

Sanders, Trump win Oregon primaries

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WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders won Oregon's presidential primary and battled Hillary Clinton to a neck-and-neck outcome in Kentucky on Tuesday, vowing to soldier on as Clinton sought to blunt his momentum ahead of her likely general election matchup against Republican Donald Trump.

The race in Kentucky was too close to call, but Clinton wrote on her Twitter feed: "We just won Kentucky! Thanks to everyone who turned out. We're always stronger united." With almost all the votes counted, Clinton held a narrow lead of less than one-half of 1 percent as she tried to avoid ending the primary season with a string of losses to the Vermont senator.

Trump won the sole GOP contest in Oregon, where Sanders was declared the winner shortly after the polls closed in the liberal-leaning state.

Rallying supporters in California, Sanders said he would end up with about half of the delegates in Kentucky and promised to press forward even though he would need to win about two-thirds of the remaining pledged delegates to overtake Clinton.

"Before we will have the opportunity to defeat Donald Trump, we're going to have to defeat Secretary Clinton," Sanders said to cheers in Carson, California.

Clinton holds a commanding lead of nearly 300 pledged delegates over



Election workers Louise Masog, left, and John Jones prepare ballots for counting at Multnomah County election headquarters in Portland on Tuesday.

Sanders and a dominant advantage among party officials and elected leaders known as superdelegates. The outcomes in Kentucky and Oregon did not dramatically change the delegate count and the former secretary of state remains on track to clinch the nomination on June 7 in the New Jersey primary.

Tuesday's elections took place amid new questions about party unity following a divisive weekend state party convention in Nevada. Supporters of Sanders tossed chairs and made death threats against the Nevada party chairwoman at the event in Las Vegas, arguing the party leadership rigged the results of the convention in favor of Clinton.

In a sign of the tensions between the two sides, Sanders issued a defiant statement Tuesday dismissing complaints from Nevada Democrats as "nonsense" and said his supporters were not being treated with "fair-

ness and respect." In California, Sanders urged the party to be welcoming to voters who are "prepared to fight for real economic and social change." Addressing the party's leadership, Sanders declared, "Open the doors, let the people in."

Trump won the only Republican contest in Oregon. The billionaire businessman picked up nine delegates earlier Tuesday in Guam, which held its territorial convention in March, and had 1,143 delegates heading into the Oregon contest — fewer than 100 delegates short of the 1,237 he needs to clinch the nomination.

For Democrats, 55 delegates were up for grabs in Kentucky and 61 delegates were at stake in Oregon. Clinton and Sanders will each pick up at least 27 delegates in Kentucky, with one delegate remaining to be allocated pending final vote tallies.

In Oregon, Sanders will

receive at least 28 delegates and Clinton at least 24 with the remaining delegates awarded according to vote tallies.

The Sanders campaign did not immediately say whether it will challenge the results in Kentucky, which does not have an automatic recount.

In Kentucky, the former secretary of state visited black churches, a small-town diner and held rallies on Sunday and Monday in an effort to break up Sanders' momentum after his recent victories in Indiana and West Virginia.

Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, was the last Democrat to carry the state in a presidential election — he won Kentucky in 1992 and 1996 — and the former first lady tried to emphasize those ties in the days leading up to the primary.

"I'm excited about the primary but we've got to turn a lot of people out," Clinton told a packed diner in Paducah, Ky., on Monday. "I'll tell you this. I'm not going to give up on Kentucky in November. I want to help to bring back the kind of economy that worked for everybody in the 1990s."

Nearing the end of a long primary slog, the two Democratic candidates are preparing for June 7 primaries in California, New Jersey and four other states and then the District of Columbia primary on June 14.

When pledged delegates and superdelegates are combined, Clinton is now about 96 percent of the way toward securing the Democratic nomination.

Lieuallen wins race for circuit court judge

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Jon Lieuallen of Pendleton ran away with the verdict in the race for circuit court judge.

Early election results from the Oregon Secretary of State show Lieuallen had 67.1 percent of the vote to 32.7 percent for John Ballard of Hermiston.

The 6th Judicial District has five judges and encompasses Umatilla and Morrow counties. Lieuallen has 69.7 percent of the vote in Umatilla County and 54.2 percent in Morrow County. All results are unofficial.

Umatilla County counted 12,149 ballots in its first run, and elections staff estimated there were perhaps a couple thousand more ballots to go. Lieuallen also took 54 percent of the Morrow County vote.

Lieuallen was with his family at the Pendleton Dairy Queen for some ice cream after a youth baseball game. He said he kept track of some of the election results and also felt positive about the outcome. He estimated he, a couple of family members and a few close friends knocked on 2,000 doors during the campaign.

Lieuallen succeeds Circuit Judge Ron Pahl, who is retiring this year. That opened the door to a race. Ballard campaigned on a tough-on-crime platform, while Lieuallen emphasized his community involvement. Both talked up their wide-ranging legal experience.

Lieuallen said he plans to continue working for the Milton-Freewater law firm of Monahan, Grove, & Tucker, where he is a partner. The firm donated \$1,000 to Lieuallen's campaign, making it his

top donor. "I think [partner Sam Tucker] would like to have me stay around," Lieuallen said, "but he also supported me as well."

Ballard gave his campaign \$10,500, according to the state's online database of campaign finance information, and has outstanding personal expenditures of \$2,258.09. Lieuallen loaned his \$1,300 and has personal expenditures approaching \$14,000.

Lieuallen's top expense was almost \$4,400 to Outwest Printing, Milton-Freewater, for campaign post card mailers. He also spent \$1,288 at Integrity Design & Copywork, Walla Walla, for business cards and post cards, \$1,281 on radio ads and \$1,206 on ads in the *East Oregonian* and *Hermiston Herald*.

Ballard spent almost \$7,000 with the *East Oregonian* and *Hermiston Herald* for print and internet ads. The EO editorial board met with both candidates and endorsed Lieuallen for the bench.

Ballard and Lieuallen also sought the circuit court bench in the past.

Ballard was one of 10 attorneys in 2010 that applied for two open seats in the district. Then-Gov. Ted Kulongoski selected Eva Temple and Lynn Hampton as judges. Lieuallen in 2012 ran and lost against Hampton when she sought re-election. Monahan, Grove, & Tucker gave a \$1,000 to that effort as well, as did Ballard.

Circuit Judge Dan Hill of Hermiston ran unopposed for re-election and won with 99 percent of the vote.

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2 marijuana bans remain in effect

Voters in an eastern Oregon county have rejected a ballot measure that aimed to rescind a ban on marijuana production and sales.

With all the votes in from Grant County, 53.5 percent rejected the measure.

Grant County Judge Scott Myers had said last week

that he would be more than surprised if it passed in the largely conservative county.

Voters in Klamath County, in the south, faced a similar ballot measure. There, with 60 percent of the vote counted, 58 percent had voted against requiring the county to allow "state-approved licenses, allowing medical dispensaries, retail farms and retail sales to conduct business."

Wheeler to be Portland mayor

State Treasurer Ted Wheeler will be the next mayor of Portland, clinching enough votes to avoid a runoff election in the November general election.

With 46 percent of the vote counted, Wheeler was in the lead at 58 percent while Multnomah County Commissioner Jules Bailey

trailed behind in second at 16.2 percent.

Not too far behind Bailey at almost 10 percent was Sarah Innarone, the race's lesser-known underdog candidate whose campaign picked up surprising steam in recent weeks.

As a nonpartisan race, one of the candidates needed at least 50 percent of the vote to declare a winner and avoid a runoff

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