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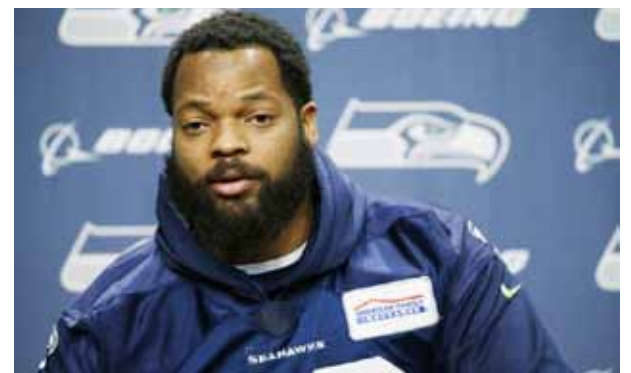
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IMMIGRATION

Immigrants wait in fear after raids

(AP)

Pastor Fred Morris looked out over his congregation Sunday as news ricocheted around the world that American authorities were rounding up immigrants in an enforcement surge that President Donald Trump promised on the campaign trail.

Parishioners did not smile as on any other Sunday morning. They stared down at their feet. Others didn't attend at all.

"There is a dreadful sense of fear. It's more than palpable. It's radiating. People are terrified," said Morris, whose United Methodist mission is in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood of Los Angeles. "They were just sitting there in stunned silence."

For days, fear and confusion have gripped immigrant communities after word spread that federal agents were rounding up hundreds of immigrants in cities across the country. The scope of the operation remained unclear on Sunday.

Advocates and immigration lawyers scrambled to contain the panic and to orga-



In this Tuesday, February 7, 2017, photo released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, foreign nationals are arrested during a targeted enforcement operation aimed at immigration fugitives, re-entrants and at-large criminal aliens in Los Angeles, California.

nize seminars and social media campaigns to teach people their rights.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said the efforts were "routine" and no different than the arrests carried out under former President Barack Obama that targeted those with criminal histories or multiple immigration violations.

But Trump took to Twitter to claim credit.

"The crackdown on illegal criminals is merely the keeping of my campaign promise," the president wrote. "Gang members, drug dealers & others are being removed!"

The raids included nearly 200 people in the Carolinas and Georgia, more than 150 in and around Los Angeles, and around 40 in New York, ICE confirmed. Among those arrested were a Salvadoran gang member and a Brazilian drug trafficker, officials said.

A decade ago, immigration officers searching for specific individuals would often arrest others encountered along the way, a practice that drew criticism from advocates. Under the Obama administration, agents focused more narrowly on specific individuals who posed a security or public safety threat.

Trump signed an executive order days after taking office that made clear that almost any immigrant living illegally in America could be targeted.

Immigrant-rights groups cite the case of Manuel Mosqueda, a 50-year-old house painter, as an example of how they believe ICE agents in the new administration are again going too far.

During last week's enforcement operation, ICE agents showed up at Mosqueda's home in the LA suburbs looking for someone else. While there, they inquired about Mosqueda, learned he was here illegally and put him on a bus to Mexico.

Karla Navarrete, a lawyer for the advocacy group CHIRLA, said she sought to stop Mosqueda from being placed on the bus and was told by ICE that things had changed.

In Virginia, agents who went to an apartment Thursday looking for a wanted man picked up everyone else in the apartment too, except for one woman with a baby in her arms, said Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, legal director for Legal Aid Justice Center's immigrant advocacy program in northern Virginia.

"Here's what happens on the ground: Somebody knocks on the door, they ask for a name, the people are very scared," said Tessie Borden, an advocate in Los Angeles. "Then they round everybody up and say 'We'll sort it out later.' But sorting it out later may mean separating families and breaking down support systems for these folks."

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STATE

Washington's top lawyer uses strategic streak to fight Trump

SEATTLE, Washington (AP)

The legal challenge that would launch Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson into the vanguard of resistance against President Donald Trump's travel ban was already in the works as Ferguson flew home from Florida the morning after Trump issued his executive order.

In fact, it had been planned for some time.

"We were having internal conversations about a potential action by the president along those lines," Ferguson recalled in an interview. "It wasn't like we were starting from ground zero."

The legwork paid off. Within three days, the state's lawsuit over the ban — a more sweeping challenge than other cases filed over Trump's order — had been filed. The result? First a decision from a federal judge in Seattle that blocked nationwide enforcement of the ban, then a resounding win at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The strategic thinking that led to the

victories is one of Ferguson's hallmarks, say those who have observed his career. Ferguson attributes it to spending his formative years playing competitive chess. He was a two-time state champion by his early 20s.

"Chess teaches you to anticipate your opponent's threats and moves," he said. "If your opponent makes a move that surprises you, that's a problem."

Ferguson, a boyish 51-year-old Democrat, is serving his second term as Washington's top lawyer after winning two-thirds of the vote against a Libertarian challenger last fall. The Republicans didn't field a candidate.

His office has launched significant lawsuits during his tenure, including several that made national headlines.

He has filed consumer protection lawsuits against major computer technical support and student loan companies over what he described as predatory practices; sued President



In this Thursday, February 9, 2017, file photo, Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson speaks during a press conference in Seattle, Washington.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

Stick to Your New Year's Resolutions

It's the second month of the New Year and for many people this is the time when New Year's resolutions get left behind. Many consumers set goals to spend less and save more, but often see those goals fall to the wayside mid-February. If getting your finances in order or saving for the future was a part of your 2015 goals consider these helpful tips to keep you on the path to success.

Keep your goals reasonable and attainable. Instead of setting overwhelming goals that will end up frustrating you in the long run, set smaller goals over the course of the year. This allows you to feel accomplished when you reach these targets, and lets you adjust and modify as your financial situation changes. You'll get a lot more mileage out of small and meaningful goals.

Be specific. Saving for an emergency fund is a valuable and necessary goal. In order to ensure the best outcome possible, it's best to be specific. Instead of just listing "establish an emergency fund" consider the following: How much is your goal? How much can you put towards that fund each month? Once you've determined these answers, make the goal specific. For example, "Save \$50 from each paycheck and deposit into my emergency savings account". A good way to maximize success is by setting up an automatic transfer with your financial institution. This way money is automatically moved into your emergency fund without you having to worry about it. It takes very little time to establish and streamlines the process. Once it's there, make sure you only use those funds if a true emergency arises.



Share your goals. Some people find success when they share goals with their family, friends, or co-workers. Sharing your goals with others creates a sense of responsibility. Consider posting your goals in common area of your home, like a refrigerator. This allows others to see your progress and encourage you when you need it most. Make sure to share your goals with people who can act as cheerleaders and coaches, who can help you along your path to success.

Manage your finances. Do your best to set yourself up for success. Make sure you continue to pay all of your bills on time, to avoid any additional fees or late charges. Consider utilizing products from your financial institution like online banking and bill payer. These tools can help by automating monthly bills so you never have to worry about paying any of them late. It's also important to pay close attention to your credit report and score. Identity theft affects millions of consumers every year wreaking havoc on consumer's finances. Help prevent a setback by checking your report on a regular basis. Consumers are granted one free credit report from each of the

major credit bureaus, annually. Obtain yours at annualcreditreport.com. Check it closely for any inaccuracies and report any signs

of fraud immediately that you may see.

Forgive yourself. Many people fall into the trap of thinking if they make a mistake, then they should just give up. Don't beat yourself up or dwell on your mistakes. It will only make you feel worse and can often lead you further off track. Address the setback, reevaluate your goal, adjust your plan, and get back on track.

Establishing an emergency fund, decreasing debt, and improving credit are all important financial goals. Strive to achieve these goals and not allow them to drop out of sight. With careful and realistic planning you can move closer to your goal of financial stability and attain those resolutions.

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HEALTH

Tri-Cities Community Health announces new CEO

PASCO, Washington

The Board of Directors of Tri-Cities Community Health (TCCH) is proud to announce the selection of Jennifer Robinson, RN, MBA, as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer. Jennifer is the first woman CEO for TCCH in its 35-year history of offering cost-effective high quality health care services.

Ms. Robinson originally joined TCCH in May of 2013 as the Director of Nursing, bringing with her a great deal of experience and a strong background in health care management. She previously served as Director of Nursing for Moses Lake Community Health Center and Practice Manager for Kadlec Regional Medical Center. Prior to her time spent in healthcare administration, she worked in numerous organizations as an Intensive Care Nurse. Most notably she worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for four years after completing their rigorous year-long RN fellowship training for intensive care nursing.

Ms. Robinson has worked tirelessly and moved seamlessly through the ranks at TCCH. When TCCH's previous CEO announced his retirement, the Board of Directors conducted a number of interviews and decided to further promote Jennifer Robinson to CEO.

In addition to her clinical and administrative experience, Ms. Robinson holds a BSN degree from Montana State University and a Masters of Business Administration from Baker College in Michigan.

When asked what she enjoys most about working at Tri-Cities Community Health, CEO Robinson states: "TCCH has a long history of providing primary care in our community for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. We offer a full range of health-related services, such as: primary medical care, adult and pediatric endocrinology, dental and mental health services, nutrition education, vision services, pharmacy services, translation services, care coordination and case management, and transportation. We are group of highly skilled, caring individuals serving anyone who

walks through our doors. That's my passion, my love, for this organization, the staff, and the patients we serve."

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Jennifer Robinson, RN, MBA, newly announced CEO of Tri-Cities Community Health.



LATIN AMERICA

Thousands march in Mexico to demand respect, reject Trump

MEXICO CITY (AP)

About 20,000 people staged a march through Mexico's capital Sunday demanding respect for their country and its migrants in the face of perceived hostility from the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump.

Many marchers carried Mexican flags and dressed in white as a sign of unity and to signal the non-political nature of the march. One of the banners read: "Gracias, Trump, for unifying Mexico!"

The marchers protested Trump's plans for a border wall and increased deportations of migrants. Trump has also pressured U.S. corporations to provide jobs in the United States, not Mexico.

Paulina Ortega carried a placard in English proclaiming: "We love Americans, we hate racism."

"This is a march for dignity," she said.

Irene Aguilar, a university professor, said the main message of the marchers was to show the unity of Mexicans in the

face of adversity.

The march also featured many signs supporting Mexican migrants living in the United States.

"We want demonstrate to all of those who suffer discrimination in the United States that we are with them," said Ana Fernanda Islas, a university student.

Mexicans have called for unity in facing the challenge posed by Trump's policies, but the march featured almost as many banners criticizing Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto as the new U.S. leader.

Smaller marches were held in other Mexican cities Sunday.



A woman holds up a banner that reads in Spanish: "Against Trump", during a march demanding respect for Mexico and its migrants, in the face of perceived hostility from the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump, in Mexico City, Sunday, February 12, 2017.

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SPORTS

Seahawks' Michael Bennett pulls out of Israel trip

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP)

An American professional football player has pulled out of a sponsored trip to Israel, accusing its government of trying to use him for PR purposes and citing sympathy for the Palestinians.

Seattle Seahawks defense lineman Michael Bennett's last-minute decision came as an embarrassment to the Israeli government, which has invited a group of players to visit this week on a mission aimed at improving the country's image.

Israeli Cabinet minister Gilad Erdan had earlier noted the "great importance" of the visit, saying it would counter "the false incitement campaign that is being waged against Israel around the world."

Erdan leads the ministry for strategic affairs and public diplomacy, which works to boost Israel's image and counter the influence of an international boycott movement. His ministry declined to comment Sunday.



In this January 10, 2017 file photo, Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett talks to reporters, in Renton, Washington.

Tourism Minister Yariv Lavin had boasted that the players would become "ambassadors of good will for Israel."

But in a letter posted to Twitter on Saturday, Bennett wrote: "I will not be used in such a manner." He said he still intends to visit Israel, but only on a trip that includes stops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to meet Palestinians.

Citing the example of Muhammad Ali, and the late boxing legend's support for

the Palestinians, Bennett said he too wants to be a "voice for the voiceless."

"I cannot do that by going on this kind of trip to Israel," he said.

In a separate Twitter post, Miami Dolphins receiver Kenny Stills indicated he also will skip the trip.

The delegation, which includes Bennett's brother Martellus of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, is to arrive Monday. Martellus Bennett is among a group of Patriots who say they will not join the team on a victory trip to the White House.

Other players in the delegation include the Seahawks' Cliff Avril, Delanie Walker of the Tennessee Titans, Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Mychal Kendricks, Cameron Jordan of the New Orleans Saints, Calais Campbell of the Arizona Cardinals, San Francisco 49er Carlos Hyde, Dan Williams of the Oakland Raiders and Justin Forsett of the Denver Broncos.

Dave Says

On the road again?

Dear Dave,

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— Ray

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Do lots of research and planning before you make any big changes, Ray. There are great small business ideas still waiting to be had, but to make something good happen you've got to find the one that's right for you! — Dave

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