

Ronald Reagan

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Carter, Reagan winners

Ronald Reagan, the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, and Jimmy Carter, the Democrats' front-runner, scored personal firsts in Oregon's presidential primary Tuesday.

Reagan and Carter lost in Oregon in 1976, Reagan to Ford and Carter to Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, but Tuesday both candidates won their first victories in the state's primary. And, by not campaigning in the state, Carter shattered the belief that to win in Oregon a presidential candidate must make a personal appearance.

With 98 percent of the Oregon vote counted, Reagan was trouncing George Bush by 54 percent to 34 percent of the vote, or 164,228 to 104,897 ballots, apparently taking 18 delegates to Bush's 11. John Anderson, R-Ill., is now an independent candidate although he was still on the Republican ballot for the primary. With 88 percent of the Republican vote counted, Anderson took in a substantial 10 percent of the Republican vote or 27,309 votes, but not enough to enable him to pick up any delegates. Figures on Democratic or Anderson write-in votes weren't available at press time.

Carter swamped Kennedy statewide, having 58 percent to Kennedy's 32 percent, or 197,625 ballots to 109,193, with 98 percent of the vote in. In the delegate count, Carter totaled about 26 to the Massachusetts senator's 13. Gov. Jerry Brown of California, who has withdrawn from the race, still managed to attract 10 percent of the vote or 29,416 votes, with 88 percent of the Democratic vote counted.

With all the votes tabulated in Lane County

and 54.6 percent of the registered voters going to the polls, Bush and Anderson took 36 and 11.8 percent of the votes respectively, or 11,321 and 3,716 votes. Reagan had 48 percent, or 15,043 votes. Carter claimed 49.4 percent, or 21,738 votes, and Kennedy had 13,876 votes, or 31.5 percent of the county's vote. Brown received 3,663 votes, or 8 percent. More than 10 percent of the people voting Democratic in Lane County did not cast a ballot in the presidential race when they voted. In a 1976 write-in effort, Brown won the county.

Reagan lost in Michigan on Tuesday, but because of his huge delegate total lead combined with his Oregon win and a Monday-night landslide in the Republican Utah caucuses, he nevertheless appeared to have his party's nomination just about wrapped up. Carter was close to taking the Democratic nomination. No Democratic primary was held in Michigan because Kennedy has already won party caucuses there.

Bush pulled down 57 percent of the Michigan vote to Reagan's 31 percent, or 321,010 ballots cast to 177,891 for Reagan. In the delegate count, Bush scooped up 53 to Reagan's 29, but his victory didn't really slow the Reagan bandwagon.

Both ABC and NBC network projections credited Reagan with more than the number of delegates needed for nomination. The Associated Press, however, had Reagan holding 888 delegates, 110 short of the magic number of 998. Also by the AP's reckoning, Carter now has a firm grasp on 1,391 delegates, which leaves him 275 short of the necessary 1,666.

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Local races bring very few surprises

Those who have followed Lane County's and Eugene's primary campaigns closely probably found little in Tuesday's election results to call a surprise or an upset.

All incumbent city and county office holders, with the exception of one Eugene Water and Electric Board member, retained their positions. The area tax base measures, as expected,

met with mixed success — the city's passed and the county's failed.

Incumbent Gus Keller will serve another term as Eugene mayor, after results showed him with a wide victory over his challenger, Catherine Lauris. Keller received about 63 percent of the vote.

Incumbent Eugene City Council members Betty Smith, in Ward 2, and Brian Obie, in Ward 8, defeated their opponents Sharon Posner and Bill Groesz, respectively. Unlike Obie, Smith's victory was close. Unofficially, Smith received only 55 more votes than Posner, from about 3,000 total votes. Obie won with almost 80 percent of his ward's votes.

The remaining two city council contests found first-time council candidates, Mark Lindberg and Cynthia Wooten, victorious over two other first-time candidates. In Ward 3, Lindberg won over his opponent David Jennings as voters awarded him 67 percent of the tally. John Perry opposed Wooten in Ward 7, but came away with only 43 percent of the vote.

Incumbents John Tiffany of Wards 1 and 8 and Camilla Pratt of Wards 2 and 3 retained their EWEB seats, with wide-margin

victories over John Silvermoon and John Stewart, respectively.

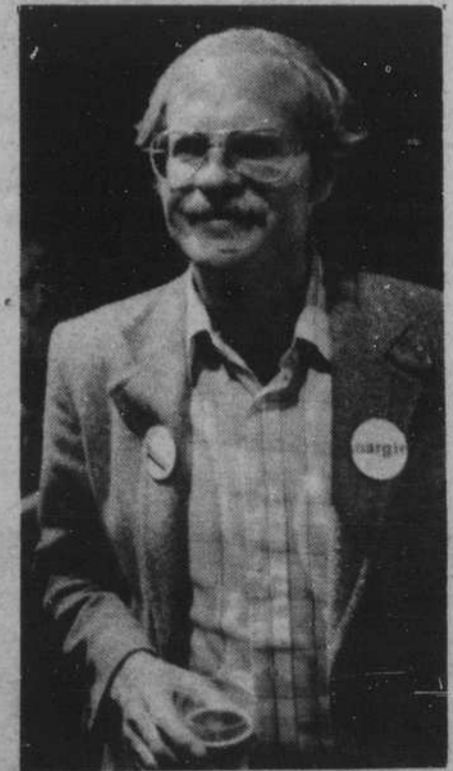
Richard Freeman, EWEB commissioner of Wards 6 and 8, became the only city or county incumbent to lose a bid for reelection, with his defeat by Sarah Hendrickson. Hendrickson received a 53 percent majority over Freeman and James Howlett.

A November general election run-off will be held in both the North and the South Eugene County Commissioner races, because no candidate in either race received a majority of the vote.

In the crowded North Eugene race, Scott Lieuallen emerged from the pack of eight candidates with about 30 percent of the vote, followed by Jim Hale's 14 percent. Incumbent South Eugene Commissioner Jerry Rust will face Mel Jackson in November. He received 47 percent of the vote to Jackson's 42 percent.

The Lane County District Attorney's race was no surprise as voters elected Pat Horton to his third consecutive four-year term over his challenger, Doug Melevin. This race saw challenger Horton piling up almost 64 percent of the vote.

The Lane County Sheriff's



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race was a similar story, with incumbent Sheriff David Burks coming away with 74 percent of the vote.

Almost 65 percent of the county's voters rejected a proposed \$13.1-million county tax base measure, while Eugene voters approved by only about 700 votes a new \$21.25-million city tax base.

Chancellor names Olum as temporary president

Paul Olum, vice president for academic affairs, will become acting University president July 1.

Roy Lieuallen, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, announced the appointment Tuesday after a Monday meeting with the Faculty Advisory Council. Olum, 61, will serve for about a year until a new president is selected.

One of the biggest problems facing the University next year is financial restraints, Olum says. "There'll be lot of cases when we'll have to say no (to department requests), but I think the people in the University understand."

Olum says financial pressures on the University may ease a little with increased enrollment and funding from the 1981

Legislature. Olum says he will "spend as much time as possible" in Salem next year lobbying for higher education funds.

Olum says he "tentatively" plans to apply for the presidential position when the committee begins its search. "A final decision depends on how the job goes. It's all kind of new to me now."

Olum replaces University Pres. William Boyd, who is leaving June 30 to become president of the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wis.

Olum came to the University in 1976. He was a dean at the University of Texas at Austin from 1974-76 and was a professor at Cornell University from 1949 to 1974. As acting president, Olum will receive a yearly salary of \$59,580 plus \$4,068 for incidental expenses.

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Incumbent Bob Packwood and Ted Kulongoski will face each other in next fall's general elections for senator. Both easily won their races. See page 4A.

The voting for the South Eugene commissioner's seat was close, but Jerry Rust won. Scott Lieuallen won the North Eugene seat. See page 5A.

City Council races were up and down affairs. Brian Obie and Mark Lindberg had no problems; Betty Smith and Cynthia Wooten were hard-pressed. See page 7A.