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Voters Reject Fluoride

Election 2013: Kids levy passes, Buell ousts Gonzalez at PPS

By Helen Silvis
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Portlanders rejected water fluoridation by a large margin Tuesday, in a special election that brought out about 36 percent of eligible voters.

Among the other measures on the ballot were: renewing the Portland Children's Levy, Beaverton Schools Levy and a METRO operating levy. That was in addition to a slate of school and college board elections, and positions on fire and water districts.

The water fluoridation measure was rejected by a margin of more than 20 percent.

Healthy Kids Healthy Portland, supported by practically every mainstream and minority health organization in the city, said fluoridation would be an important step toward improving dental health for children. The Centers for Disease Control calls fluoridation one of the top 20 medical advances of our time.

But Clean Water Portland, which opposed fluoridation, raised questions about the need to add the mineral to Portland water. They framed the issue as government forcing a risky medication on an unwilling populace. Naturopaths and other alternative health groups also oppose fluoridation.

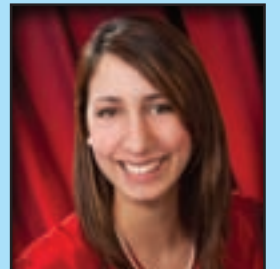
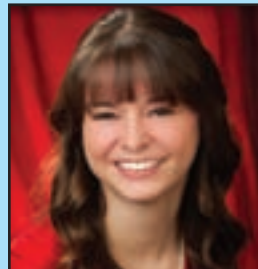
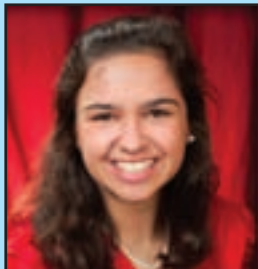
Kellie Barnes a spokesperson for Clean Water Portland, which led the anti-fluoridation campaign, said she is excited by the decisive numbers.

"I want to thank the voters for doing their own research and seeing that the emerging science gives a reasonable basis for concern for our children and for vulnerable populations."

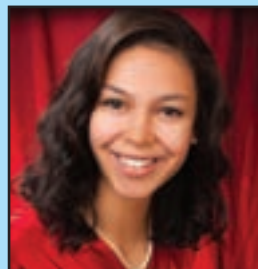
Barnes said she wants to continue the discussion about how to solve the problem of poor dental health especially among low-income children. Oregon's commitment to ensuring low-income children receive medical and dental care is one reason for

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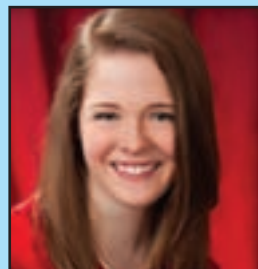
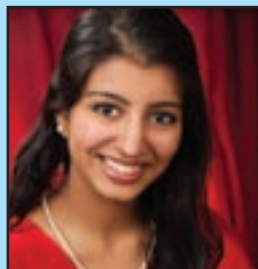
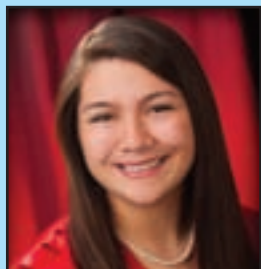
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The Rose Festival Queen will be chosen from among the Princesses and crowned on Saturday June 8, 8:30 am, at the Veterans Memorial, Coliseum.

2013 Rose Festival Kicks Off

This year's festivities will run from May 24 through Jun. 9

By Bruce Poinsette
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The Rose Festival begins Friday, May 24. Highlights of this year's festivities include the Queen's Coronation and the honoring of the World Hockey League Champions, the Portland Winterhawks.

The 2013 Grand Marshal of the Rose Festival is Gerry Frank, an author, speaker, veteran, statesman, businessman, volunteer and a fourth-generation Oregonian.

Frank served as chief of staff to former United States Sen. Mark Hatfield for 20 years and has often been referred to as "Oregon's third Senator." He was named the first-ever 'Oregon Premier Citizen' by gubernatorial proclamation.

Rose Festival CityFair will be open for three full weekends starting Memorial Day Weekend. The fair features local beer, live exotic animals, shopping, rides, special attractions and fireworks.

Admission to the CityFair is \$7 for ages seven and older.

One of the main attractions of CityFair is "The Big Sling." This human catapult slings riders nearly 25 stories high and is considered the highest flying ride in the Pacific Northwest.

"A Walk on the Wild Side" is an exhibit that brings a mix of exotic mammals, birds, reptiles and spiders. Its presence will help fund an animal rescue program and 40-acre country sanctuary.

The food court will include

barbecue, Hawaiian, deserts, hamburgers, pizza, and other options.

Also, this year's fair will feature two nights of fireworks. First, the festivities will kick-off with the Opening Night RoZone Fireworks Experience May 24. The second show, Grand Floral Fireworks presented by CityTarget, will be held Jun. 7.

Other activities include the 35th Legacy Health Starlight

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Gen. Romeo Dallaire Talks to Graduates

The former peacekeeper devotes his life to rescuing child soldiers

Lisa Loving
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Canadian Senator Romeo Dallaire was in Portland last weekend to deliver the commencement address for Lewis & Clark's College of Arts and Sciences graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 18.

Dallaire commanded the United Nations

Assistance Mission for Rwanda and is the author of "Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda," a first-hand account of the world's, and his own, failure to stop the 1994 genocide.

Lewis & Clark awards a Romeo Dallaire Scholarship each year to a low-income student dedicated to promoting human rights in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Skanner News spoke with Dallaire

last week about his work, the ongoing issue of child soldiers, and the young generation's power in making positive changes in the world – including for African children victimized by war.

The Skanner News: Sir, you have been through horrors that most of us in this coun-

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