



## CENTURY OF SMILES

TURNING 100 TODAY, FAMED FUNNYMAN DICK VAN DYKE IS THE FOCUS OF A PBS DOCUMENTARY, WHERE HE IS HAILED FOR HIS "LIKABILITY FACTOR OF 10," CLASSIC TV SERIES AND "MARY POPPINS" ROLE. **F1**

NEWARK

## Cold reception in 'cattle pen' for visitors to ICE lockup



Sindy Reyes and daughter Dashlyn, outside Delaney Hall, wait to visit Reyes' husband. Photos by Steve Strunsky, for The Star-Ledger

*Waiting to see loved ones, detainees' families endure bitter chill, wind and lack of bathrooms outside Delaney Hall.*

Steve Strunsky For The Star-Ledger

Sindy Reyes cradled her 19-month-old daughter in her arms under a borrowed blanket outside the Delaney Hall immigrant detention center in Newark on Tuesday afternoon, as the thermometer hovered around freezing and the wind dropped real-fee temperatures into the 20s.

Sitting on a metal bench under the roof of a shelter with no walls, Reyes maintained a remarkably serene appearance as she waited to be called into the detention center, where she said her husband has been held since Oct. 29, when ICE agents arrested him as he left an asylum interview in Newark.

But Dashlyn's pout and the worried look in her brown eyes revealed a toddler unnerved by the swirl of unfamiliar children and adults outside Delaney Hall's barbed wire gate, not to mention other forms of discomfort her mom said she



Children and adults bundle up Tuesday in borrowed blankets to fend off cold at the immigrant detention center in Newark.

might be experiencing.

"We have to wait until we get in to use the bathroom," said Reyes, who had arrived at Delaney Hall with Dashlyn an hour earlier, following an hour-and-a-half drive from their home in Mercer County. "She's been using Pampers. But the last time I was going, the guys who help here, they bring me to the gas station, and I go there."

The shelter was erected on Nov. 25, said

Kathy O'Leary, a volunteer organizer with the nonprofit humanitarian group Pax Christi, who regularly hands out blankets, hot chocolate and other forms of relief to visitors at Delaney Hall.

It was after sustained pleas by Pax Christi and like-minded groups like Make the Road New Jersey, Cosecha and Eyes on Ice, as well as pressure by members of New Jersey's congressional delegation.

Reyes said the overhead-only enclosure was better than nothing. O'Leary conceded that it represented at least some degree of responsiveness by ICE or Delaney Hall's private operator, the Florida-based GEO Group, to the demands of the public and elected representatives. But not much, she added.

"Volunteers refer to it as a cattle pen in part because it is used to contain the people who come to visit and the dehumanizing way visitors are treated," O'Leary said of the shelter.

"It is clearly a carport they purchased off the internet that provides no shelter from the wind and only minimal protection from the rain," she added. "It has no heat, and the metal benches make it feel even colder. Until we can close Delaney Hall down and let people reunite with their families, they need an indoor waiting area."

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STATEWIDE

## N.J. businesses feeling impact of energy costs, Trump tariffs

*Fewer are expecting to turn a profit this year, annual industry group survey finds.*

John Reitmeyer NJ Spotlight News

The rising energy costs socking many residents across the state this year are also a growing concern for New Jersey businesses as they struggle to keep prices stable for consumers.

That is one of the key takeaways from the latest annual poll of state business leaders released by the Trenton-based New Jersey Business & Industry Association.

Nearly 80% of those who responded to the closely watched annual survey said their businesses have been either moderately or substantially impacted by increased energy costs this year.

Of that group, nearly 40% said they have had to hike prices in response to the increased energy costs, according to the survey results released Monday by the influential statewide business-lobbying organization, which has been polling state business owners and executive staff for nearly seven decades.

State lawmakers have advanced numerous pieces of legislation in recent months in response to the rising energy costs, including monthly electricity bills that were increased, on average, by 20% over the summer.

And Gov.-elect Mikie Sherrill has also promised to freeze utility bills when she takes office next month as part of a broader plan to provide some additional relief from the price increases utility providers charged consumers as they faced rising demand for power.

However, among the nearly 570 businesses that responded to this year's NJBIA business outlook survey, more than 80% said they lacked confidence that energy costs would moderate in 2026, according to the survey results.

Tariffs are another emerging concern for many New Jersey businesses, including small businesses, which accounted for about 65% of the survey's respondents, NJBIA officials said.

In all, nearly 50% of the survey respondents said their supply chains have been impacted by tariffs this year in the wake of an aggressive, ongoing foreign trade war initiated by President Donald Trump after his inauguration earlier this year.

Of those impacted, more than 60% were "not confident at all" that they would be able to absorb the increased costs driven by the Trump tariffs without passing those costs along to consumers, according to the survey results.

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U.S. MINT

## New coins to celebrate 250 years of independence

*Will Trump appear on one of them? Not so far. But designs honoring civil rights and women's suffrage were tossed.*

Jonathan J. Cooper Associated Press

The U.S. Mint has unveiled the designs for coins commemorating the 250th anniversary of American independence next year. They depict the founding documents and Revolutionary War, but so far, not President Donald Trump, despite a push among some of his allies to get his face on a coin.

The Mint abandoned designs developed during Joe Biden's presidency that highlighted women's suffrage and civil rights advancements, favoring classical depictions of America over progress toward a more

inclusive society.

A series of celebrations are planned next year under the banner America 250, marking the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. All U.S. coins show the year they were minted, but those made next year will also display 1776.

### IS THERE A LOOPHOLE FOR TRUMP?

No design was released for a \$1 coin, though U.S. Treasurer Brandon Beach, whose duties include oversight of the U.S. Mint, serving as a liaison with the Federal Reserve and overseeing Treasury's Office of Consumer Policy, confirmed in October that one showcasing Trump was in the works. Draft designs show Trump's visage on the "heads" side, known as the obverse, and on the reverse, a depiction of Trump raising his fist after his attempted assassination. The words "FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT" appear along the top.

By law, presidents typically can't appear

on coins until two years after their death, but some advocates for a Trump coin think there may be a loophole in the law authorizing the Treasury to mint special coins for the nation's 250th birthday.

Neither the Mint nor the Treasury Department responded when asked whether a Trump coin is still planned.

### CLASSICAL AMERICANA

New designs will appear only on coins minted in 2026, with the current images returning the following year.

The nickel, dime and five versions of the quarter will circulate, while a penny and half dollar will be sold as collectibles.

Five versions of the quarter are planned depicting the Mayflower Compact, Revolutionary War, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Gettysburg Address.

The dime will show a depiction of Liberty, a symbolic woman facing down the

NATION & WORLD



## Epstein pics on view

House Democrats release photos from the estate of Jeffrey Epstein, including some of Donald Trump, above, Bill Clinton and the former Prince Andrew, before a deadline for the White House to produce separate Epstein files. **Page C1**