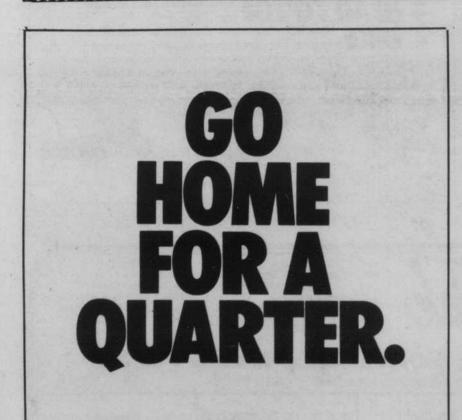


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Primary warms up candidates for November general election

Tuesday Primary races for state offices held some suprises and rekindled a few campaigns that got hot during the primaries, and promise to stay hot in the general elections.

Newly appointed State Treasurer Bill Rutherford held a sizeable lead over two challengers in early returns in the Republican race for the treasurer's post where he'll face Grattan Kerans who ran unopposed on the Democratic side.

With 419 of 2,454 precincts reporting, Rutherford had 54 percent of the vote while David Chen, Beaverton city finance director, ran second with 32 percent and former New Mexico Gov. David Cargo had 9 percent.

"I think the thing that really killed me was the (*Oregonian*) poll," Cargo said just before midnight. "They were showing me getting 12 percent of the vote. We dropped about 25 percent of the vote in three days in the tri-county area (Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties)."

"He became the alternative," he said.

Kerans, Oregon's Speaker of the House, said the results tonight were expected but still surprising.

"Getting the appointment of the governor and the support of the entire Republican power structure behind him, Rutherford came up with a little more than 50 percent which indicates he has a real weakness there and a difficulty establishing a base beyond the reactionary establishment," Kerans said. "The campaign starts tonight. I think were going to win," he

said.

Republican U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield and his Democratic challenger, state Sen. Margie Hendriksen, pulled to what appeared to be easy victories.

With 24 percent of the state's precincts reporting, Hatfield had 79 percent of the GOP vote, to 10 percent for John Schiess, 7 percent for Sherry Reynolds and 4 percent for Ralph Preston.

Hendriksen garnered 76 percent on the Democratic ballot against Portland carpet dealer Sam Kahl.

In a much closer race, Bruce Long gathered the Republican Party's nomination to run against U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver in November's election for the District 4 seat.

With 276 of 428 precincts reporting, Long was leading his nearest opponent Gene Arvidson 57 percent to 16 percent. John Newkirk and James Peterson earned 12 percent and 15 percent of the votes respectively.

In an admitted grudge match between incumbent Dave Frohnmayer and challenger Walter Huss, Frohnmayer captured the Republican nomination for Attorney General 84 percent to 16 percent. Vern Cook ran unopposed for the Democrat's nomination.

State Rep. Barbara Roberts carried her familiar political name to a new election victory as she won the Democratic nomination for secretary of state in Tuesday's primary election with 56 percent.

Roberts' closest challenger for the nomination was another legislator from Portland, state Sen. Jim Gardner, who garnered 29 percent of the vote.

At midnight Gardner was not ready to concede.

"It's looking better as the nights gone on and I'm feeling really good about it," Gardner said.

State Rep. Donna Zajonc of Salem easily won the Republican nomination over Wilbur Bishop, a former mayor of Tigard, and Salem floor covering contractor Thomas Hardwick. Zajonc carried 59 percent with Bishop and Hardwick trailing with 18 percent and 23 percent, respectively.

The two state ballot measures, both referred to the ballot by the Oregon Legislature, sparked no apparent controversy or organized opposition before the election. However, votes reflected definite splits on the issues.

Measure 1 proposed amending the state constitution to permit the state to sell bonds and loan the proceeds to local government for public works. The ballot was headed for 54 percent to 46 percent defeat.

Measure 2 proposed doubling the vehicle registration fee, raising an estimated \$20 million a year in additional highway revenue. The vote against the measure totaled 66 percent.

Hart wins Nebraska primary

PORTLAND (AP) — Gary Hart battled Walter Mondale in a Democratic primary Tuesday in Nebraska as well as Oregon, looking westward for momentum to fire a late charge for the party's presidential nomination.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson sought new strength for his "rainbow coalition," although he was competing in two states with small black populations.

With ballots counted from 28 percent of Nebraska's precincts, Hart was winning 50 percent of the vote, compared with 32 for Mondale. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was a distant third at 12

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percent.

The Oregon election had 50 Democratic National Convention delegates at stake, and Nebraska had 24 – a mere prelude to June 5, when voters in California, New Jersey and three other states will choose 486 delegates on the final day of the primary season.

President Reagan was unopposed on both Republican primary ballots.

Mondale began the day with 1,577.05 delegates to 934.75 for Hart and 295.2 for Jackson. It takes 1,967 to win the nomination.

Oregon's primary is also significant because of



states which haven't had primaries to urge them to vote for Hart, she said.

The campus efforts of her county-wide organization have been aimed at registering voters, rather than supporting a particular candidate, Sowards said.

"I've tried to keep the party headquarters open to all candidates," she said. "A strong party (effort) has very been important for the Democratic party, regardless of who comes out of this." earlier publicity about polls which showed a strong preference for Hart among Oregon voters, Sowards said.

"If there had not been the strength here for Hart that there was in the polls, we wouldn't have had the attention we've had at this point," she said. "I think that we've had a good visible primary in the healthiest tradition of American politics."

Results from local precincts won't be available separatly until Wednesday.



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