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Democratic governors seek advice for running political environment

The Associated Press

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. — Talk about economic development and avoid negative ads unless absolutely necessary. Promise to cut government spending, and beware voter cynicism. Maybe pray a little.

The 1994 elections are still more than a year away, but that was the advice consultants had for a dozen Democratic governors on hand this weekend for some schooling on running in a political environment that has changed dramatically since their last campaigns.

Democrats now control the

White House, so will be the party in power for midterm elections for the first time since 1978.

Because of that, history suggests Republicans will make gains in the 36 gubernatorial elections next year, when California, New York, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio are among the big states up for grabs.

Looking to hold or expand their lopsided 31-17 advantage over Republicans in state capitals, Democrats spent much of a weekend retreat in Wyoming debating campaign strategy, from fund-raising and advertising to whether it makes sense to form a close al-

liance with President Clinton.

"Voter cynicism is at an all-time high," was the sober warning from Democratic pollster Celinda Lake, who said even incumbents with solid records will have a hard time next year.

Because of that sour mood, the governors also were warned that voters are wary of attack ads and unlikely to be swayed by vague promises.

And they were lectured about using polls and other research to test their strengths and weaknesses well in advance of the campaign season — before their opponents can get a head start in shaping the debate.

State returns to court on school finance

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers latest effort to reform education funding is under fire from property-rich and poor school districts.

A trial beginning Monday is the third round in the courthouse for officials trying to meet a 1993 Texas Supreme Court order to even out funding available to school districts with differing property wealth.

Schools rely primarily on state aid and local property tax money. Two other reform laws passed since the 1989 decision have been ruled unconstitutional: One on a challenge led by poor districts, the other by property-rich ones.

This time, both have gone to court.

"I think we're all tired," said Craig Foster, executive director of the Equity Center, a group of property-poor school districts involved in the long-running court fight for equity.

But not tired enough to give up what's been called "a life and death struggle" by lawyer Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Poor school districts are challenging the way about \$7 billion in annual state aid is distributed under the new law. Local taxes contribute more than another \$8 billion to the system.

Compared to the funding system used last school year, about \$165 million in state money is shifted from poorer to richer school districts, according to lawyers for the poor districts.

The law decreases the state's basic per-student funding grant, and it changes and limits state matching funds that are based on local tax rates. Districts with a poor property tax base say it's unfair to cut allotments across the board because they require much higher local tax rates to try to make up the difference.

The law would leave at least a \$600 gap per student in funding between rich and poor school districts, say poor districts, who add that it virtually ignores classroom construction funding needs.

Miami Beach chef caters to people with diminished immune systems

The Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Frank Wager had no idea how to eat healthy and his ignorance was helping the AIDS virus kill him.

Then he met chef Kathy Raffele on trendy South Beach, who's come up with special dishes for people with diminished immune systems. Now he's one of about a dozen people with HIV or AIDS who eat Raffele's cooking regularly.

"For the most part, people who have AIDS have no idea about the nutritional aspects that are very important to their health," Wager said. "Unfortunately, we don't have the time or the background to eat what is good for us."

Raffele, a transplanted New Yorker, says offering a special menu emerged from necessity earlier this year when she was cooking at Falcon's Lair on the Beach. She now cooks at nearby Coral Cafe.

"The restaurant I was working at was next to a gay club and most of the customers were gay," she said. "We were getting a lot of customers in, requesting Caesar salad with no egg and pasta with no dairy. To make it easier on the waiter and myself, I just thought we would do a menu with items on it for people with compromised immune systems."

One concern was that other customers not feel uncomfortable ordering dishes especially intended for people with AIDS. Special dishes are marked discreetly on the menu with asterisks.

"Everybody told me I was crazy," Raffele said. "They said I would turn people away when they see there are this many items for HIV. ... But once

they eat the food and they think it's OK, that's what counts."

She created a variation on ravioli that uses pureed vegetables with a sauce made from soy milk instead of cream. Many of her speciality dishes use garlic, basil and fruit — always fresh.

She had to shelve her French method of cooking and began to concentrate on lighter, healthier ingredients.

To develop a strategy for such a menu, Raffele consulted nurse Susan Luck of the nearby Strato-Gen Clinic. Luck, also from New York, had worked in Manhattan under a grant putting together healthy diets for people with the AIDS virus, who often lose a lot of weight suddenly.

"The medical mode has approached their nutrition with food that is high in fats for high calories," Luck said. "They want to fatten them up, but very often the fats themselves are problematic."

Luck said some raw foods, such as an egg in a Caesar salad, contain bacteria an immune-deficient body can't tolerate. Dairy products also contain lactose, a sugar she says many with HIV can't digest.

Raffele uses lots of pasta because it's easy to digest and high in nutrients.

Wager said his health improved immediately after he began eating her food.

"You can actually improve the immune system by eating right," the 41-year-old real estate agent said. "If you don't, your immune system is going to decline faster, you have more of a chance of losing weight and more of a chance of getting an opportunistic infection that can kill you."

ATF

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the operation and didn't recognize the need for less risky alternative or contingency plans, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The report also said misstatements were made or allowed to be made to the public and superiors were not kept fully apprised of key reasons for the raid failure.

The months-long treasury review concluded that ATF officials designed a flawed plan to storm the compound Feb. 28 to arrest sect leader David Koresh and search for illegally stockpiled weapons.

The report said the raid should have been canceled when an undercover ATF agent told commanders that Koresh knew that agents were coming.

The operation left four agents and six cult members dead in a shootout. The confrontation lasted 51 days, ending April 19 when fire consumed the compound, killing Koresh and more than 80 of his followers.

Harnett, 53, a 24-year veteran, and Conroy, 50, a 26-year veteran, were the top ATF officials in Waco after the raid.

Harnett and Conroy said before they the Waco operation that they had planned to retire at the end of the year. Saturday's decision, delivered to treasury officials in Washington, made it effective immediately.

Stephen Higgins, the former ATF director, announced his resignation Monday before release of the report. The other three suspended ATF officials have said they have been ordered not to discuss the case by the Treasury Department.

Russia

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Talks between the lawmakers and the government on ending the crisis continued for a third day under the mediation of the Russian Orthodox Church despite the violence. Lawmakers' representatives presented new demands Sunday, insisting Yeltsin revoke his decrees disbanding parliament.

Lawmakers also called for joint elections for president and parliament in March. Yeltsin opposes joint elections, saying parliamentary elections will be in December with a presidential vote in June.

Parts of central Moscow were turned into a virtual battle zone as up to 10,000 protesters armed with sticks, clubs and rocks broke through line after line of riot po-

lice. Officers were beaten to the ground and savagely punched and kicked by the enraged protesters who waved red Soviet flags.

"Death to Yeltsin" and "Out with the fascists," protesters screamed. Some also yelled "Down with America."

Riot police, many of them young conscripts, appeared caught by surprise by the protesters as they advanced through the city center were outnumbered and outfought. Police moved up water cannon but were overwhelmed before they could be used.

When the triumphant crowd, many hugging each other and cheering, reached the parliament, volleys of gunfire erupted. Much of the firing was in the air and it did not appear that anyone had been hit.

Kappa Week

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MSC, and the fraternity will sponsor a night of bowling Thursday at 8 p.m. at the MSC bowling lanes.

A Kappa Alpha Psi-Alpha Phi Alpha basketball game will be held Friday at DeWare Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the game will benefit a local cause, although the fraternity has not decided on this year's beneficiary.

"We usually get about \$300

from the game," Cox said. "Last year, we gave the money to Kemp Elementary School in Bryan for their Saturday school program, but we haven't decided where the money is going this year."

A Kappa car wash will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Jack in the Box in College Station. Donations will be accepted.

A party with the Kappas will be held Saturday night in Room 224 of the MSC.

Kappa Week concludes next Sunday with a day of food, games and music at Southwood Valley Park from 2 p.m.-7 p.m.

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