



Joe Biden makes last-minute campaign stop in Pittsburgh

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On the eve of one of the most contentious elections in modern history, democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden hosted his final campaign rally at Heinz Field.

To adhere to social distancing guidelines and COVID-19 prevention tactics, the outdoor, drive-thru rally featured dozens of cars packed with Biden supporters in masks and Biden-Harris shirts.

While Biden and his running mate Sen. Kamala Harris (D-C), drew a substantial crowd, this final rally featured celebrity guest, Lady Gaga.

Gaga took the stage to give an impassioned speech voicing her deep belief in the Biden campaign.

"We need you, we need your family, we need your friends, we need your heart," Gaga said. "Vote like your life depends on it, or vote like your children's lives depends on it, because they do."

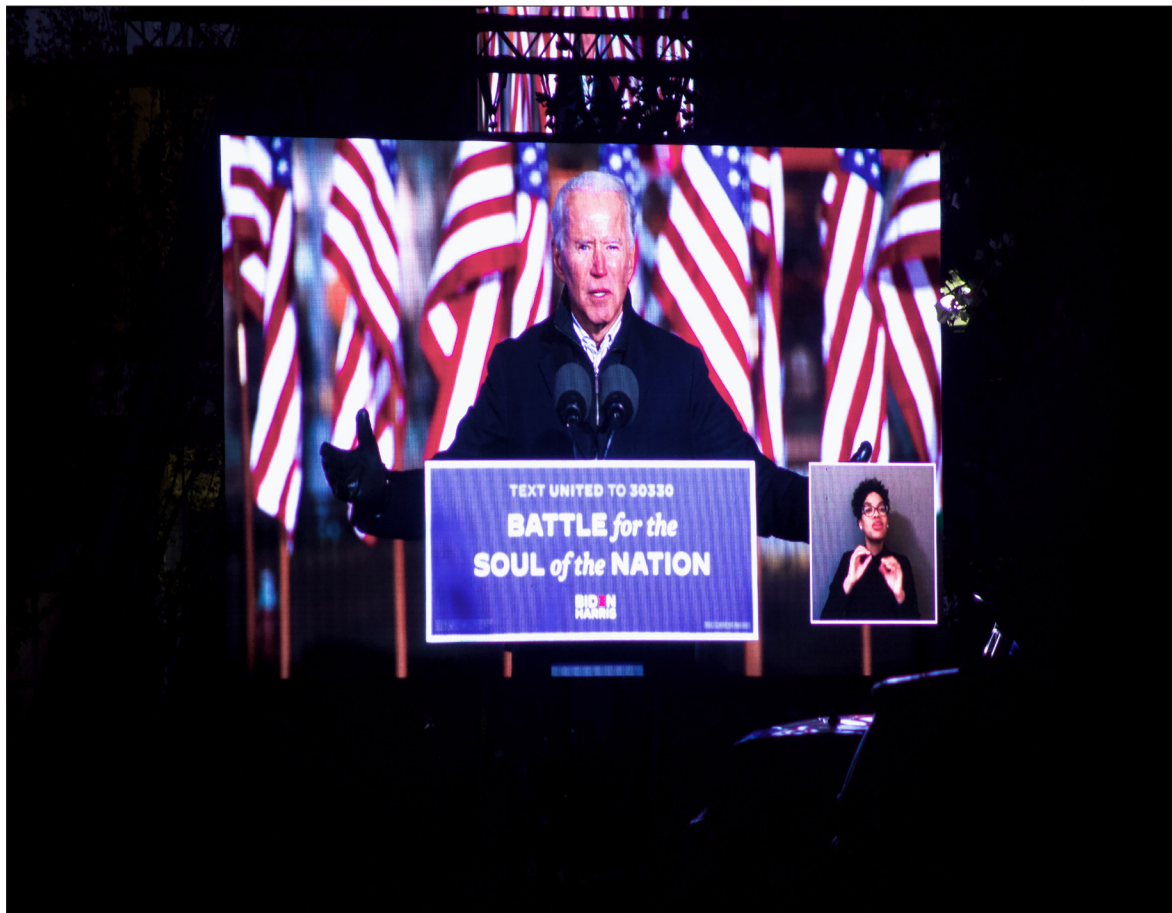
Her words were met with swells of cheers and honking car horns, and she urged every Pennsylvanian to go out and vote if they had not already done so.

"We all know that this thing may come down to Pennsylvania," Gaga said, a prediction that has since come true as the final ballots in swing states like Pennsylvania are being counted.

Gaga's final appeal to voters was to call attention to the infamous Access Hollywood tapes in which Trump made lewd comments about grabbing women's genitals.

"Everybody, no matter how you identify, now is your chance to vote against Donald Trump, a man who believes his fame gives him the right to grab one of your daughters, or sisters, or mothers or wives by any part of their bodies," Gaga said as she ended her speech. "Vote for Joe. He's a good person."

Gaga also performed her hit songs "Shallow" and "You & I." Her performance brought the crowd to their feet, with many climbing to the roofs or hoods of



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Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden made his final campaign stop in the parking lot of Heinz Field. His outdoor, drive-thru rally featured speaker and musical guest, Lady Gaga.

their vehicles to watch the pop star.

After her performance and speech, a number of other speeches were made by top Biden supporters and Harris, who reminded the crowd of the gravity of this election from Philadelphia.

"This is the most consequential election of our lifetimes, and the decision we make will, without any question, last for generations," Harris said.

Surrounded by a parking lot full of Biden supporters, Biden took the stage to cheers and honking horns around 9:15 p.m.

After thanking the crowd for their presence, Biden proceeded to go through the laundry list of highly contested issues voters seem to be prioritizing this cycle. He made sure to address the growing concerns about Dr. Anthony Fauci's future employment. At one of Trump's final

rallies, the crowd began chanting "fire Fauci" to which Trump responded "maybe after the election."

In his speech, Biden confirmed that, if elected, he will keep Dr. Fauci at the forefront of the White House's pandemic response. He also stated his dedication to "listening to scientists."

"The power to change the country is in your hands," Biden said as he stood behind a podium that read "battle for the soul of the nation."

He restated the need for a new era of hope and unity, by telling Trump to "pack his flags and go home."

"I'm going to heal this country," Biden said.

Inside the parking lot, Biden was once again met with cheers and honking horns. But outside, the parking lot told a different story.

A group of roughly 60 college-

age voters, all bundled up from the cold and wearing masks, stood on the edge of the parking lot on North Shore Drive, watching the rally from the jumbotron behind Biden.

The crowd of students and young people faced multiple verbal altercations with two groups of a dozen Trump supporters who came to protest the rally on the opposite side of the street. Armed with Trump flags and bullhorns, the Trump supporters attempted to drown out parts of Biden's speech by laying on their car horns, driving up and down the block, shouting, booing and chanting "four more years."

The young Biden supporters engaged with this crowd, and both sides of the street exchanged expletives, frequently shouting at

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Trump team files lawsuit to stop vote counting in Pennsylvania

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After a tumultuous couple of months leading up to the election, election day finally arrived yesterday – with all eyes on the keystone state to help determine the winner of this year's presidential election.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Trump campaign filed lawsuits in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia, demanding better access for campaign observers to locations where ballots are being counted. They also raised concerns regarding absentee ballots.

"Pennsylvania is going to count every vote and make sure that everyone has their voice heard," Wolf said in a statement. "Pennsylvania is going to fight every single attempt to disenfranchise voters and continue to administer a free and fair election. Our election officials at the state and local level should be free to do their jobs without intimidation or attacks. These attempts to subvert the democratic process are disgraceful."

The results in Pennsylvania – and across the country – are not confirmed yet, as votes are still being counted.

Before the election, Wolf said that due to the state not pre-canvassing mail-in ballots, the results will take longer than usual. Pre-canvassing is opening mail-in ballots before election day, but not counting them.

"We may not know the results today...but I encourage everyone all of us to take a deep breath and just be patient," Wolf said at a press conference Tuesday night.

On Wednesday morning, Wolf noted that the delay of the results are a "stress test of democracy."

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POLICE BRIEFS

Here are the crimes reported from **Oct. 26 to Nov. 3.**

On Oct. 26, Duquesne police received a call that a student had climbed over the fence in the Grotto area. Officers responded to the area and observed a male smoking marijuana. The student was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

On Oct. 27, a student reported a fake check scam.

Also on Oct. 27, Duquesne police were notified of a drone that crashed outside of Trinity Hall. When officers arrived, the drone was on the ground. Officers confiscated the drone.



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each other about highly contested issues including Trump's handling of the pandemic, the Black Lives Matter movement, conflict with Iran and protections for the LG-BTQ+ community.

In an unexpected turn of events, the young Biden supporters unfurled their flag and began aggressively singing Cardi B's "WAP" at the group of Trump supporters.

"It was peaceful over there. I felt safe over there," said Audrie Prudnick, a Biden supporter in the crowd of college students.

Prudnick was at the rally with her close friend Indih Bleher, who shared Prudnick's admiration for Biden and desire for peace and safety as the rally concluded.

"Everybody's been very calm," Bleher said.

Both Bleher and Prudnick noted the heavy police and security presence at the event, and hoped that they would be protected, should the verbal altercations with Trump supporters turn violent.

While there have been no large reports of violent outbreaks in Pittsburgh as votes continue to be processed, a sense of national uncertainty is apparent.

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"Make no mistake: our democracy is being tested in this election," Wolf said. "The basic rule of one person, one vote – that still carries, and it has to carry here."

As of Wednesday afternoon, democratic candidate Joe Biden is leading Republican incumbent Donald Trump in the electoral college, 264-214. 270 electoral votes are needed to secure the presidency. As of 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, Nevada and Alaska had not been called by the Associated Press.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 55% of mail-in ballots in Allegheny County had been counted, and 58.97% had been counted statewide.

"We are exactly where we want to be," said Pennsylvania secretary of state Kathy Boockvar Wednesday morning. "We are going to accurately count every single ballot."

Here's what we know at the time of publication:

Statewide, for the presidency, Trump has 51% of the vote compared to Biden's 47.85% as of Wednesday night. In Allegheny County, Biden is leading Trump, 59% to 39.84%.

For Pennsylvania Attorney General, Democrat Josh Shapiro is leading Republican Heather Heidelbaugh 48.95% to 48.27% statewide. Shapiro received 61.69% of the vote

in Allegheny County, compared to Heidelbaugh's 35.11%.

For Pennsylvania Auditor General, Republican Timothy Defoor is leading Democrat Nina Ahmad 51.39% - 44.41% statewide. Ahmad has received 55.87% of the vote in Allegheny County, compared to Defoor's 39.73%.

For state treasurer, Republican Stacy Garrity is leading Democrat Joe Torsella 50.63% to 46% statewide. Torsella received 56.98% of the vote in Allegheny County, compared to Garrity's 39.08%.

Duquesne University is part of the state's 18th congressional district, and 19th legislative district. In the 18th district, Democrat Mike Doyle recorded 68.66% of the vote compared to Republican challenger Luke Edison Negron's 31.34%. Democrat Jake Wheatley ran unopposed in the 19th district.

City of Pittsburgh voters chose to pass the referendum on the ballot by a large margin – receiving 77% affirmation votes. The ballot measure would allow the board to act officially in its pursuit of police accountability, and work with the city controller and the Commission on Human Relations. It requires all officers and employees to participate in investigations conducted by the CPRB, and provides protection for sitting CPRB members from the mayor from removing a board member at will.

Update: BSU's fight for equality, Bias Education Response Team announced



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On Tuesday, Duquesne University President Ken Gormley announced the creation and staffing of the new Bias Education Response Team (BERT).

Gormley stated that BERT "will serve as an essential tool for education and restorative work within our campus culture."

The creation of BERT comes in response to an ongoing, university-wide push for greater diversity and inclusion.

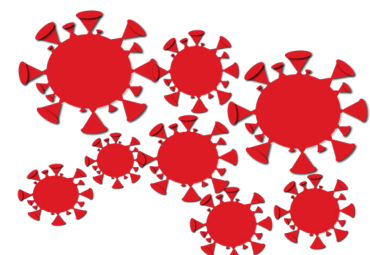
On July 27, Duquesne's Black Student Union (BSU), in accord with a dozen other minority organizations on campus, published a document addressed to Gormley and university administration detailing the specific changes needed to accommodate the unique struggles of minority, and specifically, Black students.

BSU's demands, which featured a combination of "short-term" and "long-term" initiatives for improving the college experience for students of color, included greater bias education training and stronger repercussions for students and faculty who commit acts of racism.

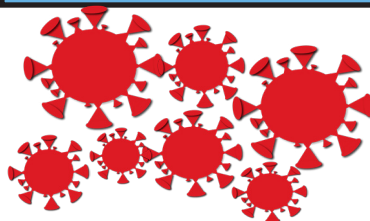
"While not a disciplinary body, the BERT will provide education and restorative responses to incidents of bias," Gormley said.

He also announced the co-chairs of the new team: Anthony Kane, director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Jessica Mann, assistant vice president for community engagement.

COVID-19 Update: Over 200 students quarantined at home



More information on COVID-19 prevention and treatment can be found at duq.edu/covid or at cdc.gov.



Duquesne COVID-19 Data

-Total number of confirmed cumulative cases: **181**

-Total number of suspected cumulative cases: **47**

-Total number of students isolated on campus over time: **101**

-Total number of students quarantined on campus over time: **207**

-Total number of employees currently under isolation for COVID-19 (reported to DU HR): **0**

-Total cumulative number of employees under isolation for COVID-19 (reported to DU HR): **4**



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Date	Lab Confirmed Cases Today	Suspected Cases Today	Currently Isolated on Campus Today	Currently Isolated at Home Today	Currently Quarantined in Hotel Today	Currently Quarantined at Home Today
11/3/2020	8	0	29	65	74	217

Images from a historic, nail-biting election in a pandemic

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Throughout the year, this country has been ravaged by fires, battered by hurricanes and plagued by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the midst of these natural disasters, Americans have also been faced with one of the most contentious elections in the nation's history.

As ballots continue to be counted and the race continues to tighten, Election Day 2020 has quickly turned into Election Week. Voter turnout records have been broken, and as always, Pennsylvania remains a key state in deciding the winner of the presidency. The pandemic has added to this election's unique circumstances, as voters entered polls masked up, distanced themselves in line and eagerly awaited notification that their mail-in ballots have been counted.

At the time of publication, the results of the 2020 Presidential election are still unknown. Key states such as Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Arizona and Pennsylvania

are awaiting the final results of votes, as mail-in and absentee ballots slow down the counting process. President Trump has filed three lawsuits against Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia, and has called for a recount in Wisconsin. Both Trump and Biden continue to express confidence in an eventual victory, and Trump had already falsely declared victory early Wednesday morning.

The contentious election was expected by many, as the months leading up to Nov. 3 have seen a number of protests against police brutality, growing political division over the pandemic and the greatest economic recession since the Great Depression. U.S. citizens have responded, and millions are using their voices to vote for the country's next president.

The following images document the events that comprise this year's historic election, from Democratic nominee Joe Biden's final drive-in rally at Heinz Field Monday night to images of Election Day in Downtown Pittsburgh.



As the last stop of his presidential campaign, Democratic nominee Joe Biden stopped at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh's North Shore on Tuesday night. He addressed key topics, such as his intent to not fire Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, healing the country, taxes, his proposed pandemic response and encouraged Pennsylvanians to vote. Lady Gaga also joined him on stage for an impassioned speech.



Though Biden's rally was advertised as a drive-in event, crowds of supporters gathered outside of Heinz Field to listen to the Democratic nominee give his final speeches of the campaign. The event lasted until around 9:30 p.m.



Voters that came to the polls on Tuesday left with "I Voted" stickers in hand. A steady flow of in-person voters entered and exited the building throughout the day. Allegheny County received almost 350,000 mail-in and absentee votes.



As the night came to a close, Biden supporters exited the stadium and showed their support on North Shore Drive.



Pennsylvania has seen record-breaking voter turnout, with almost 9 million Pennsylvanians registered to vote and about 3 million approved to vote by mail.



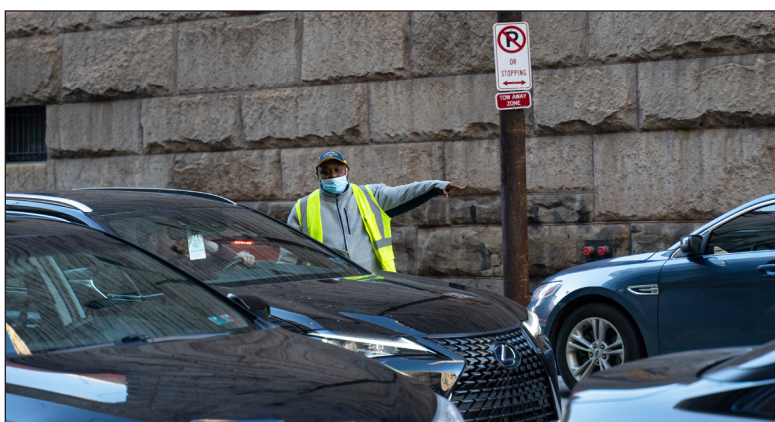
Supporters of President Trump gathered across the street of Heinz Field on North Shore Drive and engaged in a verbal altercation with Biden supporters.



People gathered across the street of Heinz Field, holding Trump and American flags. A pickup truck decorated with Trump flags made laps around the stadium, frequently honking and drawing boos from Biden supporters. Multiple crowds of college-age voters engaged with the Trump supporters, shouting concerns about Trump's handling of the pandemic, stance on the Black Lives Matter movement and the previous conflict in Iran.



In-person voters entered into the City County building to drop off their ballots at a ballot return station on the first floor of the building.



On Tuesday afternoon, voters pulled up outside of the City County building to drop off their ballots and vote in person. Traffic directors have been stationed outside the building for the past few weeks to assist with ballot drop offs.



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A call for action is needed to improve Pittsburgh's subpar air quality



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The air quality in Pittsburgh's metropolitan area continues to worsen even after recent efforts to improve it.

As a fourth-year college student living in Pittsburgh, I have become quite acquainted with the area and its innumerable qualities that serve as the foundation of such a bustling and energetic city.

From exploring the streets of South Side to cheering on Big Ben and the Steelers at Heinz Field, the Steel City has given me a home, away from home. Despite all the great memories accumulating over the course of four years, my time has also enabled me to observe the more unfavorable aspects of the region.

For example, even with stronger regulation and increased efforts to reduce its environmental footprint, the surrounding metropolitan area – including Pittsburgh – still consistently ranks as one of the worst in America for fine particle pollution in the air.

Although the oldest residents have seen the quality of air they breathe slowly improve since deindustrialization began, formidable air pollutants that are largely invisible continue to loom over homes, restaurants and businesses.

In fact, according to the American Lung Association's most recent State of the Air report, the Pittsburgh-New Castle-Weirton tri-state metro area ranked eighth in the nation for year-round airborne particle pollution.

Of the 229 metropolitan areas across the country, the region ranked 30th for days with elevated ozone levels. Allegheny County in particular received an F-rating for its annual High Ozone Days, Daily Particle Pollution and Annual Particle Pollution.

The source of this poor air quality is revealed with a quick glance in history to when Pittsburgh and its surrounding towns were at the center of the immense expansion of steel manufacturing in the U.S. during the 20th century.

The most significant consequence of subpar air quality is the influence it has on the de-



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velopment and advancement of harmful health side-effects. Higher asthma and lung cancer rates, reduced lung functionality and increases in mortality rates and hospital admissions are only a few of the many challenges inadequate air quality imposes on the community.

Aside from the multitude of health complications that arise, the adverse economic consequences that city officials and local entrepreneurs must face are also severe and widespread.

On one end of the spectrum, poor air quality leads to the sanction of stricter regulations on all businesses – even those contributing minimally to the issue – which creates

additional costs. In turn, executives and managers are forced to lay off a great deal of their workforces in order to compensate for the increase in unexpected expenses.

The other end of the spectrum is that quality-of-life is negatively impacted as living conditions deteriorate and job security becomes nearly nonexistent, all while concern for one's health emerges as the main concern.

The result? It is increasingly difficult to recruit new talent and thus drive economic growth as prospective employees and organizations are reluctant to move to cities and towns that offer minimal opportunities for personal and professional development.

Many strategies have been developed in recent years to reduce air pollution, such as efforts to introduce solar energy, the encouragement of public transportation and stricter regulations on the companies specifically escalating the environmental crisis.

The construction of city forests and the implementation of reflective surfaces on streets and surrounding buildings are lesser-known approaches that continue to gain traction as an effective method to improve air quality.

With Pittsburgh's future success threatened by ever-increasing pollution, I call upon the city officials and community leaders of the Iron City to join together and focus their efforts on developing a strategy that takes advantage of new green technology in order to decrease the amount of harmful pollutants roaming through the air.

STAFF EDITORIAL

The time has come to abolish the Electoral College

Since the ratification of the 12th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution in 1804, the electoral college has been in place as the official voting procedure to decide which presidential and vice presidential candidate will take office. While it has been in place for over two centuries, the system is convoluted and outdated in today's political climate and should be abolished.

When American citizens cast their ballots, they do not elect the new president and vice president. Instead, they elect a slate of electors for their state that will then vote on and decide the new president. The electors are meant to align with the popular vote from the people and cast their ballots accordingly, but this is not always the case.

There have been a number of cases where the president chosen did not receive the popular vote, yet he still won the election. This makes voters feel as though their voices are not heard and that their ballots don't matter since the decision ultimately lies with the electoral college.

Because of this, many Americans choose not to vote in presidential races because they feel as though their votes don't count for anything. It also discourages people from certain states from voting because some states' votes are worth more than others. Harvard Law professor Lawrence Lessig created a data set on the weight of each vote in every state to demonstrate the inequality between different states. For example, in Wyoming, each voter accounts for 0.00124% of an electoral vote while in Michigan a vote from a citizen is only worth 0.00031%.

More than half of American citizens are in favor of disbanding the electoral college in favor of the president and vice president being decided through popular vote. This would be a more democratic solution, allowing for the people to choose their next leader without having to rely on 538 electors speaking on their behalf.

Choosing a winner based on the popular vote would increase voter integrity and instill a sense of weight when people cast their ballots. They will know that each vote cast makes a difference and could change the outcome one way or the other. Keeping the electoral college would only further discourage future eligible voters from exercising their right to vote and by association continue to decrease the number of citizens who go to the polls for presidential elections.

Abolishing the electoral college restores freedom to the voters and puts the power back into the hands of the people. The popular vote would mean something more than just electing other people to vote in place of the nation, making each election more important and inspiring people to cast their ballot and make themselves heard.

Democrats face an uncertain future in Florida after losing the Latin American vote

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As of Wednesday at 12 p.m., the election is still very much up for grabs, but pundits from wall to wall are scrabbling for attention. Biden's campaign manager says Biden is on track to win, Trump himself said he had a big win Tuesday night, and Twitter was full of verified pollsters calling states one way or another.

The two biggest shocks? We woke up to Alyssa Milano agreeing with Ben Shapiro's criticism of President Trump on Twitter and that the Fox News prediction center was correct about Arizona hours before anyone else. Yet there was something else nagging on the minds of Democratic strategists in the wee hours of the morning as Rachel Maddow and Joy Reid called party operatives and other insiders on the MSNBC broadcast for election therapy sessions: the fate of Florida.

Florida, our most gun shaped, memeable, election-derailing state, is officially a safe, Republican stronghold for at least the next 20 years. Gone are the 2008 and 2012 victories that propelled former President Obama to his presidencies, and arrived are the foreseeable waves of conservative politicians traveling

to Washington to espouse the views of the state most vulnerable to conspiracy theories.

Marjorie Taylor Greene may have been elected from Georgia's 14th Congressional District, but ProPublica, Vox, and Vice News estimate QAnon is growing more rapidly in Florida than in any other state. Conservatives in Florida are becoming more accepting of the QAnon conspiracy, as Latinx support Democrats have come to rely on dwindles away.

This is the crux of the issue: Latin American voters are no monolith. Cuban and Venezuelan Americans are different than other citizens from other Central or Southern nations. Cubans and Venezuelan Americans are, on average, more wealthy, educated and politically conservative.

These Americans have immigrated from or are the descendants of immigrants from more oppressive socialist dictatorships: Castro in Cuba, and Maduro and Chavez in Venezuela. Opinions of those regimes aside, the sharply negative view these conservative Latinx voters hold regarding their former nations is an undeniable driver of their politics, and of the results in Florida last night.

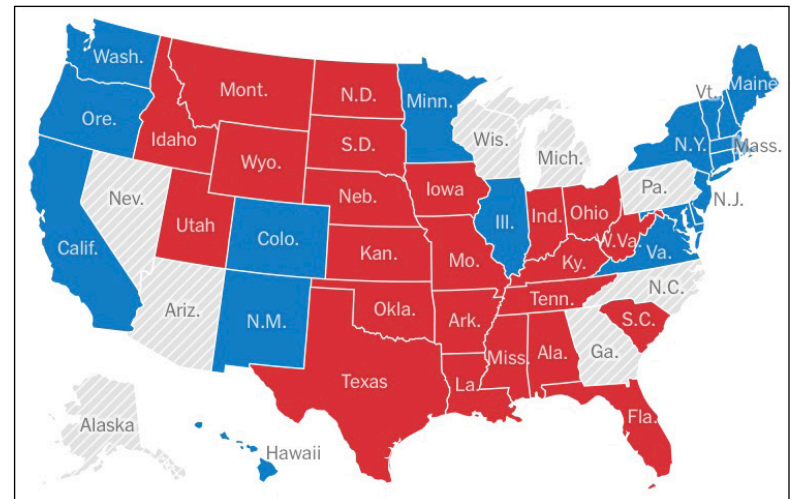
While Biden performed well enough in Broward county, with its larger Black popula-

tion, his numbers in Miami-Dade, a traditional Democratic stronghold where the question of turnout was more important than the question of who the turnout was for, was nauseating for Democrats.

Biden's 8-point victory in the district is the smallest Democratic margin in decades. Hillary Clinton carried the district by 30 points in 2016! Assuming the results have been tabulated correctly, this presents a 22 point shift in the state's most important district in the favor of Republicans. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, a representative running in Florida's traditionally safe Democrat 23rd district within Miami-Dade only won by .8 points.

This one district shift is one of, if not the most, cataclysmic shifts in American history. Democrats had begun to sound the alarm in Florida two weeks before the election, but no one could have predicted such a significant change would occur in just 4 years.

The influx of Latinx voters into Florida made some Democrats more confident about this election, but more keen observers noted the strong aversion to the word socialism among many of these immigrants. Let's get one thing straight, Biden is no socialist, at least in the context of authoritarian politics, but



President Trump surprisingly wins Florida by a wider margin than in 2016.

the Republican effort to smear Biden by calling him a socialist seems to have been incredibly effective in Florida.

Bottom line: The myth of the swath of motivated, well-educated suburban Florida liberals is dead. While those individuals still exist, the wave of conservative Cuban and Venezuelan Americans is closing the door on any chance Democrats have to turn Florida blue.

In 2018, Democrats ran Andrew Gillum for governor, an incredibly popular and charismatic candidate who was a talented speaker. He lost by half a point, largely due to a lack of enthusiasm among liberal Latinx voters and a corre-

sponding enthusiasm among conservative Latinx voters to support the current governor Ron DeSantis.

In the larger context of national politics, some Democrats have found it trendy to talk about the doom of the Republican party, and I have certainly found myself in that line of conversation before.

Regardless of how many white votes Democrats can strip away from Republicans in any given year, if Republicans can successfully galvanize Latinx turnout within the current iteration of their party, conspiracies, prejudices and all, Republicans will always have a chance to win a national election.

Change of opinion in the midst of new information and shifting attitudes is normal

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A few semesters ago, I wrote an article on my boyfriend and I. At the time, he was very conservative and I was, and still am, very liberal. Things have since changed for us.

Jarod had a bit of a wake-up call this summer. Between the lack of a response for the pandemic, the Black Lives Matter protests and eventually, the Supreme Court nomination of Amy Coney Barrett, Jarod decided that the Republican Party does not represent the things he cares about.

Jarod decided that he wants to vote for people who will take care of the pandemic, support Black Lives Matter and support women and LGBTQ+ people. I am so proud of him for seeing that.

I am not writing this to brag about him or to say my relationship is perfect. I just think that in the midst of everything happening — the pandemic, the election and all of the other chaos, it is normal to have a change of heart. We should not hold it against people who may have voted or thought differently.

It is 2020. We do not live in

the same world we did when we were kids. We don't live with our parents anymore, for the most part. We are free enough to draw our own conclusions about the world. That's precisely what Jarod did.

Taking the time to educate yourself and keep an open mind to new ideas is really what America is all about. Thomas Jefferson once said, "Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times."

While Thomas Jefferson certainly had his faults, the man makes a point. As new ideas are presented, we have to adapt. Otherwise, groups become marginalized and society doesn't change with the times. Never taking the time to educate oneself and think about the injustices happening around you helps absolutely no one. Ignorance is not bliss.

This does become tricky when dealing with how politicians change their minds on topics over the years. For ex-

ample, the Clintons used to say they didn't support gay marriage, and at the time, their actions reflected that. Fast forward to 2015 when Obergefell v. Hodges was decided, and Hillary was in support of defending the LGBTQ+ community.

It is easy to say that Hillary changed her opinion for votes. Maybe that's true, and maybe it isn't. But she voiced her support for protecting the LGBTQ+ community, and I feel like had she become president, she would have stuck to it because of the Democratic party's platform on defending LGBTQ+ people.

But take Donald Trump. He could say all he wants that he is accepting of the LGBTQ+ community, but what has he done to show support for them? Early on in his presidency, he banned transgender people from serving the country and this year appointed Barrett to the Supreme Court. He does not care about this group. His actions speak way louder than his words.

When politicians change their opinions, we need to see action from them. We need to hold them accountable. And that's not to say that when a loved one changes their stance,



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With new information always emerging, changes in opinion must be normalized.

we shouldn't hold them accountable. I'm just saying that it is easy to only listen to a politician's words. But politicians are the ones with power. They need to take action.

When I wrote the article about my boyfriend being a Trump supporter and being okay with that, I don't think I was lying. I think I needed to be presented with more information as to why being friends with a Trump voter isn't okay. You need to have something in common with your friends. And if a friend of yours cannot vote to protect marginalized groups because they're afraid of a tax increase, you don't fol-

low the same moral code.

After four years of this presidency, we have seen that Trump will not change. However, it is okay for your opinions to change about him or about his party. It's simply an aspect of growing up to evolve and grow. I think it would be strange to age but not change your opinions. We all go through experiences that become formative for us in shaping our moral code or belief system.

Take the time to educate yourself about what's happening. Put yourself in someone else's shoes. As soon as you do, you'll begin to change and change is good.

Civil rights activist Sala Udin talks MLK, 1960s Hill District



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A Hill District native, Sala Udin has decades of leadership and social justice activism throughout his career. A Freedom Rider, someone who has marched on Washington and a former city councilperson and current school board member, Udin has spent his life championing for equality. Recently, Udin spoke with *Duke* editor Kellen Stepler about the 1960s Hill District, the evolution of the Civil Rights Movement and Black media in Pittsburgh.

The conversation with Udin has been edited for brevity and clarity.



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Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1964.

hood. There was a lot of mixed feelings about that decision and about that demolition because it was so large and so impactful, and it moved so many people out of the neighborhood and it created, for the first time, racial segregation in housing because a decision had to be made — where do we put these people?

They decided that Black people needed to go in one area and non-Black people needed to go somewhere else. So there was a racial separation in housing availability. But the fact that the city was demolishing the most historic and successful portion of the Hill District neighborhood had a tremendous impact on the rest of the Hill District. That was a significant part of the Hill District reality at that time, from the late '50s to the early '60s. So if we race ahead to the late 1960s, and the period of 1968, close to Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination — before the assassination, that period was a period that was in upheaval, as well. The Hill District, like the rest of the African-American community nationwide, was in an uproar about voting rights, about joblessness and poverty, about police brutality and the lack of political empowerment — poor housing, poor healthcare, poor schools.

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The African-American community of the Hill District felt that impoverishment and that lack of empowerment very strongly, and fought back very strongly against it. There were demonstrations Downtown for the right

council, and they offered us the opportunity to take some of these seats on the bus that they had not filled. We created a movement among the youth council members; an event to fill those seats. And it was maybe a half-dozen seats. By the time we finished building up the event among the youth council, there were a lot more people who wanted to join the march. There were enough people to fill a second bus.

Q: Describe a 1960s Hill District to someone. What was the Hill District like in the 1960s?

Udin: In the beginning of the '60s, it was an ethnically-mixed, working class community just to the east of downtown Pittsburgh; a neighborhood that was home to a lot of new refugees to Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh was one of those locations that they could come to because the word was out that you could get a good paying job, although the work was hard; in coal mines and in steel mills, and in some factories, the work was hard but the pay was good. And so a lot of people who were coming north found their way



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Currently a Pittsburgh school board member, Sala Udin has spent his life championing for equality.

Q: Describe what it was like, being there in Washington D.C., on August 28, 1963.

Sala Udin: I had just turned 20. I had never been to Washington D.C., had never participated in a demonstration and had never been in a crowd that gigantic. It was like I was in some kind of fantasyland. Everybody was energized and shouting various slogans and marching; it was unbelievable.

I felt a great sense of empowerment, that I was a part of something huge, and I was a witness to something historical. I felt extremely empowered and included, and proud to have been included in something as historical as that event.

Q: What drove you to be there that day?

Udin: The NAACP Youth Council in Staten Island, New York. That's where I was living at the time. The youth council was invited to join the adult chapter in this trip to Washington, D.C. I was the chairman of the youth

east over toward Pittsburgh.

It was segregated racially and by class from the rest of the city neighborhoods. It was a self-contained neighborhood. It had most of the things that a neighborhood needed. It had that kind of mix of commercial life and an ethnic mix, and a class mix. There were unemployed, there were street sweepers, there were rubbish men living right amongst dentists, and doctors and nurses and schoolteachers and preachers all lived together in that neighborhood. They worked hard, and they partied hard.

Q: What was the role of the Black press in Pittsburgh in the 1960s?

Udin: Allow me, if you will, to put the car in reverse and go back again to the early part of the 1960s in the Hill District. If we go back to the early 1960s, a very important part of the neighborhood transition was the fact that the city of Pittsburgh was demolishing the lower third of the Hill District neighborhood and displacing 8,000 families and organizations from that neighbor-

hood. There was a lot of mixed feelings about that decision and about that demolition because it was so large and so impactful, and it moved so many people out of the neighborhood and it created, for the first time, racial segregation in housing because a decision had to be made — where do we put these people?

There was quite a bit of conflict that created dry grass, and all it needed was a spark. And the assassination of Dr. King was that spark. The assassination of Dr. King was so impactful among people who had never laid eyes on Dr. King, but revered him as their leader and spokesperson for all of the ills that they were fighting for before Dr. King was assassinated. There was a hot movement afoot from the beginning of the '60s, all the way up until the late '60s.

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Q: On April 20, 1968, the Pittsburgh Courier asked on the front page: "Will new King emerge?" Has a new King emerged?

Udin: No. I don't know that a new King will ever emerge. The world keeps asking the movement of Black Lives Matter: Who's your leader? And they respond, we are all leaders. We have not identified a single leader because we still feel the pain of your assassination of our single leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, and so many other single leaders. When we identify single leaders, you assassinate them. So we're going to create a movement that does not have an identified single leader.

Q: How have public protests for social justice issues changed or morphed over time?

Udin: The fact that they are organized horizontally rather than vertically. And the leadership is dispersed more horizontally than vertically.

The fight also became part of the global fight of African-Americans and Third World people of color all over the world. People identified pockets of struggle in various places around the world, and started to reach out

and form connections with those movements around the world. They reached out here within the United States to include relationships of struggle with Latinos, with women, with anti-war protestors, with LGBTQI advocates, with indigenous populations. The movement was no longer just African-American, it was a human rights span and scope.

Q: What are your earliest memories of the Black press, and how influential was that on your life?

Udin: When I was in my early teens, I was a paperboy for the Pittsburgh Courier. I used to go every Thursday after school to the Courier's office, pick up a bunch of newspapers and hustle those newspapers in the street, calling out, "Courier! Courier! Pittsburgh Courier!" The role of the Courier was to reflect social, cultural, political, business life, athletic life, society pages, and reflected the fullness of Black social life in Pittsburgh — a week late. So whatever happened this week, you could probably find it in next week's Courier. But a week late didn't bother anybody because at least it got into a newspaper. And if you had enough consciousness to care about what was going on in the community, every week you'd grab the Courier, and you'd read it and know what was going on among Black people not only in the Hill District, but throughout the city of Pittsburgh and throughout the nation. The white media didn't cover what was going on in the Black community, and if they did cover something, it was probably a violent incident, and they covered it from the perspective of the way they see the Black community. So if you want to know what really happened, you had to read the Courier.

Scan the code below to get access to the entire podcast episode with Sala Udin



Voting, activism replace practice, games in U.S. sports world

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just past noon on Election Day, after casting her vote where the NBA’s Wizards and NHL’s Capitals play, Mary Pittman exited through one of the arena’s glass doors. Perched on the 77-year-old retiree’s walker: a stars-and-stripes hat touting the basketball team, autographed on the brim in fresh black ink.

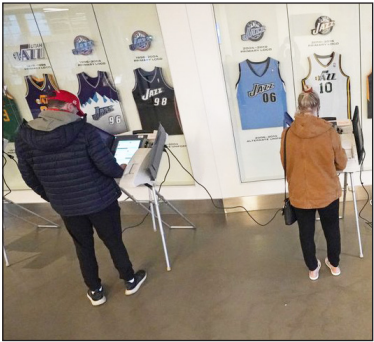
“No line,” Pittman said about Tuesday’s balloting. “No waiting. No confusion. No fuss.”

At a time when athletes are embracing activism like never before, refusing to heed the unfounded admonition framed two years ago by one TV talking head as “shut up and dribble,” there was vivid symbolism in the wide use of team arenas and stadiums as voter registration and polling sites.

If the United States’ fields of play once were walled off from politics — Colin Kaepernick, whose 33rd birthday happened to be Tuesday, saw his sideline kneeling to call attention to police brutality and systemic racism contribute to his status as a “former NFL quarterback” — they have become fertile ground for those sorts of statements in 2020.

“Athletes, like anyone, are entitled to their opinion,” Pittman said. “But I don’t have to agree with it.”

And that’s absolutely fine, said Ish Smith, the Wizards guard



AP PHOTO

who signed Pittman’s cap.

“I’ve loved and respected how we have ... been able to speak out on certain things that was, in the past, uncomfortable. It says a lot. Says how far we came as athletes. And we’re going to keep growing, keep evolving,” Smith said.

“Sports and politics — usually people keep to one side,” he said. “Now they’re intertwining.”

Indeed, that intersection never has been as pronounced as now, whether manifested in the messages on courts and jerseys during the NBA season. Or walkouts staged by that league’s players and followed by others from tennis to hockey. Or the unfurling of a black ribbon held by the Washington Nationals and New York Yankees before they knelt in unison at the first game of the Major League Baseball season.

“When I played, players and coaches were never — maybe not never; rarely — asked about politics and voting,” Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. “But the times are different. Our country is in turmoil, and everybody plays a role.”

Tuesday, meanwhile, was that rare day in the U.S. without scoreboards.

No competition. No practices. Nothing (other than a rather ho-hum NFL trade deadline).

Some of that was courtesy of the coronavirus pandemic — the 2020-21 NBA and NHL seasons normally would be in full swing, but the delayed finishes of their previous seasons pushed back the upcoming ones — and some of it was because of Election Day. The NFL and Major League Soccer ordered everyone to take a day off. Similarly, the NCAA barred every top-division college team from playing or training.

Yet sports’ presence was felt.

Athletes can “encourage people to listen to one another, to unite and

come together, more so than divide,” Miami Dolphins coach Brian Flores said. “I think that’s important to a lot of the players. I think they want better for this world.”

There were wide-reaching, nonpartisan “get out the vote” efforts endorsed by players, teams and leagues themselves, including Los Angeles Lakers superstar LeBron James’ “More Than a Vote” group, formed not long after the police killings of George Floyd in Minneapolis and Breonna Taylor in Louisville.

There also were athletes — and ex-athletes — who made it a point to let folks know which candidate, party or positions they support: endorsements of President Donald Trump tweeted by golf’s Jack Nicklaus and football’s Brett Favre; rally speeches in support of former Vice President Joe Biden by Philadelphia 76ers coach Doc Rivers; phone calls boosting Biden by Olympic figure skating medalist Michelle Kwan. In August, two-time NBA MVP Stephen Curry appeared with his wife, Ayesha, and their two daughters in a video endorsing Biden during the Democratic National Convention.

It’s an environment that led Wizards shooting guard Bradley Beal, Tennessee Titans linebacker Will Compton, NASCAR driver Bubba Wallace and others to proudly note they were voting for the first time. And led WNBA players Tamika Catchings and Chiney Ogwumike to sign up to be poll workers. And led Oklahoma City Thunder point guard Chris Paul to join nearly 2,500 people on a march to a voting site in North Carolina. And led safety Rodney McLeod and some Eagles teammates to encourage voter turnout by riding a double-decker bus around Philadelphia.

Part of that enthusiasm, to be sure, is a result of stoking

by Trump, who loudly decried peaceful protests by Kaepernick and other players and prompted more athletes and teams than in the past to skip the traditional champions’ White House visits.

“Certainly, there are fans out there who provide pushback: ‘All we want to do is watch sports. We don’t want to be involved in politics,’” said Len Elmore, a former NBA player who teaches a Columbia University class about athlete activism and social justice. “But those are the same people who will push back on the notion of racism existing and permeating all of our lives.”

In Cleveland, Ian Crawford — who wore an MLB Indians hat while voting at the NBA Cavaliers arena — said he’s all for athletes expressing their thoughts on big issues.

“I don’t necessarily know if, ‘Oh, LeBron is saying that, so I’m just going to do whatever LeBron says to do,’ but it brings out other opinions and it kind of makes you think a little more about the situation,” Crawford said. “People who are kind of curmudgeonly and (the) ‘stick to sports’ kind of thing is ridiculous.”

Wallace, the only full-time NASCAR driver who is Black, found himself in a Twitter back-and-forth with Trump in July, which he referred to Tuesday as “being thrown into the political fire” — and connected to his decision to vote.

Wallace thinks athletes are going to make themselves heard regularly now.

“You can’t just do it once,” he said. “It’s definitely something that will keep going on. And I keep encouraging other athletes to keep exercising their right, using their platforms, using their voices.”

As Warriors guard Damion Lee put it: “These are the times where everyone’s ready for it. It’s not a moment; it’s a movement.”

Honus Wagner card sells at auction for more than \$1.4 million

RUNNEMEDE, N.J. (AP) — A Honus Wagner baseball card has sold for more than \$1.4 million.

The price was a record for the rare T-206 card of the Pittsburgh Pirates great, the highlight of the Goldin Auctions October Legends Auction.

Also fetching a record price was the basketball rookie card of Michael Jordan, which sold for \$124,230. Other notable sales included a 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle baseball card that sold for \$584,250 and a 1958 Pele card that went for \$295,200, a record for a soccer card.

Several items from Cal Ripken Jr.’s personal collection netted \$1.2 million, with the money going to the family foundation. The jersey the Hall of Famer wore for the final game of his record 2,632 consecutive-game streak sold for \$184,500.

The auction netted more than \$16 million. Ken Goldin, founder and CEO of Goldin Auctions, said the October session set a record for an online sports auction.

On This Day in Sports History ...

On **Nov. 7, 1991**, Los Angeles Lakers point guard Magic Johnson announced that he had tested positive for HIV and would retire from the NBA immediately.

Johnson’s announcement and subsequent retirement was major news in the United States, and would later be named ESPN’s seventh-most memorable moment of the past 25 years in 2004.

The Laker great would go on to compete at the 1992 Summer Olympics for the States’ “Dream Team,” widely considered the greatest basketball team ever assembled.

Johnson would return to play for the Lakers in 32 games during the 1995-96 season, but would officially retire at the season’s end.

To this day, Johnson is revered as one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

NCAA Football AP Top 25 — Week 10

Rank	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak	This Week
1.	Clemson (33)	6-0	7-0	W7	at 4 Notre Dame
2.	Alabama (29)	6-0	6-0	W6	Bye
3.	Ohio State	2-0	2-0	W2	vs. Rutgers
4.	Notre Dame	5-0	6-0	W6	vs. 1 Clemson
5.	Georgia	4-1	4-1	W1	vs. 8 Florida
6.	Cincinnati	3-0	5-0	W5	vs. Houston
7.	Texas A&M	4-1	4-1	W3	at South Carolina
8.	Florida	3-1	3-1	W1	vs. 5 Georgia
9.	BYU	n/a	7-0	W7	at 21 Boise State
10.	Wisconsin	1-0	1-0	W1	vs. Purdue (canceled)

Rank	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak	This Week
11.	Miami	4-1	5-1	W2	at NC State
12.	Oregon	0-0	0-0	n/a	vs. Stanford
13.	Indiana	2-0	2-0	W2	vs. 23 Michigan
14.	Oklahoma State	3-1	4-1	L1	at Kansas State
15.	Coastal Carolina	4-0	6-0	W6	vs. South Alabama
16.	Marshall	3-0	5-0	W5	vs. UMass
17.	Iowa State	4-1	4-2	W1	vs. Baylor
18.	SMU	3-1	6-1	W1	at Temple
19.	Oklahoma	3-2	4-2	W3	vs. Kansas
20.	USC	0-0	0-0	n/a	vs. Arizona State

Rank	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak	This Week
21.	Boise State	2-0	2-0	W2	vs. 9 BYU
22.	Texas	3-2	4-2	W2	vs. West Virginia
23.	Michigan	1-1	1-1	L1	at 13 Indiana
24.	Auburn	4-2	4-2	W2	Bye
25.	Liberty	n/a	6-0	W6	at Virginia Tech

Hebda: While imperfect, Steelers have true Super Bowl hopes

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In a year defined by unexpectedness and inconsistency, the Steelers-Ravens rivalry remains as competitive and entertaining as always.

Pittsburgh kicked off November with a 28-24 comeback win over Baltimore on Nov. 1 at the Ravens' M&T Bank Stadium.

After an abysmal first half, the Steelers found themselves in a 17-7 hole. Their fortunes changed after rookie linebacker Alex Highsmith made a smart read and intercepted Baltimore quarterback Lamar Jackson early in the second half.

That proved to be the necessary spark, as Pittsburgh went on to score three touchdowns and secure the lead.

The game ultimately came down to the final possessions. On a crucial fourth down, the Steelers halted Jackson short of the marker. Then, after Baltimore got the ball back, the Steelers' defense came away with an end zone breakup as time expired.

At 7-0, the Steelers are the only undefeated NFL team. It's their best start since 1978.

The remaining schedule, especially the next three weeks, is quite soft. Pittsburgh faces Dallas, Cincinnati and Jacksonville before a Thanksgiving rematch with Baltimore.

The final stretch — showdowns with Washington, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Cleveland — should be more challenging, but winnable nonetheless.

After two straight Januaries without a playoff game, Pittsburgh seems primed for a return. Barring a true catastrophe, that brief skid will end in due time.

But for this iteration of the Steelers, merely making the postseason is not the goal. This could be the Steelers' best shot at a Super Bowl for a long time.

Future Hall of Fame QB Ben Roethlisberger is 38. In his return from elbow surgery, it is clear that his best days are

behind him.

Wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, who's in the last year of his rookie deal, will likely be somewhere else next season. O-linemen David DeCastro and Maurkice Pouncey, who have a combined 12 All-Pro recognitions, are both in their 30s. Pending free agent James Conner has been reliable, but health is always a concern for the oft-injured running back.

The defense has been terrific, but it is unclear how much longer this current unit will stay together. Core linebacker Bud Dupree could move on in free agency. Longtime lineman Cam Heyward is 31. Eventually, Pittsburgh will have to re-sign the likes of lineman T.J. Watt and safety Minkah Fitzpatrick, likely meaning cutbacks elsewhere.

Aside from those roster concerns, history is also telling. Generally speaking, Super Bowl prospects shift drastically each year for NFL teams.

Take a quick look at some recent Super Bowl attendees. Teams like the Panthers and Rams appeared to be budding dynasties, only to miss the postseason following their respective championship appearances. Atlanta still hasn't rebounded from its devastating loss to New England in 2017.

With copious injuries and a frightening division, San Francisco's chances to return to the Super Bowl this season seem slim. And ask the Eagles how they've done since that Nick Foles-led championship in 2018.

The vast majority of teams can compete at the highest level for only a finite period of time. That is, a championship window may last a sole season before slamming shut.

All the more reason the Steelers need to take advantage of this season's opportunity. The Patriots' downfall has cleared room for other AFC teams. Kansas City is still the alpha until proven otherwise, but the race appears wide open.

They may not be in this position — undefeated and atop the conference — again for

a long time.

The opportunity is here for Pittsburgh to win the conference, that much is certain. Now, the question becomes: Can it capitalize?

Despite their sterling record, the Steelers have looked lackluster at times.

They have won only two games by double digits, struggling against poor teams like Denver, Philadelphia and Houston.

Roethlisberger has been good but not great. The secondary has been inconsistent. A supposedly dominant defensive line was pushed around by Baltimore's run game.

While those are all valid concerns, they haven't prevented the Steelers from winning.

Roethlisberger is not the same player he once was, but he continues to deliver when it matters. He leads an offense averaging just over 30 points a game this year, good for fifth in the NFL.

The defense has proven capable of making stops in big moments. Look no further than

the fourth quarter against Baltimore.

That sort of closing performance has become typical for a unit that ranks first in total sacks and sixth in turnover differential.

Much remains to be seen, but if the playoffs started today, the AFC would consist of Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Baltimore, Buffalo, Tennessee, Indianapolis and Cleveland. The Steelers have already beaten three of those teams.

Don't forget that Mike Tomlin, the man at the helm, is a Coach of the Year candidate. Tomlin is already among the NFL's most distinguished coaches, and this season has only added to his legacy.

The pieces are in place, and they need to make the most of them now.

Critics will continue to scrutinize Pittsburgh's legitimacy, but I doubt the Steelers care. This is the best title opportunity this franchise has had in years, and they look ready for the occasion.



COURTESY OF GETTY IMAGES

Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick prances past Baltimore players on Nov. 1 after breaking up Lamar Jackson's (second to left) last-second pass attempt, securing a 28-24 Pittsburgh victory.

DU MBB to open season with three games at Louisville event

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Honey Baked Ham turkey devourers and college basketball loyalists alike are counting down the days until late November, which — yes, includes Thanksgiving, but also signifies the beginning of the new college basketball season this year.

Much to the delight of Duquesne fans, it's now clear when, where and who against the Dukes will open their 2020-21 season.

On Nov. 3, Louisville released the dates and matchups for its multi-team event — which includes Duquesne, alongside seven other visiting teams. Officially dubbed the Wade Houston Tipoff Classic, the event is set for Nov. 25 to Dec. 4 at UL's KFC Yum! Center.

DU will play three games in Louisville, opening with a game against UNC Greensboro on Nov. 29 before facing Winthrop on Dec. 1, then Little Rock on Dec. 3. The UNCG and Winthrop games are part of the Tipoff event; the Little Rock game will be played at the same location, but will simply count as a regular non-conference game.

"We're excited to be part of the field and look forward to facing three quality opponents," Head Coach Keith Dambrot said in a

team release. "All three programs are talented, well-coached and have a winning pedigree. It will be a great early-season test for our team."

In addition to Louisville, four other teams will be on site: Seton Hall, Western Kentucky, Southern Illinois and Prairie View A&M.

The MTE, which will be hosted in a bubble-type environment in an effort to repel the threat of COVID-19, is one of the biggest university-hosted MTEs to have been announced at this point in time.

Within the bubble, there will be two practice courts, with one in the KFC Yum! Center and another that will be installed in the ballroom of the Galt House Hotel, where each of the nine participating teams will stay. Teams will eat their meals in the hotel, and a weight room will also be temporarily set up in the Galt House for the teams' usage.

The hotel is connected to the arena via an elevated walkway, allowing the participating teams to remain in a singular location for the entirety of their respective visits to Louisville. The only exception would be a potential bus trip to the Planet Fitness Kueber Center, which is Louisville's on-campus practice facility.

COVID-19 testing and health protocols will be in place for each participating team in accordance with the ACC's guidelines.

While the event's dates and opponents have been determined, game times and TV assignments will be announced at a later time.

Although the Dukes didn't land a high-major opponent in Louisville or Seton Hall, the team did receive a strong grouping of opponents in UNCG, Winthrop and Little Rock.

A staple atop the Southern Conference for years, UNCG figures to be one of the conference's top outfits once again this season. The Spartans are led by high-flying senior guard Isaiah Miller, who was named both the Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the SoCon last season. The Spartans lack frontcourt depth — especially following the loss of graduated center James Dickey — but make up for it with stellar guard play; sophomore guard Keyshaun Langley should be expected to take a big step forward in 2020-21.

Winthrop paired a 24-10 showing with a Big South championship title last season, and enters the new season with hopes of conference supremacy once again. The losses of two double-digit scorers will hurt, but the Eagles return a veteran guard group. 2019-20 Sun Belt Conference champion Little Rock rounds out the Dukes' field of opponents in Louisville; the Trojans return their entire roster, including conference POY candidate Markquis Nowell.



COURTESY OF UNC GREENSBORO ATHLETICS

UNCG guard Isaiah Miller ascends for a dunk against Mercer in 2019. Miller, named both the 2019-20 SoCon Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, is one of the premier players Duquesne will face at Louisville's multi-team event, which begins Nov. 25. DU and UNCG will play each other Nov. 29 at UL's KFC Yum! Center.

Documentary features KDKA's historic beginnings

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Citizens gathered around Tuesday night, glued to screens, watching the election returns come in – a Pittsburgh tradition 100 years old.

A century ago, on Nov. 2, 1920, the airwaves came alive with a new sound in Western Pennsylvania. At 6 p.m., the new KDKA Radio broadcast the returns of the presidential race between Warren G. Harding and James M. Cox.

To celebrate 100 years of radio, Duquesne University, the National Museum of Broadcasting, Westinghouse SURE and RIDC Keystone Commons hosted a virtual documentary Monday and Tuesday commemorating KDKA's first broadcast, with university president Ken Gormley hosting.

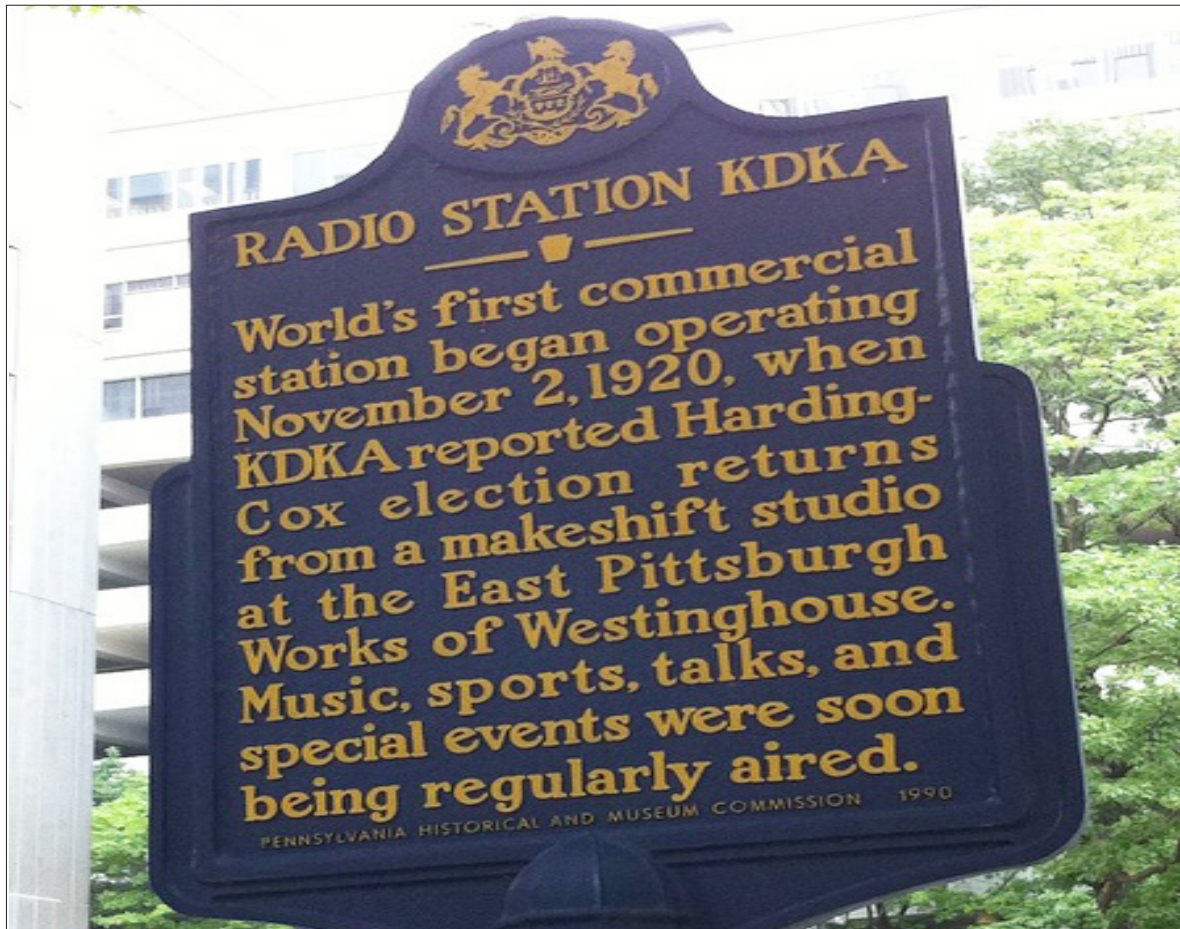
"This historic radio broadcast garnered particular interest and attention," Gormley said Monday night. "That transmission was the genesis of the individual communications networks we have around the globe today."

Gormley told the story of Frank Conrad – "the Nikola Tesla of Pittsburgh" – who started his career at Westinghouse at the age of 16.

"He was visionary at the time when innovative visions could literally change the world," Gormley said.

The 1920 election between Harding and Cox was very significant. It was the first time American women could vote in an election, and it was the first election after World War I.

"Americans in 1920 were exhausted, looking for an end to upheaval and new reasons



A Pittsburgh staple, KDKA radio hit the radiowaves Nov. 2, 1920 to broadcast the results of the 1920 presidential election. COURTESY OF FLICKER

to have hope in the future," Gormley said.

A radio pioneer, Conrad took a role advancing wireless radio to new heights, first inside a garage in Wilkinsburg and then to a shack on the Westinghouse Electric property in Turtle Creek. The experimental station was called 8XK.

The U.S. Department of Commerce, the agency responsible for licensing radio stations, issued the first radio license ever to KDKA on Oct. 27, 1920. KDKA stands for nothing -- it was just the next call letters

available on the roster, and were assigned from a list maintained to provide information from marine shore stations and ships.

From that shack, Conrad received information from the Pittsburgh Post newspaper and broadcast the returns for all of Pittsburgh to hear – making history that night.

"Westinghouse knew that the 1920 election was of great interest to all Americans, so KDKA set out to meet the demand for accurate and timely reports regarding the results – and they didn't disappoint," Gormley said.

Westinghouse and Conrad chose the date because of it being election day. The power of radio proved true, as people could listen to the results live before they read about it in the newspaper. About 26.8 million Americans cast their ballots in the 1920 election, and were able to listen to the results, live, for the first time.

"Conrad's mission of broadcasting news and information to the masses was complete," Gormley said.

KDKA was a huge hit, and inspired other companies to take up broadcasting -- a term created by Conrad himself. Just four years later, there were 600 commercial stations around the country.

Despite his formal education ending in 7th grade, Conrad began employment at Westinghouse as a teenager, working his way up to assistant chief engineer in 1921.

The anniversary of the birth of commercial radio ran into Tuesday, with Gormley and KDKA broadcaster Larry Richert discussing the historical impact of KDKA radio – with Gormley

dubbing Pittsburgh as the "Silicon Valley of broadcasting at that time."

"This just changed the world, and Pittsburgh was the epicenter," Gormley said.

Richert said that when he first joined KDKA, he hoped that he would still be around working for the station as part of this historical moment.

The pair then discussed the 1920 election – ironically, with the theme "return to normalcy," as Gormley noted – and the 2020 election.

"A hundred years ago, they announced the winner of the presidential election," Richert said. "We will not likely be able to do that tonight, because we have to wait until the mail-in ballots are counted."

Gormley also talked to KDKA radio personality Jack Bogut Tuesday night, where Bogut noted the prestige that KDKA radio had.

"KDKA had such prestige in the marketplace and nationally that we could call and say, would you do that, ... and we kind of traded favors that way," Bogut said. "We were a national presence."

Tuesday's coverage, fittingly, provided election updates in partnership with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

On Monday, Nov. 16 and Monday, Nov. 23, ON-AIR, a radio theater broadcast featuring the story of Conrad and his wife, Flora, in the 1920s, will air at 7 p.m. The musical will feature the couple's humble beginnings, the fight for women's suffrage and the start of KDKA. Access to the broadcast is free, and you can register for a secure link at www.creativecouldron.org.

WEEK'S EVENTS

[Socially Distanced Ballroom Lesson](#)
Nov. 5 @ 8 p.m.

Come learn the introduction to smooth dances (waltz, tango, and foxtrot.) Email Hannah Clark (clarkh4@duq.edu) to get the sign up sheet.

[DPC DUNite: Blanket Making](#)
Nov. 6 @ 9 p.m.

Stop by for this week's DPC DUNite, Blanket Making at the NiteSpot! In order to ensure proper social distancing, attendance is limited to 25 students.

UPCOMING RELEASES

[Let Him Go](#)
Friday, Nov. 6

A retired sheriff and his wife, grieving over the death of their son, set out to find their only grandson.
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[Jungleland](#)
Friday, Nov. 6

Two brothers try to escape their circumstances by traveling across the country for a no holds barred boxing match that becomes a fight for their lives.

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This week, as a senior in college, after receiving hundreds of emails from career services, and a number of concerned phone calls from my mother, I finally created a LinkedIn profile. This is surely one of the worst development of my adult life. Not only does this represent my reluctant surrender to the demands of the 21st century marketplace, LinkedIn has almost no redeeming qualities as a social media platform.

Since becoming a LinkedIn user, I have received at least one LinkedIn email per day — my inbox does not need this. Further, LinkedIn stalking is a dangerous game. Say goodbye to anonymity, LinkedIn notifies people if you view their profile. On top of all this, you are asked to create a personalized professional bio and it as horrifying as it sounds.

If you have career aspirations, I guess you should make a LinkedIn, just know that you won't enjoy it.



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History was made through the airwaves on Nov. 2, 1920, right here in western Pennsylvania.

After tense night, election mystery remains for media

(AP) -- After an extraordinary night of shifting vote counts and a rebuke of President Donald Trump, news organizations kept vigil Wednesday as Americans waited to learn who their next president would be.

For weeks, media outlets had warned that Americans would need patience on election night and beyond, and that turned out to be their most accurate prediction. "It may take a few days," said Fox News Channel's Bret Baier.

After several hours of little movement, The Associated Press, CNN, CBS News and NBC News declared Wisconsin for Democratic challenger Joe Biden. While several states were still in doubt, the call narrowed Trump's path to the 270 electoral votes needed for election — even as his campaign announced it would seek a recount there.

News organizations didn't move in lockstep on their calls. By 3 p.m. EST, for example, no one had joined Fox News Channel or the AP in declaring Biden the winner in Arizona, which they had done more than 12 hours earlier.

Since voting has ended, the AP has published several stories explaining to readers its thinking behind calling a state for one candidate or the other. On Wednesday, it gave a detailed accounting for the states where a race call had not been made. For example, the story noted Trump's lead in Pennsylvania, but said that "the vast majority of the votes left to be counted there were cast by mail, a form of voting that Biden has car-



COURTESY OF AP

This year, political pundits and journalists have been covering an election of historical proportions.

ried by a large margin."

Journalists sought to reassure people that there was nothing nefarious about the process of counting votes.

"It's not fraud," said CNN's John King. "It's math."

The overnight hours featured the stunning scene of journalists immediately refuting Trump after he stood behind a White House podium and complained it was "a major fraud on our nation" that he hadn't been declared the winner.

NBC News' Savannah Guthrie broke into Trump's statement to tell viewers that several of Trump's statements were untrue. "The fact of the matter is we don't know who won the election," she said.

CBS News' Norah O'Donnell said Trump was "castrating the facts" by "falsely claiming that he has won the election and disenfranchising millions of voters whose

ballots have not been counted."

"This is an extremely flammable situation and the president just threw a match into it," said Fox News Channel's Chris Wallace.

With the sun's rise on Wednesday, it seemed to feel to some like a bad dream they'd like to forget.

"It was ridiculous," former Ohio Republican Gov. John Kasich said on CNN. "He should not have done that. This is what we have come to expect, but it won't matter because I think we will count all the votes." The president continued tweeting his displeasure. Twitter took down some of his tweets, saying some or all of them were disputed and might be misleading.

"They are finding Biden votes all over the place — in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan," the president said in one tweet that got through. "So bad for our Country!"

His campaign remained outwardly confident of victory. A handful of commentators noted that Trump was pursuing inconsistent strategies in urging that vote counts be shut down in places like Pennsylvania and North Carolina where he had leads, and continued in Arizona and Nevada, where he trailed Biden.

"They are literally and figuratively all over the map trying to cling to power," said CNN's Jake Tapper.

Election coverage was proving the primacy of numbers geeks like NBC News' Steve Kornacki and CNN's King, who got granular trying to figure out where things were going. For awhile, MSNBC kept a "Kornacki cam" on him as he sifted through returns offstage.

While stressing that things were far from certain, Kornacki said on Wednesday that "it's Trump right now who has to turn things around

on this electoral map."

Arnon Mishkin, director of Fox News' decision desk, said on "Fox & Friends" that for Trump to win, he'd need to maintain leads in Georgia and North Carolina and then win either Michigan or Wisconsin. In those two states, "I'd rather be Joe Biden than Donald Trump," he said.

As midnight passed late Tuesday, the president's team was angry at Fox News for striking out ahead of other news organizations in declaring that Biden had defeated Trump in the battleground state of Arizona. It was the first indication of a state to flip parties from 2016, and was crucial to 270 electoral votes and victory.

Mishkin went on the air to explain the decision after Baier noted the network was taking "incoming."

"I'm sorry, but we're not wrong in this particular case," Mishkin said. The AP eventually called Arizona for Biden at 2:52 a.m. Eastern.

Even if Biden won, Democrats were sure to face questions about why the race was so close and why predicted gains in Congress didn't materialize.

And polling experts will also face scrutiny for a second straight presidential election that defied their numbers that Biden had a very clear advantage going into the night.

"If you're a pollster today ... are you looking into opening up a dog walking service?" said Fox News' Harris Faulkner.

HOROSCOPES

Scorpio



(October 23-November 22)
You'd win all my electoral college votes in a landslide.



Sagittarius

(November 23-December 22)
Have you tried 2 scoops of dulce de leche in a waffle cone to cure your COVID?



Capricorn

(December 23-January 19)
HURRY! Use up your Giant Eagle Advantage Card points before it's too late!



Aquarius

(January 20-February 18)
Only you could make socially-distanced salsa dancing so damn spicy.

Pisces



(February 19-March 20)
Congratulations! This is the week you finally find that floppy disk you lost in 2011.



Aries

(March 21-April 19)
Being on a first name basis with the Milano's delivery driver is just not something to be proud of.

Taurus



(April 20-May 20)
I know you voted for Kanye...



Gemini

(May 21-June 20)
Goose!

Cancer



(June 21-July 22)
CANCER, we have claimed, for chicken nugget purposes, the Union Chick-fil-A!!! It is now OURS!

Leo



(July 23-August 22)
Instead of turning your clock back 1 hr, go ahead and turn it back to Jan. 1, 2020.



Virgo

(August 23-September 22)
Things will really be heating up in your bedroom this week. No really, Brottier is FINALLY turning the heat on!



Libra

(September 23-October 22)
Libra, you take my breath away- oh wait, maybe it's just the Pittsburgh air quality.



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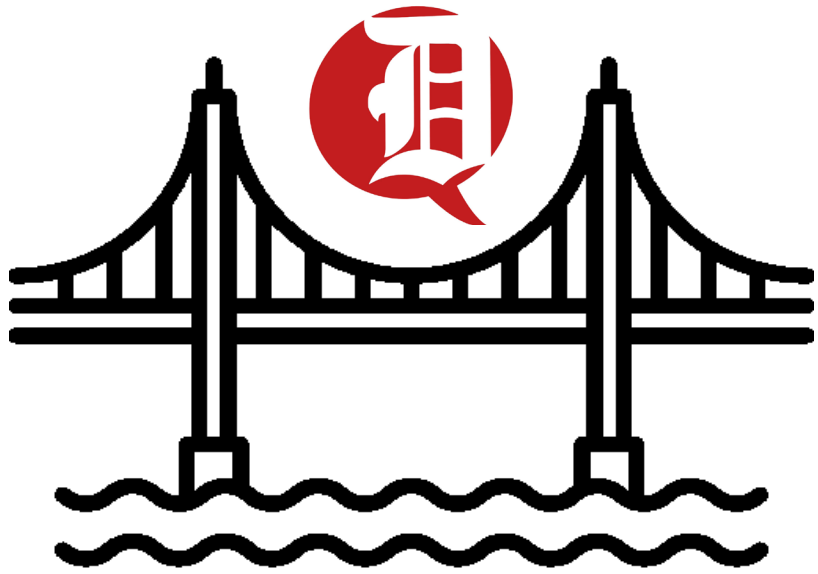
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