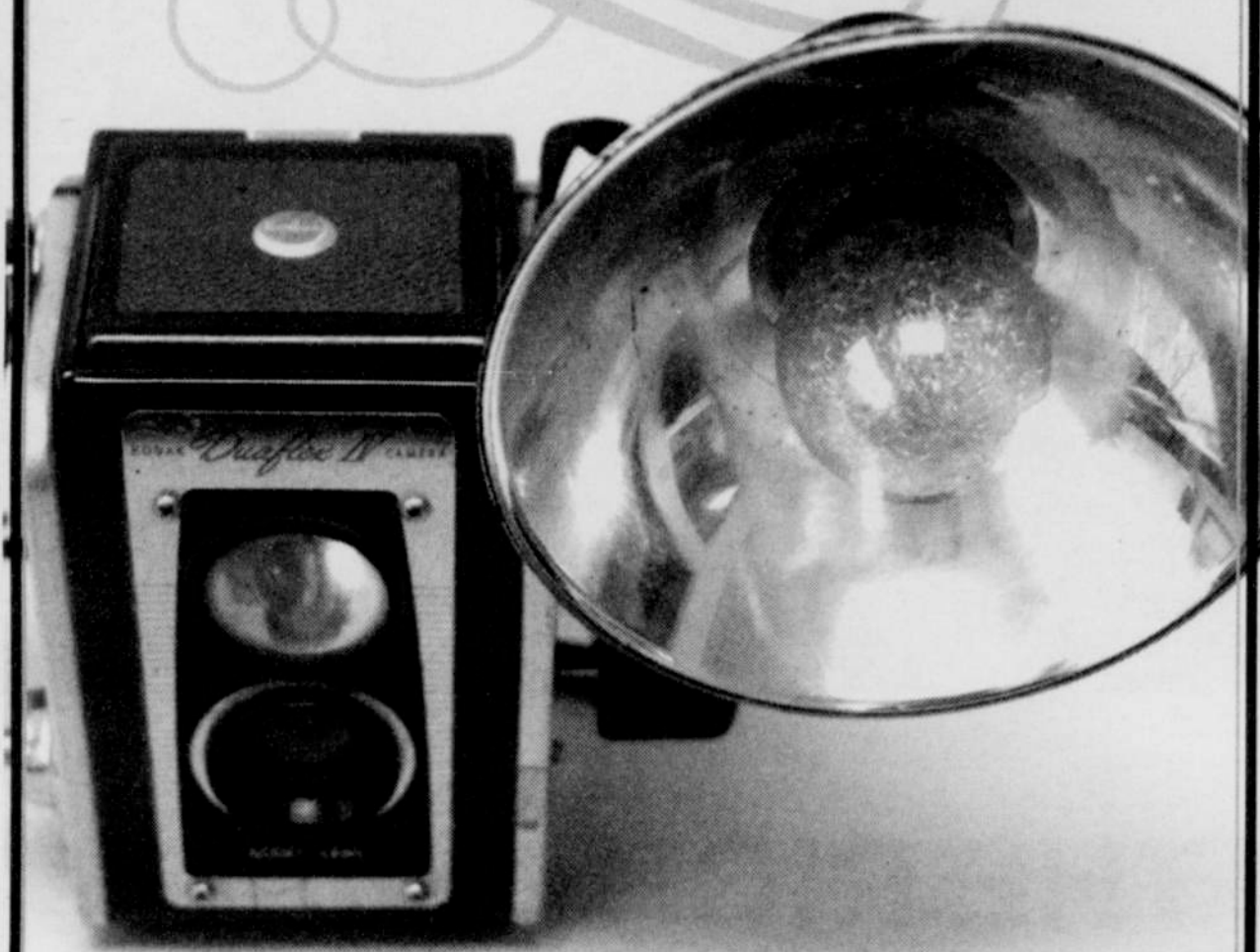


2006 *Just Out* AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST



For 2006 the categories are
PETS, PEOPLE AND NATURE

ALL CONTESTS HAVE RULES. Here are ours.

1. Each person may send in as many entries as they choose. However, all entries become the property of Just Out and no entries will be returned.
2. Each and every photo must be clearly marked with the entrant's name, address, phone number and contest category.
3. All entries must be an 8" x 10" print or smaller. **No electronic submissions will be accepted.** Entries may be color, B & W, or lavender.
4. All entries must be received by May 31st.

Mail your entries to:
Just Out
P.O. Box 14400
Portland, Oregon 97293-0400

or drop them off at:
123 N.E. Third Ave., Suite 465

Winning entries will be published in the June 16 Pride Edition of Just Out.

There will be one knocked-out-socks-off grand prize winner as well as first-place winners from each category. In addition, prizes will be awarded to staff favorites. Finally, there will be a special prize awarded to the best picture of Portland City Commissioner Sam Adams *with his eyes open*. Good luck, amateur photographers.

The value of the prizes will range from \$25 to \$250.

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Primary Election Results

Allies lost, allies gained

by Jaymee R. Cuti

Half of Oregon's victory parties turned somber at an early hour when first counts of primary election results rolled in around 8:30 p.m. May 16.

Multnomah County Chair Diane Linn will only hold that title through January, when she hands her seat over to challenger Ted Wheeler.

A composed Linn answered streams of questions from reporters from her Jupiter Hotel room, denying any weakness in her own campaign and instead saying Wheeler ran "the best campaign money could buy."

Linn said her proudest moment as chair was bringing same-sex marriage to Multnomah County, which some speculate is to blame for her landslide defeat. Wheeler earned nearly 70 percent of the votes.

"If this was the price to pay [for same-sex marriage], it wasn't too high," said Linn.

Others speculated that a rift between Linn and fellow Commissioners Maria Rojo de Steffey, Lisa Naito and Serena Cruz—visible Wheeler supporters—sealed her fate.

Wheeler has his own conjecture.

"The public clearly wants positive change in Multnomah County. They want new leadership that can bring a fractured county back together," he said. "I also think people rewarded us for running an issue-oriented campaign that was positive."

One of Wheeler's issues, he said, involved convincing voters that queer rights are on his radar.

"I would particularly like to tell *Just Out* readers that I will be looking forward to working with the gay and lesbian community on a very close basis," he said. "This election was not a referendum in any way on same-sex marriage or gay rights. You've replaced one pro-gay rights candidate with another."

Wheeler says his immediate plan is to take a vacation to California to spend time with his wife.

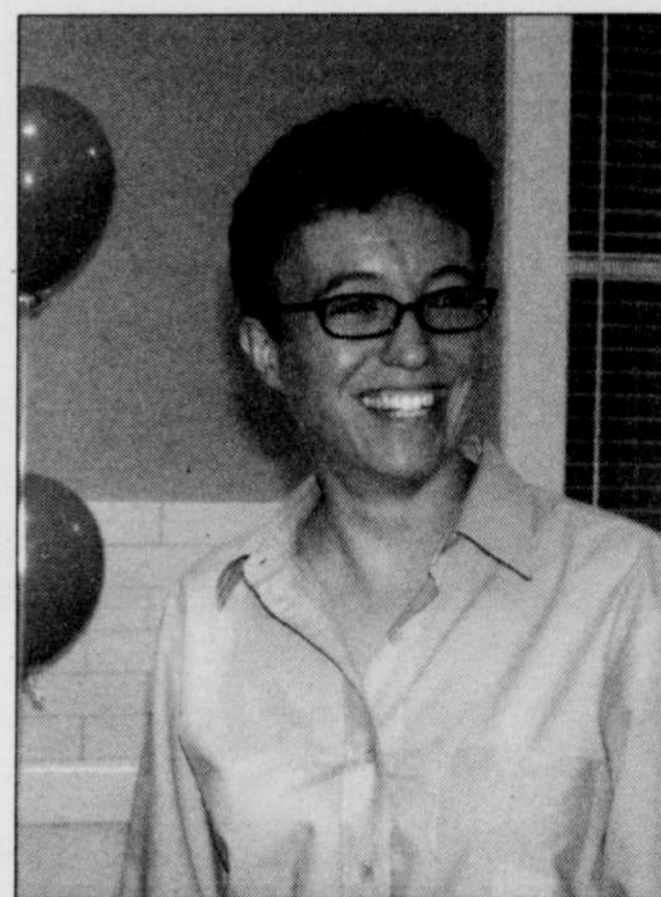
Portland City Commissioner Erik Sten secured the necessary votes to avoid a runoff election with opponent Ginny Burdick with a slim 50.63 percent.

During his victory party at Northwest Portland's Lucky Labrador Brew Hall, a smiling

Sten said, "I'm looking forward to building a town that's got justice and open arms to everyone."

City Commissioner Dan Saltzman retained his seat against Amanda Fritz and others with a 57.81 percent lead.

County commissioner candidates Jeff Cogen and Lew Frederick face a runoff election in November because neither secured 50 percent of votes.



Out candidate Tina Kotek addresses volunteers and supporters in a victory speech at the old Kenton Fire Station.

Out candidate Tina Kotek, policy director for Children First for Oregon, beat opponents Jim Robison and Mark Kirchmeier in the Portland House District 44 race and will face Republican Jay Kushner in November. If elected, she would be the only openly lesbian member of the state Legislature.

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski held onto his seat in the primary and will face a fairly moderate candidate in Republican Ron Saxton in the general election. Kulongoski defeated challengers Jim Hill, who earned 30 percent of votes, and Pete Sorenson, who drew 17 percent. Kulongoski took 54 percent.

The election was marred with low voter turnout, with estimates at a record-setting 32 percent. Officials predicted turnout could be at its lowest in 46 years in Oregon.

Some pointed to a lack of choices to explain the low numbers, and Secretary of State Bill Bradbury named negative campaign ads as a possible culprit.

"It reflects people's increasing disaffection with government," said Wheeler. "We've got to reach out to the public as elected leaders and encourage their participation. This is their government, and voting is their opportunity to shape their government." **jo**



Multnomah County Chair Diane Linn addresses reporters on election night shortly after receiving news of her defeat to challenger Ted Wheeler.