

# Jordan, Martin expected to run in '88

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With congressional elections out of the way, state Republican and Democratic leaders hope to put strong contenders in the arena for governor in 1988.

On the Republican side, Gov. Jim Martin has decided to run again, said Martin Richmond, a field agent for the N.C. Republican Party.

In the Democratic camp, Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan is seriously considering plans to run for the state's top job, although he has not announced his candidacy. As the party's only victor in the state's 1984 election, he is the obvious choice to unseat Martin.

"Everybody has known (that Jordan will run) for some time," said Brenda Summers, Jordan's press secretary. "However, no final decision has been made, and no formal announcement will be made until next year."

Jim Van Hecke, chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party, said the question of Jordan's running is "a

toregone conclusion." "Whereas he's not announced that he will run yet, I'd be surprised if he didn't," he said.

Martin also has been reluctant to formally announce his re-election plans. He has repeatedly told reporters that he will announce his candidacy "in due time," said Tim Pittman, Martin's press secretary. "He certainly thinks he'll run, but he is months or years from . . . (announcing)," Pittman said.

Summers would not comment on the likelihood of Martin running for re-election, saying that the Jordan staff have no specific plans about the campaign. Jordan and his staff are involved in other projects, she said.

Van Hecke said that although Jordan is the front-runner, "that doesn't preclude someone else running."

John Simmons, spokesman for Attorney General Lacy Thornburg, said Thornburg has thought about the race and will announce his intentions in the spring. He will either seek the governorship or run

for re-election, Simmons said.

Thornburg's decision will be "ultimately what is best for the party," he said.

Democrat Rufus Edmisten, Martin's unsuccessful opponent in the 1984 campaign, said he will not run for governor. "I feel that it is someone else's turn," he said.

However, Edmisten said he is interested in running for lieutenant governor. He held a meeting of "key backers" in Charlotte Sunday to discuss the possibility.

Edmisten said Jordan is the best bet to move into the governor's mansion in two years. "He is the man, he is the head of the party, and the party is behind him," he said. "It is not only his turn but his duty to run."

When asked about the possibility of Thornburg seeking the party's nomination, Edmisten said, "I don't believe they (Jordan and Thornburg) would be knocking heads."

Martin is very likely to run again but might have trouble against a



Bob Jordan

Democrat, he said. "The trend seems to be toward the Democratic Party because it is a good mainstream party."

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# Khomeini's ailing health spurs power struggle in Iran

From Associated Press reports

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's ailing 86-year-old spiritual leader, said Sunday his death would not end the country's Islamic revolution. He apparently was trying to defuse a power struggle within the clergy-led regime.

"Our enemies must understand that the Islamic Republic . . . has been stabilized and is not dependent on any person, but on the people and the armed forces," Khomeini said in a speech to military men at his residence in Jamaran, north of Tehran.

The speech was carried by Tehran radio and was monitored in Nicosia.

Widespread reports said Khomeini, who had a heart attack in 1980, recently suffered one or two more attacks. Rumors that his health is declining are common, but this time, people in power seem to be taking the reports seriously.

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said the 32-year-old Israeli could be tried for treason, a crime punishable by death.

### Cigarette ad ban rejected

NEW YORK — Most Americans do not believe cigarette advertising should be banned, although they favor broad restrictions on smoking, according to poll results issued Sunday by three anti-smoking groups.

These findings contradict a recent American Medical Association survey in which 64 percent of the respondents favored a cigarette advertising ban.

In the new poll, conducted for the American Lung Association, 62 percent of those questioned said cigarette ads should be permitted in magazines and newspapers.

### Police officer quells fire

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A police officer on his way to direct traffic at one burning house spotted another in flames and led four people to safety before controlling the blaze with a garden hose, authorities said.

Ty Montoya, 23, kicked open the door of the house early Friday and dragged 72-year-old Gabriel Viegas outside. Montoya, who has been on the force two years, went back inside twice more to lead three other residents outside.

Thanks to Montoya's efforts, "the fire never really took hold," said fire department Capt. Jess Campos.

### Israeli to stand trial

JERUSALEM — Israel revealed Sunday that Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician, is in detention and will be tried for allegedly leaking state atomic secrets. But it denied that secret agents kidnapped Vanunu in England to bring him to justice.

The brief government communique ended weeks of speculation about Vanunu's whereabouts. He disappeared in London nearly six weeks ago, after the Sunday Times of London published photographs and information he reportedly supplied about an Israeli nuclear weapons plant.

A senior government official

## Iran

was "a major blunder" that guarantees hostage-taking will continue and could tip the balance of power in the Middle East.

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole of Kansas, told a conference in Atlanta Sunday that it would be a "terrible mistake" to cut an arms deal with Iran. "We all want the hostages home," Dole said, "but I don't think we want to deal with (Ayatollah Ruhollah) Khomeini in an effort to do that."

But other Republicans defended the reported administration activities, saying it is desirable to improve relations with Iran and attempt to moderate its extremism.

"The wider goal here is to try to bring about a more moderate group of leadership in Iran. . . . We've made some strides in that regard," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, appearing on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, appearing with Lugar, said improving relations with Iran in general is desirable. But he added: "When it degenerated or when it developed into an arms trade for hostages, I have the gravest doubt. . . . To negotiate for hostages makes it more likely that other hostages are going to be taken."

But Byrd, who is expected to be Senate majority leader next year, told interviewers on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he had repeatedly requested a briefing without success. And other Democrats, including Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, said they still had not received any

information.

"It would appear the White House is trying to do a back door way to get away from any congressional oversight," Leahy said.

"In an effort to cut Congress out, they also have cut out the CIA, the Joint Chiefs (of Staff), the State Department, the Defense Department. And if so, who is making the decisions?" asked Nunn, a military expert who will head the Armed Services Committee next year.

"Congress is going to be asking a lot of questions," Nunn said on the Brinkley program. "The newspaper reports — and they have not been denied — indicate the Reagan administration is not standing tall on this one."

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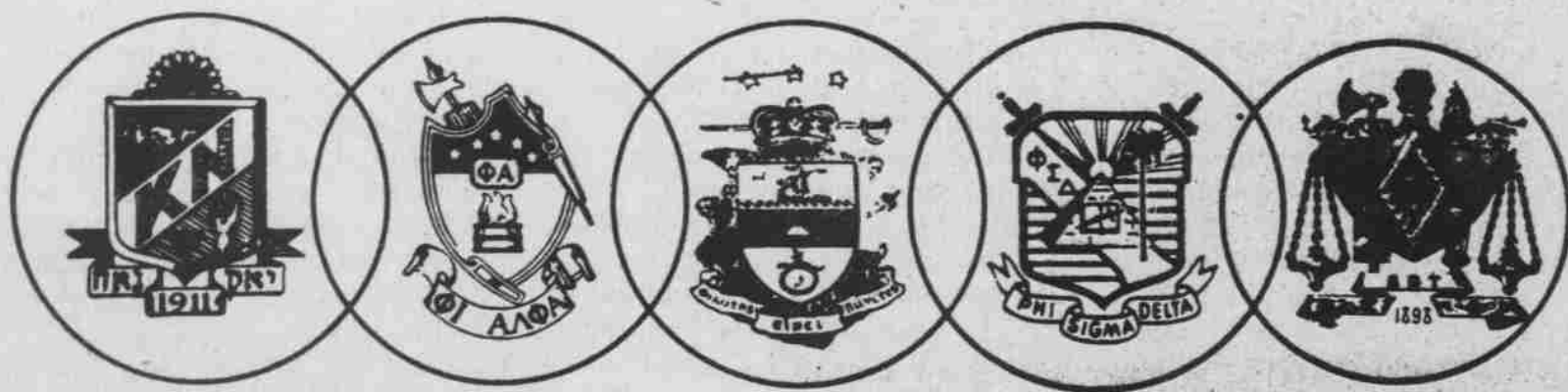
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