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CMU 2nd in foreign funding

Qatar provides half of \$3.9B given to university, which ranks only below Harvard

By Maddie Aiken
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Carnegie Mellon University receives the second-highest amount in foreign funding of any university in the country, trailing just behind Harvard University, according to federal data released by the Trump administration Wednesday.

Between 1986 and 2025, the Pittsburgh institution disclosed \$3.9 billion in foreign gifts and contracts, the data reveal.

The bulk of that funding comes from Qatar, a Middle Eastern country that boasts a CMU campus and has poured nearly \$2 billion into the elite university.

In a statement Thursday, CMU said

more than 90% of Qatari funding is used to operate its Qatar campus, which opened more than two decades ago. Last year, CMU extended its partnership with the Qatar Foundation — a state-led nonprofit focused on Qatari education and research — by another decade.

Still, Wednesday's report perhaps reinvigorates discussion surrounding CMU's relationship with the rapidly modernizing country, which has been a point of local and national questioning and criticism for years.

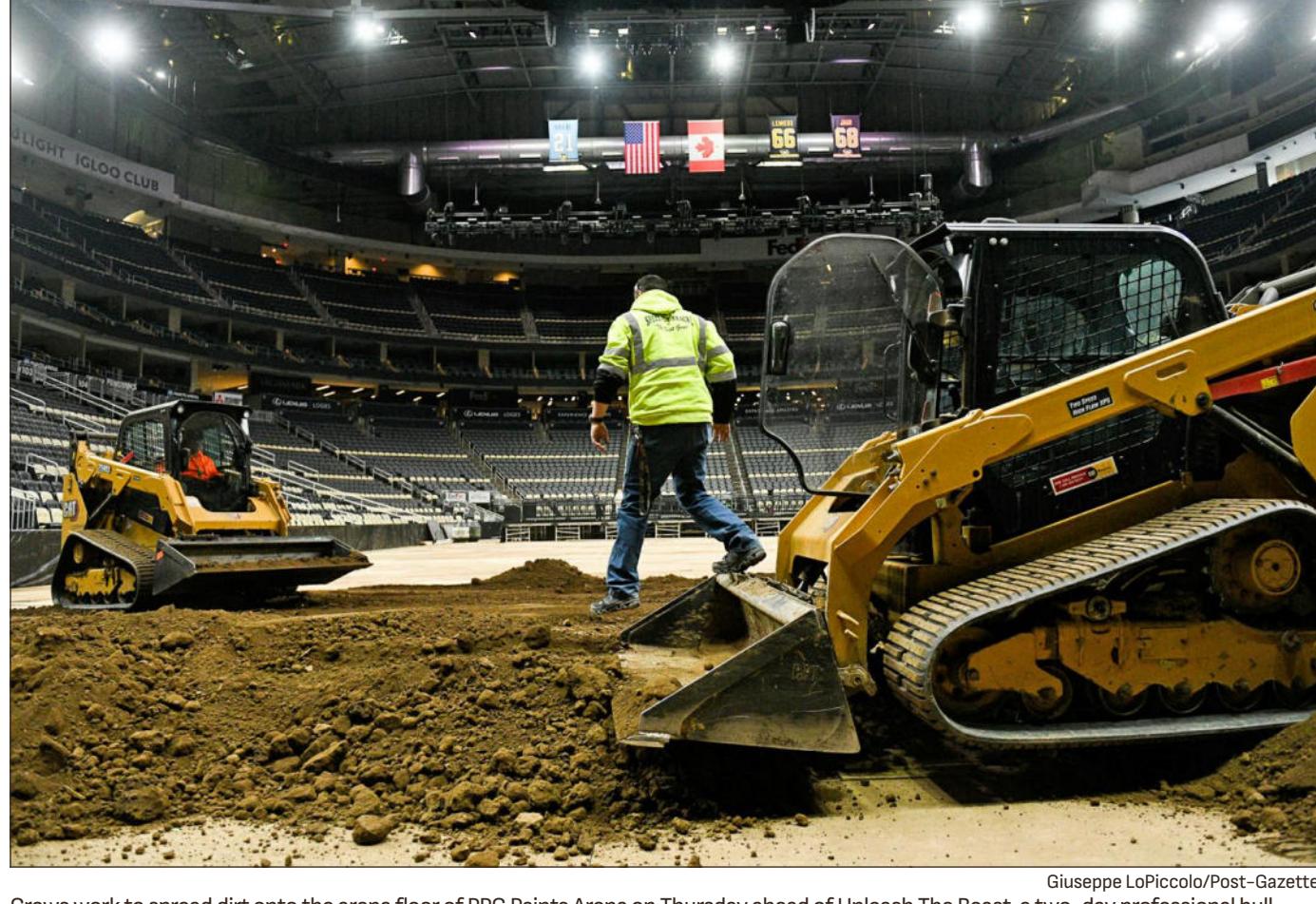
CMU spokesman Chuck Carney said operation of the Qatar campus aligns with CMU's academic mission and is in full compliance with U.S. law.

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SETTING THE STAGE



Giuseppe LoPiccolo/Post-Gazette

Crews work to spread dirt onto the arena floor of PPG Paints Arena on Thursday ahead of Unleash The Beast, a two-day professional bull riding event. The shows are set for 7:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

URA building on its Downtown strategy

Initiatives aim to kick-start development

By Madaleine Rubin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Urban Redevelopment Authority on Thursday moved forward with new initiatives that could kick-start development in Downtown Pittsburgh.

The authority is considering

selling Downtown's John C. Robin Civic Building to PMC Property Group, a Philadelphia-based developer with a long history in Pittsburgh.

If the building at 200 Ross St. changes hands, it could become the latest in a long line of properties slated for reuse as Pittsburgh

works to flip its aging, historic office towers into new apartment buildings.

Owned by the URA for over a decade, the Civic Building will be taken off the market while PMC Property Group determines whether its redevelopment is feasible. PMC's involvement comes after Action Housing's plan to turn the property into affordable housing stalled.

"If it's not going to be PMC, I don't know where we turn to next," URA board chair Yarone Zober said at Thursday's meeting, adding that maintaining the fully vacant building is a "liability to the public."

PMC Senior Vice President Louise Giordano said the group is considering turning the property

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Fetterman goes against Dems on DHS funding

Homeland Security operations set to shut down

By Sam Janesch
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. John Fetterman, arguing that withholding new funding for immigration enforcement will do little to strengthen guardrails on the Trump administration, was the lone Senate Democrat on Thursday who voted to advance a Homeland Security appropriations bill amid massive public outcries over its tactics in Min-

nesota and across the country.

"ICE has plenty of money, and that vote to shut DHS down will have no functional impact," Mr. Fetterman said while questioning the acting Immigration and Customs Enforcement director in a committee hearing about an hour before the vote.

Homeland Security operations were set to shut down Friday night because of the failed vote, although impacts on DHS operations like airport security and

border control will not be immediate. Democrats blocked the funding because it would have increased spending on ICE while not including reforms — like banning agents from wearing masks or prohibiting warrantless arrests.

Mr. Fetterman, a Pennsylvania Democrat, has become his party's most vocal backer of President Donald Trump's deportation agenda. Although he called for reforms and the firing of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem last month, he had not promised

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U.S. Sen. John Fetterman: "...that vote to shut DHS down will have no functional impact."

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Partly sunny and not as cold. Daytime high, 37; tonight's low, 30.

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IMMIGRATION

BORDER CZAR HAILS A 'SAFER' MINNESOTA

Defends ICE operations as crackdown is ending

By Steve Karnowski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Trump administration is ending the immigration crackdown in Minnesota, border czar Tom Homan said Thursday of the two-month operation that led to thousands of arrests, angry mass protests and the fatal shootings of two U.S. citizens.

The operation, which the Department of Homeland Security called its "largest immigration enforcement operation ever," has been a flashpoint in the debate over President Donald Trump's mass deportation efforts, flaring up after Renee Good and Alex Pretti were killed by federal officers in Minneapolis.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operation focused on the Minneapolis-St. Paul area resulted in more than 4,000 arrests, Mr. Homan said, touting it as a success.

"The surge is leaving Minnesota safer," he said. "I'll say it again, it's less of a sanctuary state for criminals."

The announcement marks a significant retreat from an operation that has become a major distraction for the Trump administration and more volatile than prior crackdowns in Chicago and Los Angeles. It comes as a new AP-NORC poll found that most U.S. adults say Trump's immigration policies have gone too far.

Trump initially said the surge was an effort to root out fraud in publicly funded programs, for which he blamed the state's large Somali community, most of whom are

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Trump revokes scientific finding

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Thursday revoked a scientific finding that long has been the central basis for U.S. action to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and fight climate change, the most aggressive move by the Republican president to roll back climate regulations.

The rule finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency rescinds a 2009 government declaration known as the endangerment finding that determined that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases threaten public health and welfare. The Obama-era finding is the legal underpinning of nearly all climate regulations under the Clean Air Act for motor vehicles, power plants and other pollution sources that are heating the planet.

The repeal eliminates all greenhouse gas emissions standards for cars and trucks and could unleash a broader undoing of climate regulations on stationary sources such as power plants and oil and gas facilities, experts say. Legal challenges are near certain.

President Donald Trump called the move "the single largest deregulatory action in American history, by far," while EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin called the endangerment finding "the Holy Grail of federal regulatory overreach."

Trump called the endangerment finding "one of the greatest scams in history,"

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