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## Kerry extends dominance

 Kerry wins in Tennessee and VirginiByRon Fournier THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - John Kerry vanquished his Dixie-bred rivals in Virginia and Tennessee Tuesday, unstoppable in his march toward the Democratic nomination with a Southern sweep that extended his
dominance to every region of the country. "Americans are voting for change - East and
West, North and now in the South," Kerry declared to the roar of supporters in Fairfax, Va., chanting, "Kerry! Kerry!
John Edwards, Wesley Clark and Howard Dean clung quixotically to the hope that Kerry would stumble on his own or by scandal, but party lead-
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Kerry was pocketing about half the vote in Virginia - with Edwards of North Carolina a poor second and Clark of Arkansas a far-distant third. With two poor finishes, Clark considered dropping out. The key to his decision was the closely fought battle for second in Tennessee against Edwards, aides saii
Dean, the fallen front-runner, finished in single
digits in Virginia and Tennessee Edwards, a successful trial lawyer before enied
ing politics, tells voters at every stop that he ist only candidate who could beat Texas-reared B in his own backyard, the South, yet he lost to Massachusetts Brahmin in Dixie. Edwards
remain in the race, aides said Tuesday, poin remain in the race, aides said Tuesday, po
his troubled campaign to Wisconsin and Mard when 10 delegate-rich states hold elections. With some Southern comfort, Kerry has 12 of 14 contests - seven by nearly half the re - on the East and West coasts, in the
the Great Plains and the Southwest.
"The wreckage of the Bush economy is around us," Kerry told supporters as some party ers said it was about time to rally behind a nomin "Anybody but Bush," said Charles Edward 50, of Falls Church, Va., who decided to vote fl
Kerry as he entered his voting booth. "Td vote Kerry as he"
Kerry said he and his fellow
are still fighting for their country.
"For more than three years, this
has failed to tell the truth about their econon


