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In Pittsburgh, Vance laments high prices, pushes drilling

VP hopeful attacks illegal immigration, plays up Trump's chances in Pa.

BY **RYAN DETO**

Republican vice presidential candidate JD Vance appeared Thursday afternoon in Downtown Pittsburgh, where he praised the city's industrial history, lamented rising prices for Pennsylvanians and said drilling is the answer.

"The most important thing to do to lower prices is to unleash Pennsylvania energy," Vance told more than 300 cheering supporters. "Drill, baby, drill."

Vance, the junior senator from Ohio and Donald Trump's running mate, appeared shortly before 12:30 p.m. at The Pennsylvanian, a luxury apartment building that once served as Pittsburgh's main train station.

He spoke for about 30 minutes and took questions from the media before wrapping up about 1:05 p.m.

Vance noted that grocery prices have skyrocketed and claimed housing prices in Pennsylvania have increased by 40%.

Since 2021, Pennsylvania home prices have increased by 17%,

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Opinion

» Why are the candidates always in Pennsylvania? It's those pesky undecided voters, Lori Falce writes. **A6**

Republican vice presidential candidate Sen. JD Vance addresses supporters Thursday at The Pennsylvanian apartments in Downtown Pittsburgh.

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PPG to lay off 1,800 after shaky 3rd quarter

Pittsburgh-based paint maker says it will sell architectural coatings unit to private equity firm

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NEW YORK — PPG Industries plans to lay off about 1,800 employees amid efforts to cut costs, with the paints and coatings maker also inking a deal to sell a sizeable chunk of its architectural coatings business.

Pittsburgh-based PPG said Thursday the job cuts would primarily impact positions in the U.S. and Europe.

Mark Silvey, PPG's director of corporate communications, said 800 people work at its corporate headquarters in Downtown Pittsburgh and another 425 at its facility in Cranberry.

PPG's plant in Springdale produces industrial coatings. Silvey did not include the number of employees who work there in his response to a request for information from TribLive.

PPG also announced it has agreed to sell all of its U.S. and Canadian architectural coatings business — which houses brands like Liquid Nails, Glidden and Olympic and made up $2 billion in net sales for PPG last year — to private equity firm American Industrial Partners. The sale, expected to close late this year or in early 2025, is valued at $550 million.

Silvey noted the Springdale operation is not part of the architectural coatings business and is not included in that sale.

In August, PPG agreed to sell its silicas products business to Poland-based QEMETICA

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April Sethman of North Belle Vernon has worked at the plant for some 25 years. "We're pretty sad. It's all corporate greed," Sethman said of the plant closing.

NEGATIVE IMPACT

About 270 jobs will be lost, many of them before Christmas, when the Charleroi Pyrex plant closes and moves operations to Ohio

BY **JOE NAPSHA**

Bernie Sobek of Perryopolis had a job at the Charleroi glassmaking plant that appeared, on the surface at least, to last forever. After all, the plant has been making glass for about 130 years.

Sobek's 44-year career at the Corelle Brands Inc. plant and its predecessors Anchor Hocking, Corning Glass and World Kitchen, however, will come to an end Feb. 17, when she and 25 others will lose their jobs.

About 270 workers will be out of a job because of the closing.

"I don't know what to do," said Sobek, 60, who has worked in maintenance, the assembly line and other positions at the plant.

The timing for when the jobs will be eliminated was revealed in Corelle Brands' recent filing with the state to comply with the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act.

The first round of layoffs begins with 173 jobs to be eliminated Dec. 9, followed by 60 more just five days before Christmas. Eleven workers will lose their jobs in two rounds of cuts Jan. 13 and 27.

The plant is closing because Corelle Brands is moving its Pyrex glass production to its plants in Lancaster, Ohio. Workers had

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Bernie Sobek of Perryopolis has been an employee at the plant for 44 years. She said there is a glimmer of hope because representatives from foreign businesses have looked at the plant for possible reuse.

Report blasts Secret Service

Panel investigating Butler shooting says attempt on Trump's life shows agency needs 'fundamental reform'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — An independent panel investigating the attempted assassination of Donald Trump at a Butler County campaign rally says the Secret Service needs fundamental reform" and new leadership and that "another Butler can and will happen again" without major changes in how candidates are protected.

The review faulted the Secret Service for poor communications that day and failing to secure the building where the gunman took his shots. It also found more systemic issues at the agency such as a failure to understand the unique risks facing Trump and a culture of doing "more with less."

The 52-page report issued Thursday recommended bringing in new, outside leadership and refocusing on the Secret Service's protective mission.

"The Secret Service as an agency requires fundamental reform to carry out its mission," the authors wrote Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas of the Homeland Security Department, the Secret Service's parent agency, in a letter accompanying their report. "Without that reform, the Independent Review Panel believes another Butler can and will happen again."

One rallygoer, Corey Comperatore of Buffalo Township, was killed and two others were seriously wounded when Thomas Matthew Crooks climbed onto the roof of a nearby building and opened fire as Trump spoke. The former president was wounded in the ear before being rushed off the stage by Secret Service agents. That shooting,

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AP

An independent panel faulted the Secret Service for poor communications before the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump at the Butler Farm Show grounds.

Israel says it has killed Hamas leader

Forces didn't expect to find chief architect of last year's attack that started war

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JERUSALEM — Israeli forces in Gaza killed Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, a chief architect of last year's attack on Israel that sparked the war, the military said Thursday. Troops appeared to have run across him unknowingly in a battle, only to discover afterward that a body in the rubble was Israel's most wanted man.

Israeli leaders celebrated his killing as a settling of scores just over a year after Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people in Israel and kidnapped 250 in an attack that stunned the country. They also presented it as a turning point in the campaign to destroy Hamas, urging the group to surrender and release some 100 hostages still in Gaza.

"Hamas will no longer rule Gaza. This is the start of the day after Hamas," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

U.S. officials expressed hopes for a cease-fire with Sinwar out of the picture. But eliminating him might not end the devastating war, during which Israel has destroyed much of the Gaza Strip and killed more than 42,000 Palestinians. The Gaza Health Ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants but says more than half of those killed were women and children.

Sinwar's death is a crippling blow to Hamas, but the group, which receives support from Iran, has proven resilient to past losses of leaders. There was no immediate confirmation from Hamas of Sinwar's death.

Netanyahu has said Israel will keep fighting until all the hostages are free and that it will keep control over Gaza long enough to ensure Hamas does not rearm — an effective occupation that raises the possibility of months or even years of

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Sinwar: Has been Hamas' leader inside the Gaza Strip for years.

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