STATE RETURNS TOP OF THE HOUR

Christopher, FYI, below is what I told Sharon.

I'll have clock on Tuesday, but basically you're at about 9:05, 10:05, 11:05 after I do the top of the hour headlines. You'll be doing newscasts downstairs. I'm going to have Sharon Sobotta sit at desk next to you so hopefully you can help her if she has questions.

For your returns at the top of the hour, can you pls add:

1) Lt Gov Race  
2) Jovanka Beckles v Buffy Wicks  
3) Do all the statewide Propositions

Can you also report these Congressional races
   (1) CD 4..Tom McClintock versus Jessica Morse
   (2) CD 21...David Valadao versus T.J. Cox
   (3) CD 22...Devin Nunes versus Andrew Janz

STATE RETURNS BOTTOM OF THE HOUR

Hi Sharon, We are doing returns twice an hour. Christopher will have more comprehensive returns at the top. You are doing a quick hit at the bottom of the hour. Be sure you know how to pronounce each candidates name. Ask me if you're not sure.

The returns will be available at Secretary of State website. Be sure you refresh them.

The returns should be scripted something like this:
"The outcome of elections in seven key California Congressional races will help determine whether Democrats retake control of the Congress. Each of these seats currently is held by a Republican, but was won by Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential race."

With early returns, Democrats are narrowly leading in ____ of the seven races. Then you would say for example “Josh Harder is ahead of Jeff Denham with 52%, Katie Hill is beating Steve Knight with 51%, etc. Republicans are beating Democrats in ____ of the races, then quickly list those returns.

The races you will be following are:

(1) Congressional District 10: 50.6% - 49.4%
Incumbent Republican Jeff Denham versus Democratic challenger Josh Harder. (Denham is pronounced “denim” as in blue jeans)

(2) Congressional District 25:
Incumbent Republican Steve Knight versus Democratic challenger Katie Hill.

(3) Congressional District 39:
Incumbent Republican Young Kim and Democrat Gil Cisneros (SIS-nair-ohs)

(4) Congressional District 45:
Incumbent Republican Mimi Walters versus Katie Porter

(5) Congressional District 48:
Incumbent Republican Dana Rohrabacher (DAY-nuh ROAR-bahk-er) versus Harley Rouda (RUDE-uh)

(6) Congressional District 49:
This is an open seat. Republican Diane Harkey (HARK-ee) versus Democrat Mike Levin (LEV-in) 52.4%.

(7) Congressional District 50: Incumbent Republican Duncan Hunter versus Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar 49.3%

THEN SAY:

“In some of the key statewide races, incumbent Senator Dianne Feinstein is easily beating Democratic challenger Kevin de Leon ____% to ____%.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom is beating Republican John Cox ____% to ____%.

In the hard fought race for state schools chief, Tony Thurmond, backed by the teachers union, is beating Marshall Tuck, backed by the charter school industry ____% to ____%.

In the Insurance Commissioner’s race Steve Poizner (POIZ-ner) is winning/losing his attempt to become the first independent elected to statewide office. He previously held the post as a Republican. He has ____% of the vote to Democrat Ricardo Lara’s ____%.

A quick look at a few key ballot propositions:

Tenants backed Proposition 10 is going down to defeat, with a ____% no vote.

The measure to repeal the gas tax, Proposition 6, also going down to defeat with a ____% no vote.
On Proposition 8, Dialysis companies have spent a record amount, topping 111 million dollars to beat back a union backed measure regulating their fees. ___% are voting yes, ___% are voting no.

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