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ICE raid fallout still unfolding

Workers' lives upended after immigration action

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VENTURA COUNTY, CA – Juan Reyes lay flat on the greenhouse roof, hiding. Federal immigration agents milled through the Glass House farm below. Reyes moved to the United States

from Mexico at 10 years old, and though he never secured legal status, Oxnard became his home. As he hid, he thought of his wife, who is also undocumented, and their newborn daughter, a U.S. citizen.

After several hours on July 10, he surrendered. Agents bound his wrists roughly with zip ties.

Reyes, 25, was one of hundreds of immigrant farmworkers arrested by federal agents in a massive raid on a pair of Glass House Farms cannabis green-

house facilities in Carpinteria and outside Camarillo, California. It was one of the largest raids nationally during President Donald Trump's recent immigration crackdown.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said its agents arrested 361 alleged undocumented immigrants including six with prior convictions and 14 teenagers during the all-day operation. One worker died after falling from a

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Workers arrive Oct. 27 at Glass House Farms' facilities in California, where a massive immigration raid took place in July. JUAN CARLO/VENTURA COUNTY STAR FILE

'NO FOOD IN THE HOUSE'



Customer Thomas McGee chooses food for him and his family on Nov. 4 at the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Rockford. KARA HAWLEY/ROCKFORD REGISTER STAR

Without SNAP benefits to supplement paychecks, area families face tough choices

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Thomas McGee works full-time as a fast food restaurant manager but still needs the nearly \$200 in government food benefits he gets each month to keep enough food on the table for his two sons.

When the government failed to provide the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, funds he relies for the month of November, McGee, 53, of Rockford, was faced with a tough decision.

Does he get to work on time or does he wait in line at the

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"I work a job and still get SNAP. That's just how the economy is. And without that SNAP, it's like I have to either go to work or go to a pantry. One or the other. Because there's no food in the house. ... I have two children. I pay my taxes. I work. I don't understand why my dollars are not being stretched further."

Thomas McGee, Rockford resident

Is Trump giving \$2K tariff rebate checks?

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President Donald Trump announced in a Nov. 9 Truth Social post that millions of Americans would receive \$2000 checks from the success of tariffs.

"People that are against Tariffs are FOOLS!" the president wrote. "We are now the Richest, Most Respected Country In the World, With Almost No Inflation, and A Record Stock Market Price. 401k's are Highest EVER. We are taking in Trillions of Dollars and will soon begin paying down our ENORMOUS DEBT, \$37 Trillion."

"A dividend of at least \$2000 a person (not including high income people!) will be paid to everyone," Trump said.

But will Americans really see these checks? And if so, when? Here's what we know.

Are Americans getting \$2,000 tariff checks?

Although Trump said most Americans will receive at least \$2,000 from the success of tariffs, it is not a guarantee. Such a proposal would likely need Congressional approval, according to The Hill. Trump and his administration have also previously signaled that their priority is to use tariff revenue to tackle the national debt.

When will the \$2000 tariff check be paid?

The president didn't provide details about how these checks would be sent out or when. It is unclear if these checks are even a possibility, given that such a proposal would likely require Congressional approval.

Experts warn tariff checks could cost \$600 billion

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan non-profit that studies fiscal policy, released an analysis of the proposed stimulus checks on Nov. 10.

Assuming the checks would be designed similar to the stimulus payments distributed directly to Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee found that a single round of Trump's tariff dividend

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