

IMMIGRATION

Use of military in LA ruled unlawful

Judge: Administration's actions raise concerns of 'a national police force'

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — President Donald Trump's administration "willfully" violated federal law by sending National Guard troops to the Los Angeles area in early June after immigration raids prompted days of protests, a federal judge ruled on Tuesday.

In his ruling, U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer in San Fran-

cisco noted Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth have stated their intention to deploy National Guard troops to other cities across the country, including Oakland and San Francisco, and that raises concerns they are "creating a national police force with the President as its chief."

Breyer did not require the 300 remaining troops to be withdrawn but pointed out they received improper training and ordered Trump's administration to stop using them "to execute the laws." He

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LAWYERS FOR FIVE MEN who were deported from the U.S. to the African country of Eswatini say they have been illegally imprisoned and denied legal counsel by President Donald Trump's administration's third-country deportation program. **6A**

THE PRESIDENT announced he is preparing to send federal law enforcement to Chicago and Baltimore to combat crime but did not specify when. **7A**

ICE agents show up for parent interviews

Some trying to reunite with children in custody arrested, groups say

By VALERIE GONZALEZ The Associated Press

McALLEN — President Donald Trump's administration has started requiring parents looking to reunite with their children who crossed into the U.S. alone to show up for interviews where immigration officers may question them, ac-

cording to a policy memo obtained by The Associated Press. Legal advocacy groups say the shift has led to the arrest of some parents, while their children remain in U.S. custody. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security did not confirm that or answer questions about the July 9 directive, instead referring in a statement to the Biden administration's struggles to properly vet and monitor homes where children were placed.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement, which is part of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department and which takes custody of children who cross the border without a parent or legal guardian, issued the directive. The agency said the goal is to ensure that sponsors — usually a parent or guardian — are properly vetted.

The memo is among several

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SCIENCE

Study unravels molecule mystery

SMU researchers find clues to what makes one emit brighter light than others

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Nature's quiet fireworks, from lightning bugs to marine plankton, share a chemical spark that causes them to glow. Scientists at Southern Methodist University have now zeroed in on what makes that spark flare brightest.

In a recent study published in *The Royal Society of Chemistry*, the researchers examined a ring-shaped molecule that emits light as it snaps apart. In water-based solutions of various viscosities, thicker liquids made the molecule glow brighter. The results suggest a molecule's surroundings — especially how thick the solution is — affect how much light it produces.

These insights could help chemists and other scientists design better molecules for medical imaging, said Zihao Ou, an assistant professor of physics at the University of Texas at Dallas, who was not involved in the study.

In nature, bioluminescence is the light produced by organisms through chemical reactions in their bodies. These reactions — known as chemiluminescence — occur when molecules change into new forms. Unlike fluorescence, in which a molecule must first absorb light to reemit it at a different wavelength, chemiluminescence creates light directly, said Alex Lippert, a professor of chemistry at Southern Methodist University, who led the study.

Scientists have used chemiluminescent molecules to track oxygen levels in the brain and measure pH levels to screen for certain cancers, Lippert said,

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"When I'm speaking and I talk about [Dallas'] adult workers that are 25 to 64 years old, 40% of those workers are low-income," said Lynn McBee, the city's jobs czar. "We fix that by bringing things in to where people need it."

ECONOMY

Investing in homegrown talent

Dallas doesn't need to import its workforce, city's job czar says

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Lynn McBee's message to Dallas is clear: The city doesn't need to import talent. Its workforce potential is already here.

As the workforce development czar for the city of Dallas, McBee, a Freeport native, champions strategies for local workers at the center of economic growth. Her approach? Connect Dallas' homegrown talent with the training opportunities spread across the region.

"I think we've got a lot of talent here," McBee said in an interview. "It's connecting the talent here with the opportunities and making sure we have the right kind of training programs for all the different people that need these jobs."

When McBee isn't doing pro bono work on the city's behalf, the award-winning philanthropist leads the Young Women's Preparatory Network, America's largest public, all-girls, STEM-focused college-prepara-

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LaTasha Murry of Lancaster ISD listened to a student and alumni discussion panel during an event hosted in Dallas by the Educate Texas at Communities Foundation of Texas.

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NATION & WORLD

Space Command HQ moving

President Donald Trump announced the relocation of U.S. Space Command headquarters from Colorado to Alabama. **2A**

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COVID variant spreading

A new variant of COVID-19, nicknamed Stratus, has shown up in the U.S. as cases rise. The spike is hitting Texas particularly hard. **1B**

BUSINESS

Kraft Heinz splitting up

A decade-old merger is set to end after Kraft Heinz announced it's splitting into two listed companies focused on different products. **3B**



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