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MAYORS ADDRESS ICE CONCERNS

Immigration dominates Her, Frey breakfast event

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St. Paul Mayor Kaohly Her and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey on Wednesday addressed the ongoing immigration crackdown in their cities and federal subpoenas brought against both of them this week during a public discussion at the University of St. Thomas.

Two weeks after the fatal shooting of 37-year-old Renee Good by a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent during a confrontation in Minneapolis, Her said she is “absolutely” concerned that something similar could eventually unfold in St. Paul as thousands of enforcement officers continue to make arrests in the Twin Cities.

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St. Paul Mayor Kaohly Her, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and moderator Tom Hauser talk about federal immigration enforcement during the 2026 Breakfast with the Mayors Wednesday in St. Paul. **JOHN AUTEY — PIONEER PRESS**

6,000 St. Paul students to do online learning

District eases option; schools open Friday

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More than 6,000 St. Paul public school students have registered to learn online in the past week as the federal government’s immigration enforcement operation continues.

St. Paul Public Schools’ temporary online learning option takes effect Thursday and the deadline for families to register was Sunday. All 69 district schools have been closed through this Wednesday to give teachers time to prepare an online curriculum.

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A deal for Greenland?



President Donald Trump is visible on a video monitor Wednesday as he addresses the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. **DOUG MILLS — NEW YORK TIMES**

Trump cancels tariff threat, says NATO agrees to ‘framework’ of Arctic security deal

By Josh Boak, Will Weissert and Aamer Madhani
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVOS, Switzerland — President Donald Trump announced Wednesday that he was scrapping his planned tariffs on eight European nations over his desire to force U.S. control over Greenland, pulling a dramatic reversal shortly after insisting he wanted to get the island “including right, title and ownership.”

In a post on his social media site, Trump said he had agreed

with the head of NATO on a “framework of a future deal” on Arctic security, potentially defusing tension that had far-reaching geopolitical implications.

He said “additional discussions” on Greenland were being held concerning the Golden Dome missile defense program, a multi-layered, \$175 billion system that for the first time will put U.S. weapons in space.

In a subsequent interview with CNBC, Trump offered few details but described the agreement reached as a “forever deal”

and boasted, “Now we’re going to have even better security than we would have had before.”

TRUMP BACKS OFF

The president has threatened tariffs before only to back away. In April, after first saying he would slap massive import levies on nations from around the world, which prompted a sharp negative market reaction, Trump eased off.

But his change of heart this time came only after he used his speech at the World Economic Forum in the Swiss Alps to focus on Green-

land and threatened to upend NATO, an alliance that has been among the globe’s most unshakable since the early days of the Cold War.

In his address, Trump said he was asking for territory that was “cold and poorly located” and that the U.S. had effectively saved Europe during World War II while declaring of NATO: “It’s a very small ask compared to what we have given them for many, many decades.”

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ICE IN MINNESOTA

Judge’s ban on excessive force suspended

Ruling covering peaceful protesters on hold; Mpls. shooting detailed

NEWS SERVICES

A federal appeals court Wednesday suspended a lower court decision that restricts immigration officers’ aggressive tactics in Minnesota.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was persuaded to

freeze a judge’s ruling last week that bars officers from using tear gas and other steps against peaceful protesters while the administration pursues an appeal. Operation Metro Surge, an immigration enforcement operation in Minnesota’s Twin Cities, began in early

December.

The injunction ordered last week by U.S. District Judge Kate Menendez harms “officers’ ability to protect themselves and the public in very dangerous circumstances,” lawyers for the government argued.

Minnesota remains a major

focus of immigration sweeps by agencies under the Department of Homeland Security. State and local officials who oppose the effort were served with federal grand jury subpoenas Tuesday for records that might suggest they were trying to stifle enforcement.

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U.S. SUPREME COURT

Justices skeptical of Cook removal

Trump seeks to fire Federal Reserve governor for cause

By Ann E. Marimow
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed poised to reject President Donald Trump’s bid to immediately remove Lisa Cook from the Federal Reserve Board, with key justices expressing concern about undermining the long-standing independence of the central bank.

Justices from across the ideological spectrum questioned whether the allegations Trump lodged against Cook — an unproven assertion that she engaged in mortgage fraud before taking office — were serious enough to allow the president to fire her.



Cook

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