



Sheila O'Brian votes early by depositing her ballot at the Multnomah County Elections office at 1040 S.E. Morrison St.

# Vote Comes In *Turnout looks huge*

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percent of ballots received.

Since the primary election in May, Multnomah County has gained 67,555 new voters, increasing from 360,000 to 427,555.

In November 2000, Democrats in the county composed 49 percent of registered voters and 24 percent were Republicans. Currently, 49.5 percent of voters are registered Democrats and 22 percent are registered Republicans.

Nationally, Democrats appear to be gaining the upper hand in the battle to sign up new voters in the all-important swing states, an Associated Press analysis suggests.

The AP analysis of the most up-to-date figures from across the country found that, in every state where complete data is available, the Democrats have registered more new voters than Republicans. They have the edge in Arizona, Iowa, New Mexico, Nevada and New Hampshire.

Only in Florida is the story different.

Registration tallies from more than half the counties show that the Republicans and the Democrats are virtually tied in the race to increase their share of voters in the state that decided the presidential election four years ago. "We're living politics right now, everywhere you turn," said Kevin Glat, auditor in Burleigh County, N.D. "It was such a close race four years ago that people are finally coming to the realization that every vote does count."

## Activist Attorney Murdered

### Two suspects arrested after body found

(AP)—Police have arrested two people on charges of murdering Douglas Swanson, a defense attorney from northeast Portland known for his work on behalf of people with insurance and worker rights issues.

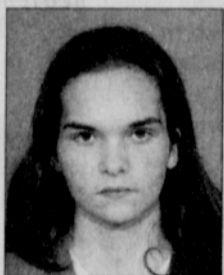
Stuart E. Lueb and Lydia Marie Way were charged with aggravated murder after Swanson's body was discovered in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Detectives provided few details about how or where he died, other than to say it was not a random killing.

Authorities were trying to determine the nature of Swanson's relationship with his killer or killers. Police said there was no evidence it was connected with his legal cases or his political involvement or that Swanson



Stuart Lueb



Lydia Marie Way

had a drug problem.

Swanson, known for his workers' compensation expertise and charitable activities, was last seen

about 7 p.m. on Oct. 19. He had attended a school conference with his wife at his 12-year-old son's school, then he and his wife left in separate cars. Swanson never returned to his Irvington neighborhood that night, nor did he arrive at work the next morning.

Detectives traced calls from Swanson's cell phone and tracked the movement of his car after his disappearance. They said the car traveled to north and northeast Portland, and to the Mount Hood National Forest near Fish Creek Road.

## Voters Urged to Cast Ballots

Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury reminds registered voters that if they have not received their ballot by now, they should call or visit their county elections office in order to get a ballot.

"Vote-by-mail, our toll-free voter line, and the OregonVotes website makes it easy to vote and easy to find information about voting," said Bradbury. "I'm so excited to see record numbers of registered voters, and I encourage every registered voter to make sure that they have received a ballot and that they turn their ballot in by election day."

Voters can call toll-free 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683) to be connected to their county elections office, or visit [www.OregonVotes.org](http://www.OregonVotes.org) for locations and contact information.

Friday is the last day to mail ballots back to the county. After Friday, voters should bring their ballot to an official county drop site. See front page for a list of ballot drop sites.



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An advice column known for its fearless approach to reality based subjects!

**Dear Deanna!**

I think my daughter is stealing from department stores. New clothes, perfume and compact discs are coming out of nowhere. I know the parents of her friends so this stuff isn't coming from them. How do I find out if she's stealing and what do I do if it's true. --Anonymous Mom; Greensboro, N.C.

**Dear Mom:**

If your gut instinct is saying your daughter is a thief, then you're right. Get your Bible and give her a refresher course on Exodus 20:15 which says thou shall not steal. Then make a visit to the county jail so she can get a first hand look at what happens when people get caught stealing. Between God's word and the reality of jail, I think she'll get the picture and keep her hands to herself.

**Dear Deanna!**

My dad's a kind-hearted man always looking for ways to help people. However, he's prejudiced. When I date outside the race I have to do it behind his back because he gives me a hard time.

How do I tell him we're one world and can't go forward with racist attitudes? I love everyone. Shouldn't we all get along? --Indecisive Thoughts; Long Beach, Calif.

**Dear Indecisive:**

Your dad needs to quit tripping over the color thing. You're a well-rounded person and he's taught you well. You should feel comfortable enough to point out his racist areas at the moment he's acting this way. The world will always have a rainbow of people and if he can't accept it, then he needs to get over it. This process is a continued work just like we're still looking for world peace and the cure for cancer.

**Dear Deanna!**

I mindlessly picked up the National Enquirer and saw an article about Halle Berry writing your column. I've seen magazines were she said she's tired of being hurt or she'll never marry again. I'm a middle-aged white guy and it breaks my heart to think she's not being adorned with attention, affection and genuine love. She could be a mean spirited nag, but she's so beautiful I can't imagine that. Should you talk to her again, tell her that her work is stellar, her style is timeless and her existence has filled me with delight every time I see her in film or print. God bless both of you. --Jim; Dallas

**Dear Jim:**

In today's time, it's good to see a white man also support and embrace two positive black women that are trying to handle their business. Your comments and thoughts are on point with the rest of the world as it pertains to Ms. Berry and the Enquirer article. Thanks for the love and support.

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**REGISTRATION:** We have a few openings for sixth- and seventh-grade students this year and will add eighth-grade next year. Tuition is free. Registration is easy—just give us a call, or come in and apply. We will get records from your child's former school. Find us at the Blazers Boys & Girls Club, 5250 NE MLK. Call for information at (503) 789-9099. Come and see for yourself what a great school can be.

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