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Local Haitians covet reprieve



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Augusta Goll, a U.S. citizen originally from Liberia, at the grocery she established in Charleroi to serve the immigrant community.

Immigrants hail judge's temporary block on ending protections; uncertainty lingers

By Lindsay Shachnow
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

IMMIGRATION

Augusta Goll said Charleroi was an "abandoned place" when she first arrived in March 2019.

Just a few months later, Ms. Goll opened Queen's Market, a grocery on the corner of Fifth Street and Fallowfield Avenue. And it wasn't long until the whole intersection transformed.

By 2022, immigrant-owned businesses lined the once vacant storefronts and empty streets, said Joseph Patrick Murphy, a lawyer who has

worked with immigrants in Charleroi since 2019.

"It felt like something really cool was happening," Mr. Murphy said. "It's a different planet."

Over the last several years, an influx of immigrants brought new life to the sleepy town about an hour south of Pittsburgh along the Monongahela River. The last and most comprehensive population count was done in 2020, said Charleroi

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FETTERMAN PACs GET HELP FROM GOP DONORS

Assist for Pa. Democrat comes amid decreases in his other fundraising

By Sam Janesch
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — Ed Glazer, the billionaire owner of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, cut more than a few sizable checks to politicians in recent years.

Repeated \$44,300 donations to the Republican National Committee. Another \$41,300 to help the GOP keep control of the U.S. House in the last election. An undisclosed contribution to President Donald Trump's new White House ballroom.

Two donations, though, stood out among the rest — \$22,000 and \$5,000 to a pair of political action committees run by U.S. Sen. John Fetterman.

Mr. Glazer was among a few GOP donors who stepped in to boost the Pennsylvania Democrat's fundraising efforts last year as his donations and approvals among members of his own party — some of whom became increasingly frustrated with his positions — took a sharp turn.

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GAMES IN FULL FLIGHT

Team USA superstar figure skater Ilia Malinin performs a backflip during the men's short program Saturday at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy. Later, Madison Chock and Evan Bates earned 10 points in the free dance program, giving the U.S. a five-point lead over Japan heading into the final day of team competition.

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Data center plan fuels guarded hope

Beaver Valley leaders weigh potential for economic growth with citizen safeguards

By Anya Litvak and Chloe Jad
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Early last year, Rich Urick drafted his first data center ordinance for Shippingport, a Beaver County borough with about 160 residents and a storied history of

big things happening.

This was months before Mr. Urick, the borough's solicitor, would learn about Aligned Data Centers' plan to build a massive data center campus next to the shuttered Bruce Mansfield coal power station.

Borough leaders didn't know the Texas-based developer was coming, he said — but they knew something was.

"Having an ear to the ground and seeing what's happening in different parts of the country," Mr. Urick said, "and here [we are], where there are two power plants, one operating and one not. ... We just kind of wanted to get a jump on things."

The operating plant is the

Beaver Valley Power Station. And the plant is already tied into the data center universe. Last month its owner, Vistra Corp., signed a 20-year deal with Meta to offset the power demand from the tech giant's data centers with electricity from Vistra's nuclear plants, including Beaver Valley.

The defunct facility that Mr. Urick referenced is the Bruce

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ELECTION ANALYSIS

Governor's race heats up over budget

Shapiro, Garrity funding priorities come into focus

By Benjamin Kail
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Gov. Josh Shapiro's proposed \$53 billion spending plan for 2026-27 shows that neither he nor Republican state Treasurer Stacy Garrity is shying away from an election year budget fight — even after a monthslong stalemate last year undercut local programs, schools and service agencies statewide.

Mr. Shapiro's budget signaled several priorities he has emphasized in campaign speeches a month into his re-election bid: bigger investments in schools and workforce training, police and transit, housing and infrastructure, agriculture and manufacturing, mental health and protections for Pennsylvania's children and aging population.

Panned by Republicans and Ms. Garrity,

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