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HOW KEY WAS SHAPIRO TO PA.'S BLUE WAVE?

PERCEPTION OF STRENGTH COULD BE KEY TO GOVERNOR'S AGENDA, FUTURE

By Hallie Lauer
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In the hours following his resounding win over GOP candidate Stacy Garrity, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro took a victory lap on national broadcasts, touting his landslide re-election and the wins of his handpicked Democrats across the state.

Shapiro endorsed nearly 30 candidates in races up and down the ballot, from four hotly contested Congressional seats in the eastern part of the state to state-level races in districts across the commonwealth that Democrats believed they could flip.

Nearly all of Shapiro's endorsed candidates brought home wins, expanding Democratic control of the state House, flipping the state Senate and helping to flip the U.S. House of Representatives from Republican control. Democrats Bob Harvie, Bob Brooks, Paige Cognetti

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Matt Rourke/Associated Press
Gov. Josh Shapiro and Lt. Gov. Austin Davis celebrate at an election night event Tuesday in Shiremanstown, Cumberland County.

Besieged Bartolotta survives an arduous year in politics

By Jacob Geanous
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

First came the scathing rebuke from her own local party.

Then, an insurgent primary challenger and political outsider rose to try to defeat her, backed by millions of dollars from the gaming lobby.

Finally, another opponent — a Republican-turned-independent candidate backed by more than $1 million from left-leaning dark money groups — swooped in to try to unseat state Sen. Camera Bartolotta, R-Washington County.

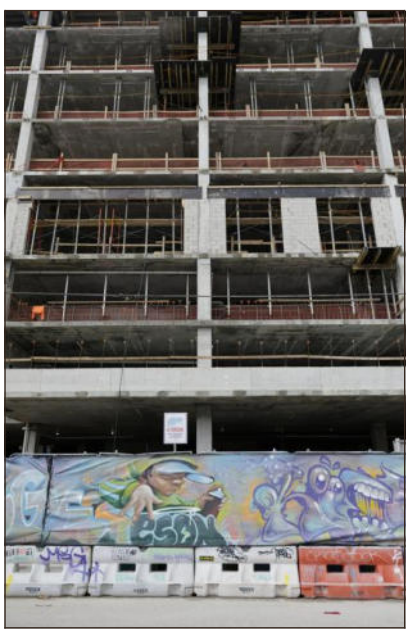
During a grueling general election year for the GOP, few politicians in America faced a cascade of challenges as daunting, persistent and unpredictable as the onslaught of attacks that besieged Bartolotta.

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The vibrant streets of Miami's Wynwood neighborhood will be home to the new Carnegie Mellon University campus in the Florida city.



CMU MIAMI

Planned campus will rise in vibrant arts district with new wealth as well as affordability issues

STORY BY MADDIE AIKEN | Post-Gazette
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A thermos of hot coffee often accompanied Wil Vasquez as he raced his bike through the street grid of his Puerto Rican neighborhood on his way to school, making a quick stop at a bakery. There his flour-covered uncles in white aprons would happily swap the thermos for a loaf of white bread to take home for dinner that night.

MIAMI, Fla. —

The small errand is one of Vasquez's most beautiful memories of Wynwood, the Miami neighborhood that was his childhood home and will be the site of Carnegie Mellon University's new campus.

It's a neighborhood that's been repeatedly transformed by transplants, starting with the Puerto Ricans who came to work in textile

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Trump's grip on GOP in question

By Steven Sloan and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans aren't holding back.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis described last week's election as an "extinction-level event" for the GOP. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz likened it to a "Watergate-level repudiation." Former Vice President Mike Pence called it a "reckoning."

For all the apocalyptic talk emerging from a midterm that relegated Republicans to their thinnest ranks on Capitol Hill in decades, there's little agreement on how the party should move forward.

A return to the bedrock fiscal and national security conservatism that defined Republicans under President Ronald Reagan risks

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A closer look at scoring in high school football

How reclassifications in 2016 have impacted the WPIAL. **Sports, B-1**

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