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Election 2024
PULSE OF THE PA. VOTE
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Northampton County voters have selected the winner in all but 3 presidential races since 1920. What about '24?

By Jonathan D. Salant
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — On a dead-end street full of big houses, big green lawns and big trees sporting their fall colors, one homeowner added “Harris-Walz” lawn signs to the decor. His neighbor’s property proclaims “Trump-Vance.”

They get along by following one rule: Don’t talk about the election.

“We just see what’s in everybody’s yards,” said the homeowner proclaiming his support for Democratic nominee Kamala Harris, Dr. Kirth Steele, a physician. “People in this neighborhood are polite about it. They don’t want to talk about politics.”

His next-door neighbor with the sign backing Republican nominee Donald Trump, agreed on one thing: “We all agree to disagree,” the neighbor said, declining to give his name. “America is all about choice.”

Welcome to Northampton County, perhaps the swingiest county in the most populous swing state that could decide the 2024 presidential election.

Voters in the smaller of the Lehigh Valley’s two counties have backed the winning candidate in all but three presidential elections since 1920 — including flipping from Barack Obama to Donald Trump to Joe Biden. Erie County did the same thing. So did 23 others nationally,

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A voter approaches the polling place at St. John’s Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethlehem during the November 2022 election.

The Morning Call

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



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Allen Greene answers questions as the University of Pittsburgh’s new athletic director at a news conference at Petersen Events Center on Wednesday. Pitt Chancellor Joan Gabel listens at right.

GATEWAY CENTER

Office complex future unclear

Prominent site faces possible foreclosure

By Mark Belko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

One of Downtown’s most prominent office complexes is facing possible foreclosure, another sign of the mounting woes of some building owners in the city’s core.

Wells Fargo Bank has filed a foreclosure action against Hertz Gateway Center LP, listed as the borrower for the four-building Gateway Center property at 401-444 Liberty Ave., built during Pittsburgh’s first renaissance in the 1950s.

In a lawsuit filed Oct. 16 in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, Wells Fargo claimed that Hertz defaulted on a \$84.3 million mortgage loan by not paying some operating expenses and by not taking care of four liens placed against the property.

As part of the action, the bank seeks a “public sale” of the

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Chancellor Gabel hails Greene’s ‘overall sense of financial acumen’

By Christopher Carter
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Allen Greene, the University of Pittsburgh’s new athletic director, took the podium to address the public and media Wednesday morning at Petersen Events Center for the first time since the university announced his hiring Friday.

On the court where 12 hours prior Pitt’s men’s basketball team defeated Point Park, 93-62, in an

exhibition contest, Mr. Greene joined Pitt Chancellor Joan Gabel and board of trustees Chairman John Verbanac on stage to introduce himself in his new role.

“So why Pitt?” Mr. Greene said in his opening remarks. “I’ve gotten that question asked a lot. There’s so many different reasons. I had a chance to talk to coaches before today’s news conference; they are ‘why Pitt.’ I had

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“So why Pitt? ... When you think about education, health care, innovation, technology, that is ‘why Pitt.’ ... When I think about this humble, down-to-earth community, that is ‘why Pitt.’”

Allen Greene
University of Pittsburgh’s new athletic director



EMBATTLED JUDGE

Legislators vow to start impeachment proceedings against Allegheny County District Judge Xander Orenstein in the wake of a recent homicide case.
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