

The Living Room Times

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Republicans take over Congress

GOP takes U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Republicans reveled Wednesday in their sweep of nine open Senate seats and the defection of a conservative Southern Democrat.

Victories from coast to coast Tuesday and the party switch Wednesday of Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama erased a 56-44 Democratic advantage and gave the GOP a 53-47 hold on the Senate.

"We'll be happy to accept other applications," Sen. Bob Dole, the likely next majority leader, quipped at a Capitol news conference.

Republicans not only won all nine open Senate seats Tuesday but they also returned all their incumbents to Washington and welcomed Shelby, who was first

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Democratic reign in U.S. House ends

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Republicans Wednesday celebrated victories that broke 40 years of Democratic control in the House, and their leader pledged to seek compromise with the Clinton administration rather than political witch hunts.

"There's no reason we can't sit down and try to have a serious discussion in the next few days about places where we do agree," Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich said as he made the rounds of morning TV talk shows.

"Let the '96 presidential campaign come in '96," the Georgia lawmaker said.

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The final results of Tuesday's elections did not come anywhere near to matching up with a poll taken of the student at Kellogg about who they support for Governor. In that poll, Governor-elect John Rowland finished fifth, with only 4 votes. It is no surprise, therefore, that reaction to Rowland's win was mostly negative at Kellogg today.

"Can you believe Rowland won?" exclaimed Kim Pina in Mr. V's History class. "My parents were so mad!"

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Kellogg reaction to Rowland's win is mostly negative

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"I wanted Groark but Rowland won," said Sean Vivier. "Oooooowuuuuu."

Some students were not quite as upset. Dan Seremet, who had supported Rowland, said "I told you so."

But most were disappointed about Rowland's victory.

"Rowland shouldn't have won," said Mark Almeida.

"No Democrats won!" complained Bryan Rudolph. "Screw the Republicans!"

"Republicans suck!" commented Ian Drayton.

"If it wasn't for Groark, Curry would've won," predicted Mr. V.

"All conservatives must die. Die, conservatives! Die! Die! Die! Die! Die!" exclaimed Tim Stevens.

"It was cool," remarked Billy Gray, "because Bill Curry's a loser!"

"Rowland was the last person I wanted," said Beth Milewski, "except for that spongecake guy. I really don't want Rowland, 'cause even though he's a Republican, he acts like a Democrat. And, I don't like him." (When Beth said "that spongecake guy" she was talking about Concerned Citizens candidate Joesph Zdonczyk.)

"I didn't want Rowland to win, I wanted Bill Curry to win," commented Jaimie Kwassman.

"Tom Scott should've won," whispered Tina Lentini.

"He was the best candidate for the job.

Brendan Loy commented on the Congressional takeover of the House and Senate by the Republicans. "The Republicans control the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House. It's gonna be utter chaos."

"I have a question, Brendan," said Brian Newbold. "Did you cry yourself to sleep last night?"

"No, I did not cry," Brendan responded.

THE UNDERTICKET

SECRETARY OF THE STATE: (85% of precincts)

Andrea Scott (R) — 444,251

Miles Rapoport (D) — 443,046

TREASURER: (85% of precincts)

Chris Burnham (R) — 479,054

Joe Suggs (D) — 393,141

COMPTROLLER: (85% of precincts)

Nancy Wyman (D) — 477,680

Gene Gavin (R) — 397,348

ATTORNEY GENERAL: (96% of precincts)

Richard Blumenthal (D) — 656,907

Richard E. Arnold (R) — 335,225

HOW NEWINGTON VOTED

Unofficial results

(courtesy of "The Hartford Courant")

HOW NEWINGTON VOTED FOR GOVERNOR:

Bill Curry (D) — 4,709 (35.7%)

Tom Scott (IND) — 2,892 (21.9%)

John Rowland (R) — 2,789 (21.1%)

Eunice Groark (ACP) — 2,778 (21.0%)

Joe Zdonczyk (CC) — 34 (0.3%)

HOW NEWINGTON VOTED FOR U.S. SENATE:

Joe Lieberman (D) — 8,841 (68.1%)

Gerald Labriola (R) — 3,812 (29.4%)

Gary Garneau (CC) — 322 (2.5%)

HOW NEWINGTON VOTED FOR U.S. REP:

Barbara Kennelly (D) — 9,360 (72.2%)

Douglas Putnam (R) — 3,320 (25.6%)

John Forry (CC) — 287 (2.2%)

TOTALS: GOVERNOR

STATEWIDE TOTALS FOR GOVERNOR

With 90% of the precincts reporting...

John Rowland (R) — 384,871 (36.2%)

Bill Curry (D) — 337,149 (31.7%)

Eunice Groark (ACP) — 205,740 (19.4%)

Tom Scott (IND) — 125,417 (11.8%)

Joe Zdonczyk (CC) — 9,018 (0.9%)

TOTALS: U.S. SENATE

STATEWIDE TOTALS FOR U.S. SENATE

With 98% of the precincts reporting...

Joe Lieberman (D) — 700,629 (67.2%)

Gerald Labriola (R) — 321,144 (30.8%)

Gary Garneau (CC) — 20,724 (2.0%)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District One: (100% of precincts)

Barbara Kennelly (D) — 136,101

Douglas Putnam (R) — 45,550

John Forry (CC) — 3,391

District Two: (100% of precincts)

Sam Gedjenson (D) — 78,718

Ed Munster (R) — 78,528

David Bingham (ACP) — 27,623

District Three: (100% of precincts)

Rosa DeLauro (D) — 109,435

Susan Johnson (R) — 63,285

District Four: (91% of precincts)

Christopher Shays (R) — 93,893

Jonathan Kantrowitz (D) — 28,429

Irving Sussman (L) — 1,733

Terry Nevas (NL) — 544

District Five: (100% of precincts)

Gary Franks (R) — 91,187

Jim Maloney (D) — 80,036

Rosita Rodriguez (CC) — 4,013

District Six: (100% of precincts)

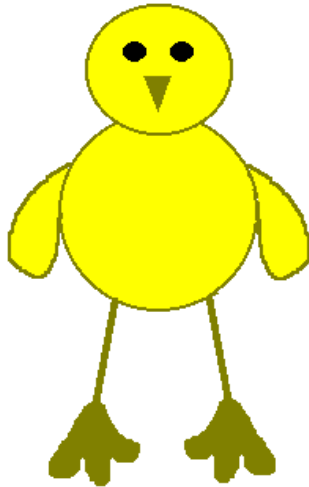
Nancy Johnson (R) — 122,111

Charlotte Koskoff (D) — 60,072

Patrick Danford (CC) — 8,929

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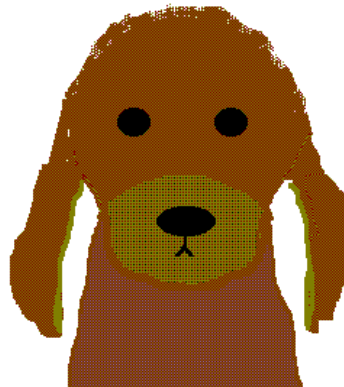
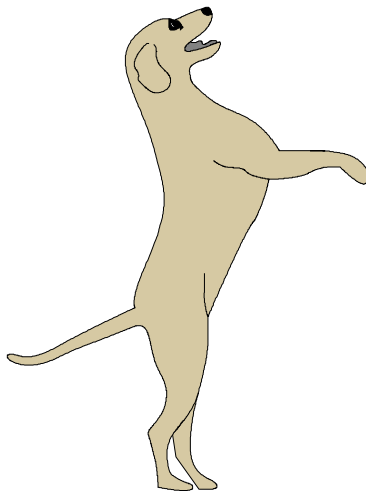
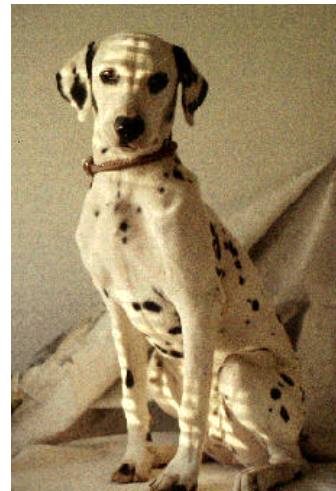
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says...

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Schnucks and Rooks get their grade— Most of the groups who worked together on gymnastic routines in the eighth grade A-Day gym class found out Wednesday what their grade is for the gymnastics unit.

Among those who found out their grade were the ‘Schnucks and the Rooks,’ who worked together on Big Bertha, a piece of equipment in the Kellogg auxiliary gym. “We got an A,” said Kim Pina, one of the ‘Schnucks’ in the group. “We got an A+ our routine, and we got an A on the written [summary].”



The Schnucks and the Rooks

From left: Chris Whitaker, Brian Newbold, Travis Derr, Bryan Rudolph, Jaimie Kwassman, Tara Boisvert, and Kim Pina.

Carl Sagan turns 60— There are more candles on the cake than there are grains of sand on all the beaches of all the world. Mrs. Agnew announced Wednesday that astronomer Carl Sagan, who is widely hated by Kellogg eighth graders because of his slow manner of speaking, celebrated with 60th birthday on Wednesday.

Kellogg Crier— The official MKMS newspaper, the ‘Kellogg Crier,’ had its first issue passed out today. Among the articles were many teacher interviews, several poems, sports articles, TV reviews, and opinion columns including an editorial about the fifth graders and a letter to the editor about the 8:00 AM rule.

Jaimie Kwassman given a detention by Mr. V— Jaimie Kwassman got a detention Wednesday from Mr. V. “I got a detention from Mr. V during homeroom,” she said, “for saying ‘yes’ and answering somebody else’s question. And, it wasn’t fair.”

Half Day— Wednesday was the first early dismissal day, or half day, of the Martin Kellogg year. Next Tuesday and Thursday will also be half days. “Yee-ha!” said Sean Vivier, when asked what he thought of the half day. “I like it,” said Beth Milewski, “except I’d rather have it all off.”

WANTED:

Non-perishable food items (canned and boxed foods, cereals, etc.) for the MKMS Student Council Food Drive.

The food can be given to your homeroom representative and will then be given to a local organization which distribute it properly.

Monday Nov. 7 through Tuesday Nov. 15

Each food item will count for one point and the homeroom with the most points will get a prize.

Lights go out for the second straight day— Martin Kellogg’s eighth grade wing seems to have some kind of lighting problem. For whatever reason, two days in a row, the lights in the eighth grade wing have gone out for a few seconds and then come back on.

On Tuesday, it happened right after lunch, and an uproar developed because the eighth graders were in the hallway. On Wednesday, it was a very similar situation—the eighth graders were in the hallway, this time right after specials.

“And the lights go out again!” reported Brendan Loy as students yelled and ran around. “Once again, for the second straight day, chaos at Martin Kellogg.”

It seems that students at Kellogg think they can get away with whatever they want when the lights are out, because teachers cannot see them. So, student run around the hallway, push each other around, and basically create a big mess, whenever the lights go off.

“Why do they always do that?” asked Brendan as the lights came back on, a few seconds later. “What was that all about? For the second straight day, chaos at Martin Kellogg for a few short seconds.”

TOP TEN

*Here's a special
Top Ten list from
Dan Seremet
(a.k.a. God)*

TOP TEN WAYS TO ANNOY PEOPLE

10. Pace back and forth until they get so nervous that they want to kill you.
9. Go hysterical at their slightest word and then say, "What, you didn't get it?"
8. Do an April Fools joke on someone on March 31 or April 2.
7. On Halloween, put every light you have on, then sit across the street and watch trick-or-treaters ring the doorbell and wait for you. Or you can put a dish of candy with a "Please take one" sign attached to it and glue the candy to the bottom.
6. Ask complicated questions, then walk away.
5. Repeatedly turn yourself in for forging your own signature.
4. Tap several people on the shoulder while you're walking quickly by them.
3. Ask people to fight, then say "just kidding" and walk away.
2. Repeat words and phrases that make no sense while someone is trying to explain something to you.
1. Keep saying "Did you know..." then make up some useless fact and say it.

LATE SHOW TOP TEN

TOP TEN
SURPRISING
FACTS ABOUT
THE AVERAGE
AMERICAN
Letterman, Tuesday
November 1, 1994

10. IN COURSE OF LIFE, WILL EAT OWN WEIGHT IN SLIM JIMS.
9. HAS HAD AT LEAST ONE SEXUAL ENCOUNTER WITH A GABOR SISTER.
8. CAN NAME MORE NINJA TURTLES THAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICES.
7. CAN'T STAND THEM NO GOOD STINKIN' SWEDES!
6. WATCHES 14 HOURS OF TELEVISION A DAY, NONE OF IT CBS.
5. THINKS THOMAS JEFFERSON IS "THAT FUNNY BLACK GUY WHO WAS MARRIED TO WEEZIE"
4. HAS THE MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES OF A CLYDESDALE.
3. HAS BEEN REJECTED FROM THE SIMPSON JURY THREE TIMES.
2. THINKS THAT EBERT COULD BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF SISKEL.
1. HATES JOB, HATES SPOUSE, HATES LIFE, LOVES CHEETOS.

Republicans take House, Senate

House

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Four decades after they last led the House, Republicans on Tuesday captured at least 226 seats compared with at least 199 for the Democrats. The House's lone independent was re-elected and 9 elections remained undecided.

Thirty-two House Democratic incumbents lost and three were trailing, while no House Republicans were defeated. House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., was trailing 51 to 49 percent in a race that could be decided by absentee ballots.

Democrats, who currently control the House 256-178, lost at least 52 seats.

The smashing Republican victory even surprised some GOP veterans, like Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill. "I frankly am surprised at the dimensions of the victory. It's a tidal wave, really," he said.

During the campaign, Gingrich said a Republican House would vigorously use its subpoena power to investigate the Clinton administration, but Wednesday he was more conciliatory.

He said that 95 percent of the Republicans' time will be spent "writing legislation, holding hearings, trying to pass good, positive reforms and trying to work with the administration" on issues such as welfare reform, veto of specific budget areas and starting to eliminate the marriage penalty of the income tax.

"There's not going to be any kind of witch hunt or any kind of going out looking for things," Gingrich said. But he also warned Democrats that there would be intensified investigations of Whitewater and some new probes, including ties between Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and poultry producer Tyson Foods. Both topics are subjects of probes by independent counsels.

In a Capitol steps ceremony two months ago, more than 300 Republican candidates signed a GOP "contract" laying out their legislative platform -- and promised to get votes on the proposals in the first 100 days of the 104th Congress, which convenes Jan. 3.

The GOP knocked off some Democratic powerhouses en route to its sea-change victory, including Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks and former Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski -- under federal indictment on corruption charges. b

Republicans boasted advances for women and minority candidates, but neither party could claim much success on that score.

Voters defeated a half-dozen Democratic

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elected to the Senate in 1986 when Democrats ended six years of Republican control of the chamber.

"I thought there was room in the Democratic Party for a conservative Southern Democrat such as myself ... but I can tell you there's no," Shelby said, flanked by Dole and another former Democrat, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"Officially right now I am changing parties to a party of hope for America, not a party of dependency," Shelby said.

An exit poll of Alabama voters conducted Tuesday by The Associated Press and four television networks showed strong sentiment against Shelby switching parties. About half the voters said Shelby should remain a Democrat while about a third wanted him to switch.

Dole, R-Kan., spoke by telephone Wednesday with President Clinton. During a round of interviews on television talk shows, Dole said the GOP would work with Clinton on health care and other issues but also would set its own agenda.

"I think the vote for Republicans is a vote for change. We're going to have to put together our agenda. We have part of the responsibility now," Dole said.

In addition to winning the Senate seats in which no incumbent was running, Republicans scored key wins against incumbent Democrats Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania and Jim Sasser of Tennessee.

There were a few bright spots for Democrats: 14 of 16 Democratic incumbents won re-election, including the Virginia victory of Charles Robb over conservative Republican Oliver North and Edward Kennedy's defeat of Mitt Romney in Massachusetts. Dianne Feinstein held on to her California seat in the most expensive Senate race ever, beating Republican Michael Huffington.

Republicans more than offset those results with victories in Maine, Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Wyoming, Missouri and Arizona. They handed Democrats a devastating defeat by grabbing both seats in Tennessee. The 10 Republicans up for re-election won their races.

For the first time since the Truman administration, Republicans control the Senate with a Democrat in the White House. GOP political operatives remember all too well how the politically wounded President Truman ran against a "do-nothing" Republican Congress in 1948 -- and won.

Dole, Senate minority leader for only a few more

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House

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congresswomen but put a female Republican in the Senate and elected a second black Republican to the House.

It appeared doubtful that the number of women in the House would top 50, up from 47.

"I've stood for election in primaries and November elections almost 45 times and this is, of course, the first time that I stand and concede and wish my opponent well," Rostenkowski said, his voice cracking as Republican Michael Patrick Flanagan prepared to take his Chicago seat.

Foley told his supporters, "It is clear there is a sense on the part of Americans across the country that they are dissatisfied with the pace of change."

A gleeful Republican was more blunt. "The liberal dinosaurs are all heading for extinction," Ohio Rep. John Boehner shouted to celebrators at GOP victory party in Washington.

"Bill and Hillary, start packing now!" former Republican National Committee Chairman Rich Bond yelled to the cheering crowd.

An old-time link to liberal Great Society days lamented the change.

"Think of the people who need help. Who's going to help them?" said Brooks, of Texas, defeated in his bid for a 22nd term. "It's going to be a new world." Brooks was the only leftover from the last time there was a Republican majority in the House.

Gingrich, who has made a career of ripping apart Democrats, said he will be more conciliatory as speaker.

"I think that when you are a backbencher or a minority whip you have a style that reflects one level of responsibility," he said. "If you become speaker of the House you really have an obligation to think through how you represent the House and your colleagues."

Republicans haven't been the House majority since the 1952 election when Dwight Eisenhower was president. The Senate also flipped to the GOP that year. But by the 1954 election, voters put Democrats back in charge in both chambers.

A sitting president of one party hasn't lost Congress to the opposition since the House and Senate both turned Republican in 1946 under Democrat Harry Truman. But in 1948, Congress flipped back to the Democrats when Truman was re-elected.

Senate

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months, specifically mentioned health-care reform as an area ripe for bipartisan compromise if Clinton "is willing to scale back his plans ... and start working with us early on."

Gramm, a potential rival of Dole's for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination, struck a more combative note.

"Starting today, the train is going to pull out of the station. It is a train that is headed for less government and more freedom. The question for the president is, is he going to get on the train and be the engineer ... or is he going to stand on the track and try to stop the train?" Gramm said.

The Senate becomes far more conservative as a result of the elections both in its rank-and-file and leadership.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is in line to become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Strom Thurmond, who ran against Truman under the Dixiecrat banner in 1948, can move into the Senate Armed Services Committee chairmanship.

The GOP congressional agenda is sure to include a proposed balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and term limits for lawmakers. Republicans also favor increased defense spending, cuts in taxes and welfare spending, and anti-crime legislation.

Clinton said he hoped for "more responsible bipartisan efforts" on the part of Republicans, a clear reference to the GOP's successful quashing of much of Clinton's agenda this year in the Senate.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said voters were taking out their dissatisfaction with government on the party in power, but "Republicans now are going to have to share some responsibility as well as deliver on those concerns."

Gramm, a 1996 presidential hopeful, called the vote "a referendum on the Clinton program" and said, "the American people have spoken very clearly."

Additions on the Republican side indicate that experience in elected office wasn't a barrier to victory. The winners included Ohio Lt. Gov. Michael DeWine, 47, a former House member; Maine Rep. Olympia Snowe, 47; four-term Oklahoma Rep. Jim Inhofe 60; former Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft, 52; Arizona Rep. John Kyl, 52; three-term Wyoming Rep. Craig Thomas, 61; and Minnesota freshman Rep. Rod Grams, 46.

In Tennessee, where Democrat Sasser lost to heart transplant surgeon Bill Frist and actor-lawyer Fred Thompson beat Democratic Rep. Jim Cooper, a majority

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GOP takes Senate

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of voters disapproved of Clinton's performance, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and four television networks. Nearly nine of 10 of them voted Republican.

The trend was mirrored in Pennsylvania, where Wofford lost to two-term Republican Rep. Rick Santorum, and Michigan where Republican political operative Spencer Abraham beat nine-term incumbent Rep. Bob Carr.