

ELECTION 2009



Republican Gov.-elect Bob McDonnell waves to the crowd as he celebrates at his victory party in Richmond, Va., Tuesday.

POLITICS

GOP takes Va., N.J. races

Governor victories a triumph for party

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Independents who swept Barack Obama to a historic 2008 victory broke big for Republicans on Tuesday as the GOP wrested political control from Democrats in Virginia and New Jersey, a troubling sign for the president and his party heading into an important midterm election year.

Conservative Republican Bob McDonnell's victory in the Virginia governor's race over Democrat R. Creigh Deeds and moderate Republican Chris Christie's ouster of unpopular New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine was a double-barreled triumph for a party looking to rebuild after being booted from power in national elections in 2006 and 2008.

And voters chose a congressman in the GOP-held vacant 23rd Congressional District seat in New York, where Democrat Bill Owens led in the early vote count over conservative Doug Hoffman. That race highlighted fissures in the Republican Party and illustrated



Republican candidate for New Jersey governor Chris Christie waves after voting Tuesday in Mendham, N.J. Christie was running against Gov. Jon S. Corzine and Independent candidate Chris Daggett.

hurdles the GOP could face in capitalizing on any voter discontent with Obama and Democrats next fall.

California also picked a congressman for a vacant seat, Ohio voted on allowing casinos and a slew of cities selected mayors, including New York, which gave Michael Bloomberg a third term.

The outcomes of Virginia and New Jersey were sure to feed discussion about the state of the electorate, the status of the diverse coalition that sent Obama to the White House and the limits of the

president's influence — on the party's base of support and on moderate current lawmakers he needs to advance his legislative priorities.

His signature issue of health care reform was dealt a blow hours before polls closed when Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid signaled that Congress may not complete health care legislation this year, missing Obama's deadline and pushing debate into a congressional election year.

Democrats in swing-voting states and moderate-to-conservative districts may be

less willing to back Obama on issues like health care after Virginia and New Jersey showed there are limits to how much he can protect his rank and file from fallout back home.

The president had personally campaigned for Deeds and Corzine, seeking to ensure that independents and base voters alike turned out even if he wasn't on the ballot — and voters still rejected them. Thus, the losses were blots on Obama's political standing to a certain degree and suggested potential problems ahead.

MAINE

Gay marriage vote is too close to call

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Gay marriage was put to a vote in Maine on Tuesday in a closely watched referendum that gay-rights activists across the country hoped would prove for the first time that their cause can prevail at the ballot box.

Voters had to decide whether to repeal or affirm a state law that would allow gay couples to wed. The law

was passed by the Legislature in May but never took effect because of a petition drive by conservatives.

Early returns showed a close contest, as forecast. With 229 of 608 precincts reporting, each side had 50 percent.

A vote to uphold the law would mark the first time that the electorate in any state endorsed gay marriage. That could energize activists

nationwide and blunt conservative claims that same-sex marriage is being foisted on states by judges or lawmakers over the will of the public.

However, repeal — in New England, the region of the country most supportive of gay couples — would be another heartbreaking de-

feat for the marriage-equality movement, following the vote against gay marriage in California a year ago.

It would also mark the first time voters had torpedoed a gay-marriage law enacted by a legislature. When Californians rejected same-sex marriage, it was in response to a court ruling, not legislation.

NEW YORK

Bloomberg wins his third mayoral term

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Billionaire Michael Bloomberg won a third term as New York mayor Tuesday in a closer-than-expected race against a Democratic challenger who stoked voter resentment over the way Bloomberg changed term-limits law so he could stay in office.



Bloomberg

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Bloomberg, the richest man in New York and founder of the financial information company Bloomberg LP, defeated William Thompson Jr. 51 percent to 46 percent.

In the days leading up to the election, polls showed Bloomberg with as much as an 18-point lead, an edge so big that critics accused the mayor of overkill in his strategy of bombarding the city with campaign ads.

His margin of victory was far smaller than the nearly 20-point blowout he pulled off in 2005.

When all the bills are paid, Bloomberg will probably have spent more than \$100 million on his campaign, the most expensive self-financed campaign in U.S.

history. Thompson, the city's comptroller, relied on donations and matching funds for his mayoral bid, and was on track to have spent about a tenth of Bloomberg's staggering total.

"This campaign was about defying conventional wisdom ... this campaign was about standing strong, standing tall and never backing down in the face of a formidable challenge," Thompson said after conceding defeat.

Thompson ran up huge margins in black and Hispanic neighborhoods, winning by a 3-to-1 margin in some districts. He beat Bloomberg handily in predominantly black neighborhoods like Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn and Jamaica in Queens. He won Harlem and East Harlem easily, along with other heavily Hispanic districts in upper Manhattan and the Bronx.

By contrast, Bloomberg won easily on Staten Island, which has a much larger white population. He also fared better in Manhattan, particularly on the Upper East Side, where he lives.

The tiny margin could weaken his power and make his third term more difficult at City Hall, where Democrats poised to sweep into citywide offices indicated they would not shy away from disagreeing with the mayor.

Bloomberg is just the fourth mayor to win a third term.

DETROIT

Basketball Hall of Famer is re-elected to city's top post

Associated Press

DETROIT — Professional basketball Hall of Famer Dave Bing has been re-elected Detroit mayor.

The 65-year-old Democrat defeated accountant Tom Barrow in Tuesday's nonpartisan general election.

Bing's NBA career lasted 12 seasons, nine with the Detroit Pistons.

As mayor, he has laid off workers and demanded a 10 percent wage cut to help ad-

dress the city's ongoing budget deficit.

It was the fourth time Detroit voters cast ballots this year for mayor.

Bing received the most votes in a February primary and defeated incumbent Ken Cockrel Jr. in a May runoff to complete Kwame Kilpatrick's second term. Kilpatrick resigned as part of pleas in two criminal cases.

Bing also received the most votes in the August primary.

PITTSBURGH

Young mayor wins full term

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh's 29-year-old mayor has won his first full term in office by beating two independent candidates, including the son of pro football Hall of Famer Franco Harris.

Luke Ravenstahl inherited the seat in September 2006 from his predecessor, Bob O'Connor, who died months

into office from a rare brain cancer. Ravenstahl then won an election in 2007 to complete O'Connor's term.

On Tuesday, Ravenstahl beat Kevin Acklin and Franco Dok Harris.

Two of the biggest issues he will face is ensuring financially distressed Pittsburgh continues to operate in a surplus and dealing with a serious pension fund issue.



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