussion on social media, one thread noted that the Sears Tower in Chicago was renamed the Willis Tower in 2009, though it's still commonly known by its original moniker. Pennsylvania's capital, Harrisburg, renamed its Market Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard and then switched back to Market Street several years later — with loud complaints both times. In 2017, New York's Tappan Zee Bridge was renamed for the late Gov. Mario Cuomo to great controversy. The new name appears on maps, but "no one calls it that," noted another user.

"Are we going to start teaching this as the name of the body of water?" asked one Reddit poster.

"I guess you can tell students that SOME PEOPLE want to rename this body of water the Gulf of America, but everyone else in the world calls it the Gulf of Mexico," came one answer. "Cover all your bases, they know the reality-based name, but also the wannabe name as well."

## SPANISH IDIOMS

**Spanish:** *Sobre gustos no hay nada escrito*

**Literal:** *About tastes, there is nothing written*

**Meaning:** *There's no accounting for tastes*



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La Prensa

# Trump administration shuts down White House Spanish-language page and social media

By FERNANDA FIGUEROA Associated Press

Jan 22, 2025 (AP): Within hours of President Donald Trump's inauguration, the new administration took down the Spanish-language version of the official White House website.

The site — currently [www.whitehouse.gov/es](http://www.whitehouse.gov/es) — now gives users an "Error 404" message. It also included a "Go Home" button that directed viewers to a page featuring a video montage of Trump in his first term and on the campaign trail. The button was later updated to read "Go To Home Page".

Hispanic advocacy groups and others expressed confusion at the abrupt change and frustration at what some called the administration's lack of efforts to maintain communication with the Latino community, which helped propel him to the presidency.

The Spanish profile of the White House' X, @LaCasaBlanca and the government page on reproductive freedom also were disbanded. Meanwhile, the Spanish versions

of other government agencies such as the Department of Labor, Justice and Agriculture remained available for users on Tuesday.

Asked about the changes, White House principal deputy press secretary Harrison Fields responded Tuesday that the administration is "committed to bringing back online the Spanish translation section of the website."

"It's day two. We are in the process of developing, editing and tweaking the White House website. As part of this ongoing work, some of the archived content on the website went dormant. We are committed to re-loading that content in a short timeline," he said without elaborating.

Trump removed the Spanish version of the page in 2017. At that time, White House officials said they would reinstate it. President Joe Biden reinstated the page in 2021.

The page's removal coincided with Trump's first-day wave of executive orders highlighted by

the launch of an illegal immigration crackdown that was one of his key campaign pledges. Trump on Monday declared a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border and announced plans to send U.S. troops to help support immigration agents and restrict refugees and asylum.

According to 2023 Census Bureau estimates, about 43.4 million Americans — 13.7% of the U.S. population age 5 and older — speak Spanish at home. The U.S. has no official language.

Monica Rivera, a brand and communications strategist in New York City of Puerto Rican and Cuban descent, said the shutdown sends a clear signal.

"There are 43 million Latinos who speak Spanish as their first language and removing access to information directly from the White House draws a distinct line as to who they are serving and more dangerously, signals to the administration's MAGA base that we as Latinos are



thanking God, his family and Trump.

Meanwhile, Hispanic leaders and communication strategy experts expressed surprise with the

page's removal, given Trump's popularity with certain Latino voters.

"If the White House is seriously interested in engaging with Latinos, the second largest group in this country, then they need to make sure that updates can also be distributed in Spanish, a preferred language for millions in our community," said Frankie Miranda President and CEO of the Hispanic Federation.

He called that a way to ensure "everyone is a part of the civic process."

Kris Klein Hernández, a U.S. historian specializing in race, gender, and sexuality at Connecticut College, said the content removal from official White House websites not only limits the access available to Spanish-speaking U.S. citizens and migrants but leads "some to question which constituencies the administration prioritizes."

Jeff Le, former deputy cabinet secretary and deputy director of exter-

nal and international affairs for former California Gov. Jerry Brown, said the move seems counterintuitive given the opportunity to "showcase" policy changes, especially ones related to economics and border security.

"I didn't see any other language mediums that got the kibosh. So I think that's a really interesting thing to single out — if that's the case," Le said.

AP VoteCast, a nationwide survey of more than 120,000 voters, found Trump won a larger share of Black and Latino voters than he did in 2020, and most notably among men under age 45. Young Latinos, particularly young Latino men, also were more open to Trump than in 2020. Roughly half of young Latino men voted for Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris, compared with about 6 in 10 who went for Biden.

*Editor's Note:* The Trump Administration also chose to remove the United States Constitution page from the White House Website, replacing it with a 404 error. [www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/our-government/the-constitution/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/our-government/the-constitution/)

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**Gathering Voices with Mr. Baldemar Velasquez**

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

This month's *Fellowship of Reconciliation's (FOR) Gathering Voices*, on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, featured our very own *Mr. Baldemar Velasquez*, a prolific activist, labor organizer, and man of faith. In this meeting, Mr. Velasquez shared invaluable insights from his experience of organizing throughout the years, including his founding of the *Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)* with his father in 1967 and his friendship and work with co-founder of the *United Farm Workers* and former FOR member, *Cesar Chavez*. Mr. Velasquez reflected on what people of conscience can do to support immigrants, migrants, and

refugees, especially during the second Donald Trump presidency. Baldemar is a highly respected national and international leader in both the farm labor movement and the Latinx and immigrant rights movements. Through his community organizing history, Baldemar has seen how international structures and policies directly affect the lives of migrant workers. FOR sees the struggle for justice as a vital aspect of the call to respect all people.



Mr. Baldemar Velasquez

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10960 [www.https://forusa.org](https://forusa.org) or [youtube.com:FellowshipUSA](https://www.youtube.com/FellowshipUSA) or Contact: Linda Alvarado-Arce, FOR National Council Co-Chair. For more information about FLOC, please contact: Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) at 1221 Broadway Street, Toledo, OH 43609 [www.cmwj.org](http://www.cmwj.org)



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**University of Toledo Excel Program hosts 41st Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth**

This past Saturday, January 25, 2025, The University of Toledo (UT) welcomed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents, and community members to its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth.

In attendance were 100s of students and adults, all eager to hear Diane Guerrero, author, actress, and immigration activist, and Jason Reynolds, author and co-author of the book "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" with Ibram X. Kendi.

According to Claudia Rodriguez-Diaz, the Community Liaison for Toledo Public Schools (TPS), "This event was very inspiring for everyone! The speakers were very powerful and empowering. They overcame adversity with so much strength within them. It was a great event!"

Reina Chavez, an Avance Latinx Académico Society (ALAS) board member, said that she loved how this event "gave so much time for students to ask questions because it was a great way for them to be seen and heard by such accomplished role models."

Diane Guerrero spoke on how "forward progress comes from the ability to imagine more" and how "wanting more" involves "being open to more" and "envisioning your future!"

Both presenters spoke about not dwelling on negative energy or letting it define you.

Jason Reynolds said people doing things will always have haters, to keep a small but strong circle of friends around you that always have your back and let the others go. Overall, the event was a success, and hopefully, more Latinx students can and will take advantage of it next year!

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Join fellow fans for an evening of anime, manga and light refreshments. For ages 12 and up. Preregistration required.

### Black Artists for Kids: Alma Thomas

Tuesday, Feb. 4; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

South Lorain Branch  
Celebrate Black History Month by learning about the career and legacy of Alma Thomas and doing a project inspired by her work. For ages 7 to 12. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions  
Tuesday, Feb. 4; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Domonkas Branch "My Mexican Mesa, Y Listo!: Beautiful Flavors, Family Style" by Jenny Martinez  
Wednesday, Feb. 5; 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Branch "What You Leave Behind" by Wanda M. Morris  
Thursday, Feb. 6; 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Branch "Everyone's Table" by Gregory Gourdet

Wednesday, Feb. 12; 7 to 8 p.m. at the Railroad Brewing Company "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer  
Thursdays, Feb. 13; 6:30 p.m. at Speak of the Devil "If Beale Street Could Talk" by James Baldwin  
Spend time each month discussing a great book and making new friends. Copies of the books are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

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Mondays, Feb. 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch  
Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Avon Branch  
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from the documentary "Victoria Woodhull: Shattering Glass Ceilings" followed by a question-and-answer session with filmmakers Bette Lou Higgins and Kelly Boyer Sagert. Bring your own lunch; refreshments are provided. Preregistration required.

### Ohio Means Jobs Career Counseling

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### Play Chess

Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 4 to 7:30 p.m.  
South Lorain Branch  
Open play sessions are for all levels, from beginner to expert. Preregistration required.

### Writers Groups

Wednesday, Feb. 5; 6 to 7 p.m. at the Avon Branch  
Saturday, Feb. 8; 4 p.m. at the Columbia Branch  
Wednesday, Feb. 12; 6 p.m. at the Main Library - Poetry  
Join us in these pressurefree and friendly writing groups and engage in peer critiques to find support for whatever project you are working on. Preregistration required.

### AntiValentine's Day Party

Wednesday, Feb. 5; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
North Ridgeville Branch  
Create dysfunctional Valentine's Day hearts, eat some pizza and smash heartshaped cookies. at this AntiValentine's Day Party! Dark clothing is encouraged! No pink or red! Preregistration required.

## Step Forward urges Cuyahoga County residents to apply for Energy Assistance following recent cold snap

Cleveland, January 24, 2025: Step Forward's Energy Assistance Services is urging Cuyahoga County residents to apply for the Winter Crisis Program as record-breaking, life-threatening cold grips the region. With extreme temperatures creating urgent heating needs, the program provides vital support to those struggling to stay warm and safe.

The program is designed to help eligible residents who are at risk of disconnection, have already been disconnected, or have less than a 25 percent supply of bulk fuel in their tank to maintain their utility service. The program provides a one-time emergency benefit to help families maintain their utility services during the colder months.

"During extreme cold access to utilities is about more than comfort, it's a matter of safety," said Jackie Boehlein, Vice President of Community Services at Step For-

ward. "By maintaining utility services, residents can avoid unsafe alternative heating methods. That's why we are committed to raising awareness about energy assistance programs, which provide critical support during emergencies and help households avoid crises before they happen."

In 2024, Step Forward updated crisis appointment scheduling to include two categories: "reconnection" appointments for households without active service and "disconnection notice" appointments for those with an impending shutoff notice. All crisis appointments are scheduled through a single system, accessible online or by phone, to ensure fair, first-come, first-served access.

To apply for the program, clients must schedule an appointment by calling (216) 480-HEAP or online at [stepforward.itfrontdesk.com](http://stepforward.itfrontdesk.com). Appointments are available Monday through



Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Walk-ins are not accepted. After confirmation of a scheduled appointment is received, clients must complete an online application at [energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://energyhelp.ohio.gov), the application portal for Ohio Energy Assistance Programs.

Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. For example, a family of four (4), the annual income must be at or below \$52,500.00. Clients applying for annual HEAP benefits or reverifying for PIPP will not be served by appointment should a client erroneously schedule themselves.

For more information about Step Forward and its Energy Assistance Services and programs, visit [www.stepforwardtoday.org](http://www.stepforwardtoday.org).



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If you have questions regarding registration, please contact:

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Email: [Community\\_Outreach@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Community_Outreach@jfs.ohio.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/this-reconnection-statement>. Cuyahoga Job and Family Services provides access to an interpreter at no charge to customers who are limited - English proficient and individuals with impaired vision and/or hearing.



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## Kent State recognized for high-quality Online Graduate Degree Programs

### Three Kent State programs rank in nation's top 100

January 24, 2025: *Henderson Memorial Endowed Leadership Chair*. "Recognizing that many of our students are working professionals fuels our dedication to supporting their journey throughout their program of study. Our graduate students are not only competent nurses, but also lifelong learners who are advancing their education."

"We are incredibly proud of our Kent State nursing students and deeply grateful for their contributions to the nursing profession," she continued. "As they continue their studies, they are preparing to become safe, competent and highly educated advanced practitioners, leaders, administrators and educators."

The online master's in education programs offered by the College of Education, Health and Human Services ranks No. 63, the highest ranking for a public institution in northern Ohio on this year's list. The university's online master's in business programs moved up 18 spots to land at No. 79 on this year's list, the highest ranking among all institutions in Northeast Ohio. Lastly, the university's online MBA program ranks No. 122 on the 2025 U.S. News list, making it the highest-ranked public institution in Northeast Ohio.

"The faculty, staff and academic advisors at Kent State University College of Nursing are fully committed to the success of our graduate students," said *Versie Johnson-Mallard, Ph.D., Kent State's College of Nursing dean and*

viding its first online programs more than 15 years ago. Kent State offers more than 90 fully online degree programs, including undergraduate, graduate and certificates. At Kent State, 67% of its students are engaged in online learning by taking at least one online course, and more than 10% of its students were enrolled exclusively in fully online programs, embracing the flexibility and quality of Kent State's online programs for the 2023-2024 academic year. Enrollment in Kent State's online courses continues to grow each year, achieving new record highs.

To be considered for inclusion on the Best Online Programs list, which is now in its 13th year, U.S. News evaluated schools based on a variety of factors, such as student engagement, faculty credentials, and services and technologies. The 2025 list is designed for individuals looking to complete or further their education. This year's edition evaluates more than 1,600 online bachelor's and master's degree programs using metrics specific to online learning. The rankings only include degree-granting programs offered primarily online by regionally accredited institutions.

For more information about the U.S. News 2025 Best Online Programs list, visit [www.usnews.com/education/online-education/rankings](http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/rankings).

Kent State is a pioneer in online education, pro-

## Gisel Dominguez wins 2025 Presser Foundation Undergraduate Scholar Award

CLEVELAND, Jan. 27, 2025: The already long list of CIM Presser Scholars just got a little longer.

On Monday, CIM announced that fourth-year double bass student *Gisel Dominguez* was nominated by her peers for a 2025 Undergraduate Scholar Award from the Presser Foundation.

Dominguez will be formally dubbed a Presser Scholar and receive the \$3,000 scholarship in May, when she graduates with a stellar grade point average. CIM students have been named Presser Scholars each year for more than a decade.

"I am deeply grateful to receive the Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award, and thankful to my peers who nominated me for this recognition," Dominguez said. "This award is not just an honor but a valuable resource that will allow me to further my musical career."

The Undergraduate Scholar Award is a prize granted yearly by the Presser Foundation, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit supporting music and music education in the name of founder Theodore Presser. Students vote for a colleague who best exhibits "a high level of musical and academic excel-



ence" and the values of equity and inclusion.

Dominguez, a fourth-year student of *Cleveland Orchestra* member *Scott Dixon*, met or exceeded these benchmarks handily. In their nomination, her peers described a talented performer regularly selected for principal positions and an active member of the *Women's Empowerment Association and Social Justice* at CIM student groups.

The nominating document further praised Dominguez for twice being an orchestral fellow at the *Aspen Music Festival* and for her work highlighting music by underrepresented composers.

As a woman of color, Dominguez is "very familiar with the sense of isola-

tion," students wrote. "Because of her own experiences with this, she strives to uplift those around her and fight for equity and inclusion in the classical music field."

*Scott Harrison, CIM's Executive Vice President & Provost*, agreed. He thanked students for spotting what he does in Dominguez: a sterling example of CIM's mission and vision.

"Gisel embodies what we mean by the future of classical music," he said. "She uses her incredible talent to strengthen her community and move her listeners. She is well on her way to fulfilling her dreams and potential, and we are proud to celebrate her accomplishment."

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### Corte Suprema de Nuevo México permite demandar a escuelas por conducta discriminatoria

Por SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, Nuevo México, EE.UU., Jan 23, 2025 (AP) La Corte Suprema de Nuevo México despejó el camino el jueves para que proceda una demanda por discriminación contra el distrito escolar más grande del estado, dictaminando que las escuelas públicas y universidades pueden ser demandadas por conducta discriminatoria bajo la Ley de Derechos Humanos de la entidad.

El fallo proviene de un caso de 2018 en el que Mary Jane Eastin una profesora de inglés de secundaria en Albuquerque fue acusada de cortar el cabello de una chica indígena estadounidense y preguntarle a otra si estaba disfrazada de una "india sangrienta" durante una clase en Halloween. Esa estudiante navajo de 16 años estaba disfrazada y tenía sangre falsa en la mejilla.

La indignación por el trato a las chicas impulsó leyes en Nuevo México y otros lugares para prohibir la discriminación basada

en el estilo de cabello y los atuendos religiosos en la cabeza.

“Las protecciones de la Ley de Derechos Humanos de Nuevo México contra numerosas formas de discriminación deben interpretarse en el contexto de la desafortunada historia de discriminación basada en la raza de este estado, incluida esa historia que ocurre dentro de nuestras escuelas públicas”, escribió la corte. “La intención de prohibir la discriminación en las escuelas públicas ha sido evidente desde que se alcanzó la categoría de estado”.

El fallo concluyó que las escuelas públicas son un lugar de “alojamiento público”, según los términos de la ley antidiscriminación del estado, reafirmando una decisión de un tribunal inferior de 2023. La corte escribió que las escuelas públicas no restringen sus servicios de una manera que haga que su uso sea privado, e hizo notar que la Constitución del estado manda que las escuelas públicas de Nuevo México estén abiertas a todos los niños.

Los jueces también anulaban una opinión de 1981, la cual afirmaba que las universidades públicas no eran un alojamiento público en lo que respecta al “modo y método” de administrar programas académicos. La cuestión sobre las universidades se planteó en la apelación.

Los litigios comenzaron cuando la Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles de Nuevo México demandó a las Escuelas Públicas de Albuquerque y a la profesora por alegatos de discriminación y de fomentar un ambiente hostil de aprendizaje.

El distrito escolar indicó en un correo electrónico el jueves que lo ocurrido en la Escuela Secundaria Cibola en 2018 fue inaceptable, pero que los funcionarios del distrito estaban decepcionados con el fallo, ya que creen que amplía indebidamente la ley existente, pasa por alto al Congreso y revoca el propio precedente jurídico de la corte.

### Trump ordena publicar archivos sobre los asesinatos de los hermanos Kennedy y Luther King Jr

Por JAMIE STENGLE Associated Press

DALLAS, Jan 23, 2025 (AP) El presidente estadounidense Donald Trump ordenó el jueves dar a conocer miles de documentos gubernamentales secretos acerca del asesinato del presidente John F. Kennedy en 1963, sobre el que ha habido teorías de conspiración durante décadas.

La orden ejecutiva que Trump firmó también tiene el objetivo de desclasificar los registros federales restantes relacionados con los asesinatos del senador Robert F. Kennedy y el reverendo Martin Luther King Jr. Forma parte de una serie de decretos que Trump ha anunciado rápidamente en la primera semana de su segundo mandato.

En declaraciones a los periodistas, el mandatario señaló: “todo será dado a conocer”.

Durante su campaña por la reelección, Trump había prometido hacer públicos los últimos lotes de documentos aún secretos sobre el asesinato del presidente Kennedy en Dallas, que ha captado poderosamente la atención de la gente durante décadas. Trump hizo una promesa similar durante su primer mandato, pero finalmente cedió a las apelaciones de la CIA y el FBI para mantener algunos documentos en secreto.

Trump ha nominado al sobrino de Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy Jr.,

para ser el secretario de Salud en su nuevo gobierno. El padre de Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, fue asesinado en 1968 mientras intentaba obtener la nominación presidencial demócrata. Kennedy Jr. ha dicho que no está convencido de que un solo hombre armado haya sido el único responsable del asesinato de su tío, el presidente Kennedy.

La orden instruye al director de Inteligencia Nacional y al secretario de Justicia a desarrollar un plan en 15 días para dar a conocer los registros restantes de John F. Kennedy, y en 45 días para los otros dos casos. No estaba claro cuándo se publicarán realmente los registros.

Trump entregó a un asistente el bolígrafo que usó para firmar el decreto y ordenó que se le diera a Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Sólo unos pocos miles de los millones de registros gubernamentales relacionados con el asesinato del presidente Kennedy aún no han sido desclasificados completamente. Y aunque muchas personas que han estudiado lo que se ha dado a conocer hasta ahora dicen que el público no debería esperar revelaciones impactantes, todavía hay un intenso interés en los detalles relacionados con el asesinato y los eventos que lo rodearon.

“Siempre existe la posibilidad de que algo se deslice que sería la pequeña punta de un ice-

berg mucho más grande que sería revelador”, dijo Larry J. Sabato, director del Centro de Política de la Universidad de Virginia y autor del libro “The Kennedy Half-Century”.

“Eso es lo que buscan los investigadores. Las probabilidades son que no encuentres eso, pero es posible que esté allí”, agregó.

Kennedy fue herido de muerte en el centro de Dallas el 22 de noviembre de 1963, mientras su caravana pasaba frente al Depósito de Libros Escolares de Texas. Lee Harvey Oswald, el asesino de 24 años, se había ocultado en el sexto piso de ese edificio. Dos días después de que Kennedy fuera asesinado, el dueño de un club nocturno, Jack Ruby, le disparó fatalmente a Oswald durante una transferencia de la cárcel.

La orden señala que, aunque ningún acto del Congreso pide la publicación de información sobre los asesinatos de Robert F. Kennedy o King, hacer públicos esos registros gubernamentales “también es de interés público”.

King y Robert F. Kennedy fueron asesinados con dos meses de diferencia en 1968.



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## Colombia busca ayuda de Venezuela para “erradicar” armados en la convulsa frontera donde operan

Por ASTRID SUÁREZ Associated Press

BOGOTÁ, Jan 23, 2025 (AP)—El presidente colombiano, Gustavo Petro, aseguró el jueves que ha contactado con el gobierno venezolano para establecer un plan conjunto que permita la “erradicación de bandas armadas en la frontera”, ante la reciente escalada de violencia generada por enfrentamientos de dos grupos ilegales que han dejado decenas de muertos y miles de desplazados.

“He dialogado con quien ejerce la presidencia en Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, para tamar los pasos ilegales, especialmente en el río Catatumbo, y se accione con vuelos de lado y lado”, señaló Petro desde su cuenta de X, antes Twitter.

En Caracas, el presidente Maduro afirmó en un acto oficial que Colombia cuenta con el respaldo de Venezuela en su lucha por la paz y “siempre tendrá nuestro apoyo integral para construir la una región de paz y unión”.

El Catatumbo, fronterizo con Venezuela, ha sido una región codiciada por los actores armados en Colombia desde hace décadas, por sus suelos fértiles que han sido usados para los cultivos de hoja de coca y su posición estratégica en la frontera, que facilita el tráfico de cocaína y contrabando.

La facilidad para cruzar la frontera de 2.200 kilómetros entre Colombia y Venezuela ha servido a los armados para escabullirse de las

autoridades colombianas. El ejército calcula que en Norte de Santander, donde se ubica Catatumbo, hay más de 50 pasos informales.

Actualmente, se disputan el territorio la guerrilla del Ejército de Liberación Nacional y una disidencia de la extinta guerrilla Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) que no se acogió a un acuerdo de paz firmado con el Estado en 2016, pese a que ambas estructuras mantienen mesas de negociación de paz con el gobierno.

La violencia en el Catatumbo, ha dejado entre 60 y 80 muertos, según la ONU y la gobernación de Norte de Santander, respectivamente. Entre las víctimas que han llegado al Instituto de Medicina Legal y Ciencias Forenses hay tres menores de edad: un bebé de nueve meses y dos adolescentes de 14 y 16 años, según confirmó el jueves la entidad.

El Ministerio de Defensa elevó el jueves a 40.282 las personas desplazadas en Catatumbo en la última semana, una cifra mayor a la dada la víspera por la Defensoría del Pueblo. También informó de la evacuación de 548 civiles.

Más de 1.000 personas de origen colombiano se desplazaron hacia Venezuela en la última semana para buscar protección, según la Oficina para la Coordinación de Asuntos Humanitarios (OCHA).

Petro ha dicho que el ELN habría trasladado tropas desde el departamento de Arauca —también fronterizo con

Venezuela— para reforzar su presencia en el Catatumbo y atacar a la disidencia de las FARC, desatando la ola de violencia.

¿Pero cómo el ELN se desplaza de Arauca al Norte de Santander en una cantidad de hombres, todavía no sabemos, pero tiene que ser abultada? No puede ser caminando simplemente entre las montañas porque duraría meses”, cuestionó Petro el miércoles.

Una de las hipótesis que tiene el ejército es que el ELN usó la frontera para hacer “determinados movimientos con el fin de configurar esta tragedia que le trajeron al pueblo de Norte de Santander”, según dijo el jueves Mario Contreras, comandante de la Brigada 30 del Ejército, a Noticias Caracol.

Tras el recrudecimiento de la violencia en Catatumbo, de la que el gobierno responsabiliza especialmente al ELN, la fiscalía reactivó desde el miércoles las órdenes de captura de 31 miembros del ELN que habían quedado amparados con el beneficio de la suspensión desde 2022 cuando iniciaron los diálogos de paz con el actual gobierno.

La fiscal general, Luz Adriana Camargo, dijo el jueves a la prensa que buscarán activar las solicitudes de extradición contra los miembros del ELN una vez determinen su paradero, incluso si éste fuera Cuba, uno de los países garantes del proceso de paz y donde se han desarrollado rondas de negociación.

## Solicitantes de asilo llegan a nuevos extremos en México tras las medidas fronterizas de Trump

Por MEGAN JANETSKY y EDGAR H. CLEMENTE Associated Press

ATOTONILCO DE TULA, México, Jan 24, 2025 (AP) — Cuando Dayana Castro se enteró de que la cita para solicitar asilo en Estados Unidos por la que había esperado más de un año fue cancelada de un momento a otro, no lo dudó: se dirigió al norte como fuera.

A esta migrante de 25 años, su esposo y sus hijos de cuatro y siete años no les quedaba nada en su país, Venezuela. Ya habían superado el peligroso Tapón del Darién que separa Colombia de Panamá y a los grupos criminales que se aprovechan de personas en su situación.

Castro era una de las decenas de miles de migrantes en todo México que tenían citas programadas para solicitar asilo en la frontera de Estados Unidos hasta febrero, hasta que el presidente Donald Trump asumió el cargo y emitió una serie de órdenes ejecutivas para reforzar la seguridad fronteriza y reducir la migración. Una de ellas anuló el uso de la aplicación CBP One, que había permitido que casi un millón de personas, muchas buscando asilo, ingresaran legalmente al país desde enero de 2023.

“Pensamos seguir”, afirmó Castro desde un pequeño refugio en el centro de México, junto a la vía de un tren de mercancías que iban a tomar hacia el norte, recordando que no podrían dar marcha atrás después de todo lo que pasaron, de todos los países que cruzaron.

Ahora, los migrantes como ella se están adaptando a una nueva e incierta realidad. Muchos siguen decididos a llegar a Estados Unidos por vías más peligrosas, a bordo de trenes de mercancías, contrabando a las autoridades. Algunos hicieron fila en las oficinas de refugiados de México para solicitar asilo en el país, mientras que otros contemplaban la posibilidad de regresar

a casa.

Trump declaró el lunes una emergencia nacional en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México y anunció planes para enviar tropas estadounidenses y restringir el paso de refugiados y solicitantes de asilo, alegando que quiere frenar las entradas ilegales y el delito fronterizo. Las medidas siguen a un descenso de los cruces ilegales en los últimos meses.

Los defensores de la app CBP One utilizada por personas como Castro para intentar ingresar de forma legal sostienen que puso orden en una frontera caótica. Los críticos, por su parte, afirman que fue un imán para atraer a más migrantes.

Adam Isacson, analista de supervisión de defensa para la organización de derechos humanos Oficina en Washington para Asuntos Latinoamericanos, dijo que la represión migratoria de Trump seguramente disuade a los migrantes a corto plazo, pero también provocará una serie de consecuencias humanitarias en cadena.

Las personas con solicitudes de asilo válidas pueden morir en sus propios países, apuntó, mientras que los migrantes que huyen de países como Venezuela, Cuba o Haití, que no pueden regresar fácilmente a casa, pueden terminar flotando por América “completamente desprotegidos”. Isacson y otros analistas esperan que las políticas de Trump lleven a una mayor demanda de contrabandistas y empujen a los migrantes —muchos de ellos menores y familias— a zonas más peligrosas para evitar ser capturados.

El martes, Castro estaba asimilando el hecho de que seguir adelante luego de la cancelación de su cita del 18 de febrero con las autoridades estadounidenses podría significar que pondrá su vida, y la de su familia, en riesgo, ya que los cárteles extorsionan y secuestran cada vez más a migrantes vulnerables.

“¿Rendirse ahorita? No. Si no nos arriesgamos, no llegamos”, aseguró mientras daba pan a sus

hijos junto al pequeño refugio donde dormían.

En Tapachula, en la frontera sur de México con Guatemala, otro grupo de migrantes tomó un enfoque diferente.

La cubana Rosalí Martínez esperaba en fila en el exterior de la Comisión Mexicana de Ayuda a Refugiados en la sofocante ciudad sureña. Viajaba con su hijo y esperaba reunirse con su esposo en Estados Unidos.

Ahora se unía al creciente número de migrantes que han buscado asilo en México en los últimos años, ya sea temporalmente debido a las cambiantes restricciones estadounidenses o de manera más permanente.

Como muchos compatriotas en los últimos años, Martínez, que huye de una crisis económica en expansión, afirmó que se quedará en el país para ver qué ocurre, pero “de ninguna manera voy a volver a Cuba”.

Otros como Jomar Figueroa, de 42 años, y su esposo, quieren tirar de la toalla tras años tratando de forjarse una nueva vida fuera de Venezuela, donde las crisis económica y política han impulsado a casi ocho millones de personas a emigrar en los últimos años.

Pasaron más de cuatro años recolectando café en la vecina Colombia, pero no lograban llegar a fin y mes y decidieron atravesar el Darién. Esperaron casi un año y medio para conseguir una vía legal de entrada a Estados Unidos en un albergue de madera en un campamento de migrantes asolado por la delincuencia en el centro de la Ciudad de México.

Debido a la crisis en Venezuela, no tienen pasaporte. Y sin dinero, temen que su único camino de regreso sea cruzar México y Centroamérica hacia el sur y caminar días a través de las mismas montañas del Darién.

Cualquier cosa sería mejor que quedarse en México, dijo Figueroa.



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### NWO School Choice Fair at the Toledo Zoo

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

On Saturday, January 25, 2025, Toledo Public Schools (TPS) successfully participated in the NWO School Choice Fair at the Toledo Zoo. At this event, families had a chance to speak directly with the school staff from various schools and gained invaluable insight into each school's unique specializations and programs. According to Linda Ruiz-Bringman, Assistant Superintendent for TPS, "administrators and staff members highlighted what makes the district special," such as their:

- Diverse Career Tech Education (CTE) programs which can equip students with valuable skills and training.
- TPS students have many opportunities to graduate with industry-



In the photo are Dr. Durant, TPS Superintendent; Natasha Allen, Escuela SMART Academy Principal; Taylor Joyner, 5th-grade Teacher & Building Representative; and Marcela Velazquez, Assistant Principal

recognized certifications and even associate degrees while still in high school.

- TPS emphasizes student health and well-being, with the presence of school nurses and health clinics in all their comprehensive high schools.

It is opportunities

such as these that Linda Ruiz-Bringman says the district can showcase "so many valuable aspects of the TPS education system, with their employees able to present the district as a strong choice for many families in the region."

### Celebrate Love, Friendship, and Local Businesses at the 5th Annual Downtown Ann Arbor Galentine's Day Small Business Crawl

ANN ARBOR, MI – Downtown Ann Arbor is gearing up for the 5th Annual Galentine's Day Small Business Crawl on Saturday February 8, 2025. Over 25 establishments are participating offering specials, deals, and fun giveaways throughout the day.

Check out new businesses like House of Chimney Cakes offering 20% off, grab some festive themed drinks and appetizers at Pretzel Bell or enter to win Literati's book club subscription giveaway. It's a perfect opportunity to explore new businesses, revisit local favorites, and discover unique treasures.

To add to the excitement, the event features a passport-style small business crawl. Participants can collect stickers from each participating business throughout Downtown Ann Arbor for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind grand gift basket—a



curated collection of items from participating businesses, valued at over \$1,500.

Passports will be available for pickup at any participating business on February 8th, allowing you to start your crawl and gather stickers as you visit each location. Once your passport is complete, simply return it to any participating business to be entered into the drawing by Sunday, February 9.

This is the perfect opportunity to discover

what's new, revisit local favorites, and uncover unique treasures while enjoying a memorable day. Gather your favorite friends and family for a memorable day of shopping, dining, and fun.

Find all the event details and a list of participating businesses at [mainstreetannarbor.org](http://mainstreetannarbor.org).

Don't miss this exciting day to celebrate friendship, love, and support for Ann Arbor's vibrant local businesses!

## ODE TO THE ZIP CODE POETRY CONTEST

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### Ode to the ZIP Code Poetry Contest is back!

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TOLEDO, OH, 2025, through February 24, 2025, at <https://toledocitypaper.com/the-city/ode-to-the-zip-code-2025>. Entries are currently being accepted for the tenth annual Ode to the ZIP Code poetry contest, a partnership of The Fair Housing Center, The Arts Commission, Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Toledo City Paper, and Toledo Area Parent. This free poetry contest invites local residents to submit short poems inspired by their ZIP Code, where the number of words in each line of the poem is determined by the corresponding digit of their ZIP Code. All ages and neighborhoods are welcome.

Participants can contact their Library for help completing the online form.

Winners selected from youth (11 and un-

der), young adult (12-17), and adult (18 and older) categories will be awarded CASH PRIZES.

Top poems will also be published in Toledo City Paper. All entries will be judged, and finalists will be featured in a special event in April.

April is both National Poetry Month and Fair Housing Month. The Ode to the ZIP Code event is a fun and creative way to engage the community in talking about how our life experiences are shaped by where we live. Inspiration for the contest came from the O, Miami Poetry Festival and WLRN-Miami Herald News, the originators of the "zip ode" concept.

- Poems must be 5 lines each, with the number of words in each line determined by the corresponding digit in your zip code.
- Sample of last year's 1st place adult winner:**
- 4 The sidewalk on Grantwood
  - 3 gently curves around
  - 6 the trunk of an old tree.
  - 1 I
  - 3 too must bend.

### TARTA services free on Tuesday, Feb. 11th celebrating Ohio Loves Transit Week

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) joins Ohio's 62 other public transportation agencies in celebrating Ohio Loves Transit Week, which runs February 9-15, 2025.

As part of Ohio Loves Transit Week, facilitated by the Ohio Public Transit Association, all TARTA fixed-route, paratransit and TARTA Flex services will be free of charge on Tuesday, Feb. 11, as approved by TARTA's Board of Trustees at Thursday's meeting.

"We take our commitment to the people who depend on our service very seriously, and the same goes for our sister transit agencies all over the state," said TARTA CEO Laura Koprowski. "Statewide, these organizations provide close to 60 million trips

a year. The commitment of those who provide that service deserves to be recognized.

"Transit continues to drive sustainability and provide an affordable ride to critical destinations for those who may not otherwise have one. Mobility for all citizens is something worth investing in, and we are happy to provide free rides for our own passengers as part of this celebration."

TARTA leadership and trustees will travel to Columbus during Ohio Loves Transit Week to meet face-to-face with state legislators and speak about the importance of public transportation and the value of properly funding transit.

Another Ohio Loves Transit Week event will take place Saturday, Feb-



ruary 8, 2025 in celebration of Rosa Parks Day. Families will be able to take part in group reading of a story on Rosa Parks at 11:30 a.m. at the Mott, King Road, Heatherdowns and Holland branches of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. Guest readers will include TARTA CEO Laura Koprowski, Ohio state legislators Elgin Rogers and Josh Williams, and representatives from the Toledo Chapter of the NAACP. Visit [tarta.com](http://tarta.com) for more details.

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