

# Portland puts Kitzhaber on Top

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been counted and updated over the last week.

Kitzhaber, a Democrat, was elected by a plurality, not a majority, of Oregon's voters. He received 49.31 percent of the ballots cast statewide, while Republican and former NBA player Chris Dudley took 47.77 percent. In Multnomah County, however, Kitzhaber dealt a stunning defeat to Dudley, taking 70.61 percent of returns.

The candidates spent a combined \$15 million on the race to replace Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who is leaving office after the two straight terms allowed by Oregon term limits.

Kitzhaber, who was buoyed by a last-minute visit from President Barack Obama, will face a state budget situation that Kulongoski has described as headed for a cliff. Oregon could see a budget gap of \$3

billion in its next two-year budget cycle, and Republican gains in the Legislature will take away Democrats' majority in the House.

Locally, Loretta Smith won the Multnomah County Commissioner for District No. 2 spot, beating out Karol Collymore 62.14 percent to Collymore's 36.81 percent.

In addition to being a field director for Oregon's U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, Smith has served as treasurer for the Oregon Assembly for African American Affairs and the chair of the Oregon Black Political Convention.

Multnomah County voters mostly agreed with the Oregon as a whole for most of the state ballot issues.

However, State Ballot Measure No. 73, which requires increased minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes, and incarceration for repeated driving under influence, passed with 56.84 percent

of the vote statewide, despite Multnomah County's 53.61 percent no vote.

For one of the more controversial votes, Measure 74, which would have established medical marijuana supply system and assistance and

research programs while allowing the limited selling of marijuana, was defeated statewide, with 55.82 percent of Oregonians voting no. Again, Multnomah County disagreed with the state results, with 58.89 percent wanting the measure

to pass.

Both Oregon and Multnomah County both against Measure 75, which would have created a casino at the former dog racing track in Wood Village, with only 31.82 percent statewide voting yes.

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ished the regular season by defeating the Hermiston Bulldogs, 55-6.

Jefferson quarterback Noa Aluesi lead the game throwing 171 yards, 3 touchdowns, and running 60 yards against

Hermiston, 3-7 in league. Home team running back Josh Neal supplied 64 yards and a touchdown on the Democrats turf.

The Bulldogs put up a fight against Jefferson's defense, shouldering the Democrats with five takeaways, three interceptions, and two fumble recoveries.

## Leaf Drop Brings Fees

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information provided by the city before the leaf removal was to begin.

"I did not even know we had the option to opt out. I did not see it mentioned in the brochure that we received," she said. "Correspondence with complete information and alternative options or opt outs should be sent directly to the property owner well in advance ... (not) 11 days before the event."

Conant said she's very upset about the fee, and fears that many residents and small business owners will be negatively affected.

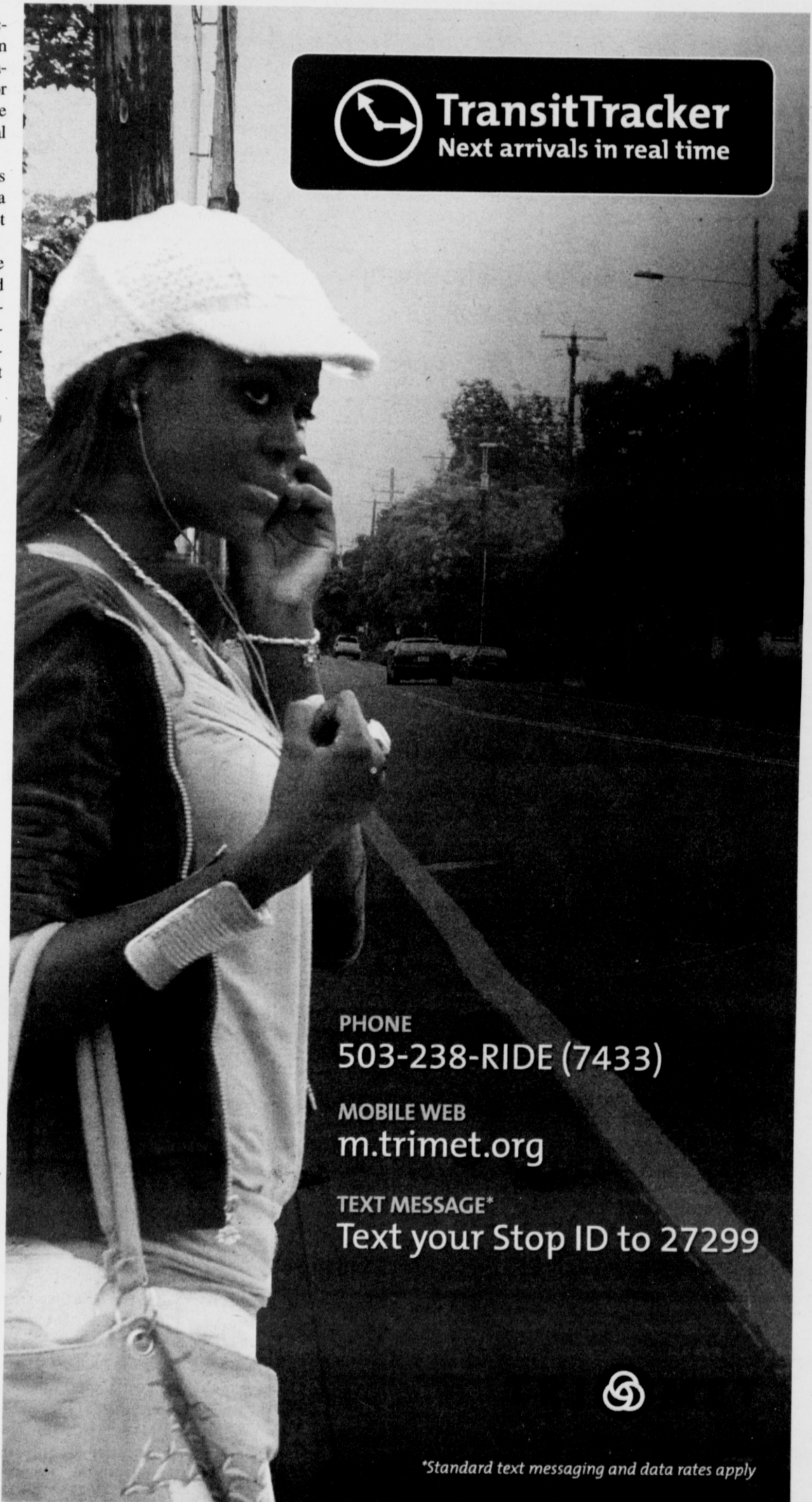
For any small business owner who also lives in the designated area, the fee can add up quickly, especially since most areas are cleaned twice.


There is an opt-out form avail-

able. If you haul your own leaves, have curbside hauling, contract someone else to remove them, or compost them, and can show documentation, you wouldn't have to pay for the city's service. The City must receive the opt-out application within 14 business days after the customer receives their leaf removal bill.

Low-income residents will automatically be given a reduced service rate of \$5 per visit, because the city uses the same billing information and system as the Portland Water Bureau's customer database.

But, at a time just before the holidays, when sewer and water hikes have also recently affected area residents, and Oregon's unemployment rate holding steady at 10.6 percent for the last year, the fee's long-term effects are still to be determined.






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