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Bill Molnar, of Mount Washington, and his beagle, Baxter, walk on Tuesday through snow-covered Grandview Park on Mount Washington.

BLAST OF WINTER

Snow bands dump 9 inches in parts of region with more on way

By Lindsay Shachnow
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Heavy bands of snow Monday night into Tuesday blanketed Western Pennsylvania, triggering a hazardous morning commute with wind-driven whiteout conditions and nearly double-digit totals in parts of the region. Parts of Washington County got pummeled with up to 9 inches as a band of heavy snow that cut across dozens of miles from the state line, across the city of Washington and along Interstate 70 did not let up for several hours. In and around the city of Pittsburgh, as much as 4

inches of snow fell. More snow is expected to fall on New Year's Eve, with the potential to cause disruptions to festivities and holiday travel. A winter weather advisory will take effect at 1 p.m. Wednesday and run through 10 a.m. Thursday for up to 5 inches of snow in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area. A winter storm warning, indicating a potential for even heavier snow, will take effect for higher elevations of Westmoreland County over the same period.

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A dusting of snow can be seen on several rooftops on Tuesday in the Hill District beginning at Crawford Avenue, foreground.

WAR IN UKRAINE

LEADERS FLOAT PEACE EFFORTS

Drone strike allegations threaten to derail talks

By Illia Novikov and Katie Marie Davies
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Leaders from Europe and Canada held talks Tuesday on U.S.-led peace efforts to end the nearly four-year war between Russia and Ukraine, as Moscow and Kyiv sparred over Russian claims, denied by Ukraine, of a mass drone attack on a lakeside residence used by President Vladimir Putin. The virtual meeting included European leaders as well as Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, heads of European institutions and NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, according to Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk. "Peace is on the horizon," Mr. Tusk told a Polish Cabinet meeting. But he added: "It is still far from a 100% certainty." It was the first meeting of European leaders since President Donald Trump hosted Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at his Florida resort on Sunday. Trump insisted that Ukraine and Russia are "closer than ever before" to a peace

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ICE says it plans to obey order

Abrego Garcia would be detained if it is lifted

By Travis Loller
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — U.S. immigration officials do not plan to detain Kilmar Abrego Garcia again as long as a judge's order banning it stands, according to a Tuesday court filing. The plans by President Donald Trump's administration are the latest in the saga over the Salvadoran citizen's case that has become a lightning rod for the immigration debate as he fights to remain in the U.S. after a mistaken deportation to his home country, where he was imprisoned. Immigration and Customs Enforcement did make clear it would detain Mr. Abrego Garcia if the order were lifted, Liana J. Castano, assistant director for field operations, wrote in the filing. Trump officials have accused Mr. Abrego Garcia of being a member of the MS-13 gang, but he has vehemently denied the accusations and has no criminal record. The administration brought him back to the

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Snow may be cold, wet blanket on First Night



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The corner window of the Benedum Center announces upcoming events on Tuesday for the Cultural Trust's First Night celebration on New Year's Eve.

By Stephana Ocneanu
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

As Pittsburghers prepare to ring in the New Year, forecasters are warning of hazardous winter weather conditions that could complicate plans for travel and outdoor festivities. The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory for much of Western Pennsylvania, which will be in effect from 1 p.m. Wednesday through 10 a.m. Thursday. According to the advisory, total snow accumulation between 3 and 4 inches is expected, and snow squall conditions will likely impact Wednesday evening and Thursday morning commutes as New

Year's Eve revelers ring in 2026. "It looks like it's not going to be that great of a New Year's Eve," said Andrew Kienzle, a meteorologist for the NWS office in Moon. "Looks like we might ring in the new year with apparent temperatures in and around 20 degrees and snow falling." Mr. Kienzle explained that during the early morning hours on Wednesday, a push of precipitation will leave around an inch of snow across portions of the city. As the day continues, residents can expect high temperatures around freezing — 32 degrees — and chances of snow picking back up again in the afternoon and into overnight hours.

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