

Tom Bradley favored to return as L.A. Mayor

Tom Bradley is trying to become the first person elected to a fourth term as mayor of Los Angeles. In a race in which the main issue so far has been an accusation that he really wants to be governor of California, Bradley appears to have a solid lead over his opponent, City Councilman John Ferraro.

Bradley, a liberal Democrat whose parents were Texas sharecroppers, was elected mayor in 1973, becoming the first black voted into the office. He easily won re-election twice, receiving broad-based support from white, black and Hispanic voters in virtually every section of the city.

In the past two elections Bradley's popularity has frightened off many would-be candidates, including Ferraro who, at 60, said he decided to challenge the mayor this year because, he asserted, the public had grown tired

of the mayor's leadership.

Voters will choose a mayor on April 9 in an election in which the candidates run without party labels.

The challenger, an 18-year veteran of the City Council who was an All-American football player at the University of Southern California in the 1940s, is a conservative Democrat.

This week, in the opening salvo of Ferraro's campaign advertising, he has sought to characterize Bradley, who was a police officer here for 21 years, as soft on crime and as a man more concerned with being elected governor in 1986 than completing a fourth term as mayor.

In 1982 Bradley was defeated by George Deukmejian, a Republican, by the narrowest margin in a California gubernatorial election in more than a century. A heavy turnout of conservatives attracted to the polls by a gun con-

Reputed heroin kingpin Baker begins sentence

Reputed Las Vegas heroin kingpin Manny Baker got little sympathy Thursday as U.S. District Judge Lloyd George ordered him to commence serving a five-year prison term for tax evasion at noon Friday.

The judge ordered Baker to report to Terminal Island to begin the sentence.

George corrected a technical problem that occurred as a result of an error in the plea negotiation memorandum filed with the court at the time of Baker's sentencing last month. George denied Momot's request for additional time to seek a stay order

control proposal on the ballot was said by many election analysts to have been a decisive factor.

Since then, Bradley, who friends say has a deep streak of competitiveness, has indicated several times that he was eager to challenge Deukmejian again.

from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Baker attorney John Momot and Las Vegas Drug Task Force Chief Donald Campbell exchanged legal wits as they argued about the nature of the government's case against



Manny Baker

Baker.

Momot charged that Baker was hoodwinked by the government into the plea negotiations that led to his prison sentence.

Campbell countered, arguing that at no time did government agents make any misrepresentation to Momot. Campbell denied allegations of a government vendetta against Baker.

Robert Archie's lawyer claims trial was unfair

Prosecutors in the Robert Archie sex case left much of the work to the defense, and apparent racial discrimination on the jury led to an unfair trial, attorney John Momot told the Nevada Supreme Court Monday.

Momot argued Archie's appeal before the high court.

Archie, the former Nevada Equal Rights Commission chairman and prominent black Las Vegas attorney, was convicted in 1983 of three counts of statutory sexual seduction and one count of attempted statutory sexual seduction of a 13-year-old girl in 1980 and a 14-year-old girl in 1982.

Archie, who was sentenced to a four-year term for the crimes, was released from prison last April and is on three years' parole. He currently is in a drug rehabilitation program in Los Angeles.

Momot told the Supreme Court that he had to do much of the work that the Clark County district attorney should have done in investigating the case.

Though Momot said he came up with alibis for Archie during two specific dates the crimes were to have taken place, the all-white jury found Archie guilty.

But Justice E.M. "Al" Gunderson told Momot

that the indications were that if Archie had not had sex with the girls at other times, "you probably would have had a lot easier time."

Momot criticized the racial makeup of the jury. "It is important to note this dealt with a trial in which all the girls were white, the man was black," he said. He also



Robert Archie

criticized the "systematic approach" to cutting out the two potential black jurors.

But Clark County Deputy District Attorney Bill Koot said the general time frame was used because the girls could not remember the exact dates on which they had sex with Archie. He also said that if he'd picked any date out of the year, Momot would have provided an alibi for Archie.

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