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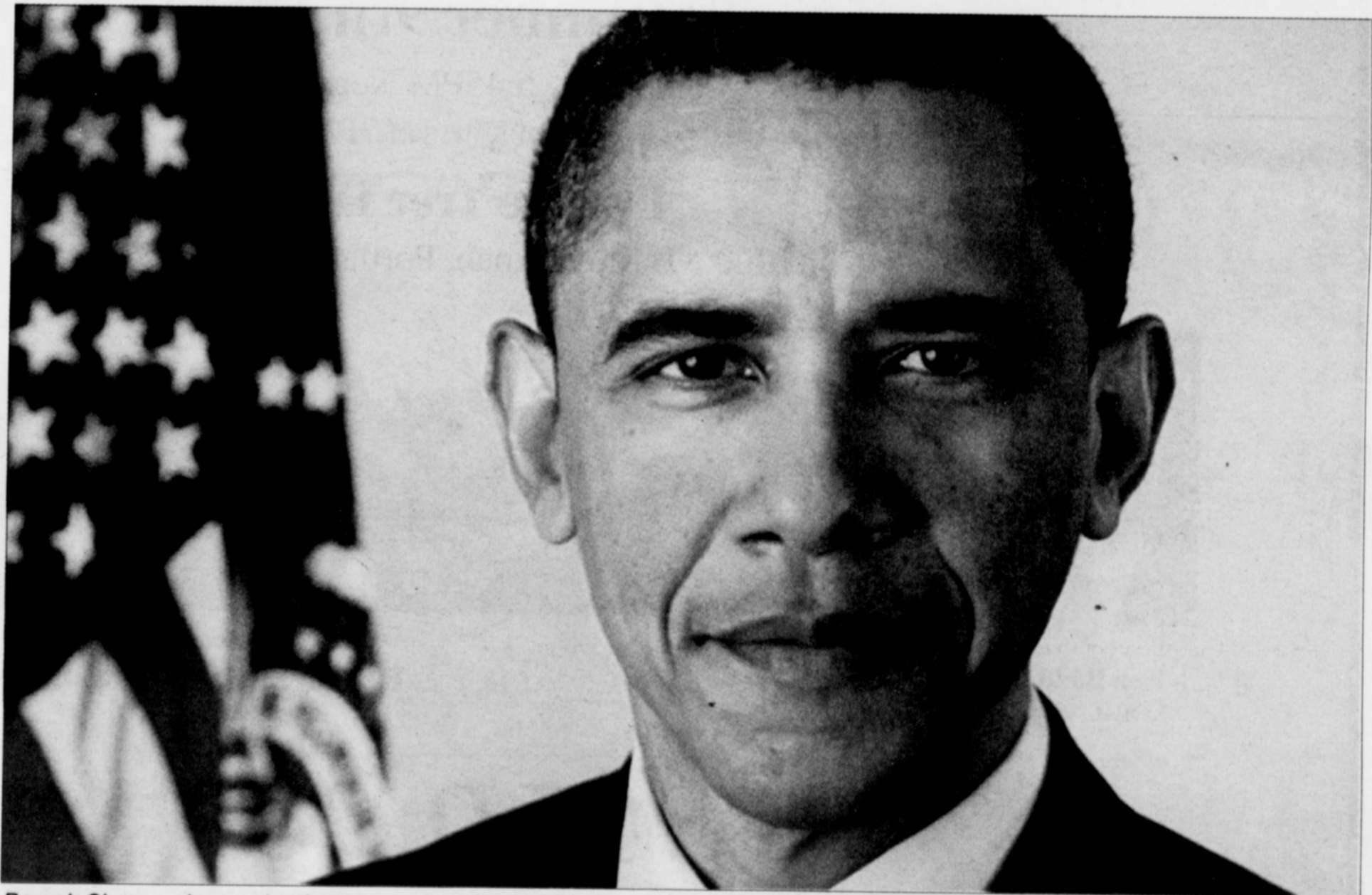
Forward It Is! Obama Wins 2nd Term

President Obama won a second term in the White House Tuesday night, the major networks projected, overcoming concerns about the fragile economic recovery to edge out Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

The president's win in the crucial battleground of Ohio, coupled with subsequent victories in both Iowa and Oregon, put him over the required 270 electoral votes.

Obama broke out early in the night, winning a string of key battlegrounds even as Romney built his electoral-vote count with wins in reliably conservative states. Obama scored a big win in Pennsylvania, a vital battleground where Romney made a late play for support. Obama also walked away with a win in the swing states of New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Minutes before Obama was projected the winner, Romney claimed his first



Barack Obama wins re-election to a second term as President of the United States.

The president claimed victory after winning Ohio, tweeting: 'This happened because of you. Thank you. We're all in this together. That's how we campaigned, and that's who we are. Thank you. -bo'

battleground prize of the night with a projected victory in North Carolina, where the Democrats held their 2012 convention.

Elsewhere, Obama and Romney each

racked up expected victories Tuesday night in relatively safe territory.

Romney was the projected winner in Utah, Montana, Arizona, Missouri, Idaho, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Arkansas, West Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Indiana and Kentucky.

Obama was the winner in his home state of Illinois, California, Hawaii, Washington, Minnesota, New Mexico, Maine, New York, Delaware, Connecticut, Mary-



Marta Nunez watches the 2012 election returns from Times Square in New York City.

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