

Hurricane

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wake. After moving past Haiti, Matthew rolled across a corner of Cuba and then began pounding the southern Bahamas with winds of 120 mph (195 kph) and heavy rain on a course expected to take it near the capital city of Nassau.

Forecasters said the

in shelters and hospitals were overflowing.

He called the hurricane the biggest humanitarian crisis in Haiti since the devastating earthquake of 2010.

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storm could hit Florida — or come dangerously close — late Thursday or early Friday and then scrape the East Coast up to the Carolinas over the weekend.

Matthew could become the first major hurricane to blow ashore in the U.S. since Wilma slashed across Florida in 2005.

On Tuesday, Matthew swept across a remote area of Haiti with 145 mph (230 kph) winds, wrecking homes and swamping roads.

But government leaders in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere said they weren’t close to fully gauging the effect in the flood-prone nation where less powerful storms have killed thousands.

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Mourad Wahba, the U.N. secretary-general’s deputy special representative for Haiti, said at least 10,000 people were

the extent was impossible to gauge, especially in the Grand Anse area on the southern tip, which took a direct hit.

“We have people in Grand Anse that we cannot reach,” Hervil Cherubin, country director for Heifer International, a nonprofit that works with local farmers.

While the capital, Port-au-Prince, was essentially back to normal, there was still widespread flooding across southern Haiti.

“There’s absolutely nothing we can do to protect ourselves here,” said motorcycle taxi driver Joseph Paul as he watched torrents of brown water wash over a road and deluge his low-lying neighborhood in Leogane.

“This storm was too much for us, and we are at its mercy.”

The U.S. government said it sent experts to Haiti to assess the damage and is providing \$1.5 million in food and other disaster assistance.

The hurricane also blew across the sparsely populated tip of Cuba overnight.



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Free Voter Registration Training

The Muslim Educational Trust will host a free voter registration training from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 6) at 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Road in Tigard. Parents, community leaders, advocates and interested volunteers are invited to attend. MET’s activities are non-partisan and will not endorse candidates. The organization is partnering with APANO (the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon) to offer this workshop and training.

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doesn’t include enough oversight to make sure the project actually creates good job opportunities for historically disadvantaged people.

Michael Burch, a representative for the Pacific Northwest Region-

nesses run by women, minorities and other disadvantaged groups don’t tell a complete story, Burch said.

Data reporting also needs to reflect whether contractors hire racial minorities or women into one-off jobs or apprenticeships that place them on a career track toward family-wage positions.

He’s concerned the city will adopt a “watered-down” variation of the CBA that won’t include the level of oversight or close data tracking the CBA included.

“It’s the formula that makes the CBA what it is,” Burch told *The Skanner*.

“The formula’s what works and the city’s desperately doing everything they can not to use the formula.”

Two September hearings at City Hall focused on the Rocky Butte

and Interstate projects: one on accepting the report and another on who would be signatories for similar projects in the future.

A major sticking point in those hearings: whether groups like unions would be involved as signatories in Community Benefits Agreement projects.

Burch said unions don’t necessarily need to be signatories on projects in the future, but groups invested in creating opportunities for disadvantaged people need to have some oversight.

“I think what we learned from the two days of council hearings is there is broad agreement on the goal, that is, expanding contracting opportunities for women and minorities and there is some disagreement about means,” Commissioner Nick Fish told *The Skanner*.

“Whatever you call it, they’re all designed to get better outcomes.”

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“Data that lump together businesses run by women, minorities and other disadvantaged groups don’t tell a complete story

al Council of Carpenters, said the Kelley Butte and Interstate Renovation Projects had signatories including unions, as well as groups like Portland Youthbuilders and Oregon Tradeswomen — that required the Metropolitan Alliance for Workforce Equity to publish disaggregated data and to report regularly on how well contractors and the city were meeting hiring targets.

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Debate

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the best way to empower someone is through economic security.

Brown found herself temporarily without words to respond to Pierce’s claim. She told the audience that despite her middle-class upbringing, she was a survivor of domestic violence and she has been a professional making less money than her male colleagues.

“This is not just about power. It is making sure that people are not discriminated against because of their gender, because of their race or because of their sexual orientation,” Brown said.

Stacey Kafka, the communications director for Pierce quit his campaign about two hours after the controversial remarks, saying she was “greatly offended” by what he said.

Pierce later issued an apology to “Governor Brown and anyone else who may have taken my comments the wrong way.” In his statement he said any woman regardless of economic sta-

tus can be a victim of domestic or sexual violence.

On Monday, the political action committee Oregon End Violence Against

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Women held a press conference to denounce Pierce’s statements. State Rep. Carla Piluso said the comment should disqualify Pierce from being Oregon’s governor.

“A person who says a better education or a better job can cure these systematic problems has no business leading our state,” Piluso said. “Oregon women deserve leaders who recognize the ongoing domestic violence in our state.”

Piluso spoke from her experience as Gresham’s police chief, where they would map out domestic violence com-

plaints. She said all neighborhoods, regardless of economic status, had incidents of these assaults.

The remainder of the debate high-

lighted the differences between the candidates. Brown is a staunch supporter of Measure 97, the corporate gross sales tax measure on the November ballot. Pierce rejects the measure and favors streamlining government services in order to address the looming \$22 billion PERS liability.

The candidates differed on reforms to the criminal justice system as well. Brown favors hiring diverse law enforcement officers, having diversity trainings and addressing disproportionate impacts for people of color.



Gov. Kate Brown debated Republican gubernatorial candidate Bud Pierce at City Club Friday. Pierce’s remarks about domestic violence drew gasps, boos and resulted in the resignation of his spokesperson.