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NIPPON BID FOR U.S. STEEL



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West Mifflin Mayor Chris Kelly, right, welcomed Nippon Steel Vice Chairman Takahiro Mori, left, to his home office in his garage on Tuesday. Mr. Mori is in the region this week to lobby for Nippon's proposed purchase of U.S. Steel.

'I WILL NEVER GIVE UP'

Japanese firm says it will not accept presidential block of deal

By Evan Robinson-Johnson
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Nippon Steel Vice Chairman Takahiro Mori said he would not accept a potential decision by President Joe Biden to block the Japanese steelmaker's proposed purchase of U.S. Steel.

"I will never give up," he said Tuesday during an interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in West Mifflin. "This is good for the region, good for the community, good for U.S. Steel and good for the American economy as a whole."

Presidential blocks are not sub-

ject to a judicial review. But Nippon could target the interagency panel currently vetting the deal for national security concerns. A decision is due to be sent to Mr. Biden's desk before the end of the year.

Nippon's CEO said last week in Japan that he would consider a lawsuit. Mr. Mori declined to elaborate Tuesday.

"It's too sensitive at this moment," he said. "We are doing everything at our disposal. That's all I can say."

U.S. Steel first agreed to the \$14.9 billion takeover in December 2023 following a bidding war

sparked by Ohio-based competitor Cleveland-Cliffs. The deal drew swift backlash from members of Congress and has since been held up by a regulatory review that experts say was influenced by political opposition from Mr. Biden and President-elect Donald Trump.

Mr. Mori resumed efforts to win over steelmakers and their communities in the Mon Valley this week with visits to the Steelers game on Sunday and a planned stop at the Penguins game this Friday. He met with Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro in Harrisburg on Tuesday afternoon, two people

close to the matter confirmed.

"The momentum to support this deal is getting stronger and stronger," Mr. Mori said Tuesday as he and other Nippon leaders met with West Mifflin Mayor Chris Kelly at his home office — a garage stuffed with Pittsburgh memorabilia.

"Nobody around here is against it," Mr. Kelly assured them. "A lot of steelworkers in the area, they're all for it. And their wives."

As if on cue, Mr. Kelly's wife returned to the garage with a tray of pastries for the Japanese

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Missile usage escalates conflict

U.S.-made weapons employed for first time

By Hanna Arhirova and Illia Novikov
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine fired several American-supplied longer-range missiles into Russia, officials said Tuesday, marking the first time Kyiv used the weapons that way in 1,000 days of war.

The use of the Army Tactical Missile System, known as ATACMS, came as Russian President Vladimir Putin formally lowered the threshold for using nuclear weapons, opening the door to a potential nuclear response by Moscow to even a conventional attack by any nation supported by a nuclear power. That could include Ukrainian attacks backed by the U.S.

A Telegram channel affiliated with the Ukrainian military posted a video Tuesday that it says shows U.S.-supplied ATACMS missiles being fired from an undisclosed location in Ukraine.

According to a U.S. official, Ukraine fired about eight of the missiles, and just two were intercepted by the Russians. The official said

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TRUMP HUSH MONEY CASE

Prosecutors are open to delay for sentencing

By Michael R. Sisak and Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York prosecutors oppose any effort to dismiss President-elect Donald Trump's hush money conviction, but they expressed openness Tuesday to delaying sentencing until after his second term.

The Manhattan district attorney's office said in a court filing that Trump's forthcoming presidency isn't grounds for drop-ping a case that was already tried. But, citing "the need to balance competing constitutional interests," prosecutors said "consideration must be given" to shelving the case until after he's out of office.

At the least, prosecutors said they're OK delaying Trump's

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Zoning board rejects plan to replace Shadyside house

By Mark Belko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment has rejected a controversial proposal to tear down an old Victorian house in Shadyside and replace it with a six-unit apartment building.

In a Nov. 15 ruling, the board concluded that Shadyside Enterprises, the owner of the property at 6111 Walnut St., did not meet the requirements of the variance needed to construct the new building.

The decision is a victory for Shadyside residents who live close to the property and officials at the nearby Sacred Heart Elementary

School, all of whom raised concerns about the project.

Shadyside Enterprises was required to seek the variance because the property is located in an R1A-H zoning district, which prohibits multi-family residential.

In order to secure the relief, the owner had to show that there were "unique circumstances or conditions" about the property that would result in "an unnecessary hardship;" that there would be no adverse effect on the public welfare; and that the proposed variance was the minimum that "would afford relief with the least modification possible."

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HOLIDAY HELPERS Penguins Elite youth hockey player Michael McFall, 14, of Apollo, center, Zeke Fagan, 14, of Cranberry, center right, Connor Keelan, 14, of Mt. Lebanon, and their teammates help pack meal boxes Tuesday during a holiday food drive at the UPMC Mario Lemieux Sports Complex in Cranberry. Volunteers for nonprofit Semper Gratus packed 500 meal boxes with Thanksgiving essentials for families in need.



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