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History!

Healey is 1st lesbian elected governor in US

Massachusetts Gov.-elect Maura Healey speaks during a Democratic election night party Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, in Boston. (AP Photo/Michael Dwyer).

By Steve LeBlanc

BOSTON (AP) — Democratic Attorney General Maura Healey has been elected governor of Massachusetts, making history as the nation's first openly lesbian governor.

Healey, the state's first woman and openly gay candidate elected to the office, defeated Republican Geoff Diehl, a former state representative who had the en-

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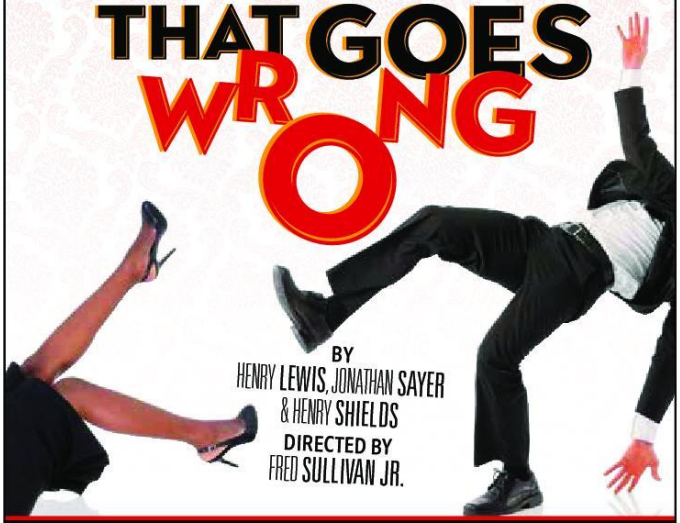

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LGBTQ Candidate Results

By Lisa Keen
Keen News Service

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey, a popular Democrat in a deeply blue state, coasted to victory Tuesday as predicted, becoming the first lesbian to be elected governor of any state. Another lesbian candidate for governor, Tina Kotek in Oregon, also won. But in a surprise upset, five-term U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney lost his seat in Congress, and a pro-Trump gay Republican appears to have defeated a gay Democrat for a U.S. House seat from New York.

Maura Healey's win in Massachusetts made her the first woman to win election as governor in that state and the first lesbian to win election as governor anywhere in the nation. (Bisexual Kate Brown was the first openly LGBTQ person to be elected governor when she won a special election bid in 2016; Jared Polis became the first gay man when he was elected governor of Colorado in 2018.)

Healey, who helped lead the legal battle for marriage equality and championed many challenges against Trump administration policies, triumphed over a Trump-backed Republican.

That Republican, Geoff Diehl, had Trump's endorsement but not that of the state's popular incumbent governor, Republican Charlie Baker. Healey positioned herself to acknowledge Baker's strengths.

In her acceptance speech, Healey delivered a message to "every little girl and young LGBTQ person out there."

"I hope tonight shows you that you can be whoever you want to be."

Healey also promised to be a governor for everyone, whether they voted for her or not.

The Associated Press called the race for Healey just five minutes after the polls closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday night. Early numbers indicated Healey won 63 percent, to Trump-backed Jeff Diehl's 36 percent.

In Oregon, where voters have for decades rejected Republican candidates for governor, Democrat Tina Kotek, former speaker of the state house, had to contend with a third party candidate who appeared to be drawing nine points from voters who are believed would otherwise vote Democratic.

And in Colorado, openly gay Governor Jared Polis breezed to re-election, garnering about 62 percent of the vote at deadline.

LGBTQ candidates sought to double the number of openly LGBTQ members of the U.S. House this year. Going into Tuesday's election, that count was eight. At deadline, it appeared the number in the new Congress, which begins January 3, could be 11.

U.S. House incumbents: Eight of nine incumbent LGBTQ candidates in the U.S. House were running for re-election, and four had relatively easy runs for re-election: Mark Pocan (Wisconsin 2nd), Mark Takano (California 41st), David Cicilline (Rhode Island 1st), and first-termer Richie Torres (New York 15th). (One current openly gay member of the House, Mondaire Jones, was redistricted into another district this year and lost the primary.) At deadline, three of the four incumbents with tough races appeared to have won, but one is still awaiting final results in a race too close to call Wednesday morning:

Sean Patrick Maloney (New York-17th CD): That one, at deadline Wednesday morning with 95 percent of the vote reported, is Democrat leader Maloney who may be losing his hotly contested race for a sixth term in the U.S. House. Because of redistricting, Maloney had to choose whether to run in District 18, his original district, or District 17, where his home is located under the new map. The complication: District 17 was the district being represented by Mondaire Jones. Much to Jones' chagrin, Maloney chose District 17 and soon found himself in a toss up race against State Assemblyman Mike Lawler. Maloney closed a 10-point deficit Tuesday night to a 1.2 deficit as of Wednesday morning. The race has not yet been called.

Angie Craig (Minnesota-2nd CD): Minnesota's 2nd Congressional district race is always a nailbiter, including this year, as the two-term Democrat faced the same Republican opponent she beat by only two points last time. The lead Tuesday night kept changing, but by Wednesday morning, with 99 percent of the vote in, Craig appeared to hang on to her seat for a second term, with a five-point margin. In the strangest of twists, just like during the 2020 race, a third party candidate's name was also on the ballot even though that person is dead. In 2020, the dead candidate won six percent of the vote (voters are not alerted if a listed candidate is deceased); this year, the dead candidate won 3.3 percent.

Chris Pappas (New Hampshire-1st CD): Dem-

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Rainbow Wave

436 LGBTQ Candidates Won in the 2022 General Election

From LGBTQ Victory InstituteThe Victory Fund

Washington, DC – 436 out LGBTQ candidates won their elections as of 7:00 pm EST, surpassing the previous record of 336 set in 2020. There are 54 races with LGBTQ candidates that have not yet been called, including Will Rollins in California and Kris Mayes in Arizona. To reach equitable representation, the U.S. must elect over 35,000 more out LGBTQ people to office, according to LGBTQ Victory Institute.

Mayor Annise Parker, President & CEO of LGBTQ Victory Fund, issued the following statement:

"This Rainbow Wave was fueled by a record number of LGBTQ candidates who defied the odds by running – and winning – in the face of extraordinary anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and attacks. Bigots underestimated our power and determination as they've done throughout history. While this election has given us much to be optimistic about, such as a historic number of victorious trans and nonbinary candidates, we still have a long way to go before we achieve equitable representation in government. LGBTQ people have never been fully represented in government and until that day, we will not stop organizing, we will not stop fighting and we will not stop running for office. Because when we run, we win."

Key trends:

- Of the 714 out LGBTQ candidates who appeared on Tuesday's ballot, 436 won – a 61% win rate.
- Of the 250 out LGBTQ women who appeared on Tuesday's ballot, 160 won – a 64% win rate.
- Of the 353 out LGBTQ men who appeared on Tuesday's ballot, 221 won races – a 63% win rate.
- Of the 37 out trans candidates who appeared on Tuesday's ballot, 18 won their races – a 49% win rate.
- Of the 24 out nonbinary candidates who appeared on Tuesday's ballot, 13 won their races – a 54% win rate.

Key wins:

- Tina Kotek and Maura Healey – the nation's first lesbian governors.
- Erick Russell – the first Black out LGBTQ person ever elected statewide.
- James Roesener – the first trans man elected to a state legislature in U.S. history.
- Leigh Finke – the first trans person ever elected to the Minnesota state legislature.
- Zooey Zephyr and SJ Howell – the first trans person and first nonbinary person elected to the Montana state legislature.
- Jennie Armstrong and Andrew Gray – the first out LGBTQ people ever elected to the Alaska state legislature. Louisiana and Mississippi are now the only U.S. states to have never elected an out LGBTQ state lawmaker.

Results

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ocrat Pappas, New Hampshire's first openly gay member of Congress, appears to have won a third term in a congressional district that has been split evenly among Democrats, Republicans, and non-affiliated voters. After winning his first term by 8.6 points, he won the second term by 5.1 points. With 81 percent of the vote counted as of Wednesday morning, Pappas was 8.2 points ahead of a candidate promoted by former President Trump. That candidate, Karoline Leavitt, spoke out against trans women athletes and self-accepted pronouns and said she would support Florida-like "Don't Say Gay" legislation.

Sharice Davids (Kansas-3rd CD): Democrat Davids held a 12-point lead Wednesday morning, with 99 percent of the vote counted. Davids faced her 2020 challenger and a more Republican-leaning district this year, thanks to redistricting. Pre-election polls suggested abortion might be a factor there, where Kansas voters in August overwhelming rejected an effort to give the state legislature power to ban all abortions in the state. Davids supports the right of women to obtain an abortion; her Republican opponent Amanda Adkins said she's "pro-life" but thinks the issue should be decided at the state level, not federal government.

U.S. House challengers: The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund supported eight of the nine openly LGBTQ candidates for Congress this year. As of Wednesday morning, five of the nine appeared victorious:

Becca Balint (Vermont-At-Large CD): Democrat Balint, president pro tem of the Vermont Senate, easily won her first bid for the state's one U.S. House seat. According to Associated Press, Balint, a former middle school teacher, beat the Republican Party's candidate Liam Madden, a former Marine, by 35 points.

Eric Sorensen (Illinois 17th CD): Democrat Sorensen is running 3.4 points ahead of Republican Esther Joy King for this open seat from central-western Illinois. If he finishes with a win, he would become the first LGBT member of Congress from Illinois. As of Wednesday morning, 93 percent of the voted had been counted and Sorensen gave a victory speech, saying he would "make sure we all have a seat at the table." He also thanked his "wonderful partner Sean, for being a rock through all of this."

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara (North Carolina 11th CD): With 100 percent of the vote in Wednesday morning, Democrat Beach-Ferrara was 10 points behind a Republican state senator for an open seat vacated by a Democrat near the more progressive Asheville area. Beach-Ferrara, a county commissioner and ordained minister, was also an LGBTQ activist in the state.

Robert Garcia (California 42nd CD): With only 38 percent of the vote counted, the New York Times has already called Long Beach Democratic Mayor Garcia the winner. As of Wednesday morning, Garcia had a 38-point lead to win a new congressional seat in that state. Garcia will be the first openly LGBTQ immigrant to win a seat to Congress, his family having immigrated to California from Peru when he was 5.

Will Rollins (California 41st CD): With 31 percent of the vote reported in the Palm Springs-Coachella Valley area, Democrat Rollins was running 12 points ahead of an anti-gay incumbent who has a zero score on LGBTQ votes in Congress. Rollins is a former prosecutor who has worked on cases against some of the January 6 insurrectionists. The newly drawn district is 50-50 Democrat-Republican.

Jamie McLeod-Skinner (Oregon 5th CD): Democrat McLeod-Skinner took a commanding lead as the vote tallies were first released Tuesday night in her first bid for Congress. But with 65 percent of the vote counted Wednesday morning, the education, health, and clean water activist was trailing four points behind her Republican opponent.

Heather Mizeur (Maryland 1st CD): With 89 percent of the voted counted by Wednesday morning, Democrat Mizeur, a former state legislator, was running 23 points behind a pro-Trump incumbent she sought to unseat. Mizeur previously made a strong showing in a gubernatorial primary in Maryland. But District 1 is largely rural Eastern Shore territory and represented by the incumbent for 12 years now.

George Santos and Robert Zimmerman (New York 3rd CD): The U.S. House race to represent Queens and Long Island, New York, was the first to ever pit two openly gay candidates against each other in a Congressional general election. Wednesday morning, with 93 percent of the vote counted, pro-Trump Republican gay George Santos was 8.4 points ahead of Democrat Robert Zimmerman for the open seat, previously held by a Democrat. Santos had acknowledged attending the January 6 insurrection rally and said he would defend marriage equality but support a Florida-style "Don't Say Gay" bill in Congress. Zimmerman is a former aide to members of Congress and political commentator who had the support if the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund.

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund said a record number of openly LGBT candidates ran for office during these mid-term general elections: 678.

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Healey

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dorsement of former President Donald Trump.

Her election returns the governor's office to Democrats after eight years of Republican leadership under the popular Gov. Charlie Baker, who opted not to seek reelection.

Healey and her running mate, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, were among three all-female governor/lieutenant governor tickets in the U.S. that began Election Day with a chance to become the first such pairing elected to lead a state.

Healey was also one of two openly lesbian candidates who ran to be a governor in the country. Healey and Democrat Tina Kotek, a candidate for governor in Oregon, each began the day with a chance to become the first open lesbian elected governor of a state. Kotek also won her race.

Healey addressed supporters at a downtown Boston hotel after her victory Tuesday night.

"To those who voted for me and to those who didn't I want you to know that I'll be a governor for everyone and I'll work with anyone who's up for making a difference in this state," Healey said.

Healey also addressed the historic nature of her win.

"Tonight I want to say something to every little girl and every young LGBTQ person out there. I hope tonight shows you that you can be whatever, whoever you want to be and nothing and no one can ever get in your way except you own imagination and that's not going to happen." Healey said.

"I stand before you tonight proud to be the first woman and the first gay person ever elected governor of Massachusetts," she added.

Healey — elected eight years ago as the nation's first openly gay attorney general — snapped what's become known in Massachusetts as the "curse of the attorney general." Since 1958, six former Massachusetts attorneys general have sought the governor's office. All failed.

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—**Cher** Tweets her response to criticism of her relationship with music producer **Alexander Edwards**—who is less than half her age. She added, "Love doesn't know math." I don't think love knows grammar or punctuation, either.

I don't understand why people listen to polls. I also don't understand why people go to psychics. My skepticism is best illustrated in the story of **Mary Bateman**, also known as the Yorkshire Witch. Back in 18th-century England, Mary claimed to have unerring prophetic abilities. She swore that she could predict the future by messages inscribed on the eggs laid by her hens. Of course, nobody believed her—because why would you believe that? Then Mary invited several people to her farm, where they witnessed a hen actually laying eggs that said "Christ is coming". And, yes, they saw the eggs come out of the hen. Mary became a sensation. Needless to say, it was later discovered that Bateman used acid to write the messages on eggs. She then reinserted them into the hen's oviduct—which, and I say this not as a gynecologist or even a veterinarian, I believe is somewhere in the vicinity of the uvula. And that's why I don't trust pollsters—they're always trying to stick something in one end or the other.

One didn't need to be a pollster to know that **Maura Healey** would be elected governor of Massachusetts. While locals note that she's the first female governor of our state, the national press is making much of the fact that she's the first openly lesbian governor of a US state. But what she does with her eggs is her business.

Shortly after Healey's win, another tinkle came from that glass ceiling when fellow lesbian **Tina Kotek** was elected governor of Oregon. And **Jared Polis**, who in 2018 became the first openly gay elected governor in the US, was re-elected governor of Colorado. **Bill Maher** says we should be watching him. I was watching closely enough to note that I don't like my politicians wearing a suit and sneakers. Never have. But he seems smart.

I'm not exactly sure who votes for "People" magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive". But I don't mind that this year the plaudit goes to **Chris Evans**, another Boston boy. Here's a fun fact—Chris and I often frequented the same pizza joint in Somerville. That he became Captain America and I became the World's Most Beloved Columnist might be due to the mozzarella. Chris was modest as ever when he said, "It's something that as I become old and saggy I can look back on and say, 'I remember then...'" Trust me, Chris, it ain't so bad. Plus, we can eat all the pizza we want!

North of the border, **Justin Trudeau** will make an appearance on "Canada's Drag Race"—the Mounties' version of "RuPaul's Drag Race". This makes him the first world leader to appear on the show. Well, you didn't expect **Angela Merkel** or **Benjamin Netanyahu** to lip sync for their lives, did you? The show debuts next week in a special season entitled "Canada vs. the World". And I thought Canada was only competitive in ice hockey and curling!

Speaking of world leaders, I'm troubled to discover that **Queen Elizabeth II** was a fan of **Tom Cruise**. Reportedly, QEII was upset that she didn't get to meet Cruise during her Platinum Jubilee celebrations (he went to an equestrian event at Windsor Castle, which she bowed out of). To make up for it, she invited him for a private tour of the castle—and even served him high tea and finger sandwiches! And, as you know, Cruise loves a finger...or two!

He's not a world leader. In fact, he's no leader at all. But former **Pope Benedict** finds himself in a heap of trouble. And I'm seeing a trend—because this also goes back to Boston. Remember the Catholic sex scandal? When members of the church who were accused of molesting young boys were simply taken out of one church and moved to another? It was all immortalized in "Spotlight"—good movie. This game of musical clergy was not limited to Boston. A German man is suing for the cover-up of the abuse he suffered at the hands of his parish priest back when Benedict was Archbishop of Munich. And according to the Vatican, Benedict plans to defend himself! Now, don't get too excited—it's not like he's gonna slip on his red shoes and go all "To Kill a Mockingbird" on us. Ben's going to personally hire an attorney. Everybody had better move quickly—Benedict is currently 95!

Speaking of oldsters in sex scandals, **Warren Beatty** is being sued for allegedly coercing sex with a minor—and I ain't talking about fracking! The lawsuit claims that back in 1973, Kristina Charlotte Hirsch was abused by someone who had "acted in television and several Hollywood films, including portraying Clyde in 'Bonnie and Clyde'". Well, that rules out **Faye Dunaway**! Kristina was 14 and the actor, who was 35, offered to help her with her homework...and with losing her virginity. In another interview, she states, "In 1973 I was a 14-year-old virgin and brought and introduced to Warren Beatty on the set of 'The Parallax View' for the purposes of sexual pandering by an adult." I don't know what's more disturbing—the claims of sexual pandering, or that anyone is talking about "The Parallax View"! Due to her youth, Kristina claims she didn't know there was anything wrong with this—she believed it was "something that was special". She adds, "Although it was a crime that Beatty was committing by raping me...having oral sex with me...and emotionally damaging me for the past 44 years."

I already reported that some of my favorite people were recently inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. At the ceremony, the Award for Musical Excellence was given to **Judas Priest**. Now, I must confess, I know virtually nothing about this band, except I don't think they have anything to do with the Catholic Church! During their acceptance speeches, singer Rob Halford made this declaration: "I'm the gay guy in the band...We call ourselves the heavy metal community, which is all-inclusive. So, no matter what your sexual identity is, what you look like, the color of your skin, the faith that you believe in...or don't believe in...everybody's welcome!"

Last we heard from **Shawn Mendes**, he was cancelling his world tour and staying away from the prying eyes of the spotlight for his mental health. So color me surprised when he decided to go for a shirtless hike in paparazzi-laden Hollywood. And he doesn't look any worse for wear, as you'll see on BillyMasters.com.

Everyone's been waiting to see how **Harry Styles** would fare with the gay sex scenes in "My Policeman". I call it a mixed bag. First, I'm not entirely sure kissing is his forte—I like a firmer lip, rather than those rubbery, placid fish lips. As to the sex itself, he seems far more adept at burying his face in the mattress than any active position—but perhaps that's how he was directed. Regardless, you can see for yourself on our website.

Several people sent in the same "Ask Billy" question. But the earliest postmarked query came from Richie in Dallas: *"Who is the guy playing Big Daddy on 'American Horror Story'?"*

Everybody has been drooling over the leather-clad hunk on "AHS". We can reveal he is **Matthew William Bishop**, who is no stranger to being photographed in leather...or out. While he's an avid bodybuilder (he calls himself "a mover and a protein shaker"), this is his first acting gig. Prior to that, the New York-based babe was working in public relations. He decided to give acting a shot and was discovered by **Ryan Murphy**—under circumstances best left unsaid. Oh, in case you're interested, he's gay. On Valentine's Day 2021, he posted a photo with restaurateur **George Mokbel** and their two dogs with the caption: "Happy Valentines Day...this past year has been an absolute shitshow and there's no one I'd rather share it with." To see more of Big Daddy, check out BillyMasters.com.

When I'm not letting anyone near me with a poll, we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. Now, Poles (capitalized and lower case) are another story. You can see a variety of 'em on www.BillyMasters.com—the site where Ryan Murphy gets all of his casting ideas. If you have a question, or want to submit a "head" shot, shoot a note to me at Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before I get my hands on Big Daddy's pole. Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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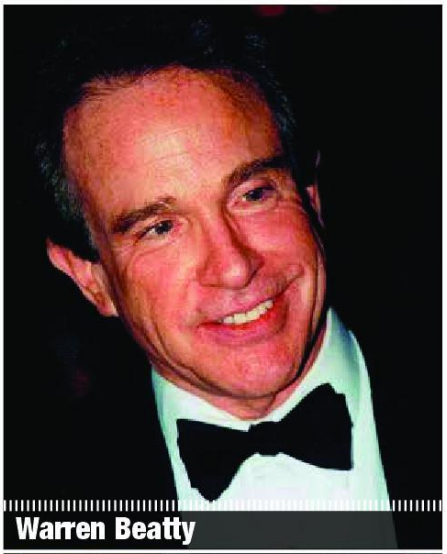
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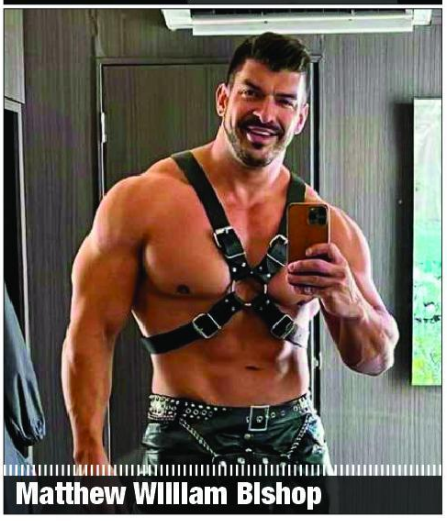
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