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Wrong-way crashes probed

3 serious wrecks, one fatal, have occurred in region recently

By Ed Blazina
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Whenever a wrong-way crash occurs in this area, the police report is forwarded to the staff of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's local traffic engineer to see if any road changes should be made.

If the last week is any indication, the staff will have its hands full after three serious crashes — including one fatality — caused by drivers going the

wrong way in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties. The crashes in the western part of Allegheny County are part of PennDOT's District 11 (Allegheny, Beaver and Lawrence counties) and Westmoreland is part of District 12 (Westmoreland, Washington, Fayette and Greene counties), but they are all in the area covered by Pennsylvania State Police Troop B.

"Three in one week — that's way more than we have seen in our district in years," said Trooper Rocco Gagliardi, spokesman for Troop B.

Wrong-way accidents often are difficult to investigate and determine where the drivers got on the highway to begin going the wrong way.

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A "do not enter" sign flashes near "wrong way" signs as cars come off Freeport Road and state Route 28 North at the Blawnox exit on Tuesday.

IMMIGRATION

ICE CHIEF DEFENDS OFFICERS' ACTIONS

By Rebecca Santana
and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Todd Lyons, the acting head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, defended his agency's officers before Congress on Tuesday, standing behind their tactics and saying they would not be intimidated as they carry out the president's mass deportation plans.

Mr. Lyons was one of the three heads of agencies implementing President Donald Trump's immigration agenda to testify in a hearing called after the shooting deaths of two Americans at the hands of federal officers. They faced fierce questioning from Democrats, and support from most Republicans, over how they are prosecuting immigration enforcement inside American cities.

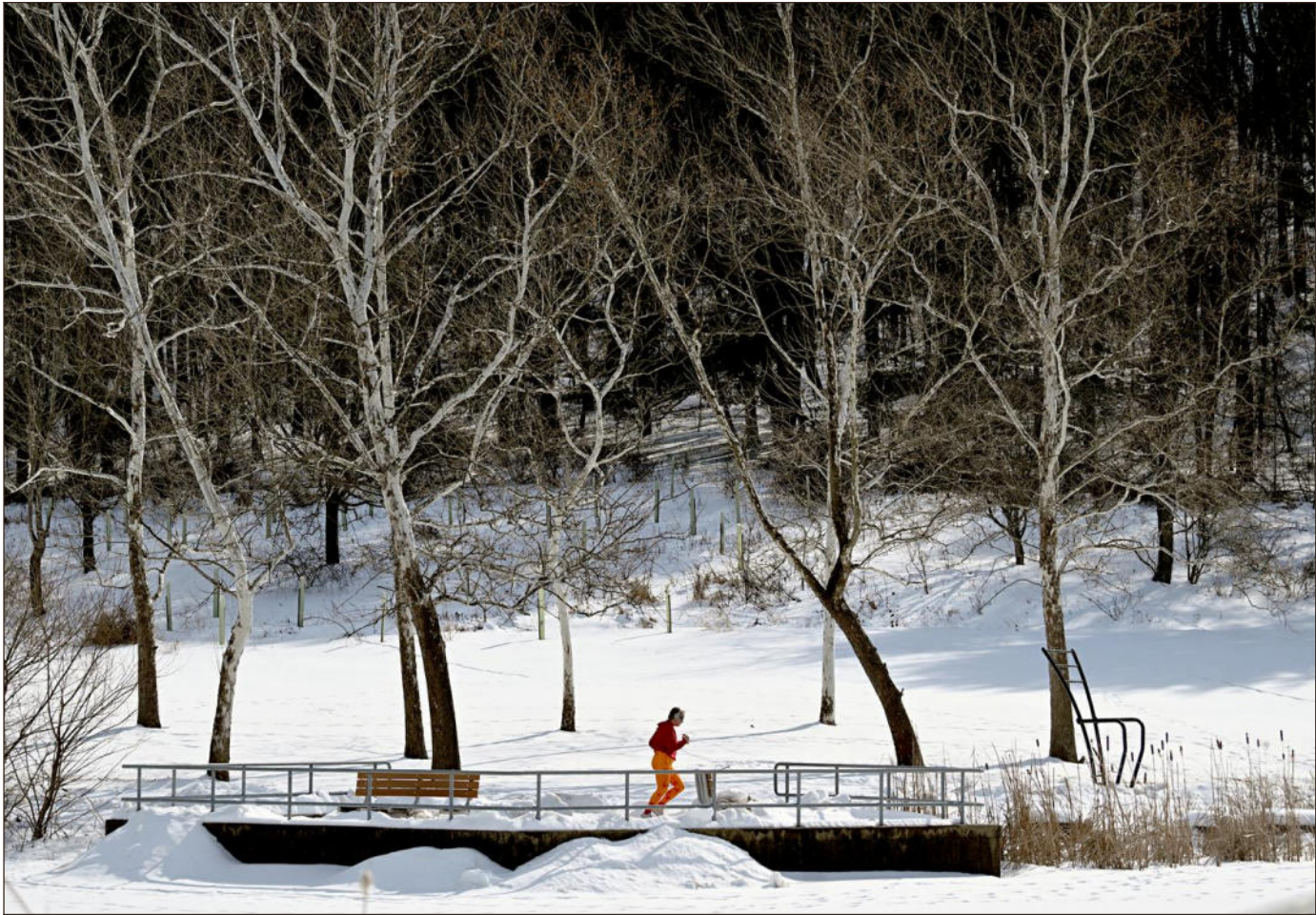
"Let me send a message to anyone who thinks they can intimidate us. You will fail," said Mr. Lyons, who blamed elected officials and protesters for escalating rhetoric that he said endangered his officers. Mr. Lyons, who at various points declined to comment directly on the killings of the two U.S. citizens, said his officers would not be deterred.

"We are only getting started," he said in opening remarks.

Trump's immigration campaign has been heavily scrutinized in recent weeks, especially after the shooting deaths in Minneapolis. The agencies have also faced criticism for a wave of policies that detractors say trample on the rights of both immigrants facing arrest and Americans protesting the enforcement actions. Tuesday's testimony is unlikely to quell

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A BRIEF WARMUP



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A runner takes advantage of the nice weather with a run on the trails at Deer Lakes Park on Tuesday. Temperatures will drop again Wednesday, with a high of 33 and low of 23. Some snow flurries and a breeze are expected. **Weather, Page B-12**

'They actually have a shot'

Fan excitement, expectations on upswing as Bucs open training

By Jason Mackey
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

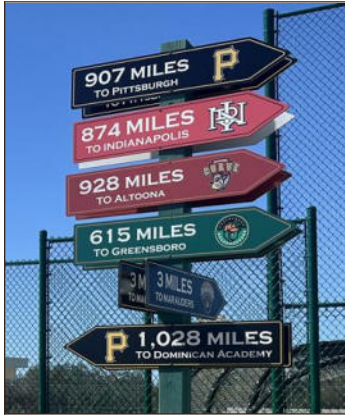
BRADENTON, Fla. — With the sun glistering in the clear blue sky, the temperature over 70 degrees and the sound of

wooden bats striking baseballs off in the distance, Scott Hunt stared toward one of the four fields at Pirate City and smiled.

Having spent nearly his entire life in Bradenton, spring training isn't a new experience for Mr. Hunt, a retired teacher and high school coach. It also doesn't get old. "I really do like it," Mr. Hunt said.

This year, especially. While the first official workout for pitchers and catchers isn't for another day, Mr.

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Pirate City in Bradenton, Fla., was mostly quiet on Tuesday as Pirates pitchers and catchers underwent physicals and other mandatory testing. Their first official workout is Wednesday.

CONGRESS

Despite divisions, ICE deal possible

By Mary Clare Jalonick,
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders said Tuesday that a deal was still possible with the White House on Homeland Security Department funding before it expires this weekend. But the two sides were still far apart as Democrats demanded new restrictions on President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown.

After federal agents fatally shot two protesters in Minneapolis last month, Democrats say U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement needs to be "dramatically" reined in and are prepared to let Homeland Security shut down if their demands aren't met. On Tuesday, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries said they had rejected a White House counteroffer that "included neither details nor legislative text" and does not address "the concerns Americans have about ICE's lawless conduct."

"We simply want ICE to follow the same standards that most law enforcement agencies across America already follow," Mr. Schumer said Tuesday. "Democrats await the next answer from our Republican counterparts."

The Democrats' rejection of the Republican counteroffer comes as time is running short, with a shutdown of the

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Shapiro, neighbors trade lawsuits over land

Area is near governor's private home

By Angela Coulombis
Spotlight PA

HARRISBURG — For the past six months, Gov. Josh Shapiro has been entangled in an intense but largely behind-the-scenes property dispute with one of his neighbors in Montgomery County.

On Monday, that dispute spilled into the public domain in

dramatic fashion with a pair of dueling lawsuits that allege everything from harassment to trespassing to politics to abuse of power.

On the one side are Mr. Shapiro's neighbors, Montgomery County residents Jeremy and Si-



Shapiro

part of their property to make security upgrades following last year's brazen arson attack on the first family.

mone Mock, who on Monday filed a federal lawsuit alleging the Democratic governor abused the power of his position and unlawfully took possession of

part of their property to make security upgrades following last year's brazen arson attack on the first family.

The Mocks allege Mr. Shapiro even deployed Pennsylvania State Police troopers to patrol the disputed piece of land.

On the other side are Mr. Shapiro and his wife, Lori, who on Monday countersued in Montgomery County's Court of Common Pleas, asserting they've maintained the disputed parcel of land during the nearly 25 years they've lived there and own it "as

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