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Possible p.m. rain today, variably cloudy tomorrow. Highs both days around 60. Tonight's low 50.
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CLINTON TRIUMPHS

Valley joins nation's vote for change

By TIM DARRAGH
And RON DEVLIN
Of The Morning Call

From Allentown to Bangor, Lehigh Valley voters joined their colleagues across Pennsylvania and the nation yesterday and did what Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton urged them to do: Change.

Clinton swept to victory in the Lehigh Valley, making this election the first since Lyndon B. Johnson wiped out Barry Goldwater in 1964 that both Lehigh and Northampton counties went Democratic.

With a majority of districts reporting, they also were joined by Carbon and Bucks counties in supporting Clinton and his running mate, Tennessee Sen. Al Gore, over President George Bush and Vice President Dan

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President-elect Bill Clinton (left) and Vice President-elect Albert Gore wave to supporters last night as they celebrate victory at the Old State House in Little Rock, Ark.

Democrats take reins of Congress

By DAVID ESPRO
Of The Associated Press

Bill Clinton was elected the nation's 42nd president yesterday in a Democratic landslide that swept George Bush from office and ended 12 years of divided government in Washington. The Arkansas governor vowed to confront problems "too long ignored," from the economy to AIDS to the environment.

Bush promised a smooth transition of power and wished Clinton well in the White House. "It's over," he whispered to his wife, Barbara.

Voters renewed Democratic control of Congress and said pocketbook concerns had mattered most as they chose a new generation of leadership.

Clinton, who campaigned as a "different kind of Democrat" and vowed an end to Republican "trickle-down" economics, built his majority in all regions of the country. He settled matters in Oregon, Washington and California, where he was the first Democrat to prevail since 1964.

He won customary Democratic strongholds, captured key battlegrounds in Illinois, Ohio and New Jersey and made Democratic inroads into the South for the first time in many years.

With 78 percent of the precincts reporting in the presidential race, it was Clinton with 43 percent of the vote, Bush with 38 percent and independent Ross Perot with 18 percent. One expert said at least 100

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92 ELECTION AT A GLANCE

Pa. Attorney General

- Joe Kohn (D)
- Ernie Preate * (R)
- John R. Ewbank (Lib.)

Pa. Auditor General

- Craig Lewis (D)
- Barbara Hafer * (R)
- James N. Clymer (Lib.)

Pa. Treasurer

- Catherine Baker Knoll * (D)
- Lowman S. Henry (R)
- Robert E. Darringer (Lib.)

U.S. House, 8th District

- Peter H. Kostmayer * (D)
- Jim Greenwood (R)

U.S. House, 6th District

- Tim Holden (D)
- John E. Jones (R)

Pa. House, 131st District

- Karen A. Ritter * (D)
- George Charles (R)

Pa. House, 132nd District

- Tom Hartman (D)
- Charles W. Dent * (R)

Pa. House, 133rd District

- T.J. Rooney (D)
- David Dye (R)

Pa. House, 134th District

- Ellie Kirby (D)
- Don Snyder * (R)

Pa. House, 183rd District

- Frank W. Vandriele (D)
- Charles O. Grose (R)
- Ken Sturzenacker (Lib.)

Winner
* denotes incumbent

McHale upsets Ritter

Seven-term incumbent concedes

▶ Ritter victim of Clinton win A11

By MARGIE PETERSON
and MARTIN PFLIEGER
Of The Morning Call

Democrat Paul McHale pulled out a victory against U.S. Rep. Don Ritter last night, a decade after running dead last in a four-person Democratic primary for Ritter's 15th District congressional seat.

For seven terms Ritter, a Republican, had beaten the odds in a congressional district with a Democratic voter edge, but was losing by about 12,000 votes with one precinct still to report. McHale received about 62 percent of the vote to Ritter's 47 percent.

"The working men and women of the Lehigh Valley once more have a congressman in Washington," McHale told supporters at a victory celebration at Van Biltner Hall in Bethlehem.

In Lehigh County, McHale had 58,986 votes to 52,073 for Ritter. In Northampton County, McHale garnered 50,440 to Ritter's 41,866 votes. In the 12 precincts in Montgomery County, Ritter had garnered 5,630 votes to 3,897 for McHale.

Natural Law Party candidate Eugene Nau got 2,205 votes in Lehigh and Northampton and 42 votes in Montgomery County.

"For once the silver-tongued orator is at a loss for words," McHale told his supporters.

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A victorious Paul McHale is greeted by hundreds of supporters at Van Biltner Hall in Bethlehem last night.

DAN DELONG
The Morning Call



U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter greets the press with his wife, Joen, and a victory sign after voting yesterday.

Specter beats Yeakel with 51 percent of vote

By PETE LEFFLER
Of The Morning Call

The magic wore off Lynn Yeakel's Cinderella bid for the U.S. Senate shortly before midnight as Arlen Specter won six more years on Capitol Hill.

Appearing relieved, Yeakel conceded the race shortly before midnight.

"I'm glad it's over," said the 51-year-old Main Line millionaire and political novice. "We tried, my friends, we tried."

"So while we did not succeed in capturing the Senate seat," she said, "we did succeed in capturing the

hearts of millions of people in Pennsylvania and across this nation."

At a mention that she had called Specter to congratulate him, her supporters bowed briefly. Someone yelled out, "Love you, Lynn."

Specter, 62, acknowledged his hard-fought win at 11:15.

"The factors that propelled Lynn Yeakel's candidacy were a learning experience for me and for America," Specter said. "Now it's time for Pennsylvania and for Americans to unite on the issues" of putting 10 million Americans back to work, education and health care re-

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