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# KUTT'N'UP



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

PG Family was one of more than 15 dance acts that performed to sold out houses in the annual Halloween themed Kutt'N'Up Massacre at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute on Oct. 28 and 29.

## Measure 97: A Closer Look at Impacts

The Skanner reviews research on measure's potential consequences

By The Skanner News Staff

Oregon state ballot Measure 97 has been one of the most contentious issues facing Oregon voters this election season. The measure pits the Oregon public employees against Oregon business interests over a future funding stream for education, healthcare and senior services.

Measure 97 would increase the corporate minimum tax on C-corporations, charging 2.5 percent for sales above \$25 million.

If passed, the revenue would increase the Oregon State budget by one-third, adding an estimated \$3 billion a year.

Oregon currently has the lowest business taxes in the nation according to a 2015 Anderson Economic Group tax burden report.

Governor Kate Brown gave her support to the measure as a means to stabilize funding for Oregon state services.

"Our state cannot move forward and meet Oregon's growing needs over the next decade without a

more stable revenue base," Brown wrote in a statement. "Measure 97 is an important step forward."

Only a few states have corporate receipts taxes like the one proposed under 97: Delaware, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Washington and West Virginia. Some of those taxes are as low as 0.051 percent. Most of these tax rates are lower than the Oregon proposal because the tax applies more broadly to more businesses.

Measure 97 is crafted to raise a larger percentage

of taxes from a smaller pool of large corporations. The proposal has become the costliest ballot initiative fight in Oregon's history with over \$33 million raised by advocates and opponents combined.

The Skanner News supported Measure 97 in their election endorsements and has compiled some information to help voters make their decisions.

The effects of Measure 97 were analyzed by both the State Legislative Review Office and the Northwest

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## Multnomah County Extends Election Office Hours

The county says it will take steps to manage anticipated high election turnout

The Skanner News Staff

In anticipation of record voter turnout this election, Multnomah County Elections will extend office hours at the elections office.

All registered Oregon voters should have received their ballots. Nov. 3 was the last day to submit Oregon ballots via mail.

Ballots can still be submitted through 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 at

the Elections Office or at drop sites around the area.

Voters who have not yet returned their ballot can drop it off in person at any of the official 24-hour drop sites located throughout the county before 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, at the Elections office, at 1040 SE Morrison St. or at the following drop sites:



The last day to mail ballots was Nov. 3. In anticipation of high turnout, the Multnomah County Elections Office will extend its hours in the next several days. Ballots can also be dropped off at libraries and other sites around the metro area.

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Erius Johnson, the civil rights director for the Oregon Department of Justice has sued the DOJ, saying the department has failed to take corrective measures after learning an investigator was creating profiles for Oregonians, including Johnson, who used the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag on social media.

## Civil Rights Director Sues DOJ

Suit contends the department has not addressed issues related to racial profiling

By Christen McCurdy  
Of The Skanner News

Erius Johnson, the civil rights director for Oregon's Department of Justice, filed a lawsuit against attorney general Ellen Rosenblum and several DOJ investigators Wednesday, demanding the department address violations of Johnson's right to free expression.

In October 2015, Johnson learned a DOJ investigator had created a file labeling him a potential threat based on his social media use — and used a digital tool to search for and gather information on other individuals in Oregon

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## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. When local time is about to reach 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, turn your clocks backward one hour to 1 a.m.

Kam Reviews 'Loving'  
They committed a crime  
by falling in love in 1958

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