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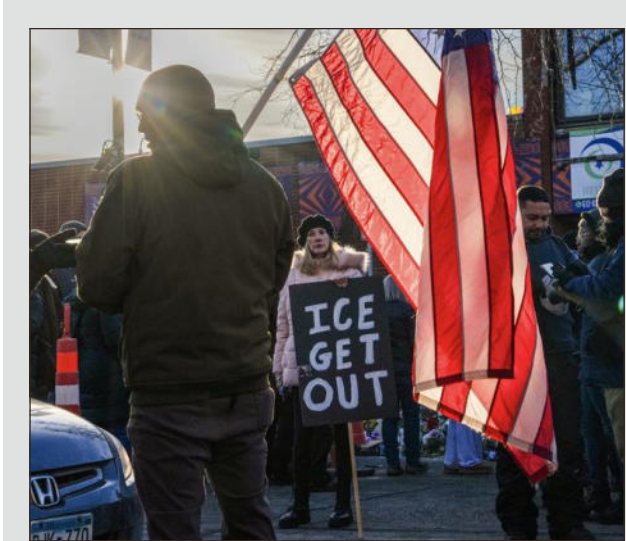
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Members of an "ICE out for Good" protest gather in the entrance of the East Liberty Target last month to urge the retailer to "stop collaborating with ICE." The protest against the Minnesota-based business started down the block at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.



Ryan Murphy/Associated Press

UNREST LINGERS A makeshift memorial has been erected in Minneapolis for 37-year-old Alex Pretti, who was fatally shot there by federal agents Jan. 24. Protests continued Saturday, prolonging weeks of turmoil in the city.

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CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Local police agencies struggle to navigate surge in ICE activity

By Jacob Geanous and Megan Guza
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

As protesters poured into the street in bitter cold outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office on the South Side on Tuesday night, Pittsburgh police moved to block off portions of the intersection, illuminating it with the red and blue glow of their vehicles' lightbars.

Days earlier, when demonstrators took to the streets in

East Liberty to march toward Target — which they claimed was cooperating with ICE in Minneapolis — police officers were waiting in the lobby of the retailer to ensure protesters didn't overrun the store.

The protests across Pittsburgh have remained peaceful and largely uneventful, even as demonstrations in Minneapolis and elsewhere have unraveled into clashes with immigration agents following the shooting deaths of two civilians, Renée

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New Pa. budget battle is brewing

3 months after ending stalemate, stakes are high as midterms loom

By Ford Turner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

HARRISBURG — Less than three months after wrapping up a bruising 135-day state budget standoff and facing a welter of ongoing financial concerns, Gov. Josh Shapiro will go before lawmakers Tuesday to deliver his annual budget address.

The stakes for Mr. Shapiro this year appear higher than ever. Widely seen as a potential presidential candidate — he has made repeated national television appearances in the past week and just had a book published — the governor prides himself on "getting stuff done." But the last budget process was a nasty 40-week political slog that went more than four months past deadline.

The state saw headlines about furloughs, schools borrowing money and counties planning layoffs. Domestic violence groups struggled. Health departments debated which services to put on hold.

Beyond that, Mr. Shapiro is seeking reelection this year. It's a midterm election cycle that could have big ramifications in Pennsylvania.

Not only is the governorship on the line, but every seat in the state House will be up

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THREE YEARS AFTER TRAIN DERAILMENT

E. Palestine endures mix of hardship, resilience

By Megan Tomasic
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

EAST PALESTINE, Ohio — Lenny Glavan's tattoo shop sits across the street from railroad tracks that bring trains barreling through his town. He opened it more than a year after a derailment pushed the small community into the national spotlight.

As a village council member, Mr. Glavan thought his business should be in the neighborhood he represents — and in the community he has worked to help rebuild since the disaster forced thousands from their homes and raised lasting health concerns.

"It's not my town, it's my home," Mr. Glavan, a lifelong resident of East Palestine, said while tattooing a person in his shop last week. "It's my whole life."

Mr. Glavan, who moved his family away for six months after the derailment, is part of a group of residents now pushing the village forward three years after the Feb. 3, 2023, crash in which part of a Norfolk Southern freight train carrying hazardous chemicals derailed. A fire burned for days and 2,000 people were evacuated.

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Pressure builds over Pa.'s response to ICE

By Sam Janesch
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — Three hundred miles apart on another freezing morning last week, a retired elementary school teacher in Philadelphia and a community organizer who recently graduated in Pittsburgh woke up long before sunrise.

Colette White boarded an Amtrak. Matt Jordan set off on the long drive through the hills of Western Pennsylvania.

Their mission was the same — to get to Washington, D.C., and tell their senators they were making a mistake by supporting the immigration enforcement efforts that were inflaming the country.

"We're sick of it," Mr. Jordan, an organizer with the Pittsburgh nonprofit Casa San Jose, said after arriving in U.S. Sen. Dave McCormick's office and telling the Republican's staff about the "troubling overabuses



Shapiro

empty and locked office for Democratic U.S. Sen. John Fetterman, fell on fewer ears.

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U.S. Sens. John Fetterman, D-Pa., and Dave McCormick, R-Pa., face increasing pressure to drop their support of federal immigration enforcement efforts that are rolling the country.



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