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Nippon ups investment pledge

Makes \$7 billion commitment in effort to gain Trump's approval on transaction

By Evan Robinson-Johnson
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Nippon Steel is willing to increase its investment in U.S. Steel facilities to \$7 billion as the Japanese company tries to convince President Donald Trump that for-

eign ownership is the best path forward for the iconic Pittsburgh steelmaker.

The new sum, confirmed by two people familiar with the negotiations, was offered during conversations in Washington, D.C., this week and was first re-

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ported by Semafor. It represents more than double the \$2.7 billion investment Nippon had previously pledged on top of its winning \$14.9 billion bid for U.S. Steel, which triggered a wave of political backlash and was eventually blocked by former President Joe Biden in January. "I think it's a hell of a jump,"

said West Mifflin Mayor Chris Kelly, who has worked closely with both sides to secure a deal. "They talk billions like you and me talk hundreds."

While not privy to the discussions in Washington, Mr. Kelly said he believed that "a majority of [the \$7 billion] is going to be for the Mon Valley."

It's not clear how much higher

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GREENLAND

VANCE PUSHES TRUMP TAKEOVER

U.S. continues effort to control island's security

By Philip Crowther,
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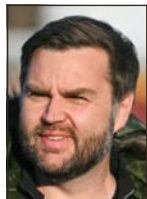
NUUK, Greenland — Vice President JD Vance said Friday that Denmark has "underinvested" in Greenland's security and demanded that Denmark change its approach as President Donald Trump pushes to take over the Danish territory.

The pointed remarks came as Mr. Vance visited U.S. troops on Pituffik Space Base on the mineral-rich, strategically critical island alongside his wife and other senior U.S. officials for a trip that was ultimately scaled back after an uproar among Greenlanders and Danes who were not consulted about the original itinerary.

"Our message to Denmark is very simple: You have not done a good job by the people of Greenland," Mr. Vance said. "You have underinvested in the people of Greenland, and you have underinvested in the security architecture of this incredible, beautiful landmass filled with incredible people. That has to change."

Mr. Vance said the U.S. has "no option"

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Upper St. Clair's Meredith Huzjak, right, fights for the ball with Perkiomen Valley's Lena Stein in the PIAA 6A championship game at Giant Center in Hershey on Friday. The Panthers lost, 58-27. The Sewickley Academy boys lost in the 2A title game. **Stories in Sports, Section C**

Pa. teacher vacancies improve slightly

Underfunded districts continue to struggle

By Megan Tomasic
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The number of Pennsylvania school districts reporting at least one teacher vacancy saw a slight improvement over the past year, a new report found, but under-

funded districts continue to struggle.

In all, 38% of school districts this school year reported at least one teacher vacancy, according to a report from the Penn State Center for Evaluation & Education Policy Analysis, which used

Pennsylvania Department of Education data. That's compared to the 2023-24 school year, when that number hovered around 44%.

"The vacancies are increasingly concentrated in a smaller group of districts. ... What happens as you slowly solve the shortages, the more affluent and whiter districts no longer have vacancies," Ed Fuller, an associate professor at

Penn State's College of Education who wrote the report, said. "But then they get concentrated in underfunded districts, which are generally districts serving a lot of kids of color or kids in poverty."

The data is the latest update as school districts across the state continue to grapple with an

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SUPREME COURT

Trump asks to lift block on migrant deportations

By Abbie VanSickle
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration asked the Supreme Court on Friday to allow it to use a rarely invoked wartime law to continue to deport Venezuelans with little to no due process.

The emergency application arrived at the court after a federal appeals court kept in place a temporary block on the deportations. In its application to the Supreme Court, lawyers for the administration argued that the matter was too urgent to wait for the case to wind its way through the lower courts.

In the government's application, acting Solicitor General Sarah M. Harris said the case presented "fundamental questions about who decides how to conduct sensitive national-security-related operations in this country."

"The Constitution supplies a clear answer: the president," Ms. Harris wrote. "The Republic cannot afford a different choice."

The justices set a speedy briefing schedule for the case, asking that lawyers for the immigrants file a response to the

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Shapiro, GOP headed for energy showdown

Republicans casting doubts on proposals

By Ford Turner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

HARRISBURG — On a chilly day when Gov. Josh Shapiro stood before a cow-filled barn to promote the concept of farmer groups buying and running manure-to-energy devices — just one sliver of Mr. Shapiro's multifaceted energy plan — Sen. Gene Yaw sounded the energy alarm. "We are going to have to suffer some hardships. Meaning, we probably are going to have some

blackouts, brownouts," said Mr. Yaw, a Republican who has chaired the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee for 12 years. "We are going to have times when the power that we need is not there."

Those statements, made Wednesday, highlight challenges facing Mr. Shapiro, a Democrat, and top Republican lawmakers as they try to figure out how to keep the lights on in Pennsylvania in future years. The urgency was underscored late Thursday when the state Public Utility Commission announced a public hearing set for

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EARTHQUAKE BATTERS MYANMAR



Aung Shine Oo/Associated Press

A Buddhist monk walks near a damaged building at a monastery compound after an earthquake on Friday in Naypyitaw, Myanmar. At least 150 people were killed and hundreds more were injured in Myanmar and Thailand. **Story, Page A-7**



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