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'America has spoken'

BUSH GETS 'MANDATE,' WINS POPULAR VOTE AS GOP UPS MAJORITY MUSCLE IN CONGRESS

BRIEFING

PRESIDENT BUSH claimed a reelection mandate Wednesday after America chose him over Democrat John Kerry. Bush pledged to pursue his agenda on taxes and Iraq while seeking "the broad support of all Americans." **A1**

THE ECONOMY was the biggest concern of voters in Lehigh County and, by projection, Pennsylvania, a Tuesday exit poll by Muhlenberg College's Institute of Public Opinion showed. **A1**

A LAWYER in an age discrimination case who tried to bring up the infirmities of the elderly got a cold reception from the white-haired U.S. Supreme Court justices Wednesday. **A10**

NEW RESEARCH suggests giving flu vaccine in a novel way can stretch doses, but it didn't work as well in those over 60 and is too experimental to be used to ease this year's shortage. **A10**

JURORS BEGAN DELIBERATING Scott Peterson's fate Wednesday, more than five months after testimony began in the murder of his wife and her fetus. **A10**

GUNMEN KIDNAPPED a Lebanese-American businessman — the second U.S. citizen seized this week in Baghdad — and videotape Wednesday showed the beheadings of four Iraqis. **A11**

YASSER ARAFAT'S condition has deteriorated significantly, and doctors treating him in Paris remain unsure what has caused the 75-year-old Palestinian leader's illness, Palestinian officials said early today. **A14**

CHARLIE MANUEL will be the next manager of the Philadelphia Phillies and Willie Randolph will lead the New York Mets, reports say. **C1, C6**

A JURY CONVICTED four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and a former midlevel Enron Corp. executive of conspiracy and fraud in the first criminal trial to emerge from Enron's 2001 collapse. **D1**



Tim Sloan Associated

PRESIDENT BUSH makes his victory speech Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C., after receiving Sen. John Kerry's phone call to concede the election.

President avoids fate that befell his father

Kerry concedes, calls for a larger measure of compassion, unity.

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Special to The Morning Call

WASHINGTON | President Bush won election to a second term Wednesday, clinching his defeat of Sen. John Kerry with a victory in Ohio and pledging to "serve all Americans" even as Republicans claimed a strong mandate for Bush's ambitious conservative agenda.

With Republicans tightening their control on both houses of Congress and the presidential

tally showing Bush with a clear majority of the popular vote, the president appeared headed for a second term in which he would enjoy wide latitude to advance his most cherished goals. His plans include more tax cuts, oil drilling in Alaska, and the appointment of conservative judges, including to the Supreme Court.

"America has spoken, and I'm humbled by the trust and the confidence of my fellow citizens," Bush told cheering supporters at the Ronald Reagan Building, a few blocks from the White House. "With that trust comes a duty to serve

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"We are required, now, to work together for the good of our country."

SEN. JOHN KERRY

Is Pennsylvania still a swing state?

By John L. Micek
Call Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG | When John Kerry carried the Keystone State, he might have unwittingly put the final nail in the coffin for Pennsylvania's status as a bellwether of the national mood.

Democratic presidential candidates have won the state four straight times. Republican George W. Bush lost the state Tuesday despite winning the popular vote nationwide.

It's a trend that some analysts suggest might be slowly turning the state a reliable shade of Democratic blue, more like New York than

GOP-leaning Ohio. To be sure, Pennsylvania remains competitive, voter political observers agree.

But "you're seeing a trend where the state is less and less reflective [of national voter sentiment]," said analyst M

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chael Young. "It's mostly in there with the other Northe-

"rn states." The why has more to do with changes in the national scene than within Pennsylvania. As the nation's political

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Economy drove state's Kerry supporters

Muhlenberg College exit poll shows Bush did best on war issues.

By Joe McDermott
Of The Morning Call

It really was the economy, stupid. At least in Lehigh County and, by projection, the rest of Pennsylvania.

An exit poll of 1,129 voters

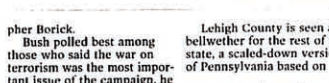
surveyed Tuesday by Muhlenberg College's Institute of Public Opinion showed that county voters who considered the flagging economy, their biggest concern overwhelmingly supported Democrat John Kerry.

Despite recent positive labor statistics and other signs, "people who came out of the polls were really pessimistic on the economy," said institute director and political science professor Christo-

pher Horiek. Bush polled best among those who said the war on terrorism was the most important issue of the campaign, he said.

Lehigh County is seen as a bellwether for the rest of the state, a scaled-down version of Pennsylvania based on

WHEN LEHIGH COUNTY VOTERS DECIDED WHO TO VOTE FOR



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TODAY IN GO GUIDE



Get 'tooned up' for the holidays

"Shrek 2," "The Incredibles," "The Polar Express" and "The Squidbush Squarepants Movie" are pushing the envelope of family entertainment this holiday season.

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