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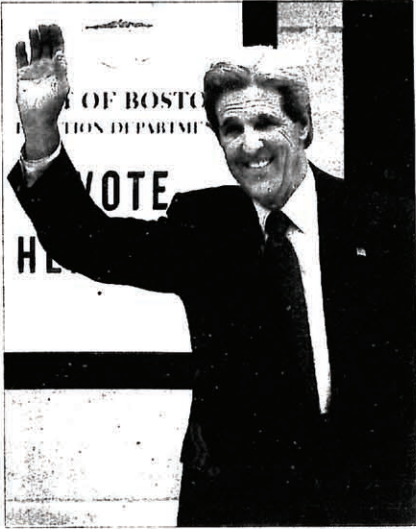
Election outcome might rest with Ohio

Two TV networks tilting toward Bush victory

Pennsylvania goes to Kerry by wide margin



PRESIDENT BUSH returns to the White House after voting in Crawford, Texas.



SEN. JOHN KERRY leaves the State House in Boston after casting his vote.

Partly cloudy  
60° | 33°  
Forecast: B14

### BRIEFING

**PRESIDENT BUSH AND SEN. JOHN KERRY** ran neck and neck late Tuesday after a hard-fought campaign, hoping to win the battleground state of Ohio and in some smaller states. **A1**

**REPUBLICAN ARLEN SPECTER** made history Tuesday by becoming the first Pennsylvanian to win five terms in the U.S. Senate. **A4**

**SCOTT PETERSON'S** attorney suggested that the prosecutors have made the jury hate his client — and said that is not a reason to convict him. Deliberations could begin today. **A10**

**JOHN ALLEN MUHAMMAD'S** lawyers argued before the Virginia Supreme Court that the sniper cannot be sentenced to death under a Virginia law because he did not pull the trigger. **A10**

**FLU DEATHS** and hospitalizations will be studied in an attempt to determine the effect of this year's shortage of vaccine. **A11**

**PATIENT DEATHS** from experimental cancer drugs during human studies declined dramatically from 1991 to 2002, a study found. **A11**

**THE KIDNAPPERS** of aid worker Margaret Hassan threatened to turn her over to al-Qaida-linked militants notorious for beheading hostages unless Britain agreed within 48 hours to pull its troops from Iraq. **A13**

**A VIRGINIA SOLDIER** who was at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq has pleaded guilty to a charge of dereliction of duty for not preventing or reporting detainee abuses at the hands of other U.S. soldiers. **A13**

**ORASURE** posted its seventh consecutive quarter of record revenue but still reported a loss. **D1**

**ATLANTIC CITY CASINO WORKERS** will vote on a tentative settlement of their month-long strike. **D1**

### TODAY IN SPORTS



**Sixers planning a comeback season**  
With a new coach, new philosophies on offense and defense, a younger, deeper roster and the rejuvenated Allen Iverson (above), the Reders believe they're ready to reassert themselves. **C1**

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## Ohio looms as decisive for Bush, Kerry

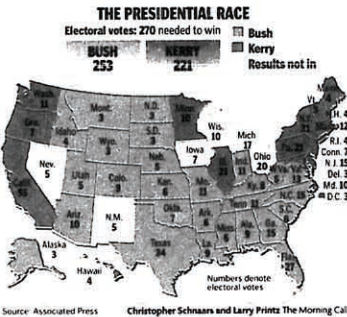
By Ron Fournier  
Of The Associated Press

WASHINGTON | President Bush and challenger John Kerry swayed out a tension-packed conclusion to the race between an embattled incumbent and a Democrat who questioned the war he waged in Iraq and the many jobs lost at home. Ohio loomed as this year's Florida, the decisive state, with Kerry's opinions dwindling.

Bush won Florida, the state he nailed down four years ago only after a 36-day recount and Supreme Court decision. Kerry took New Hampshire from Bush, who won it in 2000 but the state has just four electoral votes. That leaves Ohio and Nevada as Kerry's only hopes, and he wasn't conceding either.

"The vote count in Ohio has not been completed," said Kerry campaign manager Mary Beth Cahill. "There are more than 250,000 remaining votes to be counted. We believe when they are, John Kerry will win Ohio."

Not so, according to Bush's advisers, who told the president he would capture the state.



At least two television networks — NBC and Fox News — projected that Bush would win Ohio, thus locking

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## Must-win Pennsylvania comes through for Kerry

By John L. Micek  
Of The Morning Call

In the end, Democrat John Kerry's strong wins in Philadelphia and its suburbs might not have been enough to deliver him to the White House.

Although the Massachusetts senator took the Keystone State's 21 electoral votes, President Bush won the critical swing state of Florida. Another key battleground, Ohio, which could clinch the race for Bush, remained too close to call at 2 a.m.

At Kerry's Philadelphia headquarters early today, supporters braced for the worst, but remained cautiously optimistic that they would still come out at the right end of the electoral street fight they had waged with Bush for

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nearly a year.

"We needed to go eight for 10 in the battleground states," Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell said shortly after midnight. "We're close. If we win in Ohio, it's over. I'm not prepared to concede Ohio at all."

Hundreds of Kerry's supporters crowded into a hotel ballroom. Campaign staffers gathered around televisions, nervously watching as the late returns rolled in. One staffer crossed her fingers for good luck.

"We ran a terrific campaign here," said Tony Podesta, Kerry's statewide campaign manager. "We knew we were going to win [Pennsylvania] by a significant margin, but it exceeded my most optimistic

## Problems plague Pennsylvania voters

Valley poll-watcher compares process to third-world country.

By Tim Darragh  
Of The Morning Call

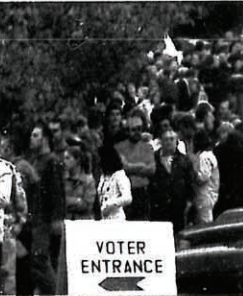
Millions of voters, election officials from 67 counties, armies of third-party political operatives and the political candidates themselves man-

aged to get through Pennsylvania's election '04 relatively unscathed, though the process was hardly flawless.

New provisional ballots, glitches with the registration of half a million more voters statewide since 2000 and struggles with communication threatened to disenfranchise voters throughout the state.

At the University of Pitts-

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**HUNDREDS OF VOTERS** await their turn at the Fairways at Brookside polling place in Lower Macungie Township. At times, the wait was more than three hours long.

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