

Local Thrift Store Expands

Profits support teen recovery program

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A thrift store in northeast Portland has overhauled its retail space to better serve the community.

The Teen Challenge Thrift Store in the Hollywood District moved much of its donation processing to its basement to provide more room for the various used merchandise it carries.

Profits from the thrift store help support the Teen Challenge recovery program, a residential facility in which young men and women learn life skills and overcome an addiction to drugs and alcohol. All young adults in the program work at the Teen Challenge Thrift Store.

"We employ them as part of our recovery program to build work experience," said Jonathan Anderson, communications director for Teen Challenge of Portland.

"One of the painful realities is there is no part of society that is immune from drug and alcohol addiction, so we see people from all different backgrounds," he said of the diverse community they serve.

Located at Northeast 31st and



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Fred Thomas of the Teen Challenge Thrift Store on Northeast 31st Avenue and Sandy Boulevard organizes shirts in a newly-expanded store.

Sandy Boulevard, the store offers clothing for men, women and children, including shoes and occasional new items from commercial donors. Dishes, tableware, books, tools and

collectibles abound. There is a wide selection of furnishings for every room in the house, as well as fixtures, appliances, hardware, and electronics. "Everything is tested and in

good working order before it's put on the floor," says store manager Larry Dawson. "We won't sell anything we wouldn't be proud to have in our own homes."



The children of musician Rick James arrive at the memorial service for their father at Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills section of Los Angeles. (AP photo)

Hundreds Pay Tribute to Rick James

(AP) — Hundreds of friends and fans gathered Thursday at a memorial service to remember Rick James.

Stretch limousines pulled up to the auditorium at the Forest Lawn cemetery in Hollywood Hills, where a crowd of about 1,200 came to remember the "Super Freak" singer with musical performances.

Guests who arrived at the service included Motown founder Berry Gordy Jr., singer Chaka Kahn, Jermaine Jackson and others who worked with James or were fans of his work.

James died in his sleep last week at his home near Universal City. He was 56.

"On behalf of the James family,

we would like to thank all of his fans. This is his moment of glory. He would've loved to have known he had this much support. We appreciate your prayers," Ty James, the singer's daughter, said Thursday.

James' career peaked in 1981 with the Grammy-winning hit "Super Freak," but the singer had enjoyed a bit of a revival recently, partly due to comedian Dave Chappelle portraying him as violent and arrogant on his "Chappelle's Show." James himself appeared on the Comedy Central show.

An autopsy has failed to determine the singer's cause of death.

He is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

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Dear Deanna!

When does an ex-boyfriend have the right to disrespect an old flame? My boyfriend and I split because we weren't compatible. I thought we were on the same page until he started putting my business in the street. He's talking about my credit problems, family drama and he hurt me the most by telling his friends about my medical hygiene problems. I feel I'm doing the right thing by ignoring him. --Elaine; Los Angeles

Dear Elaine:

Any man, whether married, single, dating or divorced that

puts his woman on blast and tells her business after a break-up is a punk. It's worse if they have children because he's disrespecting the woman and his kids. You're doing the right thing by giving him a deaf ear. Now you're able to see more about his character that led you to break up in the first place. Keep holding your head high because in the end, he'll still look like a fool.

Dear Deanna!

I want to share with the readers my secret to a good relationship. My husband and I get along just fine because I stay in my place, respect him as a man, and provide

my womanly duties of cooking and cleaning. I don't have to worry about him cheating and we settle our problems by talking. Hopefully some of your readers can benefit from this tidbit. --Terri Thomas; Dover, Del.

Dear Terri:

Congratulations Miss Cleaver on your relationship that's perfectly in order. Indeed, two people in a relationship have roles that must be fulfilled. However, what works for you may not work for others because people and their expectations are different. Thanks for sharing and continued success to the both of you.

Dear Deanna!

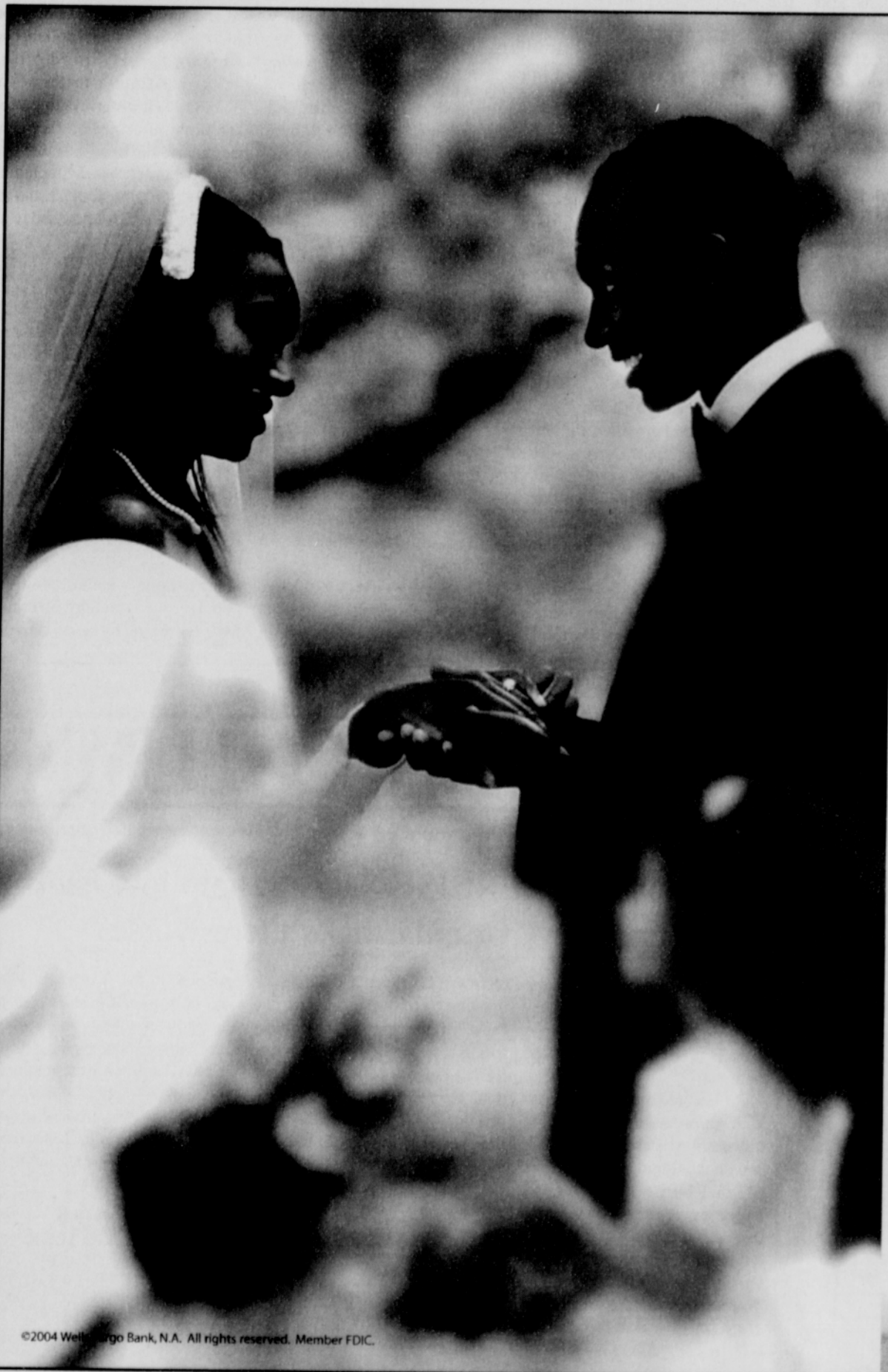
You know what bothers me? When I'm in public spending my money somewhere, it annoys me when there's a loudmouth arguing on a cell phone. To make matters worse, managers at restaurants and stores are too scared to address the problem and the rest of the customers have to suffer. Other than assault, what is a conservative way to deal with this problem? --Rebecca; Houston

Dear Rebecca:

Sounds like you're just as scared as managers who fail to address the problem. Why not say excuse

me and ask the annoying person to leave. If you're not that bold and it bothers you so much, contact the manager. Then again, two can play that game and you can become a nuisance too by picking up your phone and talk just as loud. You know, this is not rocket science, look over them and keep it moving.

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