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Obama Campaign on Killingsworth

Volunteer Lakeitha Elliot (left) and Colleen Davis, office manager of the Barack Obama for President headquarters at 1516 N.E. Killingsworth St., organize canvassers ahead of Oregon's May 20 Primary. The campaign added 31,770 Democratic voters to the state's voter rolls in the 30 days before the registration deadline.

Party Switchers May Get Two Ballots

The Oregon Secretary of State has told voters who switched parties within two weeks of the April 29 voter deadline that they may receive a ballot for their previous party registration. These voters will also receive a new ballot in a few days for the correct party, officials said.

If anyone does not receive their

correct ballot by May 10, they should contact the Multnomah County Elections Office located at 1040 S.E. Morrison St. or call the office at 503-988-3720. Only one ballot will count and it must correspond with the voter's current registered party.

Nearly 100,000 new voters are

registered in the Oregon Democratic Primary this year where a close contest is riveted between Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama.

The ballots must be returned to a county elections office or an official ballot drop off site by 8 p.m. on May 20. Postmarks do not count.

Dear Deanna!

I'm in a relationship and I think my boyfriend has another life. We've dated for two years and he's always worked third shift. While on medical leave I noticed he never came home until noon. When I asked about this he told me that he goes to the gym. I followed him and his gym turned out to be an apartment complex. We argued and instead of telling me about the apartment, he accused me of not trusting him. What do I do? --Betrayed; Winston-Salem, N.C.

Dear Betrayed:

If you have to stalk a man and chase him down for answers, then you're with the wrong person. He placed the blame on you instead of confessing the truth and being honest. He's burning two ends of the candle by working at night, being with one woman in the morning and being with you in the evening. Don't settle for less because you deserve more. Heal yourself from the inside out, count your loss and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My grandmother is a sweet, sacrificing lady that has given me everything in life to be successful. I've decided that I don't want any more education but she insists that I go ahead and complete my Masters Degree. She's just cleared her debt and paid my student loans and I can't bear to see her struggle again. How do I make her understand this without hurting her feelings? --Teena; Omaha, Neb.

Dear Teena:

Your grandmother pushing you towards a higher degree isn't a bad problem. It's good you're not a user and willing to be concerned about her finances. Take the time and show your grandmother how to invest with the option that if you go back to school, you'll let her help. This way she can save money and have hope that you'll come to her first when it's time to hit the books again.

Ask Deanna!



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Dear Deanna!

I'm a white-collar professional and my relationship is causing problems with my social life. My girlfriend doesn't have a degree and lacks polish when we do things with my friends. I worry that she'll say something stupid and embarrass herself every time we go out. I want her to measure up to the women in my circle but she refuses and insists she want to be herself. I'm ready to end the relationship because my social life is important. --Anonymous; Orlando, Fla.

Dear Anonymous:

If you want a trophy, you need to buy a dog and place it in a dog show. Relationships are based upon personal truth, individual self-confidence and up front character. If you're afraid of your girlfriend's behavior in front of your friends, you should select new friends or change your stick in the mud attitude. You don't deserve this woman if you place your social life before the relationship. Do yourself and your date a favor by ending the relationship and find a fool like yourself to date.

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Bus Announcements Go Automated

Buses with internal Automated Stop Announcements are now notifying riders where they are along bus routes on seven major TriMet bus lines.

By the end of 2008, all of the bus routes served by TriMet's approximately 360 low-floor buses will have the announcements activated.

The system is similar to MAX, which has had internal and external automated stop announcements.

External announcements, which were introduced and tested last year, announce which bus line is serving the stop when there are multiple bus lines involved.

The information reduces uncertainty over what stop is next and decreases anxiety over missing a stop, especially for disabled riders.

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