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# ICE agents ignore NJ mask ban during arrest

## Undocumented Mexican immigrant nabbed in Jackson

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JACKSON – ICE agents openly ignored New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill’s ban on masks when they arrested an undocumented Mexican immigrant in the township last week who had been deported twice and faced domestic violence charges in 2024, officials said.

Rubiel Gabriel Nolasco, whose age was not given, was arrested on April 1 at an undisclosed township location, according to Christine Cuttita, a public affairs officer with the U.S. Immigration and Customs En-

forcement in Newark.

She confirmed that the agents were masked at the time, a clear violation of the new ban signed by Sherrill on March 25.

“Sanctuary politicians attempting to ban our federal law enforcement from wearing masks is despicable and a flagrant attempt to endanger our officers,” Cuttita said via email. “To be crystal clear: we will not abide by this unconstitutional ban. The Supremacy Clause makes it clear that New Jersey’s sanctuary politicians do not control federal law enforcement.”

Sherrill’s office did not immediately respond to requests for comment Thursday morning.

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## PEOPLE DISPLACED IN SEASIDE HEIGHTS



Mary Schuck (right) and son James, escaped a fire in their Seaside Heights home of over 40 years, and are now living in a local motel. Theresa Davis (center), an EMT at the Toms River Volunteer First Aid Squad, has been helping the family as a volunteer. BRIAN JOHNSTON/ASBURY PARK PRESS

# Families hit by fire trying to repair lives

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SEASIDE HEIGHTS – Mary Schuck and her family fled their home on Sheridan Avenue shortly before 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning, April 4, without shoes, cell phones or anything else but the scant clothing they were wearing.

Moments before, she had been woken up by a loud banging. She got up and looked through the window of an enclosed porch.

“It looked like fog,” she said.

She opened the door to the porch and saw flames by the breaker box, Schuck said. The flames spread quickly in the home, giving them just enough time to escape.

The loud banging may have saved her, her husband and her two adult sons. Schuck said the smoke detectors in the home did not go off.

The fire early that day destroyed Schuck’s home

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# Monmouth casino needs voters’ OK

## Poll finds most in NJ opposed to gambling beyond Atlantic City

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New Jersey voters remain opposed to expanding casino gambling beyond Atlantic City, according to the results of a new poll, in a sign that developers hoping to bring a casino to Monmouth Park face an uphill climb.

Some 49% of respondents said they oppose expansion of casino gambling; 44% said they favor it; and 7% said they don’t know, the Fairleigh Dickinson University poll conducted in March found, similar to the results the last time the question was asked a decade ago.

“People made up their minds about casino expansion a long time ago,” said Dan Cassino, a professor of government and politics Fairleigh Dickinson University, and the executive director of the FDU Poll. “Unless something dramatic happens, putting the issue in front of voters is going to lead to the same outcome as it did before.”

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A view of the proposed Monmouth Park hotel and pedestrian walkway in Oceanport looking southeast. MINNO WASKO ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS

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