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Protesters march down Hot Metal Street on the South Side during a rally opposing ICE and Trump administration policies on Sunday.

IRAN TEHRAN CRACKS DOWN ON DISSENT

Peace prize recipient
gets more jail time

By Jon Gambrell
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran sentenced Nobel Peace Prize laureate Narges Mohammadi to over seven more years in prison after she began a hunger strike, supporters said Sunday, as Tehran cracks down on all dissent following nationwide protests and the deaths of thousands at the hands of security forces.

The new convictions against Mohammadi come as Iran tries to negotiate with the United States over its nuclear program to avert a threatened military strike by U.S. President Donald Trump. Iran's top diplomat insisted Sunday that Tehran's strength came from its ability to "say no to the great powers," striking a maximalist position just after negotiations in Oman with the U.S.

Mohammadi's supporters cited her lawyer, who spoke to Mohammadi. The lawyer, Mostafa Nili, confirmed the sentence on X, saying it had been handed down Saturday by a Revolutionary Court in the city of Mashhad. Such courts typically issue verdicts with little or no opportunity for defendants to contest their charges.

"She has been sentenced to six years in prison for 'gathering and collusion' and one and a half years for propaganda and two-year travel ban," he wrote. She received another two years of internal exile

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Oz: 'Take the vaccine, please'

Health official urges shots to fight measles

By Matt Brown
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A leading U.S. health official on Sunday urged people to get inoculated against the measles at a time of outbreaks across several states and as the United States is at risk of losing its measles elimination status.

"Take the vaccine, please," said Dr. Mehmet Oz, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator whose boss has raised suspicion about the safety and importance of vaccines. "We have a solution for our problem."

Dr. Oz, a heart surgeon, defended some recently revised federal vaccine recommendations as well as past comments from President Donald Trump and the nation's health chief, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., about the efficacy of vaccines. From Dr. Oz, there was a clear message on the measles.

"Not all illnesses are equally dangerous, and not all people are equally susceptible to those illnesses," he told CNN's "State of the Union." "But measles is one you should get your vaccine."

An outbreak in South Carolina in the hundreds has surpassed the recorded case

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'THIS MUST END'

Protesters demand ICE agents
stay away from Pittsburgh

By Benjamin Kail
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

More than 200 bundled-up protesters braved the frigid February air Sunday to march on Pittsburgh's South Side and take a stand against the Trump administration's immigration enforcement, blasting the violent actions of masked federal agents in American neighborhoods as oppression that must end.

As they chanted that immigrants were welcome here and equated federal agents under President Donald Trump with the racist Ku Klux Klan, many protesters hoisted signs calling for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be defunded or abolished, or "No ICEburgh," "No ICE goons," "Mr. Rogers' neighborhood is no place for hate" and "Honk if you hate fascists."

Plenty of nearby drivers honked with gusto.

"What's going on is un-American and makes no sense," Russell Trunzo, a protester from Oakmont, told the Post-Gazette as the crowd gathered on sidewalks and snow-

banks to hear U.S. Rep. Summer Lee. "If enough of us get out and say enough is enough, we can stop it."

Organized by the progressive group Indivisible Pittsburgh, Casa San Jose and a coalition of advocates, faith leaders and community groups, the protest came a day after the release of Jose Flores, the 47-year-old Nicaraguan native who was detained outside his Oakmont home in late January as he was readying to drive his 8-year-old daughter to school. The roughly weeklong detention sparked outcry and questions among borough officials and state and federal lawmakers — both Democrat and Republican.

The protest — for which Pittsburgh police temporarily closed off roads near Three Rivers Heritage Park and nearby ICE offices — also came as local law enforcement agencies and borough and city leaders navigate a surge in ICE activity and related protests.

Demonstrations against ICE actions have intensified across the

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Oakmont resident returns home

By Benjamin Kail
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Jose Flores, the Oakmont man whose recent detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement sparked outcry from advocates and questions from borough and state leaders, was released on Saturday and reunited with his family, according to state and federal officials and Oakmont Bakery, where Mr. Flores works.

Mr. Flores, 47, originally from Nicaragua, had been held for about a week in Northern Regional Correctional Facility in Moundsville, W.Va. ICE agents detained him outside his home as he buckled his 8-year-old daughter into his car, with Oakmont Borough Council members later saying they were not notified before the operation and demanding justification for his detention.

Following a push from local, state and federal lawmakers and attorneys, Mr. Flores is now home, reportedly on electronic monitoring ahead of a hearing

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Jose Flores
Lopez

\$25M project set for Smithfield Street

Corridor to be more
pedestrian friendly

By Ed Blazina
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A project to revamp Smithfield Street in Downtown Pittsburgh into a more pedestrian-friendly corridor will begin this summer with \$6.3 million worth of work between Forbes and Sixth avenues.

The goal over the next three to five years is to reduce traffic, install wider sidewalks and improve landscaping and public gardens between Fort Pitt Boulevard and Liberty Avenue. The city announced last

week that it will advertise for phase one bids later this month.

"It's been a long time coming," said Jeremy Waldrup, president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, which was working with the city and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation before he arrived in 2011.

"We are thrilled to see it moving forward. Smithfield is just a very important historical and retail area."

The entire project, which could cost as much as \$25 million, has been talked about for more than 15 years and in design since 2021.

Still, Mr. Waldrup said it will work well with new Downtown projects

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Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

HEARTS AND HANDS Amanda Glevicky, owner of Man-daMade, knits while she chats with a customer Sunday at the Valentine Market and DIY Party, hosted by Workshop PGH and the Wilksburg Community Development Corp. at the historic Wilksburg Train Station in Wilksburg.



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