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The Race for Scott's Seat

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rep. H. John Heinz 3d of Pittsburgh captured the Republican nomination for Hugh Scott's U.S. Senate seat early today, barely edging out former Philadelphia District Attorney Arlen Specter.

In the Democratic contest, Rep. William J. Green of Philadelphia easily defeated state Sen. Jeannette Ribman of Easton.

Scott is not seeking reelection.

The GOP race was a battle between East and West. Specter jumped out to an early advantage on the strength of returns from the five-county Philadelphia area, only to see it melt away as returns rolled in from the West.

Heinz won every county west of the Susquehanna River with the exception of Erie, which went to third-place finisher George Packard.