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Republicans take lion's share; local black contenders lose

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Voters in the city's predominantly Afro-American precincts pretty much voted a straight Democratic ticket in the city election. But Afro-Americans candidates on the Democratic ticket picked up little ground in the largely white precincts. Although beneficial to the Democratic party as a whole, the voting pattern in Afro-American precincts, in instances, may have worked to the disadvantage of Afro-American candidates. Former County Commissioner Mazie S. Woodruff

carried all of the precincts in the East Ward, where there are large concentrations of Afro-American voters. Eventual overall winner Gerald Long was the runner-up in each of those precincts. However, voters in some of the city's South and South-west wards, which have predominantly white precincts, split their votes between the Democratic and Republican

Gloomy results for Dems

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The mood was anything but cheerful for many observers Tuesday night at the county Board of Elections. Democrats entered the building trying to "keep the hope alive," but, by the night's end, the hope was buried by the overwhelming
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commission candidates. At four of those ward precincts, which were captured by a Democratic candidate, Woodruff gained fewer votes than any of the Republican candidates. That pattern also was repeated at two precincts in the West Ward. But in the North, North-east and East wards, where all of the precincts were won by Democrats, the Republican

candidates were soundly defeated and finished far behind their Democratic counterparts. While the Afro-American precincts gave strong support to a solid Democratic ticket and helped Long maintain a 184 vote lead over Republican candidate Richard V. Linville, Woodruff came up on the short end of split-ticket voting in some of the white precincts. NAACP President Walter Marshall said that Afro-American voters were not "selective" in their voting and that by voting a straight Democratic ticket "it really hurt Mazie and Naomi (Jones, Democratic candidate for the Board of Education)." Marshall said that Afro-American
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Candidates say straight voting hurt

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Afro-American decisions to vote a straight Democratic ticket really closed out members of the race from winning major local contests, candidates said day morning. Awaking to headlines and screams announcing their defeats, Mazie S. Woodruff, candidate for the county Board of Commissioners, and Naomi Jones, who ran for a school board seat, said unselective voting by Afro-Americans are to blame for their defeats.

Woodruff finished last in the field of six candidates vying for three seats on the county Board of Commissioners. While Jones won one of four seats on the school board by several thousand votes.

"I should have won," Jones said. "I think blacks have got to learn to be more sophisticated in their selections. We gave votes, but were too generous in our giving."

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Supporters of Naomi Jones gathered at the Masonic Lodge on 14th Street to await election results. Jones, however, ranked fifth among the eight candidates for four school board seats. From left are Martha Jones, Vivian Burke, Naomi Jones, Howard McCullough, Beulah Halrston and Anne P. Wilson.

Republican candidate Vernon Robinson fell short of his goal to be elected to the state senate. However, Robinson's defeat was a personal victory as the underdog candidate came within a 3,800-vote striking distance of State Sen. Ted Kaplan, the incumbent. State Sen. Marvin Ward was the highest vote-getter, raking in 28.7 percent of the vote.



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Jesse Jackson urges 'common ground'

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Jesse Jackson said Tuesday it is too early to start talking about the 1992 election and that Democrats should be looking for "some common ground" with Republican George Bush. Asked in an interview on ABC-TV whether he would start campaigning immediately for the next presidential race, Jackson said, "It's much too early, premature and downright

immature, to be talking about 1992 politics on this night." Jackson is a veteran of two unsuccessful bids for the Democratic presidential nomination. With Bush on the brink of winning the White House, Jackson sounded conciliatory toward the vice president. "At the top of the ticket, it is not looking good but certainly Mike Dukakis has run a gallant race with integrity," he said. If

Bush's lead holds up, he said, "All of us will reach out for some common ground agenda." Recalling Bush's pledge at the Republican National Convention for a "kinder, gentler nation," Jackson said, "I hope people will get the campaign behind us and look at that kinder, gentler agenda as it relates to health care and day care and workers and family farmers."

Results of national elections: Who else won and where

By The Associated Press

THE WHITE HOUSE

Vice President George Bush, in winning the presidential race, ran far ahead of Democrat Michael Dukakis in both the popular vote and the Electoral College tally. As of 5:01 a.m. EST Wednesday, with 94 percent of the precincts reporting, Bush had 44,976,081 popular votes, or 54 percent, to 38,330,692 votes, or 46 percent, for the Massachusetts governor. The Republican won 40 states with 426 electoral votes, including Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming. He needed at least 270 electoral votes for victory. Dukakis carried Hawaii, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia with 112 electoral votes.

THE SENATE

In the Senate contests, Democrats won 19 of 33 seats up this year. In addition, a Democrat was leading in one race -- in Florida. Democrats grabbed Virginia, Nebraska, Connecticut and Nevada seats away from the GOP and also won in Tennessee, Maryland, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Maine, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Arizona and Hawaii.

Republicans won 13 races -- in Mississippi and Montana, where they picked up seats that had been held by Democrats, and in Indiana, Vermont, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Utah, California, Wyoming and Washington.

The current party split in the Senate is 54 Democrats and 46 Republicans, and the trend is for a lineup of 56 Democrats and 44 Republicans after the elections.

THE HOUSE

Democrats, who held a big 257-178 advantage over the GOP in the current House, renewed their majority for the next one. Rhode Island Democrat Fernand St Germain and Georgia Republican Pat Swindall were defeated. But most incumbent representatives were winning or ahead in races for new terms. In the battle for seats in the next House, with at least 218 needed for a majority, Democrats won 254 and were leading for seven. Republicans took 170 seats and held leads in four more.

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Board of Aldermen approves plans for New Walkertown Mall

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Despite two hours of heated and emotional appeals by residents, the city Board of Aldermen approved the site plan and rezoning day night for a shopping mall to be located off New Walkertown Road, between Gerald Street and Brook Road. Aldermen approved the project by a 6-1 margin. Alderman Martha S. D. voted against the rezoning, and Ward Alderman Virginia K. Bell asked to be excused from the meeting because she is a real estate broker for a parcel of land that is for sale and included in the rezoning.

Approval of the plan required a unanimous approval to the Board of Aldermen. About 30 neighborhood residents stood in favor of the plan, while close to 20 opposed the project which includes a shopping center, residential development and office building to be built in phases. Boos, hisses and various catcalls were heard early in the debate as Slater Park residents insisted that those who approved the project didn't live near the shopping center site. Proponents rebutted saying the project is necessary for future economic development in East Winston. "We as a community need economics in this community, and this project will give us an economic base," Minister Lee Faye Mack said referring to the estimated \$5 million completed project could bring into the city. "We must have, for our young people, some type of security, and for our senior citizens."

Another resident said he found it difficult to believe that Afro-Americans could oppose a project that would bring more jobs to the East Winston community. "I have taken profits from my business and re-invested them to provide jobs, buy property and renovate it for people in the east ward," said Jimi Lee Bonham, owner of several hair salons which, he says, provide at least 12 jobs for East Winston residents. "There is a dire need for economic revitalization in this community."

James R. Grace Jr., chairman of the East Winston Community Development Corporation, said the project's developer has been very cooperative with the community in trying to address needs and qualify concerns. "There is a lot riding on this project as it relates to economic development," Grace said. "Today's meeting, if nothing else, has been a total success because blacks have come out to



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Opponents of the New Walkertown development show dissatisfaction with aldermen's decision.

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