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Mitch Daniels unseats Joe Kernan to become Indiana's first Republican governor in 16 years.  
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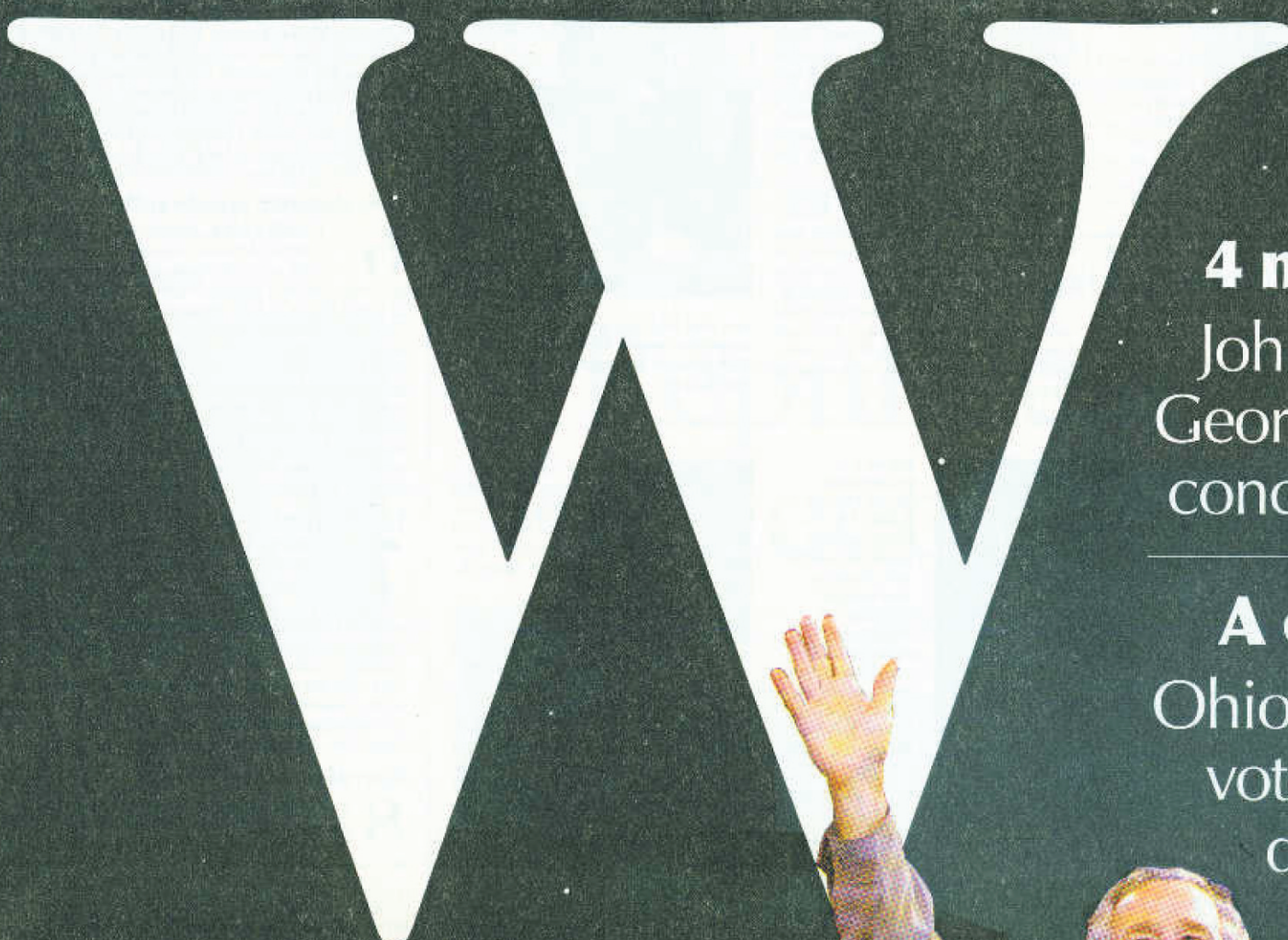
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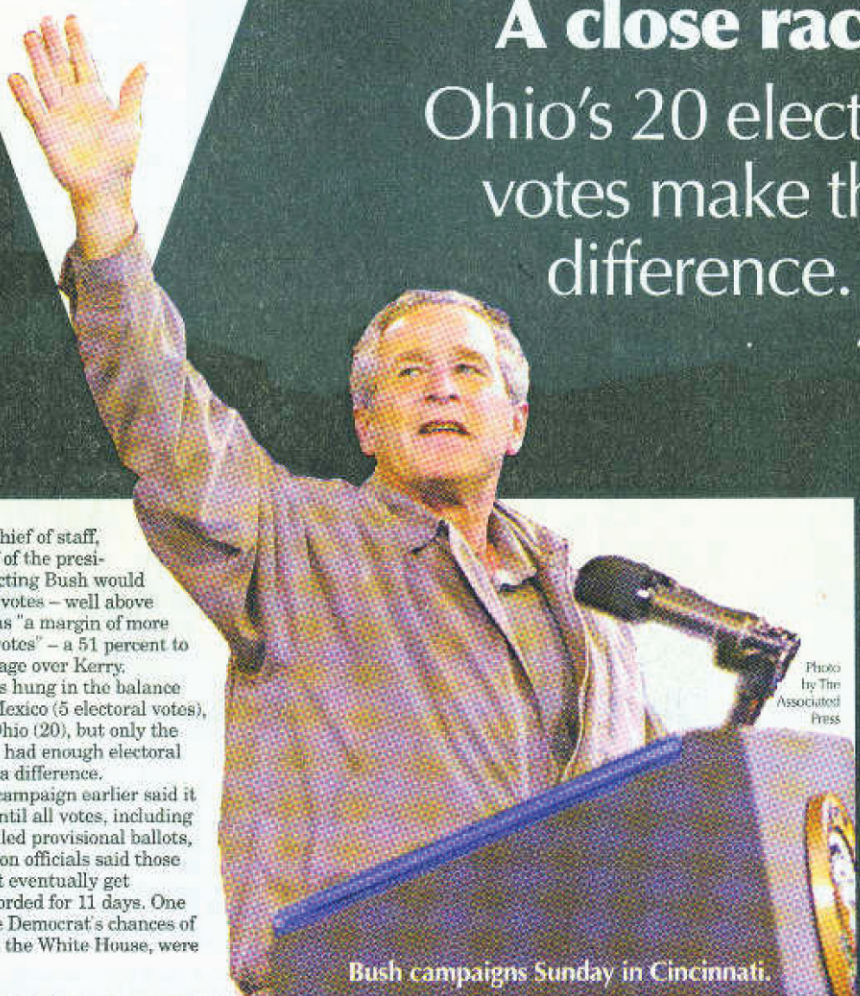
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Fort Wayne, Indiana



**4 more years**  
John Kerry calls George W. Bush to concede election.

**A close race**  
Ohio's 20 electoral votes make the difference.



Bush campaigns Sunday in Cincinnati.

From The Associated Press

**D**emocratic presidential candidate John Kerry called President Bush today to concede Ohio in the presidential run, The Associated Press learned.

After Americans woke up today not sure who would be the next president with Bush leading in electoral votes by a slim 254-252 margin early this morning, indications were that the Republicans would win Ohio's 20 electoral votes based on Bush's 136,000-popular-vote lead. Bush stood only 16 electoral votes shy of the 270 required for a second term. Kerry stalled at 252.

A Democratic official said Kerry called the president shortly after 11 a.m. Fort Wayne time to end his quest and conclude one of the most expensive and bitterly contested races on record. More than 120 million people (nearly 60 percent of eligible voters) may have cast ballots Tuesday. Also today, stocks rose.

Andrew Card, Bush's chief of staff, asserted victory on behalf of the president at dawn today, predicting Bush would end up with 286 electoral votes — well above the 270 needed — as well as “a margin of more than 3.5 million popular votes” — a 51 percent to 48 percent overall advantage over Kerry.



Three states hung in the balance today — New Mexico (5 electoral votes), Iowa (7) and Ohio (20), but only the Buckeye State had enough electoral votes to make a difference.

The Kerry campaign earlier said it would not concede Ohio until all votes, including as many as 190,000 so-called provisional ballots, were counted. State election officials said those ballots, even the ones that eventually get counted, might not be recorded for 11 days. One top Kerry adviser said the Democrat's chances of winning Ohio, and with it the White House, were difficult at best.

Photo by The Associated Press

◆ See how the presidential election was decided with the breakdown of electoral votes. **Page 3A**

◆ Stocks surge on Wall Street from the opening bell today. **Business, Page 6S**

◆ The local GOP sweeps the ballot, winning all but one contested office up for election. **Page 3A**

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◆ More than 120 million Americans — 60 percent of eligible voters — may have cast ballots. **Page 2A**

◆ The News-Sentinel editorial staff reflects on the outcome of the 2004 campaigns and election. **Page 4A**

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99% of precincts in state races, 100% in local races  
All are incumbents except Kite and Peters.



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