

Dawson Park Concerts

The group Rumba Caliente brings Cuban music and dance to Dawson Park on North Stanton Street between Williams and Vancouver avenues during last Wednesday's Summer Concert program. Portland Parks and Recreation is bringing concerts to neighborhood parks throughout the city all summer long. The schedules are posted at portlandparks.org or by calling 503-823-PLAY.

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Oversight Wanted

State Sen. Avel Gordly is encouraging people in the community to get involved with education, job creation, and other issues they care about by applying to serve on state boards and commissions.

Oregon's 200 state boards and commissions help provide direction and make policy on virtually every issue - from economic development to education, criminal justice, health care, the environment, and much more. Appointments are made by Gov. Ted Kulongoski.



Sen. Avel Gordly

"Before I got involved in politics, I was not aware, like many people, how important boards and commissions are to how our state commissions and agencies work. And that's the key: it's our government," Gordly said.

Gordly is especially interested in getting members of all minority groups to participate, and in particular to increase the number of African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and Latina on boards and commissions.

Constituents can find out more by visiting the Governor's website at www.governor.state.or.us, or by contacting Nancy Goss-Duran, executive appointments director at 503-378-3123 or Peggy Ross, Director of the governor's affirmative action office at 503-378-3544.

Ask



Deanna!

Real People, Real Advice

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

Dear Deanna!

I'm a 50-year old divorcee that met a man last year who is 62 and widowed. We've been going out every other weekend for a year but haven't been intimate. We hang out late and he's never asked me to stay all night at his place. He never calls me and the only time we talk is when I call him and he appears happy. His birthday is in two weeks and I want to seduce him. Should I do this and do you think he's interested in me? --Lap Dance; Toledo, Ohio

Dear Lap Dance:

Don't play yourself. After a year if you do all the calling and he still hasn't made room for your tooth-

brush is a good sign he only likes you as a friend. Don't force yourself on him through seduction because it may turn ugly. Obviously there's some interest because he spends time with you. Respect his space and decisions because for all you know, he may be impotent or still grieving for his late wife. One day he may come around and see you in a different light, but don't hold your breath. And always, keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I go to church on time every Sunday and it really burns me up when the ushers reserve seats or keep a bench empty for celebri-

ties or business people. They come to church late and walk on up to their reserved seat like they're special. I'm ready to explode. --Anastasia; Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Anastasia:

This special treatment is sinful because in the biblical sense there should be no separation between the rich and the poor. If people come to church late they need to go ahead and pull up a seat in the back or the balcony. Proverbs 22 Verse 2 says rich and poor have one thing in common, the Lord made them all. With that said, even in the church everybody is

equal and should be treated the same.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a 21 year-old student and I feel like everything in my life such as relationships, money and career is going wrong. I should be excited about being in college but I'm not. Seems like the moment I get something good it's taken away. What's wrong with me? --Anonymous; Denver

Dear Anonymous:

Other than needing a rubber room, you're normal. You're straddling the fence getting ready for true adulthood and there are many decisions and choices hitting you

in the face at once. Nothing is working because your mind is all over the place. Reset your goals and work on staying focused. At age 21 your life is just starting and you haven't seen anything yet. Now is the time to get your self together.

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