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ELECTION DAY

All of Vice President Kamala Harris's rallies were in Pennsylvania on Monday, including this one in Scranton.



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Former president Donald Trump visited Raleigh, N.C., before heading to Pennsylvania.

A twisting, taut race to the end

By Jim Puzzanghera
GLOBE STAFF

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — On its final day, the neck-and-neck presidential campaign was almost all about one place. With 19 electoral votes, more than any battleground state, Pennsylvania is the biggest prize up for grabs on Election Day.

And it felt like it on Monday. Former president Donald Trump held rallies in Reading and Pittsburgh. His Republican running mate, Ohio Senator JD Vance, had a rally in New-

In final campaign stops, Trump and Harris make it clear that Pennsylvania is keystone to victory

town, a Philadelphia suburb. And highlighting how particularly crucial Pennsylvania is for Vice President Kamala Harris, she held all her campaign events here Monday in her 18th trip to the state since rising to the top of the Democratic ticket.

It marked the end of an extraordinary campaign pitting the first former president convicted

of felony crimes — 34 counts in a New York hush money case — against an opponent who was a last-minute replacement at the top of the Democratic ticket. The bitter and tumultuous race has included two assassination attempts against Trump, a disastrous debate performance by President Biden that forced him to drop out, and the ascendance of

Harris into the Democratic standard-bearer with less than four months in a bid to make history as the first woman to win the White House.

Now, after weeks of early balloting, the rest of America's voters will make their decisions Tuesday — with Pennsylvania quite possibly holding the key to victory.

"We're on the 2-yard line, not the 5-yard line . . . but we have to turn out and vote tomorrow," Trump said in Reading, a city about 60 miles

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Blanca Martinez, originally from El Salvador, waved an American flag during a naturalization ceremony in Methuen on Wednesday.

Newest citizens offer a reminder of the soul of US

By James Pindell
GLOBE STAFF

METHUEN — As the 2024 presidential election nears its close, rhetoric is flying. Some describe America and Americans as "garbage," "dip-shits," "weird," and even suggest that some people need to be "shot." Others claim that, in a matter of months, America will no longer resemble the country we know today.

Francine Mukungilwa can't wait to be part of it.

With a broad smile, Mukungilwa feverishly waved a small American flag, jumping out of her seat during a rendition of "America the Beautiful" at an official naturalization ceremony last week in Methuen. She is now one of America's newest citizens, joining a nation of immigrants.

"I love America. America welcomed me with grace and opportunities I couldn't find anywhere else," said Mukungilwa, a day care provider who lives in Lowell with her eight children.

Mukungilwa, 48, came to the United States legally 10 years ago as a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, which was in turmoil from conflict with brutal armed militias.

To Mukungilwa, America is a sanctuary.

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Closing time

Poll closing times for key battleground states in Eastern Standard Time.

7:00
Georgia

7:30
North Carolina

8:00

Michigan (most close, the rest at 9 p.m.)
Pennsylvania

9:00
Wisconsin
Arizona

10:00
Nevada

These N.H. voters — united for Haley — split over choices for Election Day

By Emma Platoff
GLOBE STAFF

Nine months ago, when New Hampshire voters took to the polls for the state's first-in-the-nation primary, both Pamela Coffey and Jeff Connor cast their ballots for Nikki Haley, who at the time stood as the last real Republican alternative to Donald Trump.

But for the Nov. 5 general election, 70-year-old Coffey and 51-year-old Connor are voting

their separate ways. Coffey describes herself as a Reagan Republican, but plans to cast her ballot for Vice President Kamala Harris. And Connor, though he fears Trump's tendency to "fly off the handle," intends to vote for the former president anyway.

The calculation wasn't complicated, Coffey said of her decision to back Harris.

"We know what [Trump] has done and has promised to

do, and his revenge and his rhetoric. ... [Harris] is unknown, unproven, all of that, but if she gets good people in there with her, she could be very good and very strong," Coffey said in an interview. "The known of Trump scares me more than the unknown of Harris."

Connor, for his part, said he isn't eager to vote for a "Quick Draw McGraw obnoxious-

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Participatory democracy

Voter turnout across the state is expected to set records, Secretary of State Bill Galvin said. **B1.**

Interest beyond spotlight

From pickleball referendum in a California tourist town to replacing the Maine state flag, many questions intrigue.

Ground game, **A4.**

United states of anxiety

It has been an election darker than any in recent memory. And voters in both parties struggle with a feeling of foreboding. **A2.**

To summerize . . .

Tuesday: Much warmer. High 69-74, low 59-64.
Wednesday: Warmer still. High 74-79, low 53-58.
Sunrise: 6:23. Sunset: 4:32.
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European security officials have linked suspected Russian operatives to a plot to smuggle incendiary devices onto a cargo plane in Germany. A4.

Local developers are hoping lower interest rates will help resurrect the market to build apartments. D1.

Luis Tiant, who died last month, has another shot at the Baseball Hall of Fame, but his supporters are conflicted by the bid, writes Peter Abraham. C1.

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QUINCY JONES 1933-2024

Music titan's work swung from Big Band to 'Beat It'

By Tim Greiving
WASHINGTON POST

From bebop to hip-hop, Quincy Jones exemplified the musical producer and arranger as star. He elevated the voices of dozens of entertainers — most indelibly Michael Jackson, but also Frank Sinatra, Paul Simon, and Aretha Franklin — with his unsurpassed artistry in combining jazz, rhythm-and-blues, and classical orchestration.

By the time of his death on Sunday at 91 at his home in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles, he had become a renaissance impresario of music, film, and television, catapulting the careers of Oprah Winfrey and



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Mr. Jones, with his haul of six Grammy Awards he earned in 1991.

Will Smith and smashing barriers for other Black artists. Mr. Jones's death, of undisclosed causes, was announced by his publicist, Arnold Robinson, and in a family statement.

Mr. Jones's seven-decade career was nothing short of Zelig-like. He brimmed with anecdotes about encounters with figures from Nazi propagandist Leni Riefenstahl to Sinatra to the rap star Tupac Shakur, who was engaged to one of Mr. Jones's daughters before his murder in 1996.

"It takes a lot of guts to tell Sinatra what to do, man," Mr. Jones once told the Sun-

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