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Bush, Quayle trounce Democrats

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Vice President George Bush took the lead from the first election returns in the 1988 presidential election Tuesday night, gaining the 270 electoral votes he needed to defeat his Democratic opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Despite polls from the weekend showing that Bush's lead over Dukakis had dropped by five points, by 9:20 p.m. ABC News had projected that Bush would defeat Dukakis, and the Republicans never looked back.

As of 2 a.m. Wednesday, Bush had won a total of 402 electoral votes, compared to Dukakis' 102.

"We can now speak the most magnificent words in politics: The people have spoken," Bush said in an acceptance speech at his election headquarters in Houston. "Now we are moving in for an America that is stronger . . . I mean to be a president of all the people. I want to work for the interests of not only those who supported me, but all the people."

Bush told the cheering crowd he

had received a telephone call from Dukakis and then told the crowd that the time had come for Republicans and Democrats to work together.

"I want you to know (Dukakis) was most gracious," Bush said. "It was in the great tradition of American politics . . . We both went into the arena and fought long and hard. The governor can take pride in that and in his family."

Although Bush and his running mate, Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle, won a large majority of the electoral college, the popular vote was much

closer. The Republican candidates had 37,613,438 popular votes as of 2 a.m. Tuesday with 77 percent of all precincts reporting, while the Democratic candidates had 31,816,802.

In North Carolina, Bush received 58 percent of the vote to Dukakis' 42 percent, with 95 percent of all precincts reporting.

In the last days of the campaign, both candidates were optimistic and projecting victory.

But on Tuesday night Dukakis congratulated his opponent and

thanked his supporters at the Boston World Trade Center, the Dukakis election night headquarters.

"I can't begin to express our gratitude to you and the American people in the last 18 months," Dukakis said to a crowd that was chanting "92."

"A few minutes ago I called Vice President Bush and congratulated him on his victory. Now we must work together."

"Just 18 months ago, I asked for your support when we began running what I called a marathon. I said there

would be good days, and we had a lot of good days, didn't we?"

"As I think back on this marathon, I will never forget the beauty of this magnificent land. But most of all I will remember the people I met. It is very important that we continue to fight for them and for families all across America."

"We've got to fight to open up that door of college opportunity to every young person in America . . . We've got to fight to end the shamelessness

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Governor Martin wins re-election over Jordan

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RALEIGH — Long before any results were reported, Gov. Jim Martin supporters at the state Republican gathering in Raleigh were chanting "four more years."

And that's exactly what North Carolina's citizens will get — Martin defeated Democratic opponent Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan by a surprisingly large margin, 56 percent to 44 percent, with 97 percent of the precincts reporting Tuesday night.

In his acceptance speech, Martin said he had received congratulations from Jordan "in a message that he gave without bitterness and without rancor. Jordan's message was one of congratulations and of determination for all of us: Democrats, Republicans and independents."

While obviously disappointed, Jordan took a conciliatory tone as he conceded defeat.

"It was a tough race," Jordan said.

"But it's time to put aside all our differences. There's no time for anger and no time for bitterness . . . we all agree North Carolina comes first. We're going to do our part."

Jordan told his supporters they had "fought a good fight."

"We did not win, but North Carolina is better off because we have talked about where North Carolina ought to be and ought to go," he said.

"It hurts to lose, but I consider myself fortunate to have had a chance for leadership and a chance to talk about my vision for the future."

Martin said he thought Tuesday's results might be even more favorable than those of 1984, when he received 54 percent of the vote. "Let me say I'm reassured and recharged by the results of this election and the fact that all the issues raised for better schools, better roads and better jobs . . . on all these issues, the people of North Carolina respect and support the leadership of the last four years and want to see us move ahead in

the next four years."

Martin emphasized that state government must be bipartisan to accomplish positive results for the state.

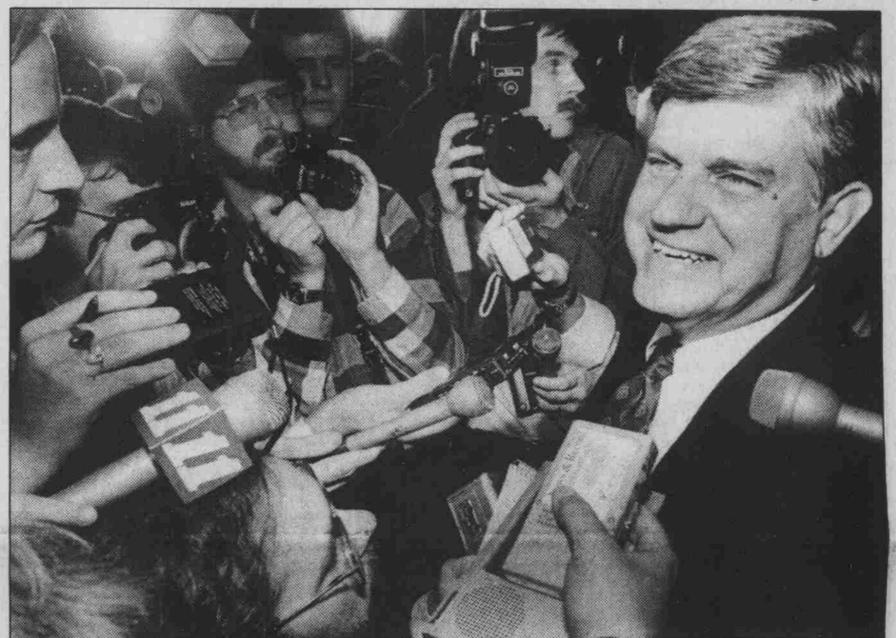
"All of us must realize and all of us must make a commitment of determination in order to move forward. There is a time for partisanship. That's why we have elections. There's a time for bipartisanship when the election is over."

Martin said he wants to meet with the leadership of the General Assembly in the next few days and work with them to review the last four years.

In his interview, Martin said he believed his positive campaigning just before the election was a small factor in the outcome, because Jordan continued his negative campaigning until the last minute.

N.C. Republican Sen. Jesse Helms made a surprise appearance at the

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Republican Gov. Jim Martin speaks to the press after his acceptance speech Tuesday night

Lt. governor's race too close to call

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RALEIGH — With 88 percent of the precincts reporting, neither candidate for lieutenant governor could claim victory Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning because Republican candidate Jim Gardner was only a few thousand votes ahead.

"We'll just have to sit back and wait to see what happens," said John Harrison, an aide for Democratic

candidate Sen. Tony Rand. "The race is too close to call at this time. Nothing can be said and there will probably be a press conference in the morning."

"I'm going to go home and sleep a little bit," Rand said in an interview at 1:30 a.m.

There was a feeling of optimism at Republican headquarters as Gardner started with a 1 percent lead and kept it throughout the evening. "It's going to be very close,"

Gardner said. "With Gov. Martin and George Bush leading, I think I've got a very good chance."

He said he would be relying on the Republican Party to win the election for him. "I never denied I was looking for a coattail effect," Gardner said.

Earlier in the evening, when confronted with results pointing to a Gardner lead, Rand said, "Where are the reports from? If we don't know where they are from, it doesn't make a difference."

Despite a strong Republican victory in the gubernatorial race, Rand said he could win the election. "I'm not at all afraid of coattails."

At 10:40 p.m., with 36 percent of the votes in, Gardner led Rand by 10,000 votes.

Spirits continued to run high. "The Republicans are making a good showing," said Lanny Shuff of Rocky Mount. "We're gonna make

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Orange County voters approve bond package

By DANIEL CONOVER
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Orange County voters approved a \$30 million bond package Tuesday, turning out in what election officials say may be record numbers.

Supporters of the bond package were surprised by the success of the \$1 million reservoir bond, which passed by a vote of 20,950 to 12,476.

Easier passage had been predicted for the school bond and public works bond, but the \$7 million public works bond passed by a smaller margin, 18,720 to 14,537.

The \$22 million bond for repairs and additions to Orange County school buildings passed by a margin of 25,047 to 9,486.

Orange County Commissioner Steve Halkiotis said the support for the water bond is a mandate for future planning.

"The people are sending a real clear message," he said. "They're tired of fooling around — they want something done. I'm delighted, absolutely delighted. The dinosaurs can now go to sleep."

The \$1 million bond will provide funds to purchase land for a reservoir to be built sometime in the future. This reservoir will serve the central and Hillsborough areas of Orange County. It was expected to receive opposition in southern Orange County, but returns showed the bond was approved in all but six of Orange County's 41 precincts.

"We ought to do something symbolic, like jump in Cane Creek reservoir," Halkiotis said.

Orange County manager John Link said the bond sends a message of approval to what he called

the "far-sighted planning for manageable growth" that has occurred in Orange County.

"It's a water source development and Eno River conservation message," he said. "I don't think there's going to be any question that there's going to be development."

"We must ensure a stable water supply for all of Orange County for the next 15 to 20 years, and we must also ensure the conservation of the Eno River."

Sites at Seven Mile Creek and Corporation Lake are under consideration as possible reservoir locations, Link said. The Corporation Lake site would be larger, he said, producing a safe yield of about 7.8 million gallons a day at a construction cost of \$25 million.

The Seven Mile Creek site would produce 4.9 million gallons a day at a construction cost of \$16 million. Link said the cost of the reservoir would be paid by those who would use it, with help from state and federal grants.

In other elections, Orange County backed every Democratic candidate on the ballot, maintaining its reputation as one of the most solidly Democratic counties in North Carolina.

Orange County Democratic Party Chairman Dick Helweg said of the vote, "I'm proud of Orange County."

The strong Democratic vote here put 16th District State Sens. Wanda Hunt and Russell Walker over the top in their re-election bids against Republican challengers Robert Crump and Max Gardner Reece. Without the Orange County vote, each was about 4,000 votes behind in other counties.

Representative Price defeats Fetzer



Representative David Price addresses his supporters at the North Raleigh Hilton after his victory

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RALEIGH — Democratic incumbent David Price won a second term as the 4th District's U.S. representative, taking 58 percent of the vote over Republican challenger Tom Fetzer's 42 percent with 99 percent of the precincts reporting.

"I feel really good," Price said in an interview early Tuesday evening.

Price thanked his family, voters, and campaign staff and volunteers in his acceptance speech.

"I want to tell you tonight how very proud I am of Bob Jordan, Tony Rand and our entire Democratic ticket," he said. "I was proud of the kind of campaign we ran."

Price said he campaigned on issues such as protecting the environment, improving education, fighting drugs, protecting consumers and, above all, telling the truth. "That's what this Democratic Party stands for, and this has been a Democratic campaign we can hold our heads high about and be proud of," he said.

In Fetzer's concession speech at the Velvet Cloak Inn in Raleigh, he said, "We're going to lose — I guess that's obvious to everybody here."

"I'm very proud of the effort we made. I'm very proud of what you've done," he said. "I think we had a great race. This is a night of celebration. Let's be gracious in defeat."

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Every nation has the government that it deserves. — Joseph Marie de Maistre