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only a total of 532 votes.

In national offices Oregon saw the Pacific Green Party's presidential candidate Jill Stein place third in the state. Green candidate for Congress 3rd District, Woody Broadnax, also placed third statewide, right behind the Republican and Democratic candidates.

In the race for Portland mayor, Charlie Hales drew more than twice the votes of challenger Jefferson Smith. Wednesday morning's unofficial count shows Hales pulling slightly over 62 percent compared to Smith's 30 percent.

Every proposed tax and bond measure passed in the City of Portland

Fritz was reelected with slightly over 58 percent of the votes; Nolan posted just over 40 percent.

The State Supreme Court, Position 3 race was the rare example of a hot competition between judges, with Richard C Baldwin pulling ahead of Nena Cook, with 93,847 votes to Cook's 87,192.

In Clark County, voters turned down a sales tax increase for C-Tran; turned down a bid to create a metropolitan parks district by a margin of two to one; and voted to put David Madore on the City Commission.

The race for Washington State Senate District 17 showed Wednesday morning that Tim Probst and Don Benton are both at about 50 percent of the vote.

Other winners:

Suzanne Bonamici Congress 1st District
Earl Blumenauer Congress, 3rd District

Kurt Schrader Congress, 5th District
Secretary of State Kate Brown
State Treasurer Ted Wheeler
Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum
Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries Brad Avakian

STATE LEGISLATURE

State Senator, 14th District Mark Hass
State Senator, 18th District Ginny Burdick
State Senator, 21st District Diane Rosenbaum
State Senator, 22nd District Chip Shields
State Senator, 23rd District Jackie Dingfelder

State Senator, 25th District Laurie Monnes Anderson
State Representative, 41st District Carolyn Tomei
State Representative, 42nd District Jules Kopel Bailey
State Representative, 43rd District Lew Frederick

State Representative, 44th District Tina Kotek

State Representative, 45th District Michael Dembrow

State Representative, 46th District Alissa Keny-Guyer

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 6 Tim Volpert

Council, Pos. 1 CITY OF GRESHAM Jerry Hinton

Council, Pos. 3 CITY OF GRESHAM Karylinn Echols

Council, Pos. 5 CITY OF GRESHAM Mike McCormick


MAYORAL RACES

Mayor CITY OF PORTLAND Charlie Hales

Mayor CITY OF TROUTDALE Doug Daoust

Mayor CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO Greg

Dr. Ward



Dr. Edward Ward, children's book author and North Portland dentist, taught kids at Skyline Elementary about good dental health last month. He also read to them from his children's book series "The Adventures of Isabel and Buddy."

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OREGON BALLOT MEASURES

County Measure 26-143 The Multnomah County library levy YES 61.52 percent

26-144 PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT Bond YES 65.03 percent

26-145 CITY OF PORTLAND police and fire disability reform YES 74.63 percent

26-146 CITY OF PORTLAND Arts Tax YES 59.76 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 77 disaster declaration YES 58 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 78 grammatical changes to Constitution YES 71.76 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 79 prohibits real

estate transfer taxes YES 59.37 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 80 Cannabis Tax Act NO 54.99 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 81 bans gillnetting NO 66.11 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 82 NO 71.58 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 83 NO 70.71 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 84 phases out real estate transfer taxes on large estates NO 53.70 percent

State Ballot Measure No. 85 corporate kicker reform YES 58.97 percent

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one of the USB drives that hold each precinct's results, he asks.

"It's like a teenager parking the car outside with the key in the ignition and saying, 'What's the problem? The car is still there isn't it?'" Nisbet says.

Tim Scott, Multnomah County elections director disagrees. He points to security measures in place:

The ports are all covered with security tape.

The locked Red Room, where votes are counted and the Unity Machine lives, contains eight cameras, one trained directly on the computer.

Observers can view the room and cameras

at all times during the election.

Only two people have the password to the Unity machine—Scott and another senior elections official.

The Unity machine is not networked outside the room.

The USB drives with the precinct tallies are all checked and formatted before the enter the Red Room and they don't leave until the end of the election.

After the count, Scott says, a randomly selected proportion of precincts are selected for a hand count.

"So if somebody did tamper with that computer, we would know immediately we did the hand count.

We're taking what I think are very food security measures."

So what would satisfy Nesbit?

He'd like to see the extra USB ports soldered over, rather than covered with security tape. He's also like to see a software audit, before during and after the election.

"What would make me feel good about the Unity machine would be if the flow of data could only be one way," he said. "I would be happy if that machine logged each person who opened it and used it, and if each data transfer was logged."

Nisbet has a few other concerns. He doesn't like to see people giving their ballot to

anyone but an elections official, or dropping it in any box except the official elections boxes. And he is a close observer of any traffic in and out of the elections building. He says he has no doubt that some people do violate the law, by voting for others. That's hard to detect, he says.

Nisbet says his criticisms don't mean he doesn't trust Scott. He shouldn't have to trust anyone, he says. And he acknowledges that Scott has instituted many improvements in response to the questions raised.

"He has made massive and very good improvements, to allow us to watch more closely," Nisbet said of Scott. "He is going well beyond what's required of him."

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While women are a large segment of society, Hubber says they sometimes feel overlooked. She hopes the new race will help Hood to Coast reach out to a different segment than they normally do.

"Women's health and wellbeing and allowing everybody to have a chance to participate in sport at whatever level they are at is really what it's all about and how we're going to turn things around in this country and this community," says Sarah Mensah, Chief Operating Officer of the Portland Trailblazers.

In addition to promoting women's health, the event will fundraise for the Knight Cancer Institute, OHSU Sports Medicine, the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Oregon and the Police Activities League (PAL).

Hubber says the Better Half will be a

great avenue to raise funds for research, specifically around cancer, and patient advocate programs. In terms of PAL, she

announced, Hubber hints that it will be "extremely scenic".

"It will be on the west side of Portland

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says it's a great organization that promotes youth awareness and good relationships between the police, kids and sports.

Although the course has yet to be

and covering some of the East side as well," she says. "Absolutely beautiful. A lot of great views of the city, the river, the Portland region and it will really showcase the

city in a positive light."

Hood to Coast events have never given out prize money, yet the incentive of bragging rights has made for no shortage of participants. Hubber says they are expecting up to 1,200 participants for the Better Half.

Amber Barrett Webster, executive director of the March Wellness and Fitness Center at OHSU is excited for the opportunity to put fitness in the spotlight.

"We strongly believe exercise is medicine," she says. "We look forward to the inaugural half marathon this summer and are pleased to be partners in an event which promotes health while supporting efforts to assist those that are battling disease and injury."

For more information on the Better Half, go to www.portlandbetterhalf.com.