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campaign.

Prozanski plans to campaign "...on the same levels. The voters of District 40 want an individual who is actually going to do something," he said.

In the Republican race for Congressional District 4, John Newkirk led with 9,941 votes, or 33 percent. Marshall Johnson was a close second with 9,744 votes. Ernie Garrett, the former actor, captured 22 percent of the vote.

Newkirk will run against Democratic incumbent Peter DeFazio in the November election.

Measure 2, which dealt with gas tax money, failed with 32,921 votes to 17,733, at press time.

The measure would have allowed the use of motor fuel taxes for programs to preserve fuel availability and prevent environmental contamination by petroleum fuels.

Other elections around the state included those in Cottage Grove, Gresham, Oakridge, Roseburg and Veneta, which voted on anti-gay-rights initiatives.

All five cities passed the initiatives at press time, which prohibit minority status for homosexuals and do not allow the cities to spend money to promote homosexuality.

None of the election results will be final until the absentee ballots are counted, a process which could take two or three days.

Kissing for Kitzhaber



Kitzhaber supporters Bryan and Wendy Cole get an early start celebrating Tuesday night at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

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certain ozone-depleting chemicals, said the measure failed because of the money chemical companies poured into the campaign to defeat the measure. Shannon Wilson, a Eugene activist, said his group spent \$2,000 to promote the measure while opponents paid \$50,000 to secure its defeat.

"They basically bought the election," said Shannon Wilson, a Eugene activist.

Wilson said he wants to meet with city officials and other people who said they would support different ozone measures to find another possible solution to the ozone depletion problem. Their campaign, he said, has increased awareness about ozone depletion.

"We did a tremendous amount of outreach. We probably reached 50,000 people through grass roots campaigning," Wilson said. "We've raised the consciousness regarding ozone depletion prob-

'It's getting better and better I don't think we'll know definitely for a couple of days.'

—Barbara Keller
City Council member

ably five or ten-fold."

A large portion of the group's support came from the University, said Snip Beachstone, an ozone measure supporter.

"If the general community was as supportive as the U of O than we would have won," he said.

Although several cities nationwide have ozone protection measures, Eugene would have been the first to have such a measure elected by voters. Wilson heard rumors of a similar measure being initiated in Portland.

Cornacchia, Morrisette neck-in-neck in late tally

By Stephanie Sisson
Oregon Daily Emerald

The proposed real estate transfer tax got a thumbs-down and Lane County Commissioner Steve Cornacchia is struggling to keep his seat for another term, according to primary votes tallied 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Cornacchia was ahead of Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette by just three votes at press time. Cornacchia received 4,078 votes.

Lane County Commissioner for the East County position will be Cynthia Weeldryer, who got 18.7 percent of the vote, and Ellie Dumdie was elected to the West County position, with 47.5 percent.

The real estate transfer tax was defeated by 17,470 votes. The transfer tax, which was proposed in order to fund law enforcement and health and human services, has been opposed throughout the campaign on the grounds that it could be raised at any time by the county commissioners.

The tax also came under fire for being "deceptive" — the title of the tax implies that it could only be changed by a vote of the people — and for exemplifying bad tax policy in that only 10 percent of the population would be taxed each year, but everyone would enjoy the services the tax funded.

However, proponents of the tax said that without the estimated \$2.5 million revenue that would have been raised, deputy positions will have to be eliminated and services such as homeless shelters and youth programs may be reduced or eliminated altogether. The money would have replaced revenue lost from declining timber sales in the county.

At the same time that county revenue is declining, Lane County is growing faster than current services can keep up

with, supporters of the tax said. "We're unfunded, and as a county we need to come together and find a way to pay for these services," said Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust, before the election. "We have murder, rape, hunger, homelessness, and we have to find a way to pay for these things. We can't pull a rabbit out of a hat."

Opponents called this argument a "threat" to get the tax voted in.

"(The tax) is just to beef up the county's general fund," said Dave Carlson, a Eugene realtor who led the opposition to the tax. "They talk about it in terms of law enforcement, but it will not be dedicated to law enforcement. We have urged them from the onset of this battle to at least consider having it dedicated to... the very service areas that you're threatening, but they have refused that."

Cornacchia, who has been a Lane County Commissioner for seven years and a lifetime resident of Lane County, ran his campaign on his experience and his strong understanding of the timber issue in the county.

He was appointed by the governor to the Regional Economic Revitalization Team, which determines how much compensation Oregon and other Northwest states receive as a result of the Clinton initiative due to the reduction of logging on federal lands.

Cornacchia was also chosen by the other commissioners to be Lane County's spokesperson in front of Congress on timber issues.

Morrisette ran his campaign against Cornacchia based on the conviction that the role of the Lane County Commissioner should be defined more clearly and should lean more toward being a mediator instead of an administrator, as it has traditionally been the case.

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