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'A new beginning!'

By John King

President-elect Bill Clinton today promised "the new blood, the new direction" to change America, casting his victory over President Bush as a mandate for a fresh economic course. He moved quickly to shape a Clinton administration and the 100-day agenda he will submit to a new-look Democratic Congress.

Promising to deal swiftly with the shaky economy that turned voters against Bush, Clinton was meeting with his transition team to begin in earnest the search for a Cabinet and a White House staff for the first Democratic administration in 12 years.

"We will seek the best and most able and most committed people throughout this country to be a part of our team," Clinton pledged, promising to consider Republicans and independents as well as Democrats. "The American people have voted to make a new beginning."

His first priority: an economic stimulus package, anchored by road, bridge and other projects designed to create jobs quickly. Clinton also promised legislation providing health care for all Americans within 100 days, and pledged to push quickly for a family leave law, and campaign finance reform.

The realities of getting ready to assume power followed a night of joyful celebration in Little Rock.

But a partisan cloud quickly popped up on his horizon. "We'll be in a strong position to block some of the awful legislation ... from President Clinton," said Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas.

Vice President Dan Quayle conceded that Clinton ran a better campaign than the Republicans.

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President-elect Bill Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore meet the cheering crowds late Tuesday night in Little Rock, Ark. The Clinton-Gore team won 349 electoral votes from 25 states and the District of Columbia.

Clinton claims victory

"On this day, with high hopes and brave hearts, the American people have voted to make a new beginning," President-elect Bill Clinton told the cheering throng gathered in the chilly air outside the Old State House late Tuesday night in Little Rock.

"This election is a clarion call for our country to face the challenges of ending the Cold War and beginning a new century, to restore growth to our country and opportunity to our people, to empower our people so they can face problems too long ignored, from AIDS to the environment, to conversion from a defense to an economic giant.

"And perhaps most important of all, to bring our people together as never before, so our diversity can be a source of strength in a world that is ever smaller, where everyone counts and everyone is a member of America's family."

Calling on the country to heal its wounds, Clinton said, "You all spoke with equal voices for change, and tomorrow we will try to give you that." He promised "a new patriotism to lift up our people" and pledged "a reunited states" and an administration committed to "people who work hard and play by the rules."

Saying his was "not a victory of party," Clinton thanked Bush for his record of service to the country and pledged to reach out to Republicans and independents as well as Democrats in his new administration. "To all those who voted for Mr. Bush and Ross Perot," Clinton said, "I know you love your country. We need your help too."

"We need a new spirit of community," he told his supporters, "We're all in this together, and we will rise or fall together."

Feingold deals KO with clean campaign

By Mike Miller

As Russ Feingold began the first of an endless series of live television interviews shortly after claiming victory Tuesday night in his Senate race, the music blaring in the background was "My Way" by Frank Sinatra.

It was fitting. Feingold won what some thought was a stunning upset over two-term Republican Bob Kasten by shunning the unsolicited advice of veteran Democratic politicians.

And even in the face of last-minute polls that showed him trailing, Feingold held to his belief that only a positive campaign could win him the election.

"We didn't fall for that trick," Feingold said amid a crush of well-wishers at his victory party at the Holiday Inn West. "They were telling us to go negative."

He noted with some irony that the advice was coming from "folks that haven't won many elections lately."

But, he added in a quiet moment later on, there was never any question in his mind that he would continue the positive style he began when he ran against on-well, P. Forgas in 1982 and successfully defeated him.

"I wasn't going to stoop to that," Feingold said of the type of negative campaigning that Kasten has made a trademark in his runs for state and federal offices.

With 3,573 of the state's 3,589



Amid a sea of balloons, Russ and Mary Feingold share a moment as supporters celebrate his election to the U.S. Senate Tuesday night.

wards reporting, the vote was:
FEINGOLD 1,276,977
Kasten 1,118,056
 Statewide, Feingold received 53.3 percent of the vote, based on nearly complete returns. In Dane County, he received 66.1 percent of the vote.

A reference to Kasten's campaign style brought the loudest

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Reporter says Kasten kicked him

Startled listeners of WHA/AM 970 and WERN/FM 88.7, part of the state public radio network, heard Ben Merans, the network's business reporter, tell his listeners late Tuesday night that he had just been kicked in the shin by U.S. Sen. Bob Kasten.

Merans was waiting to interview Kasten after his concession

speech, when he told his radio audience Kasten had kicked him.

"I don't know what the intent was," Merans said today. He said he did not know if the kick "was accidental or on purpose."

The incident occurred in Menomonee Falls at the Orchard Inn

peared almost relieved that the campaign was finally over.

"I'm an activist and I'll always be an activist," said Deer, whose popularity may have peaked after her stunning victory over David Clarenbach in the Democratic primary.

Even Deer's campaign staff admitted they weren't able to carry that momentum into the general election against Klug.

"There was such a relief after the primary, I think it took us too long to come back together," said Gale Kettler, who co-produced Deer's television ads.

But it's questionable whether even a well-coordinated campaign would have been enough to unseat Klug, who proved popular throughout the district and even with many longtime Democrats.

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City says yes it can to Wright project

By Joanne M. Haas

The little city that couldn't just did — twice.

After roughly 55 years of clawing debate, the Madison voters early today said yes and yes — to building and funding a Frank Lloyd Wright convention center linking Lake Monona to the Capitol Square at Olin Terrace.

"We did it!" Ald. Susan Bauman, District 7, cheered, throwing both arms in the air as she celebrated with other Monona Terrace supporters at a victory party Tuesday night at the Concourse Hotel. "This is a real positive step for Madison to take ... and it proves that Madison can take a step."

Two convention center referendum questions were on the Tuesday ballot. The first question asked voters whether the city should build the Monona Terrace convention center and public place at a cost not exceeding \$63.5 million.

The vote from all 70 wards was:
YES 51,484
No 45,666

The second question asked voters whether the city should borrow \$12 million to help pay for the facility.

That vote was:
YES 47,149
No 44,876

On the first question, 52.9 percent of voters favored it. On the second question, 51.2 percent supported funding.

Gary Gates, a leader of the It Ain't Wright coalition, said in an interview before the final tallies were known that it had been a very grueling campaign.

The heavy voter turnout caused at least one city polling place, the Salvation Army on East Washington Avenue, to remain open until 11 p.m. This meant final results were late coming in, and Mayor Paul Soglin was hesitant about declaring victory until just after midnight, when roughly 86 percent of the vote was in.

"We've taken one step on a journey," Soglin said early today to Monona Terrace supporters at the Concourse Hotel. "Sleep late ... but we've got to come back (and work)."

Soglin detailed the next

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Klug is strong throughout district

By Mike Ivry

The Ada Deer dream got a cold dose of reality Tuesday night. In an election that saw Democrats Bill Clinton and Russ Feingold easily defeat incumbent Republicans, Deer drew less than 40 percent of the vote against incumbent Republican Scott Klug in a race for the District 2 seat in the House.

Deer was attempting to become the first American Indian woman elected to Congress and the first woman ever from Wisconsin to serve in Washington.

The vote was:
KLUG 181,845
Deer 107,480
 Klug took 62.8 percent of the district-wide vote. In Dane County the vote was

Dems' big night didn't help Deer

122,799 or 60 percent for Klug and 80,899 for Deer.

Yet Deer and her supporters managed to find some comfort, despite the disappointing defeat.

"It was amazing that somebody as non-political as Ada was able to get as far as she did," said Tom Capp, former mayor of Fitchburg and one local Democrat who stuck with Deer to the very end.

Deer, who never seemed completely comfortable with the celebrity that accompanied her run for the U.S. Congress, ap-

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Wright project

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steps as finalizing a financial plan, dealing with the cost controls that affect the 1993 city budget and building a "very sophisticated building."

There were some comparisons made by both camps to the April election when a referendum passed and killed a proposed pool backed by the mayor.

Soglin said that referendum battle was painted as one between citizens and an intruding government, which is why the citizen involvement in the convention center referendum was all the more important.

George Nelson, chairman of the 25-member commission formed by Soglin to study the project over two years, joined the mayor in crediting the narrow victories to the efforts of the many citizens who worked on the campaign.

"That is the single reason why the thing won," Soglin said.

Nelson said another reason the project won was because supporters were ready to answer allegations from the opponents.

"You've got to have the facts," Nelson said. "We've followed the letter of the law ... and we let the people decide."

Al Zins, who managed the It's Wright for Wisconsin public, said the group spent about \$200,000 or so on the

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campaign. Gates said his group spent about \$7,000.

"I wasn't prepared for the amount of money they threw at us ... and the one-sidedness of the newspapers," Gates said.

"We were outspent 50-to-1." Gates also said it took a while for the It Ain't Wright coalition to gather momentum since many workers were exhausted from the successful winter campaign to stop the proposed public pool at Olin-Turville Park.

Gates, Marjorie Colson, Ald. Christine Larson of District 8, and other opponents had some



Ken Opin (left) and David Phillips of Downtown Madison Inc. go over results of the convention center vote Tuesday night at the downtown Concourse Hotel.

happy moments early in the evening when the tight race appeared to be in their camp, before turning in the other direction. Other opponents kept watch at the city clerk's office, scrutinizing returns as delivered by poll workers.

Up the street at the Concourse, Monona Terrace Commission member Mary Lang Soglin started soliciting takers for a fund-raiser that will sell rooftop tiles for \$40 each.

Ald. Henry Lufier Jr., District 16, said in his 14 years on the council, the issue that has taken the most of his time was the convention center.

"I think I was a teenager when this started," Lufier said. And Bill Geist, the head of the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau, commented on the prospect of selling the Monona Terrace as a gathering place for meetings.

"This is really exciting," Geist said, adding it shows the city of Madison is willing to take a step and is optimistic about its future.

Geist, who expects to start promoting the facility by the first of the year, said the project has been bemoaned by other cities that know they will

lose convention business to Madison once the Wright facility is operating.

Soglin said the facility will serve to boost the city's economy and budget, attracting new revenues to fund the expansions of stretched city services. Opponents believe the city dollars earmarked for the project are better spent on city

services.

Wright first proposed his joint government and civic center in 1938 as a dream building for the capital city. It was revamped over the years by Wright and other Taliesin architects and was the subject of a debate that sometimes was put on the back burner, but never died.

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Rural voters reject center

By Phil Brinkman

Madison can have its Monona Terrace convention center — just don't ask Dane County residents outside the city to help pay for it.

That seemed to be the message Tuesday from the outlying Dane County communities, where an advisory referendum to have the county help pay for the controversial center was failing.

With 49 of the 51 municipalities voting on the measure reporting it, it was losing by 36,674 votes to 30,565. Although numbers from the town of Montrose and the town of Cross Plains were still out at noon today, officials from those towns said the measure failed.

"They just don't like to fund something that the city of Madison wants to build," said Pat Ampe, secretary-treasurer of the Dane County Towns Association.

Unlike the dual referendums that passed in Madison, the county referendum was typical, with roughly 90 percent of county residents had a chance to vote on the question, which would have urged the County Board to help fund the project.

The referendum did not include an amount from the county, but supporters had suggested the county chip in \$12 million.

Voters rejected the referendum in all but nine municipalities, in many places by large margins. Stoughton was typical, with a vote of 2,494 against to 1,817 for. The town of Prismo rejected the question by more than three-to-one, 261 to 85.

Madison's closest neighbors, and arguably the ones most likely to benefit from a convention center with a national draw, tended to favor the project. They included the cities of Monona (2,459 for to 2,195 against) and Fitchburg (4,549 to 3,612); the villages of Waunakee, Shorewood Hills and Maple Bluff; and the towns of Madison and Middleton.

Proximity was not necessarily the deciding factor, however. The town of Blue Mounds, for example, approved the question by a vote of 205 to 135, and the village of Marshall said yes by 388 to 125.

Similarly, voters in Sun Prairie rejected it by a vote of 3,418 against to 2,415 for.

MONONA TERRACE RESULTS

MADISON(C)	Dist.	Should Monona Terrace be built?		Should city borrow \$12 million	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
	Dist. 1	3,495	1,975	3,129	2,067
	Dist. 2	2,527	2,644	2,289	2,506
	Dist. 3	2,039	2,260	1,867	2,250
	Dist. 4	2,470	2,310	2,108	2,196
	Dist. 5	1,711	1,402	1,491	1,333
	Dist. 6	2,337	3,085	2,217	2,847
	Dist. 7	2,899	2,413	2,710	2,436
	Dist. 8	2,442	2,434	2,111	2,235
	Dist. 9	3,359	1,822	3,177	1,949
	Dist. 10	3,795	2,147	3,484	2,066
	Dist. 11	3,179	2,354	2,936	2,341
	Dist. 12	1,916	2,291	1,749	2,373
	Dist. 13	1,956	1,877	1,791	1,808
	Dist. 14	2,128	1,691	1,973	1,687
	Dist. 15	1,796	2,091	1,665	2,621
	Dist. 16	2,233	2,546	2,066	2,513
	Dist. 17	1,998	2,295	1,833	2,285
	Dist. 18	1,940	2,250	1,810	2,352
	Dist. 19	3,569	2,278	3,373	2,284
	Dist. 20	3,067	2,193	2,853	2,205
Totals		51,484	45,666	47,149	44,878

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