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Charles Hartz of PDX Ice carves an ice sculpture in the courtyard during the Festival of the Dark Arts Saturday. See more photos from the festival at www.dailyastorian.com

Dark Arts: Festival offered 62 varieties of beer from 42 different breweries around the world

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which filled up later Saturday night with crowds angling to see the twirling, fire-lit dance routines of the Sisters of Fire from Portland.

Beer facts

All throughout the day, throngs threaded their way through the crowds, queuing at the lines to seven different beer stations spread out over the two stories of Fort George's city-block-wide campus.

"I pick beers that you can't get all the time," Nemlowill said, who curated the beer list and personally reached out to about 90 percent of the breweries represented at the festival.

The festival offered 62 varieties of beer brought from 42 different breweries around the U.S. and the world.

Among the variety of beers, many of them made specifically for the Festival of the Dark Arts and Stout Month:

- 19 came from Fort George Brewery's eight brewers and co-founder Jack Harris, each taking their turn on "Sweet Virginia," the 8.5-barrel brewing system Fort George started out on. Only one beer from Fort George at the festival — Cavatica Stout, both bourbon barrel-aged and from a cask — is a year-round staple, said Nemlowill.

- Three more came from the Oregon Coast, including Buoy Beer Co. in Astoria, Seaside Brewing Co. and Pelican Pub & Brewery in Pacific City.

- 40 came from throughout Oregon, including eight from Portland; three from Bend;



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Aaron Toledo, of Keepsake Tattoo, draws a tattoo in the Lovell taproom during the Festival of the Dark Arts Saturday.



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J.L. Hryciw and Heather Gillikan perform a tango outside of Fort George Brewery during the Festival of the Dark Arts Saturday.

three from Hood River; and one each from Baker City, Corvallis, Ashland, Pacific City, Eugene and Seaside.

- Eight came from California; five from Washington;

two from Colorado; two from Connecticut, made for two globe-trotting Danish gypsy brewers from Evil Twin Brewing based in København, Denmark; and one

each from Utah, Alaska and Maryland.

- Two came from overseas, including the Brasserie De La Senne in Brussels, Belgium, and Moa Brewing Company in Blenheim, New Zealand.

"There were at least 70 kegs of beer," Nemlowill said, cautioning that there's no way to get an exact amount. Brewers, he said, mostly sent amounts from one-sixth to one-half-barrel kegs, a barrel equal to 31.5 gallons. All the beer stations were self-contained, and as the night wore on, the kegs blew and the selection shrank.

For those who couldn't make it to the festival, Fort George still has a rotating selection of leftover stouts on tap, as well as other special releases for the last half of Stout Month.

Birthday: Brown has yet to appoint her replacement

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"Our task, our challenge is to make sure we keep Oregon the very special place that it is and I look forward to working with you to make sure that happens," she said Saturday. "So happy birthday, Oregon."

The speakers attending the celebration kept their focus on the birthday party and not the stunning events that unfolded on Friday, first with Kitzhaber's emotional declaration that he will step down on Wednesday followed by news of a federal subpoena served on the state Department of Administrative Services. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland demanded a laundry list of records, emails, travel logs and other documents related to Kitzhaber and his fiancée Sylvia Hayes.

It said the material must be brought to a federal grand jury hearing on March 10.

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, whose agency is investigating the governor alongside federal prosecutors, told The Associated Press that she came to Saturday's event to help celebrate Oregon's birthday but said, "this is obviously a bittersweet day.

"The juxtaposition does



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Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown signs an "O" for Oregon during a celebration at the Oregon Historical Society to mark the 156th anniversary of Oregon's admission to the union as the 33rd state in Portland, Saturday. Brown will become Oregon's governor this week on the heels of the resignation of Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber.

not go unnoticed."

When Kerry Tymchuk, executive director of the Oregon Historical Society, introduced Brown, he said: "Kate, our thoughts are with you. Our prayers are with you."

Afterward, he said the state was in the midst of an event it had not seen in its 156-year history. Four governors have resigned before — three to take other jobs and one because of illness — but no governor has ever left office "under a cloud or under duress."

Under Oregon's constitution, Secretary of State Brown will be sworn in as governor after Kitzhaber's resignation goes into effect. She will appoint her replacement but has not named anyone yet.

Kitzhaber did not attend the birthday celebration and has not appeared in public since he faced growing pressure to leave office. Former Govs. Barbara Roberts and Ted Kulongoski attended Saturday's event.

Asked if she had anything

to say to Kitzhaber, Roberts responded with a sharp: "no." She said she feared the controversy was distracting state government and hurting the office of the governor, but said Kitzhaber has given a great deal to Oregon.

"He has a very long history in the state and a number of things that he and the state can be very proud of," she said. "With a little passage of time all of those good things will be recalled. I don't have any question about the record that he left for all of his service to Oregon."

Paul Bovarnick, a Portland lawyer who attended the birthday celebration, agreed with that assessment of Kitzhaber's time in office.

"Most people think this is a great tragedy," he said. "Nobody could question his dedication to the state. I feel sick about what happened, but I feel he did the right thing in resigning."

Roberts said while the state is facing a difficult period, the state constitution ensures a seamless process.

"I believe it will go smoothly and Oregonians can take a deep breath and feel good about the state," she said.

Woes: 'It's too early to say whether there will be charges'

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highest level" and includes the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Public Integrity, the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI.

It may be that the grand jury reviews the material and finds no reason to bring charges, Levenson said. She noted that the authorities used a subpoena to collect records, not a search warrant that would have required a showing of probable cause. But Levenson added: "It's too early to say whether there will be charges, but none of this is good news for the governor."

Tung Yin, a professor at Lewis and Clark Law School in Oregon, said a state official, employee or representative is in violation of the federal theft or bribery law if he or she "embezzles, steals, obtains by fraud" government property or corruptly offers anything "with intent to influence or reward" someone in connection with business or government transactions. Mail or wire fraud would kick in if prosecutors could show the crime was played out through email or the postal service.

"The theory is that a public official owes the rights of honest service to the public," Yin said. The official breaches that duty if he or she gets a kickback or a bribe. If the governor was to be considered a conspirator, it would require an agreement to commit fraud, he said.

"The essence is, the governor would have to know what was going on," Yin said.

Kitzhaber, newly elected to an unprecedented fourth term as Oregon's governor, announced on Friday that his last day in office will be Wednesday, at which point Secretary of State Kate Brown will take over and assign her replacement.

Kitzhaber's resignation came amid a deepening scandal over allegations that fiancée Sylvia Hayes used the power of his office to land contracts for her green-energy consulting firm. It started with a probe by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, followed by one by the state attorney general and peaked with a federal government subpoena served the same day Kitzhaber announced he was resigning.

The U.S. Congress' Committee on Oversight and Government Reform joined in on Friday with a letter to Kitzhaber demanding that he preserve all documents and communications related to the broken Cover Oregon program.

Kitzhaber and Hayes, as well as their lawyers, have not responded to numerous requests for comment. Kitzhaber's only response to the scandal was a lengthy resignation letter in which he emphatically stated that he did not break any laws or do anything "dishonest or dishonorable."

The federal investiga-

tion is being handled by Oregon Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford, who began his career with the Justice Department's tax division where he prosecuted tax, white-collar and money-laundering crimes. In recent years, he has secured convictions in cases ranging from embezzlement, to tax, investment and wire fraud. Both his office and the FBI declined comment on the investigation, saying it's important to conduct them "out of the public eye to ensure a fair process."

Rick Drooyan, a former assistant U.S. attorney who specialized in white-collar crime and now is a criminal defense lawyer, said the three-page subpoena reveals the focus of the investigation.

"They're looking into whether she used her relationship to cause him to take actions that would benefit her private consulting clients," Drooyan said. The subpoena demands records relating to contracts proposed and bids awarded to Hayes and her company, 3E Strategies, as well as records related to a list of 15 projects, initiatives and action plans that focus on climate and clean energy. It demands travel records, documents showing Hayes' use of state credit cards and the tax returns for Hayes and her company.

The subpoena also wants visitor logs to the governor's office and Mahonia Hall, the governor's mansion in Salem.

Hayes' biographical information for the National Governors Association describes her as "a policy adviser to Gov. John Kitzhaber on the issues of clean energy and economic development."

"The state has a lot of green-energy initiatives, and she's in a position to influence how the government views them — and that could benefit the private clients who are paying her," Drooyan said.

The question is, Levenson said, "did he use his influence to help get her these deals? They're inextricably linked. That's what the subpoena suggests."

It's possible that Kitzhaber's defense could be he didn't have any personal involvement in Hayes' dealings, Levenson said.

In any event, it will likely be months before it is known whether Kitzhaber or Hayes will face charges.

Drooyan said the case reminds him of the scandal surrounding former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife, Maureen. He was convicted last year on 11 public corruption counts that involved exchanging access to the power of his office for tens of thousands of dollars in loans and gifts. He was sentenced in January to two years in prison. Maureen McDonnell was convicted on nine counts and is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 20.

Rund: 'I definitely want to always keep dancing'

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Oregon's College of Education but already thinking about life after college and a dance team.

"I think it would be fun to try out for the Blazers," Rund said, admittedly somewhat undecided about where life might take her. "I definitely want to always keep dancing, whether taking classes, being a coach."

Her cousin started a lobbying firm for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in California, Rund said, and wants her on his team too.

"She'll be marvelous in whatever she does," said Rund's former teacher, Maddox Dance Studio owner Jeanne Maddox Peterson.

Rund is by no means alone as a successful dancer from the North Coast. The Little Ballet Theater and other dance studios, companies and teams have sent students off to dance teams at Oregon, Oregon State University, Stanford University and other college squads. Others have joined the Blazers Dancers; gone to professional theater and dance companies in New York City, St. Louis, Seattle and other cities, Peterson said; and others are opening their own schools.

"It's an individual thing that they want to pursue," said Peterson, who has classes at her studio for returning alumni. "A lot of them are qualified, but it's not what they choose to do."

— Edward Stratton