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## TRUMP PLAN TO CANCEL DACA PUTS MEXICO ON HIGH ALERT

Critics: Country welcoming, but not ready for deportees

BY SANDRA DIBBLE

They are native sons and daughters who left Mexico at a young age, grew up in the United States, and now face the possibility of a forced return to a country most can barely remember—if at all. Hundreds of thousands of these young and undocumented Mexican immigrants are now struggling with an uncertain future. Questions about their fate have also loomed large in Mexico in recent days, forcing a closer look at how the country receives U.S. deportees. The wake-up call came Tuesday, with the Trump administration's announcement that it is canceling the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. While it's not a path to U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status, the DACA program since 2012 has allowed participants to study, work and live in the United States without fear of deportation. With that protection being lifted, Congress has been given six months to find a solution.

Across Mexico, the news of DACA's cancellation for many has cut to the quick. President Enrique Peña Nieto  
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### DACA PROFILES

## 'DREAMERS' SAY THEY WILL FIGHT TO STAY

BY KATE MORRISSEY

When "dreamers" talk about what the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has meant to them, one word comes up more than any others — freedom.

After Tuesday's announcement that ends the program with a six-month delay, those who benefited from DACA have said they won't give up that freedom without a fight. They are rallying, protesting and lobbying, and many are stepping forward to share their stories.

They hope that their efforts will lead Congress to pass legislation giving them permanent permission to be in the U.S.

Several polls show that the American public wants to see such legislation pass. Many who support President Donald Trump's immigration policies would prefer that legislation protecting dreamers include increased enforcement in other areas, including funding for more agents and Trump's border wall.

Many dreamers have rejected being used as a "bargaining chip" to further Trump's immigration agenda. They don't want protection for themselves coming at the expense of those they care about.

Read the stories of three dreamers, Ignacio Hernandez, Iveth Estrada and Irving Hernandez De La Torre, on A15.

## FLORIDA BRACES FOR IRMA'S SLOW CRAWL OVER STATE

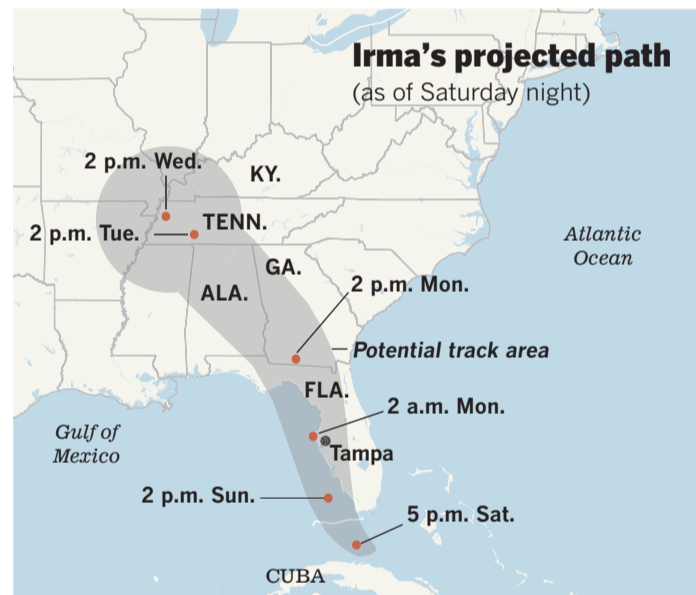


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Elizabeth Ponder (center) hugs her daughter while standing in line at the Savannah, Ga., Civic Center as they evacuate from the path of Hurricane Irma on Saturday. More than 6.5 million people in Florida and Georgia were ordered to flee.

**EVACUATIONS:** Tens of thousands fill shelters as storm's path moves toward the state's Gulf Coast

**HEAVY DAMAGE:** Hurricane lashes Cuba as death toll across the Caribbean rises to at least 25



Sources: Maps4News/HERE; National Hurricane Center

BY JOEL ACHENBACH, KATIE ZEZIMA & PERRY STEIN

Hurricane Irma began its destructive crawl over Florida on Saturday, with brutal winds flattening trees and knocking out power across the southern tip of the state in what residents feared were the opening blows of a historically devastating storm.

The hurricane, which left a wake of at least 25 deaths in the Caribbean, approached Florida with thousands of residents still on the move. More than 6 million people across the state were ordered to leave threatened areas, one of the largest emergency evacuations in U.S. history.

Some were forced to flee more than once as the storm's changing path shifted the bull's-eye of panic from the east side to

the west side of the peninsula. Officials along the Gulf Coast scrambled to open shelters for a stampede of residents newly alarmed when Irma swung her fury their way. Thousands were lined up to enter an arena in Naples even as early wind gusts climbed above 75 mph at some South Florida airports.

"The storm is here," Florida Gov. Rick Scott said at a news conference Saturday.

The National Hurricane Center downgraded Irma to a Category 3 storm Saturday, with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. But the storm was strengthening as it approached in the Atlantic and was expected to make landfall in the Florida Keys around 5 a.m. local time today as a Category 4 storm. It was driving a storm

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Heidi Lynch, who was sexually abused by a priest as a girl during weekly catechism classes, holds dog tags with a photo of herself at 8 years old.

# \$198.1 million

Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego's settlement with victims of sexual abuse, announced on Sept. 7, 2007

### IN DEPTH

## Diocese, victims still cope with fallout 10 years after settlement

BY PETER ROWE

Whenever Heidi Lynch thinks about priests molesting children, her stomach churns, her head spins and her questions multiply.

"Are they really taking care of the children?" asked Lynch, a 60-year-old San Carlos resident, who between the ages of 8 and 11 was repeatedly raped by a priest. "Are they really taking care of the abusers? Are they still hiding this?"

Ten years ago — on Sept. 7, 2007 — the Roman Catholic

Diocese of San Diego agreed to pay \$198.1 million to settle the lawsuits filed by Lynch and 143 other adults. As children, each had been sexually assaulted by a priest or, in one case, a layman supervising altar boys.

This was a landmark moment in one of the largest scandals in the church's 2,000-year-old history. From Dublin to Manila, Boston to Portland, Ore., Catholic officials were hauled into court to account for shielding predatory clerics, often for decades.

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