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One Week for Voter Registration

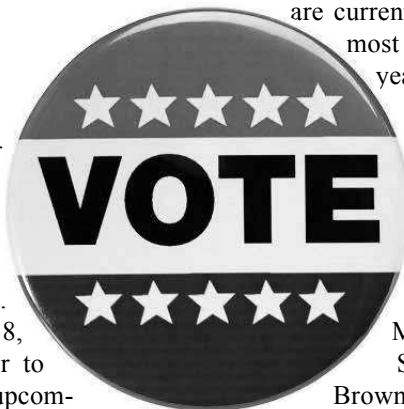
Deadline draws near to make your voice heard

BY CERVANTE POPE

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With a provocative Nov. 8 General Election rapidly approaching, there's only a few days left to make sure you are registered to vote so your voice is heard. In Oregon, Tuesday, Oct. 18, is the last day to register to vote to participate in the upcoming election.

Anyone who has moved to a new address or not voted in recent elections can check if they are currently registered with the Multnomah County Elections office or the Oregon Secretary of State. To register you must be a U.S. citizen with a valid Oregon identification card, 18 years of age by Election Day,



and not in jail for a felony or considered by a court to be mentally incapacitated.

The Oregon Elections Division reported that nearly 2.5 million residents in the state are currently registered to vote, an almost 14 percent increase over last year.

Secretary of State Jeanne P. Atkins attributes the heightened participation to Oregon's growing population, increased interest in local and national politics, and the success of the Oregon Motor Voter program.

Signed into law by Gov. Kate Brown, Oregon Motor Voter is a registration law that went into effect on Jan. 1 to provide a convenient, secure and simple way for people to vote. The Department of Motor Vehicles' computer system automatically registers voters once they've renewed or received an identification card, driver's license or permit. As of Monday 250,000 new voters had signed up through

the program.

The total number of Oregon residents registered to vote still doesn't encompass the state's entire population. The last reported census from 2015 counted the state's inhabitants at well over 4 million, making the number of registered voters in Oregon around half the amount of people that actually live here.

Besides the turbulent presidential race between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, state and local ballot measures, and local elections for government offices, will give people lots of reasons to vote.

One of the most high profile issues is Measure 97 which would increase taxes paid by businesses with annual sales of \$25 million or more by 2.5 percent, effectively racking in around \$3 billion of revenue per year to help the state pay for programs like schools, transportation and public health.

For more information about all the issues and candidates in the election or learn more about registering, visit oregonvotes.gov or sos.oregon.gov.

Portland Hurricane Help

The local Red Cross deployed 14 disaster response volunteers from Oregon and southwest Washington to Florida on Thursday to help with those affected by Hurricane Matthew. Volunteers helped staff evacuation shelters and delivered food and supplies as the then Category 4 hurricane tore through Haiti on its way to the south.

Rap Concert Shooting

A gunshot was fired backstage at the Roseland Theater on Friday night just before rapper the Game was set to take his headlining slot. The theater immediately cleared, but no gunshot victims or suspects have been identified. It is undetermined if the Game will reschedule his performance or if concertgoers will receive refunds.

Jail Inmate Found Dead

Corrections deputies found an inmate unresponsive in his cell at the Multnomah County Inverness Jail early Saturday morning during

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a routine security check, officials said. He was pronounced dead at the scene but no further details have been provided on his cause of death. An initial investigation has shown no signs of foul play.

Local Pharmacy Robbed

The Walgreen's pharmacy in the Woodlawn neighborhood was robbed Saturday evening, with the suspect making away with several bottles of narcotics and cash. The suspect is described as a 5'10" medium built African American male in his mid-20's. Anyone with info is asked to call 503-823-0405.

Teenage Homicide

Otoniel Hernandez-Duarte, 19, has been identified as the victim of a fatal stabbing that took place early Sunday morning at a house party in Gresham. He was allegedly involved in a

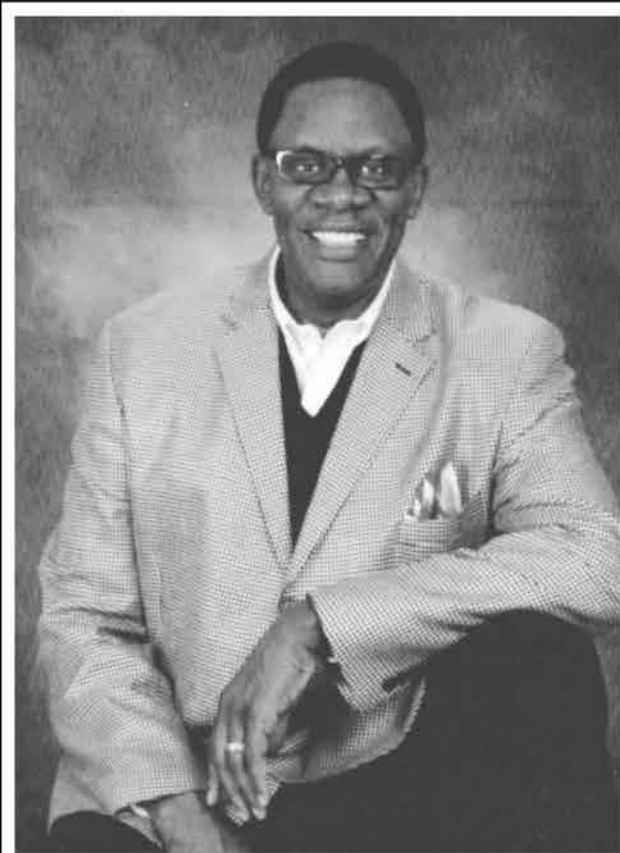
verbal altercation with fellow partygoers, including another teenager identified as Ariana Marlene Cortez, 19. Cortez is charged with stabbing him multiple times. The case is still under investigation.

Presidential Debate Fury

Moderators Martha Raddatz and Anderson Cooper barely had control over the town hall-style second presidential debate took place Sunday evening. Numerous interruptions came from Republican nominee Donald Trump while Democrat nominee Hillary Clinton tried to avoid discussing her email scandal.

City Hall Protest Prep

For the second time in a little over a week, officials shut down City Hall Tuesday after hearing word of another Don't Shoot PDX protest against a new police union contract. Mayor Hales was scheduled to bring to contract up for a possible vote Wednesday before the City Council that will allow for public participation.



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A: According to a recent issue of Computer Medicine, low back surgery is one of the least effective procedures. In fact, 75 to 99% are

unsuccessful. Before you make any decision, heed the advice of the "father" of low back surgery: "exhaust all methods of conservative care before considering surgery to the lumbar (low back) spine." To find out how Chiropractic can help you avoid back surgery, or for answers to any questions you might have about your health, please call us at the phone number displayed below.

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