

Continued from previous page inadequate and unaffordable housing, a lack of mental health and drug addiction services, and other factors.

But Mannix also was critical of Democratic Gov. Kate Brown for not calling up the National Guard to quell violent protests last year in Portland. Brown did put the Oregon State Police in charge of response to threatened violence in the city.

Mannix leads a group, Common Sense for Oregon, which joined a lawsuit seeking to overturn all of Brown's pandemic orders. The Supreme Court ultimately upheld her authority to issue them.

Although restrictions are easing in many counties as infection rates and new cases decline, Mannix said, "Lockdowns have been more severe than necessary."

**BOB PACKWOOD**

Aside from Mark Hatfield, who won eight times, Bob Packwood, 88, is the leader among modern-day Republicans with five statewide victories.

As a 32-year-old state representative, Packwood led a successful effort to win a Republican majority in the Oregon House in 1964, even as presidential nominee Barry Goldwater lost Oregon and all but six states. The next year, he founded the Dorchester Conference as a gathering for Republicans, excluding "far right-wingers."

"All the politicians of any consequence were invited to come, and they came," Packwood said. "The resolutions they passed basically became the resolutions of the Republican Party. Our advantage was having all the officials there be committed to what was done."

The network helped Packwood unseat Democratic Sen. Wayne Morse in 1968.

Years before he resigned under pressure in 1995 amid accusations of sexual misconduct, Packwood was challenged from the right when Joe Lutz, an anti-abortion minister, won 42% against him in the 1986 GOP primary. At the time, Packwood said narrow social issues and a failure to support women's rights would doom the Republican Party someday.

"They are going to have to come back to the middle. They cannot be the party of the right," he said. "A small minority can often capture a primary, but

**OREGON GOP — KEY PLAYERS**



**Vic Atiyeh**

**Died in 2014 at age 91, Beaverton**

- Governor, 1979-87
- Nominee for governor in 1974
- Oregon Senate, 1965-79
- Senate Republican leader, 1973-79
- Oregon House, 1959-65

**Knute Buehler**

**56, Bend**

- Candidate for 2nd District congressional seat, 2020
- Nominee for governor, 2018
- Oregon House, 2015-19
- Nominee for secretary of state, 2012



**Bev Clarno**

**84, Redmond**

- Secretary of state by appointment, 2019-21
- Deschutes County commissioner by appointment, 2005-07
- Oregon Senate, 2001-03,
- Republican leader, 2003
- Oregon House, 1989-97,
- House Majority leader, 1993-94
- House speaker, 1995-97
- Nominee for state treasurer, 1996



**Jeff Gudman**

**66, Lake Oswego**

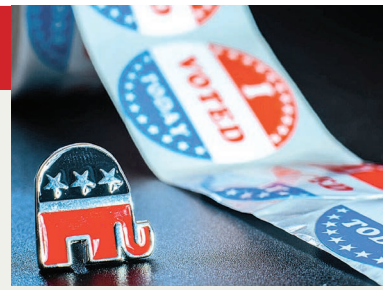
- Nominee for state treasurer, 2016 and 2020
- Lake Oswego City Council, 2011-19



**Kevin Mannix**

**71, Salem**

- Candidate for 5th District congressional seat, 2008
- Candidate for governor, 2006
- Oregon Republican Party chair, 2003-05
- Nominee for governor, 2002
- Nominee for attorney general, 2000
- Oregon House, 1999-2001, elected as a Republican
- Oregon Senate by appointment, 1998
- Democratic candidate for attorney general, 1996
- Oregon House, 1989-97, elected as a Democrat; he switched parties in 1997



**Bob Packwood**

**88, Portland**

- U.S. Senate, 1969-95
- Oregon House, 1963-69



**Jack Roberts**

**68, Eugene**

- Director, Oregon Lottery, 2013-16
- Candidate for Oregon Supreme Court (nonpartisan), 2006
- Candidate for governor, 2002; commissioner,
- Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, 1995-2003 (first elected in 1994 as a Republican, second time in 1998 in a nonpartisan race)
- Lane County commissioner, initially by appointment, 1989-95



**Kim Thatcher**

**56, Keizer**

- Nominee for secretary of state, 2020
- Oregon Senate, since 2015
- Oregon House, 2005-15



later lost to Democrat Ted Kulonowski. Roberts split the moderate vote with Ron Saxton, who finished third; each got more than 90,000 votes. (Mannix got 117,000.)

Roberts traces the split in the Oregon Republican Party back to 1990, when a third-party anti-abortion candidate drew a record 13% and Democrat Barbara Roberts prevailed over Attorney General Dave Frohn-mayer. Four years later, Democrat John Kitzhaber beat former U.S. Rep. Denny Smith, a staunch conservative, and in 1998, Kitzhaber beat Sizemore.

"We lost the far-right conservative part of the party, which we used to be able to draw from," he said. "We had more moderate people in office. That is where we are missing out in Oregon. I do not know how we reverse that."

**KIM THATCHER**

Thatcher, 56, was elected to the Oregon House in 2004, when she unseated a Republican incumbent who voted for a budget-balancing tax increase. Ten years later, she was elected to an open seat in the Oregon Senate, and has maintained a conservative record on economic and social issues.

She said the Republican Party must offer clear alternatives to the policies and programs advocated by Democrats.

"Republicans have an opportunity to offer reforms to the system to make it truly work for our kids and families," she said. "With the way things are going, maybe these reforms will get a second look from the traditional Democrats and independents."

Thatcher was in midterm last year when she won the Republican nomination for secretary of state. She lost to Democrat Shemia Fagan of Portland, another state senator whose primary victory against two rivals was largely bankrolled by public employee unions.

Public employee unions contributed more than \$350,000 to Fagan's general-election campaign, and Thatcher said they hold too much sway over Democratic officeholders.

"For example, the inability of our schools to reopen is largely because of the teacher's unions' refusal to do so," she said. "It is not because they needed to be put at the front of the line ahead of the elderly for COVID vaccinations."

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that is not a test of electability?"

Packwood also said George W. Bush was right — and Donald Trump wrong — in their stances on minorities and immigrants, particularly Hispanics and Asians.

"By and large, they are hard-working and have conservative values, but not radically conservative," Packwood said. "They fit the profile of what the party ought to be."

**JACK ROBERTS**

"If I knew any secrets about how Republicans could win, I would have tried to share them lately," Roberts said with a laugh. "It hasn't been working that way."

Roberts, 68, was a nonpartisan Lane County commissioner and the Republican nominee who unseated four-term Democrat Mary Wendy Roberts (no relation) as state la-

bor commissioner in 1994. He won re-election four years later, after lawmakers made his office nonpartisan.

Roberts was one of the few Republicans who publicly supported the candidacy of Bill Sizemore, who won just 30% of the vote in a landslide loss to Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber in 1998. Roberts himself ran for governor in 2002 and came in second in the GOP primary to Kevin Mannix, who

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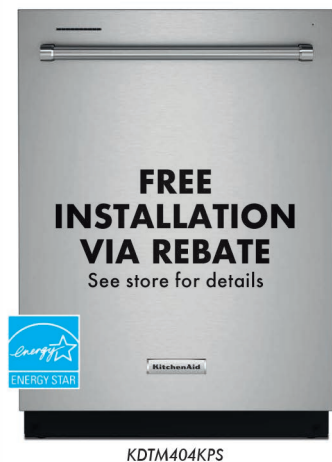
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