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KXXV Channel 25 (ABC) reported on the arrest of Waco resident Eduardo Mendoza-Deanda
https://www.kxxv.com/news/local-news/in-your-neighborhood/mclennan-county/texas-dps-has-arrested-more-than-7-200-undocumented-immigrants-since-partnering-with-ice

A coalition of religious groups in Texas is demanding major immigration reforms.
https://baptistnews.com/article/texas-religious-leaders-demand-ice-accountability/

Temporary Protected Status for Haitian immigrants could end as early as today (Monday, July 27). The Trump administration has claimed the status is no longer justified based on improved conditions in Haiti, but advocacy groups claim the country is more dangerous now than when TPS was first granted to Haitians in 2010.
https://www.npr.org/2026/07/23/nx-s1-5884947/haitians-protected-status-tps
Note: the U.S. government currently gives Haiti a Level 4 travel advisory, meaning “Do not travel.” Risk indicators are: unrest, crime, health, kidnapping or hostage taking, and terrorism. The advisory notes Haiti has been under a national state of emergency since March 2024.
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Haiti.html

A Southwest Airlines flight attendant who reportedly has a valid work visa, a pending asylum case, and not so much as a parking ticket, was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Nashville, Tennessee.
https://www.cbsnews.com/texas/news/ice-detains-southwest-airlines-flight-attendant-while-at-work-union-says/

ICE has resumed vehicle stops, but policy now requires the agents conducting the stops to have received training in how to conduct them.
https://theintercept.com/2026/07/25/trump-ice-vehicle-stops-policy/

A federal judge has ordered the U.S. Department of Homeland Security not to deport a witness in the fatal shooting of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Houston this month. The order also restricts the agency from transferring the witness outside of the Southern District of Texas.
https://www.texastribune.org/2026/07/21/ice-shooting-houston-witnesses-habeas-petition-deportation-texas/
Testing shows the powdery substance confiscated in Araujo’s van was not an illicit substance.
https://www.texastribune.org/2026/07/24/texas-ice-shooting-drug-test-results-salt-meth/
DHS has not released the name of the shooter to the Harris County District Attorney’s office.
https://www.texastribune.org/2026/07/24/texas-houston-ice-shooting-public-hearing-district-attorney-teare/

Eleven people have been charged in the deaths of seven migrants in a train car in south Texas.
https://www.texastribune.org/2026/07/24/texas-smuggling-deaths-indictments-laredo/

The 56-year-old Nigerian nun detained by federal immigration agents in McAllen last month spoke out about her experience last week. Sister Leticia Ugboaja's attorney said Ubgoaja had been granted protection from removal to her native country because she was likely to face torture there. Ugboaja made a public plea for other immigrants in similar situations to have the opportunity to be heard before they are detained.
https://apnews.com/video/nun-who-was-detained-by-ice-while-walking-to-mass-in-texas-says-many-are-in-her-situation-c7344ea159fe40a0a1f818b47fe5b80f
https://apnews.com/article/nun-arrested-ice-texas-d4937d291570e9b151add91c36020dd4

The immigration officer who killed a Colombian native in Maine had a history of mental health struggles and violent behavior. Border czar Tom Homan said an internal review is under way to examine whether the officer was properly vetted when he was hired.
https://apnews.com/article/maine-shooting-immigration-ice-vetting-9a8cfccc9e509766fb65effaa607a65b

Restrictions on H-1B visas imposed by Gov. Greg Abbott could affect cancer research.
https://www.texastribune.org/2026/07/22/texas-cancer-research-greg-abbott-h1b-visas-md-anderson/

A case has been filed in the secret "Alien Terrorist Removal Court," which has never been used since it was created 30 years ago.
https://www.cnn.com/2026/07/23/politics/alien-terrorist-removal-court-explainer

Google has purged reviews of ICE detention centers.
https://theintercept.com/2026/07/20/google-maps-reviews-ice-detention-centers/

How the government's obligation to keep foreign workers safe Collided With Its Efforts to Keep Farms Afloat: Farmers want the Trump administration to overhaul the H-2A visa program to make it more favorable to their businesses. But cutting red tape could cut labor protections, too.
https://www.propublica.org/article/h-2a-farmworker-protections-profits-trump

The Trump administration plans to open a 528-bed holding facility for migrant families and unaccompanied children next to an airport hub in Alexandria, Louisiana, to speed up deportations. ICE is calling the Alexandria facility a "staging area," not a detention center, and says people would only be there a few days at most. However, several immigration advocates expressed concern that children could be held at the new facility for weeks or month.
https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/a-new-ice-facility-could-speed-up-deportations-for-families-and-kids