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## Court rejects use of Alien Enemies Act

### Trump cited 1798 law to deport Venezuelans

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A federal appeals court ruled on Sept. 2 that President Donald Trump unlawfully invoked the Alien Enemies Act to deport Venezuelans he alleged

were part of a criminal gang. In a 2-1 decision, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a preliminary injunction that blocked the Trump administration from removing a group of Venezuelans under the seldom-used 18th-century law. The 5th Circuit is the first federal appeals court to rule directly on a March 14 presidential proclamation invoking the 1798 law to justify rapid de-

portations. Circuit Judge Leslie Southwick, writing for the two-judge majority, rejected the Trump administration’s assertion that the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua had engaged in a “predatory incursion” on U.S. soil. The Act gives the government expansive powers to detain and deport citizens of hostile foreign nations, but only in times of war, or during an “in-

vasion or predatory incursion.” Southwick was appointed by former President George W. Bush. He was joined by Circuit Judge Irma Carrillo Ramirez, an appointee of former President Joe Biden. Circuit Judge Andrew Oldham, a Trump appointee, dissented. The Trump administration could ask

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Chalkboards, once a learning staple, slowly being erased

# Writing is on the wall

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I will not write on the blackboard 100 times.  
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Nor will any of us — if that classic after-school punishment goes the way of the blackboard itself. Chalk, eraser and that rectangle of slate was once the very soul of public education. • If you’re a parent of a certain age, you might still picture your kids going to school this fall in a classroom furnished with such old-school — no pun intended — equipment. • Many classrooms still have their chalkboards, of course. But many are also opting for Smart Whiteboards, Google Classroom and other cutting-edge alternatives. • Especially in these years after COVID, when at-home digital learning dramatically accelerated the trend toward high-tech.

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## Condursos Garden Center up for auction after 96 years

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Decades before Montville evolved from a rural farming community to a wealthy suburban township, Condursos Garden Center and Farm Market was a thriving hub of the local economy. Six generations of family operation over 96 years, however, appear to be coming to an end as the 28-acre property on River Road is scheduled to be sold at auction. “It’s a great opportunity to own one of the landmarks in Morris County,” said contact agent John Dobos of Tranzon, a national real estate auctioneer hired to conduct the sale. Dobos confirmed the auction on Tuesday and said it will be held onsite on Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. The sale includes the commercial greenhouses and buildings on the property, which has 1,030 feet of road frontage. Meanwhile, the business is still open and stocked with goods. No closing, end date or final sale has been announced. Dobos said owners Anthony and Kim Conduurso hired his firm to conduct the auction. The new owner could continue the garden center’s operations or consider redevelopment. Although the nearby Rockaway River presents potential flooding issues, the mostly clear and level tract could serve a variety of purposes. Current zoning, however, limits it to commercial purposes for now. “We are saddened to see Condursos, a longstanding business, close,” Montville Mayor Matthew Kayne said in a statement. “The Conduurso property is not included in the township affordable housing plan and the property is not zoned for residential development. The

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