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ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN | Kern grabs slight advantage over Reeb.

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT | Karmeier jumps out ahead of Maag in heated contest.

U.S. SENATE | Democrat Obama beats Keyes to become 5th black U.S. senator in history.

**BUSH**

254

**ELECTORAL VOTE**

270 NEEDED TO WIN

**KERRY**

225

## Election results in key races



Karmeier Maag

**STATE SUPREME COURT**  
Lloyd Karmeier (R).....228,283  
Gordon Maag (D).....191,492

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Keyes Obama

**U.S. SENATE**  
Barack Obama (D) ...3,000,491  
Alan Keyes (R).....1,103,696  
Albert Franzen (I).....64,385  
Jerry Kohn (L).....56,413

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Costello Zweigart

**U.S. HOUSE (12TH DISTRICT)**  
Jerry Costello (D) .....136,232  
Erin Zweigart (R) .....53,646  
Walter B. Steele (L) .....3,094

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Shimkus Bagwell

**U.S. HOUSE (19TH DISTRICT)**  
John Shimkus (R) .....156,731  
Tim Bagwell (D) .....72,166

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**ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN**  
Mark Kern (D) .....54,137  
Steve Reeb (R) .....48,484

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**114TH HOUSE DISTRICT**  
Wyvetter Younge (D) .....6,545  
Linda Lehr (R) .....1,199

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**CLINTON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY**  
Henry Bergmann (D) .....8,379  
Stanley Brandmeier (R) 8,349

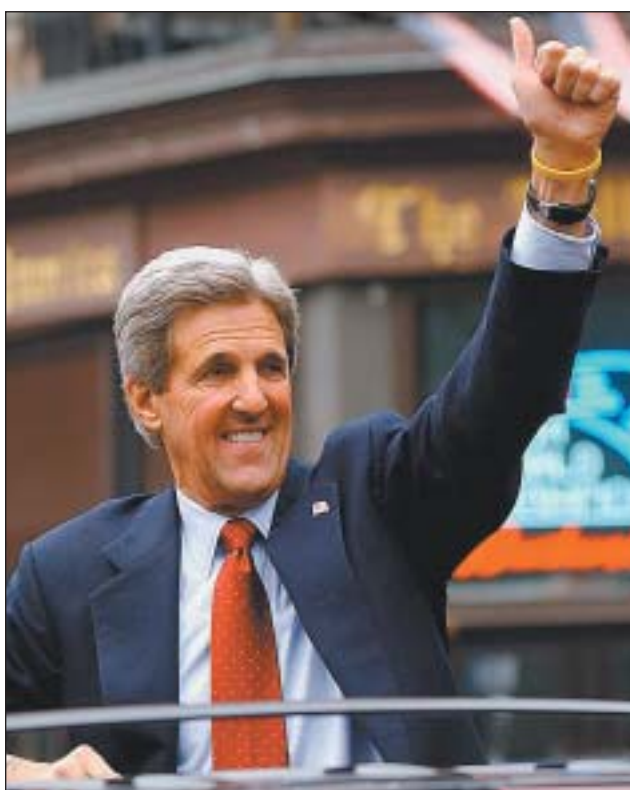
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**PONTIAC-WILLIAM HOLLIDAY BOND ISSUE**  
Yes .....1,814  
No.....1,155

## COMING THURSDAY

• FINAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR ALL METRO-EAST RACES  
• ELECTION RESULTS: WHAT THEY MEAN FOR THE NATION AND THE METRO-EAST

# Bush, Kerry down to wire



John Kerry salutes the crowd after leaving the Union Oysters House restaurant in Boston.



President Bush waves confidently as he walks across the South Lawn at the White House

## President nears victory; Edwards vows to carry on

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — President Bush stood on the brink of a re-election victory Wednesday morning, but Democratic challenger John Kerry's camp refused to concede while there was a chance for a come-from-behind victory in Ohio.

Echoing the statement by Al Gore that set off a five-week legal battle in the 2000 election, Kerry's running mate, John Edwards, told supporters in Boston, "We've waited four years for this victory. We can wait one more night."

"We are fighting every vote," Edwards said.

That fight could once again leave the nation waiting for days or weeks to learn who will be president next year.

Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell told CNN that the state would count provisional ballots — cast by voters whose eligibility was in doubt — if there were enough of them to decide the election.

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## Obama: Fifth black U.S. senator

BY CHRISTOPHER WILLS  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Barack Obama, who shot from obscurity to political stardom with his message of national unity, trounced Republican Alan Keyes at the polls Tuesday to be elected the fifth black U.S. senator in history.

"We can look forward to the future. We can build step-by-step to ensure we arrive at the practical commonsense solutions that all of us hope for," Obama said as he claimed victory Tuesday night.

Obama overwhelmed the conservative commentator and former diplomat Keyes in the nation's first U.S. Senate race between two black major-party candidates.

With 37 percent of precincts reporting, Obama had 1,284,951 votes and Keyes had 269,317 votes, in unofficial returns. Two third-

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Senator-elect Barack Obama waves during his acceptance speech in Chicago

## Karmeier poised for win after aggressive campaign

BY BRIAN BRUEGGEMANN  
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Lloyd Karmeier appeared headed for a win Tuesday in the heated and expensive race he fought against Gordon Maag for a seat on the Illinois Supreme Court from downstate Illinois.

With 79 percent of the precincts counted, Karmeier had 228,283 votes to Maag's 191,492.

Karmeier, a Republican and circuit judge from Washington County, was backed by business, medical providers and other proponents of tort reform.

"The doctors obviously had a great impact on this race," Karmeier said during a victory party at the Nashville American Legion.

The Karmeier campaign also capitalized on the metro-east's reputation as a lawsuit haven controlled by Democratic judges.

Karmeier was carrying Madison and St. Clair counties, both Democratic strongholds, with most of the votes tallied there.

The race attracted more than \$8.5 million in campaign mon-

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**LOTTERY FOR ILLINOIS**  
Pick 3-Midday: **6-9-6** Pick 4-Evening: **9-1-0-1**  
Pick 3-Evening: **4-0-9** Little Lotto: **01-12-18-29-36**  
Pick 4-Midday: **5-4-5-3** Jackpot: **\$75 million**

**FOR MISSOURI**  
Pick 3-Midday: **3-4-4**; Evening: **9-5-1**  
Pick 4-Midday: **3-3-6-3**; Evening: **4-8-2-6**  
Show Me 5-Midday: **1-13-17-28-39**  
Show Me 5-Evening: **1-22-23-36-44**

**MEGA MILLIONS** Game: **24-32-42-49-50** Mega Ball: **3** Jackpot: **\$66 million**

