

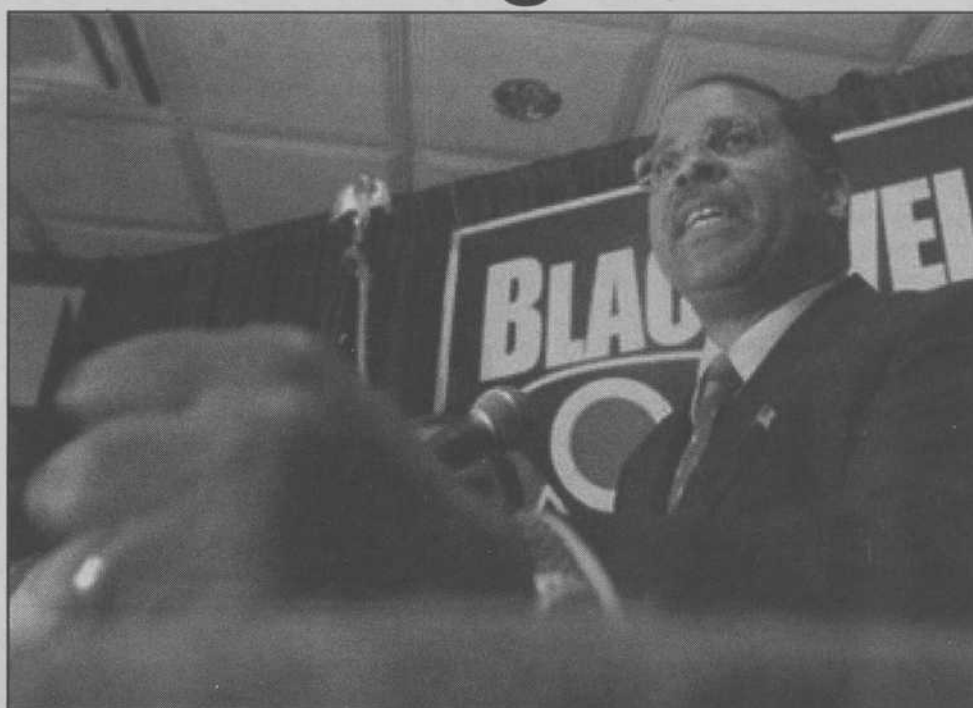
GOP's Blackwell gets Ohio governor nod

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell won the GOP nomination for governor after portraying himself as the best candidate to deliver his party from a year of political scandals and infighting.

Two other states also held primaries Tuesday, including North Carolina, where the district attorney prosecuting the Duke University rape case successfully fought off two challengers. In Indiana, congressional incumbents easily won their party nominations.

The Ohio primary — amid Republican woes and the state's role as the deciding state in the last presidential election — was a closely watched barometer of voter dissatisfaction and whether it could lead to political upheaval in November.

With 94 percent of precincts reporting, Blackwell had 435,478 votes, or 56 percent, compared with 338,606, or 44 percent, for



Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell and Republican gubernatorial candidate delivers his victory speech on Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. Blackwell won 56 percent of the vote.

state Attorney General Jim Petro.

Blackwell's prominence as a leading Black voice in the GOP could be pivotal to Republicans. He is the first Black candidate to run for

governor in Ohio.

His ads sought to taint Petro with connections to the state's investment in rare coins that went awry, and to tie him to Gov. Bob Taft, who pleaded no contest to four

ethics violations last year involving a failure to report free golf outings and gifts.

Petro hammered Blackwell as a hypocrite who opposes abortion and gambling even though some of his multimillion-dollar stock portfolio is invested in those interests.

Blackwell gained fame as the Republican chief state elections official in 2004,

when the state returned President Bush to the White House.

Blackwell also served in the Reagan administration and is known for carrying a Bible to events.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Ted Strickland hoping to end the GOP's 15-year hold on the governor's office, handily defeated a former state legislator for his party's gubernatorial nomination. With 94 percent of precincts reporting, he had 80 percent of the vote.

Republican incumbent

U.S. Sen. Mike DeWine and his Democratic rival, U.S. Rep. Sherrod Brown, easily won Tuesday and will face each other in the fall.

It was the first election in which all 88 Ohio counties used either touch-screen electronic voting machines or optically scanned paper ballots.

There were scattered technical problems and a judge kept one polling place open late because it had not opened on time, prompting Blackwell to hold election results until all polls closed.

Powell

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phenomenal namesake. He began his lecture with his grandfather's most famous line, "Keep the Faith, Baby," and told the tale of the rambunctious Congress that wanted Powell Jr. excommunicated from the official business of the House of Representatives.

"That's what we need on our jobs, in our schools and in our lives," said Bronson Elliott Woods of Powell Jr.'s famous slogan. Woods, a member of the UNLV chapter of the NAACP and a future law student bound for Texas, was the program coordinator. "I felt the legacy of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. needed to be heard and appreciated for all of his contributions to society."

Powell IV described his grandfather as a man who believed in Black self-sufficiency. "Don't buy where you can't work," was a theme he crafted from his idea of "protest politics." A graduate of Colgate University and a business manager of his father's church, Powell Jr. began his political career by being elected the first Black to serve on the New York City Council in 1941.

"He was outspoken like Malcolm X, but down to earth," remembered Carl Chamberlain who supervised a booth sponsored by the West Las Vegas Library, an urban branch of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. "He was a real classy guy and the people loved him for it."

The grandson told of the discrimination and resistance his grandfather suffered and how they (Congress) tried to remove him twice in special elections from his office. They failed and Powell Jr. served in Congress from 1945 to 1970.

He was the chairman of the House committees on Labor and Education and once campaigned for the re-election of President Dwight Eisenhower. According to Powell IV, his grandfather (a Democrat) said, "Eisenhower (a Republican) has done more for Black people than any other U.S. presi-

dent in history."

The highs and lows of Adam Clayton Powell Jr.'s life are depicted in a movie, "Keeping the Faith, Baby."

"This (was) just a wonderful event. It's a pleasure to have the grandson of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. here," said Dr. Juanita Fain, vice president of Planning and Chief of Staff at UNLV.

"I knew I couldn't have missed this event. The presentation and Dr. Adam Clayton Powell IV were inspiring," said Rhea Watson who is the first African-American in UNLV history to be accepted into the psychology doctoral program. "It's tremendous to see people coming together and unifying. That is what we need right now in our lives so that we can move forward. I'm going to get that documentary ['Keeping the Faith, Baby']."

Dr. Adam Clayton Powell IV is the assistant director of technology at Massachusetts Institution of Technology. His areas of focus are making metals, plastics and ceramics lighter, stronger and cheaper to manufacture.

He wowed the audience with his knowledge of elements, metals and gases and gave a layman's instruction recipe on the production of titanium. The director also discussed the process of converting sea water into fresh water but conceded that the technology was nothing new to discuss but very cumbersome to perform.

"Engineers solve the little problems of life," Powell IV explained. "We leave the big problems for lawyers and politicians to resolve, like world peace."

"I learned so much from watching Dr. Adam Clayton Powell IV talking and interacting with my students," said Professor Stan Armstrong of the African-American Studies Program. "As a sentinel and student of history, I am always amazed and intrigued by the racial internal conflicts of this great nation and how bigotry and hate always tear at the hem of the cloth of American fiber, to be stitched again by unity and intelligence."

Medicare

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might jeopardize their coverage."

It is estimated that only 26,000 individuals eligible for some type of financial assistance with their prescription coverage are signed up from a list of over 90,000 eligible. Anyone needing more information about signing up for prescription drug coverage can contact Marilyn Wills at 486-3545, and Rita Meier at 649-7117 for more information about social security financial assistance.

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