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## ELECTION '86

### Black voters provide the edge

From staff and wire reports

WASHINGTON -- Black voters handed Democrats control of the U.S. Senate in last week's off-year elections.

In each of the eight states where a Democrat took a seat from a Republican, blacks voted overwhelmingly for the Democrat.

The black vote was so pivotal in four of those states that the Democrat would simply not have won without it.

Blacks clearly provided the margin of victory in North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and California.

For example, in North Carolina, Republican Jim Broyhill won only 6 percent of the black vote in his loss to Democrat Terry Sanford.

In California, Alan Cranston retained his Senate seat by capturing only 47 percent of the white vote. Cranston received 82 percent of the black vote.

So few blacks voted for Broyhill because he didn't adequately address issues that especially concern black people, said Vernon L. Robinson, a black Republican who is chairman of the bipartisan, predominantly black 21st Century Political Action Committee.

Some of Broyhill's votes in the Senate and his decision not "to integrate blacks into his campaign staff" came back to haunt him on Election Day, Robinson said.

"On Election Day, the black community obliged him by not giving him any votes," said Robinson, a professor at Winston-Salem State University.

The number of blacks who will serve in the U.S. House now totals a record 23. The new members include Mississippi's Mike Espy, Maryland's Kweisi Mfume, Queens, N.Y.'s, the Rev. Floyd Flake and Georgia's John Lewis.

Other election results from across the nation:  
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## ALL NIGHT LONG



LIONEL RICHIE treated a capacity crowd to a menu of soul and pop Friday night in Chapel Hill. The former lead singer of the Commodores drew young and old, black and white to UNC's Dean Smith Center (photo by Chris Mackie).

"I don't expect any repercussions from the Democratic Party because I won't accept any. Politics has never made any enemies for me."  
-- Mazie S. Woodruff

### Mrs. Woodruff: No regrets

By JOHN HINTON  
Chronicle Staff Writer

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WRITE-IN candidate Mazie S. Woodruff received more votes from black precincts than any of her opponents, though not nearly enough to maintain her county commissioners' seat or hurt her fellow Democrats.

"It was a successful campaign," said Mrs. Woodruff, the first black and second woman to serve as a commissioner. "Although we didn't win a seat, we won a victory."

Mrs. Woodruff received 30 percent of the vote from the inner-city precincts, while Democrats John S. Holleman Jr. and Wayne G. Willard, both of whom are white, tallied 28 percent and 26 percent of the black vote, respectively, according to results from the Forsyth County Board of Elections.

Holleman and Willard said they received support in the black community because many blacks supported the Democratic ticket.

"People have a trust in what I say," Willard said Tuesday. "I hope I can live up to that trust."

Republicans David L. Drummond and Roger Swisher received 8 percent of the vote from those precincts. But Holleman and Willard won the election with strong support from county voters, taking the two available seats and shifting the board's majority to Democratic.

Mrs. Woodruff, who finished third behind Holleman and Willard in the May primary, said her write-in campaign was hurt by blacks voting a straight Democratic ticket and a low turnout among black voters.

Roughly only 41 percent of the registered black voters participated in last Tuesday's elections.

"I am proud of the blacks and whites who voted for me," Mrs. Woodruff said. "(But) we have to do a better job of getting blacks out to vote."

Mrs. Woodruff received only 384 write-

## THE AFTERMATH

### Looking back at Nov. 4

in votes from county voters.

Walter Marshall, president of the city's NAACP, said Mrs. Woodruff's write-in campaign was unorganized.

"If the black community was really behind Mazie, then (neither) Holleman nor Willard would have won," Marshall said. "But it was organized enough to send a message to the Democratic Party."

R. Michael Wells, chairman of the coun-



Mrs. Woodruff: Strong black support (photo by James Parker).

ty's Democratic Party, said Mrs. Woodruff's write-in campaign did not affect the county commissioners' race.

Before the election, Wells had said Mrs. Woodruff's campaign could split the Democratic Party.

As for possible backlash from her party for bucking its establishment, Mrs. Woodruff said she was unconcerned.

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## Roach contest bugs community

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND -- A search for the city's largest cockroach, sponsored by a local radio station and pest-control company, recently came under fire from several city officials who said the contest reinforced racial stereotypes.

"To me, it is sick," said Councilman Jeffrey Johnson.

The "Biggest Cockroach Contest," which was sponsored Saturday, Nov. 8, by WZAK-FM 93.1 and RAID Roach Control

products, was held in Lee-Harvard Shopping Center, a predominantly black neighborhood.

In a letter to the radio station, Johnson said the contest is an embarrassment to the community.

Cockroaches were caused by poverty and substandard housing, and such a contest made fun of poor people, he said.

WZAK was offering \$193 to the contestant with the biggest roach -- dead or alive

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## Blacks gave Sparrow victory

By JOHN HINTON  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Black voters in the East Ward carried W. Warren Sparrow, a Democrat, to a narrow victory last week in the district attorney's race. But Republican Joseph J. Gatto, Sparrow's opponent, fared better Tuesday among blacks than perhaps any other Republican in recent history.

Sparrow received more than 80 percent of the vote from five East Ward precincts. Overall, he collected about 8,400 votes

from the overwhelmingly Democratic black precincts, while Gatto garnered more than 3,200, according to official results from the Forsyth County Board of Elections.

"We had some people who worked hard to get out the vote," Sparrow said Monday. "I have had a law practice here for 20 years and had several black clients. I built a good reputation with them."

After trailing most of Tuesday night, Sparrow defeated Gatto by 893 votes, 33,820 to 32,927, on the strength of late

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## Public safety issue on aldermen's agenda

About 45 people told the aldermen's Public Safety Committee Tuesday night that the city's public safety program should be eliminated because it deprives citizens of necessary fire and police protection.

Aldermen Larry W. Womble and Martha S. Wood voted for a resolution requesting the city administration to eliminate the program by July 1, 1987.

Lynne S. Harpe and committee Chairman Vivian H. Burke abstained.

The full board will hold a public hearing on the matter and consider the resolution at its next meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

-- JOHN HINTON

## School board: A familiar story

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Beaufort O. Bailey might be watching more "Monday Night Football," had black voters not rallied him to victory last week.

Bailey, a three-term school board member, showed poorly in the early returns from white precincts, trailing in sixth or seventh place for most of the night.

But the only black on the board, which meets on Monday nights, remained confident that black voters would make up the difference.



Beaufort Bailey

"I wouldn't have run if I didn't feel like I could win," he said.

He was not disappointed. The 9,954 votes he received from black precincts not only vaulted Bailey back into the race but helped him surge into second place with a 32,607 total.

Bailey led in all of the predominantly black precincts except one, the 14th Street Recreation Center, which fellow black Democrat Evelyn A. Terry won by one vote.

Other winners in the race included Nancy L. Wooten, Mary P. "Candy" Wood, Mary Margaret Lohr and Jane

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Evelyn Terry