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ELECTION RESULTS

Here are selected election totals as of 1 a.m., Wednesday:

STATE WIDE POSTS

Governor

Barbara Roberts (D) ...327,819
Dave Frohnmayer (R) ...291,166
Al Mobley (I) 97,178
Fred Oerther (L) 9,535

U.S. Senate

Mark Hatfield (R)381,489
Harry Lonsdale (D)332,585

U.S. House Dist. 4

Peter DeFazio (D)120,339
Tonie Nathan (L) 19,524

BALLOT MEASURES

1 - Metro Districts

Yes 316,409 No 300,914
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2 - School Districts

Yes 416,370 No 222,517
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3 - PERS

Yes 247,537 No 385,417
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4 - Trojan

Yes 270,137 No 411,693
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5 - Property Tax

Yes 349,279 No 326,464
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6 - Recycling

Yes 285,215 No 394,552
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7 - "Workfare"

Yes 376,902 No 287,392
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8 - Abortion

Yes 234,703 No 484,373
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9 - Seatbelts

Yes 360,783 No 323,079
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10 - Parental Notification

Yes 347,528 No 375,245
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11 - School Choice

Yes 226,937 No 456,574
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20-01 - LCC Tax-base

Yes 30,960 No 24,621
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STATE LEGISLATURE

Senate Dist. 20

Grattan Kerans (D)14,102
Peter Swan (R) 8,322

Senate Dist. 21

Larry Hill (D)13,126
Ralf Walters (R) 5,350

Senate Dist. 22

Peg Jolin (D) 6,682
Paul Holbo (R) 3,996

House Dist. 39

Jim Edmunson (D) 7,648
Bob Favre (R) 1,149

House Dist. 40

Carl Hosticka (D) 9,707
Paula Walsh (R) 3,159

House District 41

David Dix (D) 5,493
Marie Bell (R) 6,089

COUNTY CITY SEATS

Lane County Commissioner

Marie Frazier3,609
Katherine Schacht3,319

Eugene City Council

Ward 1

Dick Briggs1,769
Randy MacDonald2,012

Ward 5

Kaye Robinette2,157
Ken Tollenaar1,978

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Roberts defeats divided conservatives

By Joe Kidd
Emerald Politics Editor

Democrat Barbara Roberts became Oregon's first woman governor Tuesday, as the state's conservative voters divided their support between two other candidates.

In the same election, voters handed Roberts a property tax limitation that will cut deeply into funding for government services — including higher education funding — without providing replacement revenues.

With 95 percent of precincts reporting, Democrat Barbara Roberts received 46 percent of the vote. Republican Dave Frohnmayer, who appeared to be the early favorite in the race for governor, drew 39 percent.

Independent Al Mobley proved to be Frohnmayer's

Says top priority will be fund crisis caused by passage of Measure 5

stumblingblock, attracting 13 percent of the state's voters.

With Mobley stealing a segment of the conservative vote from the Republican campaign, an atmosphere of uncertainty in the gubernatorial race filled the hours before the polls closed.

When asked Tuesday afternoon about her chances of winning, Roberts refused to offer any specific predictions. "I think the odds are with me, but I don't care if it's one vote," she said.

Now that the governorship is hers, Roberts said the property tax limit imposed by Ballot Measure 5 tops her agenda. The measure, which Roberts believes will result in a "crisis situation" for all levels of gov-

ernment, will limit property taxes at 1.5 percent, requiring the state to make up most of the lost funds while providing no replacement dollars.

Measure 5 was passing with 52 percent of the vote after 85 percent of the state's ballots had been tabulated.

Roberts said she would move quickly to solve Oregon's long-standing problems of high property taxes and public schools' dependence on those funds, regardless of the outcome of Measure 5.

"My specific plans for property tax relief and school funding are the same whether Measure 5 passes or doesn't," she said Tuesday. "We're still going to move to put a measure

on the ballot, and get Oregonians to either reverse the Measure 5 decision or to move forward with a plan for school finance and property tax relief. It's the same program; we're going to do it either way."

But because any property tax alternative would take months to be implemented, Measure 5 will result in at least a short period of "a crisis situation" before replacement funds can start flowing, Roberts said.

"There is no way to make up the revenues," she said. "There is no way to make up what Measure 5 would do to local schools and local governments and the state budget, including higher education."

The State Board of Higher Education has estimated that the measure will take \$120 million from Oregon's universities

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Photo by Sean Poston

Barbara Roberts came to the University with U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio for some last-minute campaigning Tuesday before she went on to win the race for governor.

Hatfield survives challenge, wins re-election

By Joe Kidd
Emerald Politics Editor

Despite a roller-coaster political race in the polls, Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield will return next year to serve his 25th year as an Oregon senator.

Bend businessman Harry Lonsdale, a Democrat with no political experience, ran neck-and-neck with Hatfield, even exceeding him at one point in the polls. Nevertheless, by the time 95 percent of the precincts had reported their tallies, 53 percent of Oregon's voters chose Hatfield over Lonsdale's 47 percent.

But Hatfield's 53 percent in this race of

full-bore — and at times muddy — campaigning was a sign of Lonsdale's healthy race against him. Hatfield's toll was well below the Republican senator's last two reelection percentages of 67 and 62 percent.

Lonsdale's campaign claims he lost "primarily because Harry came out of nowhere," said campaign field coordinator Mike Berdan. "I guess he had to have somewhere to come from to actually win."

Despite the fact that Lonsdale had "a name recognition fight from word go," the Democrat was able to come from a 36-point difference in the polls in August to overtaking Hatfield by a slight lead two weeks ago, Berdan said.

"They said it was impossible, but we almost did it," Berdan said.

However, Hatfield's campaign didn't see Lonsdale's attempt in such a bright light.

"We knew all along that Mr. Lonsdale's support was soft, although it was very difficult to predict all along how strong that support was," said Hatfield aide Bill Calder. "But we feel it neaked a week ago."

A poll last week put Hatfield back on top with a 16 point lead, after trailing Lonsdale earlier by as much as six points.

As for the issues, Lonsdale staked out several clear areas of debate with Hatfield.

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