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Dinkins Loses Close NYC Mayor's Race

NEW YORK (AP) — Rudolph Giuliani, a former prosecutor who portrayed himself as a tough crime fighter, became the first Republican to be elected mayor of New York since 1965, narrowly defeating incumbent David Dinkins.

In one of the tightest mayoral races in New York history, Giuliani defeated Dinkins by less than 50,000 votes. When the two faced off in 1989, Dinkins won by an almost identical margin. With 100 percent of the vote counted, Giuliani

had 903,114 votes, or 51 percent, and Dinkins had 858,868 votes, or 48 percent. Giuliani is the first challenger to unseat an incumbent New York mayor since Fiorello LaGuardia in 1933.

"The people have spoken," Dinkins told an angry crowd at his headquarters, flanked by supporters such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

"We must all respect their judgment and decision . . . Stand with

our next mayor. He needs our partnership. He has earned it."

The crowd booed and shouted, "No!" and "Recount!"

A short time later, Giuliani told cheering supporters: "I stand before you as the next mayor of New York City. It happened because I asked you to believe in me and you did and I'm very grateful."

He paid tribute to Dinkins, thanked him for being gracious in defeat and appealed to the mayor's supporters to work with him.

"No matter what race, ethnic background or religion, we're bound together, we're all one people," Giuliani said. "As the pain of the loss subsides and as new hope emerges for the future of the city, you are all welcome to join us."

From the beginning of the bitter campaign, racial divisions were as critical as issues such as crime, schools and quality of life. Dinkins, the city's first black mayor, portrayed himself as a racial healer and

won 95 percent of the black vote, and most of the Hispanic vote. Giuliani, seeking to become the city's first GOP mayor since John Lindsay, attacked Dinkins' competence and portrayed himself as an ex-prosecutor tough on crime and an efficient administrator.

He took three-quarters of the white vote, the exit polls showed.

The campaign had gotten so nasty that the candidates couldn't even agree on a format for a debate.



David Dinkins

Newspaper Called Racist as 10,000 Copies are Stolen

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Today's edition of the student newspaper at the University of Maryland will recap yesterday's news after protesters seized about 10,000 copies, claiming they were racist.

In place of the missing papers, the protesters left a small computer-generated sign Monday that read: "Due to its racist nature, the Diamondback will not be available today. . . . Read a book."

Nobody claimed responsibility for the missing newspapers, which are distributed free and campus police said they were investigating. About 20,000 copies were distributed Monday.

The university condemned the removal of the papers.

"Freedom of expression is a fundamental value in our society and our university," said Gary M. Stephenson, a campus spokesman. "I think our university is unequivocal in its support for free speech."

Several students said the protest probably stemmed from a general perception that the Diamondback is insensitive to blacks and other minorities on campus, rather than from any particular article.

"A lot of black students have just stopped reading the paper altogether," said Jeneba K. Jalloh, president of the African Student Association. "Every time they pick up the paper there is something that is racially insensitive."

Some minority students were angry that the newspaper included only one black model out of about seven in an Oct. 20 fashion supplement.

Some blacks also said the newspaper gave too much coverage to last month's suspension of a black fraternity over hazing complaints.

"There are a lot of little things that show there is no understanding of black issues," said Kera Ritter, a black journalism major who works for the Eclipse, one of two black-oriented publications on campus.

Drew Weaver, the Diamondback's editor in chief, acknowledged that some of the criticism is valid.

"It's not a racist paper," said Weaver, a senior. "But I think there have been incidents of unfairness in it in the past."

Weaver, who took over the newspaper in May, said he had hoped to improve coverage of black life at the university. But he said his plans were hampered by an inability to attract and retain black reporters.

The removal of the papers made him angry.

"I don't think it's a justifiable form of criticism or complaint," he said. Blacks account for about 11 percent of the 23,300 undergraduates on the College Park campus.

Rappers Face Attempted Murder Charges



Tupac Shakur

NEW YORK (AP) — Flavor Flav of the rap group Public Enemy was arrested and charged with attempted murder after he allegedly fired a gun at his neighbor outside their Bronx apartment building.

The arrest Monday came just one day after another nationally known rapper, Tupac Shakur, 22, was charged with shooting two off-duty officers in Atlanta.

Flavor Flav, 34, whose real name is William Drayton, may have been arguing with his neighbor over Drayton's girlfriend when he fired his gun, said Sgt. Michael McGrath said. The neighbor, a 54-year-old

man whose name was not released, was not injured.

McGrath said he and another officer went to Drayton's apartment building in the Bronx borough after hearing shots.

The apartment's doorman told police Drayton fired at another resident outside the building. Drayton surrendered to police in the building's lobby and took the officers to his 23rd-floor apartment, where McGrath said they found an unlicensed .38-caliber semiautomatic pistol with one bullet missing from its clip.

In 1991, police arrested Dray-

ton for allegedly punching his girlfriend in the face during an argument. He was arrested again last year on two outstanding warrants — one for the assault on his girlfriend, the other for a traffic violation — and was freed on bail.

Public Enemy's third album, "Fear of a Black Planet," sold 1.5 million copies, but the group has been dogged by controversy, including accusations of anti-Semitism.

In Atlanta, Shakur, who co-starred with Janet Jackson in the movie "Poetic Justice," was charged Sunday with two counts of aggravated assault following a traf-

fic dispute with two officers. Police said the shootings occurred after the two officers, brothers who work as deputies in the Atlanta suburbs, were nearly hit by two cars as they crossed a street with their wives.

An argument ensued, one of the officers pulled a gun and Shakur opened fire, wounding one officer in the buttocks and the other in the abdomen, police said. It was not immediately clear if the two identified themselves as police officers.

In September, Snoop Doggy Dogg was charged with first-degree murder after his bodyguard allegedly shot a man.

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