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TRUMP STUNS

Republican, Democrat Clinton battle to the wire in a surprisingly close race

Donald Trump was on the cusp of victory in the presidential race early this morning, as the Republican neared a historic upset with victories across a string of states where Democrat Hillary Clinton had been expected to win. Trump had been projected as the winner in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Iowa and North Carolina, leaving Clinton in the bad position where Trump seemed to have started the day. She needed a miracle finish — capturing a string of outstanding states, including Michigan, Wisconsin and Arizona, where polls remained too close to call as of 2 a.m. — to vault back into the race for 270 electoral votes. Clinton, who won Virginia and has been a fixture in American politics for decades, was hoping to become the first woman to serve as commander in chief. She encountered surprisingly stiff competition from Trump, the billionaire businessman who tapped into a searing strain of economic populism. **(Story, Page A7)**

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MAYOR'S RACE: MORRISSEY OUT; STONEY, BERRY FIGHT ON

Joe Morrissey, the controversial former state delegate who had been the front-runner in Richmond's mayoral race, conceded defeat Tuesday night. With about 9,000 absentee ballots still uncounted, it was unclear whether former Secretary of the Commonwealth Levar Stoney (far left) would win outright or square off against former Venture Richmond Director Jack Berry (left) in a runoff election Dec. 20. **(Story, Page A3)**

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