

Weaver resounding victor in 4th district

The Fourth Congressional District voted a resounding affirmative Tuesday to send Democratic incumbent Jim Weaver back to Washington with Lane County voters producing a virtual landslide.

The district-wide vote gave Weaver 50 per cent to Republican challenger Jerry Lausmann's 36 per cent, Independent Jim Howard's nine per cent and Independent Tonie Nathan's five per cent.

In Lane County, Weaver garnered 50 per cent to Lausmann's 26 per cent, Howard's 11 per cent, Nathan's five per cent, and a write-in vote of seven per cent.

"I see this as a vote of confidence," Weaver said at his victory celebration in the basement of Barney Bagel and Suzy Cream-cheese in the Smeede Hotel Tuesday night.

"I've got the respect of the voters of the district," he said. "My opponents knew how to attack, but I kept to the issues and won on my record."

With a firm mandate for a second term, Weaver placed energy as his highest priority in the next legislative session. "Saving the low-cost hydro-power for the people of the Northwest" was what the only one of Oregon's four congressmen who supported the state's Nuclear Safeguards Act promised to work for when Congress meets again in January.

The Fourth District race was marked by sharp attacks from Weaver's three opponents on his efforts in producing the Timber Management Bill recently signed into law. Lausmann, a Medford lumberman, and Nathan, a Liber-

tarian party member, had both charged the bill would reduce lumber output and jobs in the District, while Howard, who described himself as the only "moderate" in the race, said the bill should have just turned the whole issue over to the Forest Service.

Weaver, who returned from Washington for only the final three weeks of the race focused the initial portion of his campaign on the timber bill which he termed "a compromise between the environmentalists and the lumber industry."

While his opponents continued to attack his part in that bill, Weaver went on to stress his opposition to the nation's unquestioned reliance on nuclear energy and to warn that unless there is firm opposition, the southwestern states "will come up to raid the

Columbia River water" when the moratorium on a study of methods of water transfer expires next year.

Weaver had received the endorsement of the Eugene Register Guard, the Emerald and several other District papers in his bid for office this year, whereas in his first race, the Emerald was the only newspaper to give him the nod.

Howard, in a move that surprised almost everyone and no doubt thoroughly shocked Lausmann, and Weaver received the endorsement of Oregon's largest daily, The Oregonian.

The election of Weaver could indicate a shift in thinking in the traditionally conservative Fourth District as almost everyone, including Weaver, would put the victor on the left of the political spectrum's center.



Jim Weaver

Elections fund fails; fluorides, bingo pass

No Fair Elections Fund will be available for certain general election race campaigns with the defeat of Ballot Measure No. 7, 71 to 29 per cent at press time. Had this measure passed, a special fund would have been established through voluntary taxpayer monies. The measure was rejected 55 to 34 per cent by Lane County voters at press time.

Fluorides will be added to community water supply systems now that Ballot Measure No. 11 failed, 58 to 42 per cent. Fluorides are beneficial in preventing dental decay. A community water supply is a domestic water supply source or distribution system which serves more than three single residences or other users for household uses.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a state measure allowing fraternal or religious organizations to run bingo and lotto games. Ballot Measure No. 6, which provides for a local option on whether such activities should be allowed, won statewide approval by 71 to 28 per cent, while Lane County voters

approved the measure 67 to 26 per cent.

Ballot Measure No. 1, amending the Oregon Constitution to alleviate problems caused when the Legislature passes two bills that amend the same section of existing law received voter approval of 72 to 28 per cent.

Because of the measure approval, both bills will take effect, and in cases where they conflict, legislation would be nullified. If there is a conflict of purpose between two bills, the sections of each that don't conflict will become law, and the wording used in the last act signed by the governor will replace the conflicting sections.

Ballot Measure No. 2 allowing the Legislature to set a uniform election date for local elections in counties other than the five home-rule counties was approved 41 to 28 per cent.

Voters also decided to keep the age limit for serving in the state Legislature at 21. Ballot Measure No. 3, which would have lowered

that limit to 18, was defeated 71 to 28 per cent Tuesday. Lane County voters defeated No. 3, 60 to 34 per cent.

Some of the last vestiges of the red scare were destroyed by the passage of Ballot Measure No. 4. The measure repeals an article of the Oregon Constitution which required elected representatives to list successors to their office should they (the officials) be killed in an enemy attack.

The Oregon Legislature will now be able to call itself into session with the passage of Ballot Measure No. 5. Under the measure's provision, a majority of the members of each of the two

legislative houses can declare an emergency in writing and require the presiding officers to call the body together. Voters approved the measure 68 to 41 per cent.

The fate of Ballot Measure No. 8 is still uncertain at press time. The measure, which is holding a slight edge, would expand the State Highway Fund from a 14.3 per cent increase of state taxes on motor vehicle fuel (from seven to eight cents per gallon) and from an increase of an average 26 per cent on state taxes and fees imposed on commercial motor carriers and on alternative annual fees imposed on log and dump trucks. This additional money is to

be spent solely on highway maintenance and reconstruction.

No. 11 met with 49 to 45 per cent voter rejection in Lane County.

L-COG in Lane County and Columbia Regional Area Governments (CRAG) in Portland will remain in operation with Ballot Measure No. 12 voter rejection, 60 to 39 per cent. This measure, had it passed, would have repealed intergovernmental cooperative agreements and land use planning district statutes in the Portland metropolitan area. The measure met a 53 to 27 voter rejection in Lane County.

No. 9 loses battle

Following much persuasion and investment by the nuclear power industry to oppress Ballot Measure 9, which advocated nuclear safeguards, the measure was defeated on the statewide level. The press-time figures which finalized the defeat of the measure were 169,361 Yes (41 per cent) and 242,222 No (58.9 per cent), with a 51 per cent voter turnout.

The three stipulations of Ballot Measure 9 included that an effective emergency system be provided, that safe storage be proven and that liability insurance be re-

quired.

Despite Trojan shutdowns and this summer's Hanford explosion which contaminated 10 persons and cost \$500,000 in damage, Oregonians feared their energy needs would be threatened if the measure would pass. Congressman Jim Weaver contested this fear by saying energy needs could be provided by alternative means.

Although Ballot Measure 9 was defeated in the state, Lane County did pass the measure with a 48.84 per cent yes vote (36,747) and a 47.57 per cent no vote (35,798).

Statewide races

Paulus, Redden, Myers win

PORTLAND (AP) — Republican Norma Paulus, flexing her political muscle in Blaine Whipple's backyard, became the first woman elected to a top Oregon state office Tuesday as she won the secretary of state's job.

Democrat Jim Redden, currently state treasurer, claimed an easy victory over Republican Jim Durham for attorney-general.

And Democrat Jewell Lansing, a newcomer to statewide politics, put up a surprisingly strong fight but trailed GOP veteran candidate Clay Myers in the state treasurer race late Tuesday night.

Paulus, a 43-year-old Salem lawyer, grabbed 61.6 percent of the vote or 297,385 votes

statewide to 38.4 per cent or 185,697 votes for Redden. She also won Lane County by a vote of 49 per cent to 43 per cent.

"The reason I won is that I had a super campaign organization...and just had literally hundreds of people interested enough in good government to work month after month," Paulus said.

Myers, now secretary of state and ineligible for a third term, attracted 52 per cent, for Lansing including 48 per cent to 44 per cent in Lane County.

Lansing, 46, Multnomah County auditor, predictably led Myers in two Portland metropolitan counties, Multnomah and Clackamas, but surren-

dered Washington County to Myers.

In the contest for attorney general, Redden, a 47-year old lawyer in his first term as state treasurer, held a steady 3-2 margin over Durham all evening.

With 56 per cent of the votes tallied, Redden claimed 61.1 per cent or 289,103 votes, to 38.9 per cent, or 184,432 votes, for Durham, 38, who has served as deputy attorney general for five years. In Lane County, Redden had 58 per cent to Durham's 32 per cent.

"I ran against a great candidate and a super guy," said Redden. "I thought he ran a very high-level and intelligent and effective campaign."

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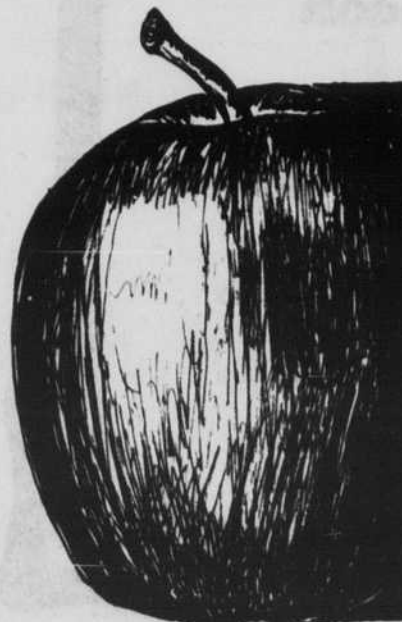
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