

Kulongoski Goes Bowling to Celebrate Victory

Governor-elect says he's ready to roll up sleeves to solve state's problems

(AP) — In a spirited acceptance speech at Grand Central Bowl, Governor-elect Ted Kulongoski promised to "roll up his sleeves" and solve the state's problems.

But first he took off his socks. "Get those cameras away, I'm taking my socks off," he told photographers and cameramen as he changed into athletic socks and black bowling shoes.

The cameras kept rolling. "Bowl a strike," a heckler yelled.

Kulongoski boasted of being a "pretty good bowler" in campaign commercials that showed him rolling a strike, and then giving high-fives to supporters.

In his first shot as governor-elect, the Democrat knocked down nine pins in two tries. He knocked a fist against his forehead in mock

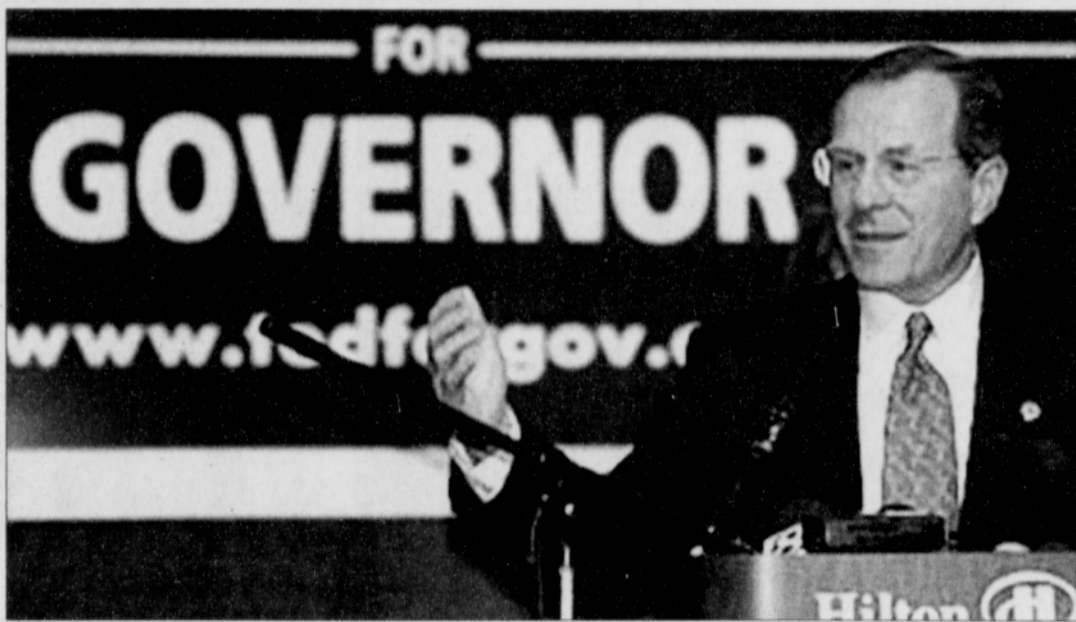
frustration and smiled.

On the next frame, he toppled nine pins and then picked up the spare. He gave two thumbs up to the crowd of about 200 people. Several more tries didn't produce a strike before Kulongoski took a break.

The Kulongoski campaign chose a bowling alley to celebrate victory only after vote counting stretched to a second day; they had originally set up in a fancy downtown hotel on Tuesday night.

That party petered out when the race against Republican Kevin Mannix was too close to call by around midnight.

Scott Ballo, the spokesman for the campaign, said he booked 10 lanes at Grand Central Bowling around noon Wednesday, when the numbers started look-



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ing good for Kulongoski, a former Oregon Supreme Court justice. By late afternoon, Kulongoski

was ahead of Mannix with a margin of nearly 20,000 votes.

"This whole campaign was

about family wage jobs, bringing back community, and we used the bowling alley to illustrate these

themes," Ballo said.

"It's about reaching out to all of Oregon, and the bowling alley was a symbol of that."

About 200 supporters stomped and clapped, shouting "Ted, Ted, Ted," when Kulongoski entered around 6 p.m., an hour after Mannix and Libertarian challenger Tom Cox conceded.

"Hey you guys," Kulongoski shot back, flashing a grin.

Flanked by his wife, daughter and younger son, Kulongoski stepped behind a podium.

Addressing a lingering problem of public employee retirement savings — which were guaranteed to grow 8 percent per year, an untenable rate in the recession — Kulongoski said:

"We'll all sit down together, roll up our sleeves, and solve these problems."

Voters Say Yes to Children's Initiative

Approved tax levies boost to parks, libraries

(AP) — Portland will become the third city on the West Coast to reserve money for a clutch of children's programs, along with Seattle and San Francisco, after city voters narrowly approved a five-year children's levy.

The victory means Portland property owners will get a triple dose of tax increases this year because they also approved levies for parks and the county library. With support from 53 percent of voters, the children's levy had the slimmest winning margin of the three.

The \$10 million children's levy will support anti-child abuse programs, after-school groups and early childhood education.

Supporters credited the victory to hundreds of earnest volunteers, widespread support from religious leaders, big campaign money and a message of accountability tailored to satisfy the skepticism of older voters and "Reagan Democrats" on the city's eastern edge.

"In this day and age, when we have major worldwide problems that seem intractable, this

is bucking a trend in the country," said Jonah Edelman, executive director of the Stand for Children advocacy group. "It shows if you make a solid case about using taxpayer money for children, the public will go along."

San Francisco and Seattle are among a handful of U.S. cities with similar children's initiatives, although San Francisco's didn't raise taxes, and Seattle's tax increase was smaller than Portland's. Edelman said his group will try to spur interest in Portland-style initiatives in Corvallis, Lane County and around the country.

A five-person commission, a politician from the city, one from the county and three residents will be in charge of overseeing the money and distributing it to nonprofits and other established children's groups. The levy would cap administrative costs at five percent.

Organizers project that about \$5 million would go to after-school programs, \$4 million for Head Start and preschool groups and \$1 million for child abuse prevention.

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