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Absentee ballots hold key

Police audit committee measure dangles

As the *Observer* goes to press Measure 51—the police audit committee—is hanging in the balance. With all ballots except the absentees counted, the yes votes on Measure 51 are leading with 50.2 percent. The yes vote is 70,622 and the no vote is 69,959. Approximately 5,000 absentee ballots remain to be counted.

The measure would put in place a committee of three City Commissioners, aided by citizen volunteers, who would audit the Police Bureau's Internal Affairs Division.

Commissioner Charles Jordan, who originally sponsored the ordinance adopted by the City Council, said he is pleased that the measure is leading. Although it is difficult to discuss future actions when the results are still not known, Jordan said some things are obvious. "I think the measure is necessary. It is solid—well-written. I expected it to pass 2 to 1. This election shows there are many factors involved; if you have the money you can reach more people and reach them faster. If you don't have the money you are

defenseless."

There was a great effort by a lot of citizens. "Even to be that close I have to give them a bouquet.

"It is important that we now work to get the city back together. This issue has been divisive—it has fractured the city. There are many things that we need to get done. Measure 3 showed that there is much work to do."

As for the future of a police review committee if Measure 51 fails, "We need to interpret what people are saying. Are they saying we need the process but they don't want politicians involved? Those are the things we need to find out. I am still committed to having citizens involved in the internal affairs process."

Following the adoption of the audit committee ordinance by the City Council, the Portland Police Association successfully placed the issue on the ballot through the referendum. The Association spent \$100,000 to fight the measure. Mayor Francis Ivancie was a prominent opponent (Please turn to page 4 col. 2)



ED LEEK



JIM HILL



DENNIS BUCHANAN



VICTOR ATIYEH

Governor wins second term

Ed Leek easily won the House of Representatives position for District 18. Leek, a Democrat, had 49.3 percent of the vote at press time. He was followed by Jimmy "Bang Bang" Walker, 18.2 percent; Kent Ford, 15.8 percent; Chad Debnam, 13.5 percent, and Paul Wathen, 3 percent. At press time, 8,000 absentee ballots remained to be counted.

Leek told the *Observer* Wednesday morning that he appreciates the support he received from all segments of the district that enabled him to be elected. "I believe that when all the precinct totals are in they will show that I ran well in all parts of the district.

"I will do my best to do a good job in Salem—I hope all those who have been involved in the District 18 race will remain involved."

Leek said he will be talking with persons in leadership positions in the district to chat with them about what they would like to see in terms of legislation and direction. The Speaker of the House will be selected Sunday and committee assignments will be made soon. Leek expects to be assigned to the Labor and Human Resources committees.

Leek won the Democratic Primary in a packed 7-way race, achieving the Democratic Party nomination. In an effort to elect a black candidate from the new dis-

trict, Walker formed his own party, "New District—New Party," and added his name to the ballot. Kent Ford had already indicated his intention to run as an Independent and Paul Wathen was nominated by the Libertarian Party. Also in the race but not on the ballot was Reverend John Jackson, whose supporters urged a write-in.

Late in the race, the Republican Party nominated Chad Debnam as their candidate to fill the vacancy created by the ineligibility of Mel Hamilton.

The November 2nd elections brought few changes to Oregon.

Governor Victor Atiyeh won an easy victory over Democratic nominee State Senator Ted Kulongoski. In conceding defeat before 10:00 p.m., Kulongoski asked the citizens of the state to close ranks and work together to improve the state's economy. During the sometimes bitter race in which Kulongoski was accused of driving potential employers from the state, Kulongoski protested Atiyeh's television ads as harsh and negative. Atiyeh spent over \$1 million on the race, twice that available to Kulongoski.

Oregon incumbents retained their Congressional seats: Ron Wyden, Democrat, easily defeated his Re-

Democrat victory reflects voter dissatisfaction

Wednesday morning President Ronald Reagan was still saying he will "hold the course" after Tuesday's election demonstrated wide dissatisfaction with his administration's economic policies.

Democrats gained 26 new seats in the House of Representatives, enough to break up the Republican-conservative Democratic coalition that has largely supported the president's programs. House Speaker Tip O'Neill called the Democratic showing in an election portrayed as a referendum on Reaganomics "a disastrous defeat for the president."

Democrats also won seven new governorships, giving them two-thirds of the state houses. Much of the gain was in large industrial states where the present economic policy has caused severe unemployment problems.

Mario Cuomo, with a strong vote in New York City, turned out millionaire governor of New York,

Lewis Lehrman. Lehrman is a strong Reagan supporter. Massachusetts, Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota are additional industrial states that went Democratic. Another resounding victory was that of Democrat Mark White over Texas Governor William Clements, who spent \$15 million in an attempt to retain his seat.

George Wallace, who won his first gubernatorial race with "Segregation Forever" as his slogan, won 61 percent of the vote, including more than 80 percent of the black vote, to gain office for the fourth time.

Another strike against the president came in the form of referendums supporting a bi-lateral nuclear freeze. Washington D.C. and nine states including Oregon passed nuclear freeze measures; only Arizona rejected.

The Republican Party maintained control of the Senate, with the Democrats gaining only one seat.

Citizens Party pulls surprise

The big surprise in this year's election is the unexpectedly good showing of the Oregon Citizens Party. The Citizens Party seriously challenged the major parties in several places around the state, and far outdrew Libertarian candidates.

"In the places we ran, the Citizens Party is now the third party, and an important political force to be reckoned with," said Ed Blackburn, Citizens Party state co-chair.

Political analysts here cannot recall a third party doing as well in over 30 years.

In Portland, the Citizens Party backed Stan Kahn, a party member, for M.S.D. in S.E. Portland. Kahn polled 47 percent of the vote (10,650) to 53 percent for the winner, Ernie Bonner (12,050). Kahn spent about \$1,000 on his campaign, "about one-quarter of what Bonner spent," Kahn said.

"We accomplished our purpose

to a great extent," Kahn continued. "We changed the political climate around the garbage burner, and showed that a third party effort is viable in Portland."

Although the M.S.D. race is non-partisan, Stan was clearly identified as a Citizens Party person in his literature.

In House District 44 (Cottage Grove, Citizens Party State Representative candidate Laura Stine polled 13 percent of the vote (1,797) against incumbent Peg Jolin's 67 percent (9,955).

In that district, said Blackburn, "... we brought radical ideas concerning the economy, and its domination by big corporations, to a very conservative district. In spite of this conservatism, almost 1800 people voted for us our very first time on the ballot, in a campaign which was run on a very limited budget."

In House District 40, Citizens Party candidate for State Representative Laurel Paulsen polled 19 percent of the vote (4,043); the winner, Democrat Carl Hostica, received 46.9 percent (10,089).

"In District 40 [West Eugene]," said Blackburn, "we shifted the entire debate from how to beg the corporations to throw us crumbs, to issues of justice, fairness and security for workers. We completely changed the question, and the whole range of issues."

In Yamhill County, Citizens Party candidate Janet Stuart polled 26 percent of the vote (4,692) for County Clerk (a partisan position there); the Libertarian candidate won only 1,770 votes (10 percent). The winner in that race got 64 percent. Also in Yamhill County, Citizens Party candidate for County Commissioner Mark Davis polled 8 percent of the vote, beating the Libertarian candidate by two percent.

Los Angeles Mayor Thomas Bradley has apparently lost in his bid to become the nation's first black mayor. With all votes counted, California Attorney General George Keukmejian holds a slight edge but Bradley plans to request a recount. Deukmejian is considered to be a right of center Republican. Should he lose, Bradley has two years remaining on his mayoral term.

California Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles was defeated by a wealthy former school

superintendent, William Honig. Honig, a right-wing Republican, based his heavily financed campaign on what he called Riles' "bankrupt ideas" and personal attacks. Honig gained 57 percent of the vote.

Ron Dellums retained his seat in Congress with 57 percent of the vote. Reports Wednesday that Dellums had lost were based on early returns from Republican Contra Costa County.

Black candidates were highly successful in Congressional races,

increasing their number to twenty. According to counts available Wednesday noon, those gaining new seats are Katie Hall, Indiana; Major Owens, New York; Edolphus Townes, New York; Alan Wheat, Missouri. Failing in their election bids were Robert Clark, Mississippi, and Kenneth Moseley of South Carolina.

Those retaining seats are William Clay, Missouri; Cardis Collins, Illinois; John Conyers, Michigan; George W. Crockett, Michigan; Ron Dellums, Mervyn Dymally,

Julian Dixon and Augustus Hawkins, California; Harold Ford, Tennessee; William Gray, Pennsylvania; Mickey Leland, Texas; Parren Mitchell, Maryland; Charles Rangle, New York; Gus Savage and Harold Washington, Illinois; Louis Stokes, Ohio.

Rep. Shirley Chisholm of New York will resign in December, to be replaced by Edolphus Townes.

The voters of Washington, D.C., have voted to request statehood (Please turn to page 4 col. 1)



Dr. William Gerald, Area Administrator for PPS Early Childhood Education Centers, receives congratulations and a gift from Doshie Clark and LaVerne Davis of Martin Luther King School. Dr. Gerald is a former principal of King School.

(Photo: Richard Brown)