

Dear Deanna!

I'm 25 years old and haven't found a good man yet. My son is 3 and he asked if I have a boyfriend or if I'm married. He told me it's time for his mommy to find a man. Men are very hard to find. What am I doing wrong? --T. Truss; Toledo, Ohio

Dear T. Truss:

All men are good; the one you select just may not be good for you. Immediately teach your son about the institution of marriage so he won't place another woman in your situation. The next time he tells you to get a man, let him know that you have one. His name is Jesus and when he's ready for you to have a man in the flesh, he'll send the one meant for you. Until then, focus on your faith so you'll be the deserving God fearing woman you need to be.

Dear Deanna!

I have three kids with a guy I love a lot. He cheated on me so I decided to move out and take the kids. The move has affected me financially and emotionally. Yes, I realize no one is perfect and we all have faults but I'm trying to hang in there for the sake of my kids. My boyfriend and I have to eventually communicate because of the children. How can I do this without falling for his love spell? --Miss Brown; Web site Letter

Dear Miss Brown:

Instead of thinking about a love spell, you need to think about raising your kids and providing for their needs. You need to rely on God during this stressful time instead of playing games with the children's unfaithful father. I suggest you pray for strength and God's guidance as you take things one step at a time. As a woman with three kids, you know what time it is and you know exactly what kind of communication you need with this



Ask Deanna!

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Dear Deanna!

I have a cousin that cheats on her husband but that's her business. However, she claims she's out with me and our friends. On one occasion, she had the nerve to tell me not to call her house. The last lie was when she told her husband that I needed a jacket and she was bringing it to my house. I live 60 miles away. Now her husband acts funny towards me. --Anonymous; Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Anonymous:

Let your scandalous cousin know that you want no part of her infidelity. Advise her that the next time she involves you that you're going to call her husband and clear your name on the spot. If that means she'll be mad, then oh well. She'll get over it. Your main concern is eliminating your assumed involvement and name smearing. Her husband will eventually get the picture and see that you've done nothing wrong.

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ONE-ON-ONE

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As the two Irvings play a game of one-on-one basketball, they must sift through the differences between celebrities and outcasts, fathers and sons, wealth and poverty, life and death—and the blurry lines that sometimes separate them.

Written by internationally acclaimed playwright, Israel Horowitz, this startling production is directed by Stan Foote and recommended for ages 11 and up.

A "post-game" interactive forum featuring the former Blazer fol-

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lows each performance. The discussion will center on contemporary role models – What makes a good role model? Who are our heroes today? Who do you look up to when your role models falter?

Tickets for "One-on-One" are \$18-\$21 for adults and \$14-\$17 for children and seniors and are available by calling the box office at 503-228-9571 or through TicketMaster at 503-790-ARTS or www.ticketmaster.com.

Michael Harper (right) makes a move for the basket around Sam Burns as the plays dialogue breaks into pure action.

Search for Housing Discrimination Funded

Two public service agencies in Oregon are getting support to fight housing discrimination in the state.

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson awarded \$219,931 to the Fair Housing Council of Oregon and \$79,588 to the Legal Aid Society of Oregon to help them fight housing discrimination.

The grants are part of \$17.6

million allocated under HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives program. The money will be spent by public and private fair housing groups and state and local agencies across the country. These groups will use the funds to investigate allegations of housing discrimination, educate the housing industry and public about housing discrimination laws, and work to promote fair housing.

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breaks for multimillionaires," he said.

"In our party, we address how you get stable family-wage jobs, how you get kids educated to prepare for those jobs and when it comes to race, we do think race is an issue and you have to account for it and not pretend it's not an issue," he said. "We still do believe in affirmative action unlike the Republicans. We do believe people are still discriminated against because of race and religion. People are profiled because of their ethnic backgrounds and you shouldn't tolerate that."

A spokesman for the Multnomah County Republican Party said that according to his party, people are

people, and that should resonate well with communities of color.

"The main way the Republican Party appeals to minorities is it treat them no differently than any other citizen," said Tim Trickey, political director for Multnomah County Republicans.

He calls the assumption that Republicans are a rich, white man's club "rhetoric from our opposition."

"I don't think it's fair to paint a party or organization into a racial corner unless they choose to put themselves there," Trickey said.

He also says he doesn't care to know the racial makeup of the party, though he says it appears to be consistent with the city's demographic, judging from party events.

"We do outreach based on an area of town rather than a person's ethnicity," he said.

With two high-profile African Americans, Colin Powell and Dr. Condoleezza Rice, on President Bush's cabinet, some may view the Republican Party as inclusive to minorities.

But the majority of people in power in the party remains white and very few people of color are registered Republican.

According to data from the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, more than 8,000 elected officials in the United States are African American, yet fewer than 80 are Republicans elected to partisan office.

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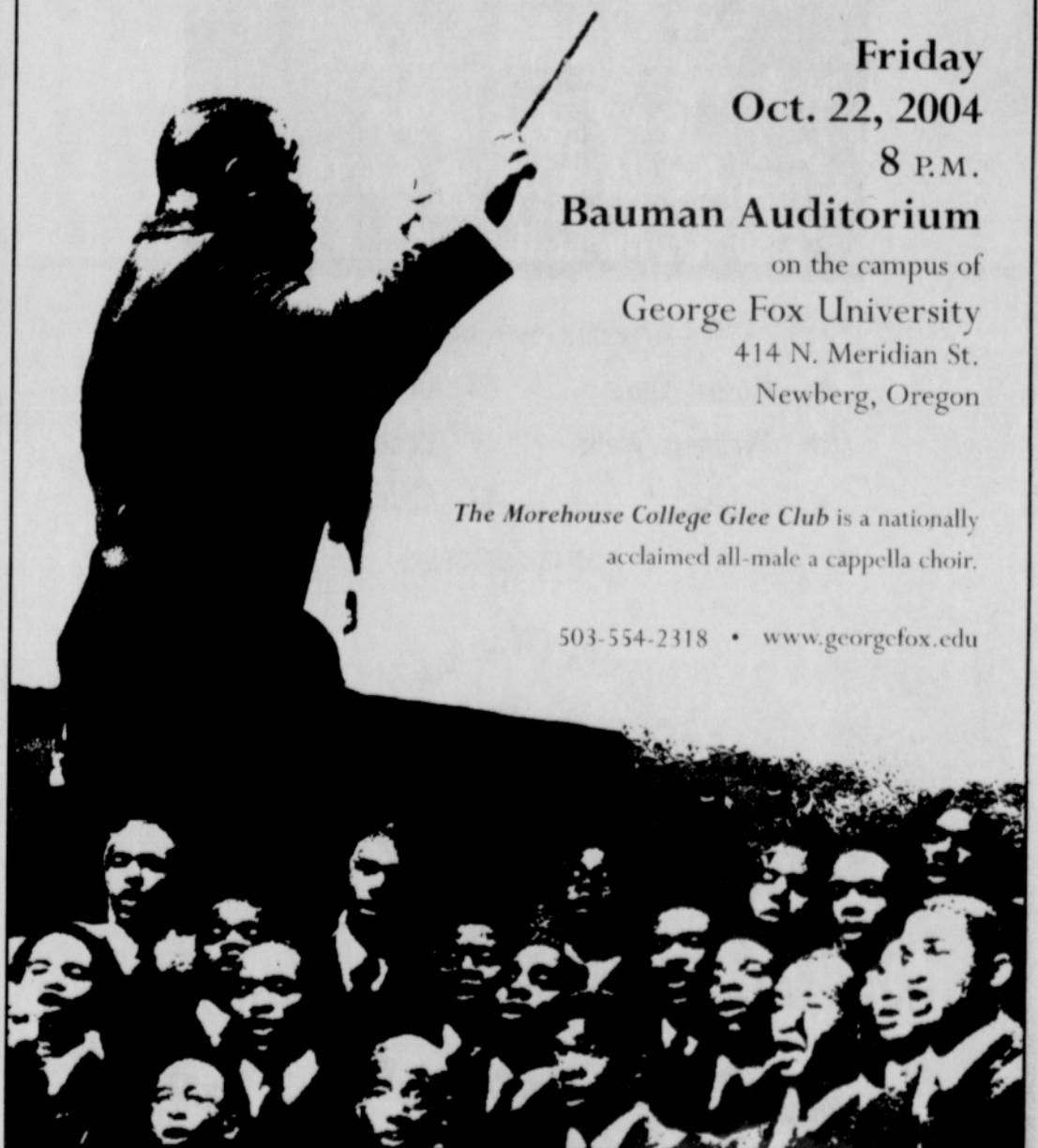
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