

Democrats Encouraged by Tuesday's Elections

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After two years on the defensive, Democrats had reason to cheer. They fended off Republican bids to claim the Kentucky governorship and legislatures in Virginia and Maine. The best news for the GOP was in Mississippi, where Gov. Kirk Fordice easily won a second term.

Tuesday's ballots included dozens of mayoral contests, including a mudslinging brawl in San Francisco that pitted incumbent Frank Jordan against former California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and prominent lesbian activist Roberta Achtenberg.

Brown and Jordan, a former police chief, will face each other in a December runoff because neither won at least half the vote. Brown had 33.9 percent to Jordan's 31.4 percent. Achtenberg, a former federal housing official who trailed with 27.4 percent, conceded the race early today and endorsed Brown. Five other candidates split the remaining votes.

Incumbents who won easy re-election bids included Democrats Kurt Schmoke in

Baltimore and Edward Rendell in Philadelphia and Bob Lanier in Houston's non-partisan contest.

In Gary, Ind., where 90 percent of the population is black, Democrat Scott King defeated Republican Diane Ross Boswell and two other black candidates to become the first white mayor since 1967.

Leaders of both national parties closely watched the gubernatorial contests in Kentucky and Mississippi and legislative races in Virginia, Mississippi and Maine to see whether the GOP would build on its historic gains of the past two years.

Results were mixed. In Kentucky, Lt. Gov. Paul Patton narrowly defeated businessman Larry Forgy, dashing his hopes of becoming the first Republican in the Kentucky governor's mansion since Louie B. Nunn left office in 1971. Patton, a millionaire coal operator, interpreted the results as a referendum on national politics. "Kentucky has said 'no' to Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole," he said.

But the White House couldn't consider the victory an unqualified endorsement

because Patton had distanced himself from President Clinton and, in a big tobacco state, had vowed not to support him in 1996 if the president kept pushing curbs on smoking.

With 99 percent of the vote tallied, Patton had 498,805 votes, or 51 percent, to Forgy's 476,296, or 49 percent. In Mississippi, Fordice easily beat Democrat Dick Molpus, a three-term secretary of state, by a margin of 55 percent to 45 percent, with 95 percent of the vote counted.

Fordice, 61, recycled the conservative, anti-government message he used to defeat incumbent Ray Mabus four years ago when he became Mississippi's first Republican governor since 1876. Tuesday's victory made him the first chief executive to win back-to-back terms this century.

In Virginia, where the GOP has never controlled a chamber of the legislature, Democrats maintained their 52-47 edge over Republicans in the House. There is one Independent. Republicans did gain two Virginia Senate seats — enough to leave the 40-member chamber equally di-

vided, with the tie vote to be cast by the Democratic lieutenant governor.

In Maine, Democrats won two special state House elections and thereby reclaimed a one-vote majority. They had temporarily lost control of the House earlier this year because of party switches.

In New Jersey, where all 80 state Assembly seats were contested, Republicans maintained their lopsided majority.

A Maine proposal to prohibit laws aimed at protecting homosexuals from discrimination was narrowly defeated.

San Francisco's nonpartisan mayor's race was characterized by personal attacks and a risqué photo of the usually staid Jordan taking a shower with two radio disc jockeys as joking proof that he was the "squeaky clean" candidate.

Brown, one of the nation's most powerful black politicians who was ousted from the Assembly by California's term limits law, had toned down his flamboyant image, but still came under fire as a shrewd lawyer with a taste for \$1,000 suits and fancy cars.



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Senate Delays Vote on Late-Term Abortion Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Abortion-rights senators succeeded in their effort Wednesday to delay Senate action on a bill banning some rare late-term abortions until hearings are held.

Before a vote could be taken to send the bill to the Judiciary Committee, the measure's sponsor heeded the advice of Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and gave up his effort to prevent hearings.

"Senator Dole and I have discussed this and while neither one of us thinks this is necessary, we do think it may not be a bad idea in that the more one learns about this horrible procedure, the harder it is to defend it," said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H.

The Senate voted 91-6 to give the committee 19 days to hold hearings. President Clinton opposes the bill. The House already has approved it.

Sending the bill to committee would "get it out of the spotlight," Smith said. "They don't want to see what happens in this grisly, disgusting procedure," he said of those favoring delay. "That's why they want to move it off the floor."

Police Arrest Three More In Rabin Assassination

TEL AVIV, Israel — The leader of an anti-Arab group and another suspect were arrested in the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, police said Wednesday, reinforcing suspicions of a right-wing conspiracy to kill the prime minister.

Israel radio also reported the arrest of yet another suspect — bringing the total number detained to five — but the report was not immediately confirmed.

Police suspect the militant leader Avishai Rabin knew about the plan to kill Rabin and told a Tel Aviv court they believed Rabin was "a catalyst in the murder."

Rabin heads Eyal, an offshoot of the Kach group founded by the slain American rabbi Meir Kahane. He told the court, without being more specific, that Rabin's confessed killer had made vague threats, but that Rabin "never took him seriously."

The 28-year-old Rabin lives in Kiryat Arba outside Hebron, home to some of the most militant Jews on the West Bank and some of the most virulent anti-Rabin sentiment.

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N.C. State BOT Members Split on Tuition Increase

■ 60 students attended a speakout asking members to vote down the hike.

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According to North Carolina State University Student Body President John O'Quinn, NCSU Board of Trustees members are split over the issue of a proposed \$400 tuition increase much like the one recently passed at UNC.

Board members listened as approximately 60 students and faculty members gathered to debate the proposal at an Oct. 30 forum at McKimmon Center on the NCSU campus. A vote on the issue is expected to take place on Nov. 17.

"Trustees are split. It's going to be a very close vote in November," O'Quinn said. Trustees are not sharing their views publicly at this time.

"None of the board members are speaking publicly about it right now," said BOT member William Klopman of Greensboro.

Representatives from student groups spoke at the forum about how the proposal would change their lives personally and the difficulties the increase would present to the members of their groups.

Some of the groups represented were the Graduate Student Association, the African-American Student Advisory Council and the Chinese Students Scholars Friendship Association. O'Quinn said out-of-state students might be discouraged from applying to NCSU by higher tuition rates. The university's out-of-state tuition rate is already fairly high compared to competing

schools such as Georgia Tech, the University of Florida and the University of Texas. Currently, about 13 percent of NCSU's students are out of state.

Andy Crocker, an out-of-state Caldwell Scholar, said higher tuition meant NCSU would attract fewer scholars and make the program less competitive. According to Jeff Morissette, president of the Graduate Student Association, increased tuition would create difficulties in attracting high quality in-state and out-of-state graduate students.

According to the Technician, NCSU's student newspaper, Morissette said, "I'd say that the graduate student institution will feel the bite of the increases more (than undergraduates)."

Derrick Coley, president of the African-American Student Advisory Committee, spoke about the impact on the black stu-

dent community. According to the Technician, Coley said that approximately 80 percent of NCSU's African-American students take out an average of \$1,540 in loans and an increase would hurt these students.

The six members of the Faculty Senate who spoke about the proposed increase were divided in their opinions. Two of the members spoke for the increase and four spoke against it. The Faculty Senate endorsed the proposal but only under the condition that the funds go toward student financial aid and libraries.

Student Senate President Robert Zimmer said tuition has always been a substitute, not a supplement, for public funds at NCSU. "We will never see a dime of this increase," Zimmer said.

O'Quinn said, "The feeling amongst trustees is that we are caught between the proverbial rock and the hard place."



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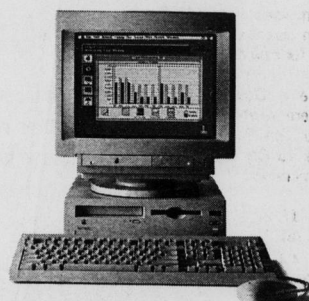
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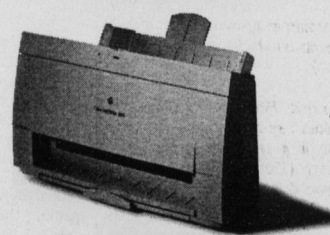
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