

# Recall attempt fails, Archie stays in office

Lane County Commissioner Archie Weinstein survived the threat of recall in Tuesday's election.

Weinstein "won" with 38,906 votes, or 44 percent, while recall supporters carried 48,754 votes (56 percent).

The controversial county commissioner said the vote to keep him in office "is not a victory for Archie Weinstein. It's a victory for the democratic process."

Weinstein charged the local media with fostering problems in Lane County government, but declined to comment specifically on the balloting.

"We proved that America is going to stay and the 'Star-Spangled Banner' is going to be the national anthem forever," he said. Elsewhere in the county, former Springfield Mayor Vance Freeman defeated opponent Bill Morrisette Tuesday in the race for the newly-created Springfield district commissioner's seat.

Morrisette, a social studies teacher with experience on a variety of citizen committees, lost with 7,408 (43 percent) votes to Freeman's 9,757 (57 percent) total.

Throughout his campaign, Freeman stressed his understanding of Springfield issues and concern for individual citizens. He also supported Ballot Measure 10, which sought to nullify state-adopted planning goals.

Morrisette charged that Freeman's support from builders and real estate people indicated how he would vote if elected to the county commissioner's seat.

In the East Lane district, Lane County employee Otto t'Hooft defeated challenger Bob Smith. t'Hooft won with 53 percent — 9,541 votes — of the district's vote to Lowell Mayor Smith's 47 percent — 8,246 votes — tally.

t'Hooft favors establishing field offices in outlying areas to work with rural residents. He also proposes decentralized land-use planning that would grant more power to individual property owners, charging that county land-use planning has been done in "an unrepresentative fashion" in the past.

Harold Rutherford edged past Ed Reindl for the West Lane district county commissioner's position. Rutherford earned 8,948 votes, or 53 percent, while Reindl gained 7,761 votes (47 percent).



Photo by Dennis Hickok

County Commissioner Archie Weinstein celebrated the defeat of his attempted recall at the Eugene Hotel Tuesday night, calling the win a "victory for the United States of America."

# Weaver defeats Lausmann a second time

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At 10 p.m. Tuesday Republican Congressional District challenger Jerry Lausmann was predicting a victory for his campaign.

Nearly an hour later Lausmann conceded defeat to incumbent Democratic Congressman Jim Weaver. The victory was the second time in two years that Weaver defeated Lausmann for the Fourth Congressional District seat.

Lausmann, who followed the election re-

sults from a Medford motel, said he felt Weaver's next two years would be influenced by the campaign stands taken in this election. Fiscal matters would be closely watched in the next Congressional session, he said.

"I consistently attacked big government during all of my campaign," Lausmann said. "I think a lot of people perceived the incumbent as making a shift in the middle of the stream."

Weaver's fiscal conservatism didn't surface until television commercials began to paint him as a "big spender," Lausmann

said.

Lausmann, a Medford Plywood mill owner whose campaign staff included workers from the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C., conceded defeat to Weaver at 10:55 p.m. Speaking from a pay telephone in the Eugene Hotel, Weaver accepted the concession and congratulated Lausmann on his campaign.

"Also I feel that in these times of inflation people just felt the Democrats could do a better job," Weaver said.

With more than 80 percent of the Lane County precincts reporting, Weaver de-

feated Lausmann by nearly 20,000 votes. Vote counts for the entire Fourth District put Weaver ahead by nearly 15,000 votes.

Weaver, however, told reporters his record on fiscal matters was open to the public long before the election. It was that record, and his rejection of nine of 13 federal appropriations bills before the 95th Congress, that aided his victory, he explained.

David Mason, a University graduate student who headed the Democrats for Lausmann campaign, said Lausmann's campaign and this year's political climate forced Weaver to take conservative stands, which may affect Fourth District representation in the next session of Congress.

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