

Bartels wins EWEB race

John Bartels, anti-nuclear Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) candidate, triumphed over incumbent Tom Teutsch by a good margin, but the race for EWEB's at-large representation was much closer, with Jack Craig winning narrowly over incumbent, Calvin Schmidt.

A smiling Bartels beat Teutsch 42 percent to 32 percent with his low-budget campaign. Craig squeaked by Schmidt with 34 percent to 33 percent at press time. Both challengers took anti-

nuclear positions in their campaigns, in contrast to the incumbents' support of the continued ownership of its share of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant. Bartels could not be reached for comment at press time, but Craig made a victory statement.

"I feel very good about it — I've worked physically very hard with little money, and the issues Bartels and I raised were essentially consumer issues," Craig said.

He said his and Bartels' election to the board will mean an "open-

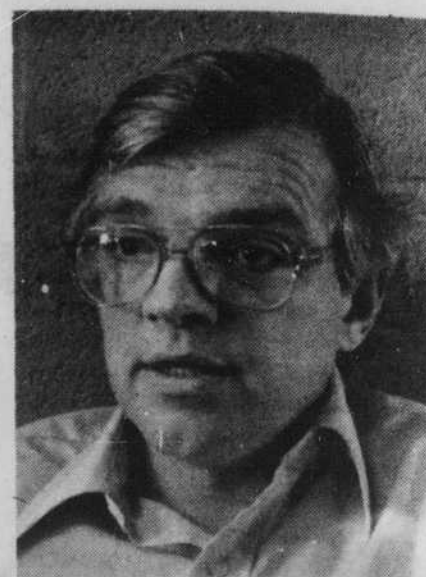
ing up" of the board, and noted that the majority of voters seem to have favored "less nukes and more alternative energy sources."

Craig, a former state representative, said he ran for the at-large EWEB position to make policy changes in the "conservative board's power structure."

Like Bartels, he opposes EWEB's part-ownership of the Trojan plant and the building of more nuclear plants. He also took a strong stand against herbicide use on the area's watersheds.

Bartels ran on a platform of commitment to alternative energy sources and conservation, and in opposition to what he called "much more costly and regionally inappropriate" nuclear power plants.

He also promised more information channels to EWEB customers, saying his journalistic background would be useful for that purpose. He strongly supports more public utility districts, rather than large private companies.



John Bartels



Ken Bylund

Bylund, Bain face run-off election

By CAROLYN BEAVER
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Incumbent candidate Ken Bylund is the apparent primary election victor in the Lane County Assessor's race. With 138 precincts reporting, Bylund was pulling 31 percent of the vote in the non-partisan race.

Challengers William Bain and William Dwyer pulled 27 and 26 percent respectively. Throughout the evening, Bain and Dwyer were within a few hundred votes of each

other. Bylund's lead over the two challengers varied between one to two thousand.

As the second-place finisher in the three-way race, Bain will face Bylund in the November general election. At press time, Bain said, "The race is still too close to call." He said he expected to finish second and face Bylund in the run-off election.

"It is significant that the incumbent (Bylund) has only one-third of the vote," Bain said.

Bylund said, "Everything is going pretty much as expected. It looks like a pretty clear decision for the voters in November." Bylund admitted, however, he was surprised Bain "pulled in as many votes as he did."

Dwyer, who worked as an appraiser for Bylund 25 months before resigning, trailed behind the other two candidates throughout most of the evening. Dwyer, during his campaign, criticized Bylund's administration of the of-

fice and particularly his handling of personnel. He also criticized Bylund's decision to lower Springfield's tax assessment.

Bain, who worked as a private appraiser and bank manager, echoed Dwyer's criticism of Bylund. In his campaign, Bain pointed to what he called excessive turnover in office personnel. He also objected to Bylund's use of temporary office help. He said 35 percent of the employees are classified as temporary.

Weaver, Fox, Hatfield survive until November

James Weaver, Democratic U.S. Representative, easily won renomination to a third term in Tuesday's primary election and will face a rematch with Medford businessman Jerry Lausmann in the fall general election.

Weaver defeated Eugene businessman Jonathon Bates and Lane County Commissioner Robert Wood in the 4th House District. Lausmann beat Curry County Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald and William Anderson of Grants Pass for the Republican nomination.

The state's three other congressmen — Les AuCoin, Bob Duncan and Al Ullman — all Democrats, were unopposed.

In the Democratic state labor commissioner's race, Nellie Fox led a pack of eight contenders with 24 percent of the vote. Mary Roberts, Portland State Senator, followed close behind with 23 percent. The Republican candidate John Snets ran unopposed.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, who hasn't lost an election in more than 27 years in political office, rolled to an easy primary victory in

the state's Republican primary.

State Sen. Vern Cook won the Democratic nomination.

Hatfield was opposed by three little-known GOP challengers in his bid for a third six-year term. Cook also outdistanced three rivals.

With 70 percent of the state's vote counted, Hatfield led with 11 percent by Bert Hawkins, an Ontario rancher.

Cook had 41 percent of the votes compared with 13 percent for John Sweeney.

Verne Duncan, State Public Instruction superintendent, took a commanding lead in his bid for re-election with the possibility he would eliminate both rivals.

Duncan had 15 percent of the vote, compared to State Sen. Fred Heard's 37 percent and Ruth McFarland of Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, challenged Duncan's leadership as state superintendent of public instruction. It is a non-partisan office with a \$38,000 annual salary.

Candidates to hold commissioner runoffs

In the crowded county commissioner races, it appears none of the candidates will have the 50 percent vote necessary to win, and two candidates will advance to the run-offs in November in each of the three districts.

Vance Freeman, in the six-man Springfield area commissioner race, had the largest percentage of votes with 30 percent at press time. His opponent in the November race will be William Morrisette, who received 21 percent of the votes.

Freeman, 58, and former Springfield mayor, said the best way to handle Lane County growth, a major issue in the commissioner's race, is to increase density in development center and widen highway rights-of-way.

Morrisette, 46, centered his campaign around Lane County liability. Transportation, new industry and growth, are issues Morrisette said need to be addressed.

In the East Lane race that included 14 candidates, Otto t'Hooft came out on top with Bob Smith fairly close behind. T'Hooft garnered 23 percent, while Smith gained 14 percent of the votes.

T'Hooft, 31, a Lane County personnel analyst, was supported by Commissioner Archie Weinstein. He said he wants to cut back on Lane Council Or-

ganization of Government's (L-COG) powers, and would challenge the Lane Conservation and Development Commission. He would also repeal zoning practices that require minimum lot sizes.

Smith, 39, now mayor of Lowell, does not agree with t'Hooft's views on L-COG. He says L-COG's assistance to small communities would be difficult to replace and that cutting the council on governments back would eliminate valuable services.

Harold Rutherford and Jim Hale will advance to the November election in the West Lane commissioner race. Of the 12 candidates who ran, Rutherford got 17 percent and Hale won 18 percent of the West Lane vote.

Rutherford, 47, said he believes the county budget should be cut and said L-COG's functions could be handled as well by existing county agencies. He said he favors curtailing growth and reducing needs for new development in urban areas.

Reindl, 55, would eliminate county agencies, such as the Office of Appropriate Technology and the county forester in order to balance the county budget without asking for taxpayer support. He also says that L-COG is too big and should be trimmed.

Tax measures lose, others gain approval

Four taxation measures met defeat Tuesday night while the five other state and county measures were approved with varying margins.

By DINA MILES
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The domestic water fund, the highway repair-gas tax increase, the income tax for Lane Transit District and the tax base limitation for Lane Community College (LCC), all went down in defeat.

Under the domestic water fund, bond proceeds would have been used to finance public water projects in several communities that currently do not have piped

water. The proposal, titled Measure No. 4, was rejected by 51 percent over 31 percent.

The measure stipulated that the bonds would not total more than one-half of one percent of the true cash value of state taxable property. They would be repaid by the local governments sponsoring the projects or from state revenue.

Voters also rejected Measure No. 5, which proposed a tax increase to maintain existing highways. The measure lost by a 54 to 38 percentage.

The fund intended to limit the amount of highway tax to be used for state parks and state police, and it would not have included maintenance of bicycle trails and footpaths.

In the 1976 election, voters defeated a proposal to increase the gas tax by one cent

and the tax for truckers to 26 percent. That proposal was defeated by a 52 to 48 percent margin.

Measure No. 5 stipulated that no more than eight percent of highway revenues would be allocated to the state police, and no more than seven percent would go to state parks, which are convenient to highway drivers.

Measure No. 7, a proposal which would have placed an income tax for the Lane Transit District (LTD), was also defeated. The tax would have affected all residents in the LTD service area, to be used for capital purchases and LTD equipment. The measure lost by a 60 to 30 percentage.

The proposal to set a tax base limitation at LCC also went down in defeat, by a 46 to

41 percentage.

"We were aware it could fail," Dave Rynerson, LTD planning director said of the measure. "Tax measures do have a history of going down to defeat. There hasn't been a decision about what to do after the election yet. That will come up in the next board meeting."

But all other measures, including proposals for a regional sewage facility and a measure for low-income elderly housing, were approved.

Measure No. 1 had no trouble at the polls, garnering 58 percentage over 19 percent. This home-rule measure sets requirements for initiative and referendum petitions in home-rule counties equal to the regulations in other counties. Lane County already is a home-rule county.