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**Dear Deanna!**

I got into a fight with a girl my boyfriend cheated on me with and now he acts like he doesn't want to be bothered with me. I feel so embarrassed because I was in the street lowering myself to this level and I still came up empty handed. -- Signed Candace; Providence, RI

**Dear Candace:**

You should feel stupid because if you're not married, this man doesn't belong to you or the other woman. If he was a real man, he wouldn't have you in this situation to begin with. You didn't say you won the fight, so it looks like you got your butt whooped for nothing. Count it as a lesson learned and you won't disgrace yourself like that again. Make it a blessing that this buster is out of your life.

**Dear Deanna!**

As a junior in college, all my friends are sexually active. They try to make me feel like a dork because I keep to myself and plan to wait until marriage before taking that step. I'm tired of the sex scene and I want to let my friends know they need to accept me as I am and I'm not giving up the booty. --A & T Aggie Pride;

Greensboro, NC

**Dear Aggie Pride:**

Stick to the obvious morals, faith and values your family raised you with. You're doing the right thing by saving yourself until you're ready. Next time you need to make a point with your friends, show them a picture of an AIDS victim that can hula-hoop with a Cheerio or take them to the drug store to see how expensive it is to handle sexual diseases. Besides, your parents sent you to college to hit the books and not the bed sheets.

**Dear Deanna!**

I'm a 23-year-old black female with a master's degree, a bachelor's degree in business marketing and an associate's degree in Spanish. I'm eager to begin my career and know I should earn at least \$50-60K a year. Employers don't want to pay me what I'm worth. I keep getting offered \$11 per hour jobs. Should I accept such a job until I find the right position and can do better? It's been 6-months. Was college a waste of time? --Unemployed College Graduate; Los Angeles

**Dear Unemployed:**

You can have every degree in the book and still be unemployed. Your credentials look good on paper, but as a person, you need to work on your attitude, approach and faith. You attract what you project and if the low paying jobs come your way, obviously that's what you're applying for. Instead of giving up, partner yourself with an executive placement agency that can evaluate your resume and skills and help you gain the employment you seek.

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# Scenic Ainsworth to Grow Greener



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Friends of Trees volunteer Jim Gersbach and a rare yellow wood tree planted on Northeast Ainsworth Street at Alberta Park. Gersbach will direct more than three dozen tree plantings Saturday along Ainsworth to create a linear arboretum from Martin Luther King Boulevard to 42nd Avenue.

## Friends of Trees launch linear arboretum

Portland residents will expend their tree familiarity after Friends of Trees volunteers plant scores of new trees to create a linear arboretum over nearly 40 blocks of

Northeast Ainsworth Street.

Saturday's plantings will celebrate the organization's 15th anniversary season of urban forestry.

"We wanted to select trees with our years of experience that do pretty well under these conditions but that many people weren't aware of and wouldn't know where to see them," said Jim Gersbach, former board member and current volunteer of Friends of Trees.

Volunteers will plant approxi-

mately 30 street trees mostly between the sidewalks and parking strips along two miles of Ainsworth, from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Northeast 42nd Avenue. The existing trees in the medium of the already scenic thoroughfare will stay.

The arboretum will include species not commonly planted in Portland today, such as the Kentucky coffee tree, mountain silverbell, Persian ironwood and American hornbeam.

"This is the first time that so many neighborhoods have worked together on a tree planting along a single avenue that crosses multiple neighborhood borders," said Friends of Trees Executive Director Jane Foreman. "It's a gift to the city."

The linear arboretum helps fulfill a vision of the Olmsted brothers, who shaped many Portland parks in the early 1900s. The Olmsteds recommended a tree-lined boulevard connecting the Columbia River to the Willamette River.

"The only part of that vision that seemed to get realized is on Ainsworth," Gersbach said.

Friends of Trees and Portland Parks and Recreation's Urban Forestry Division plan to create a brochure identifying each of trees to serve as a reference to homeowners

seeking unique trees to plant on their property.

The groups hope that the linear arboretum will help increase tree diversity in Portland, helping prevent massive tree loss if a species-specific disease infects the city's trees. Diseases such as Dutch elm disease have devastated entire neighborhoods in Eastern and Midwestern cities that lacked in biodiversity. According to Gersbach, such devastation was completely preventable with good planning.

"Had those neighborhoods been planted with a variety of trees, the devastation would have been much less. They would have still had other trees," he said.

Gersbach, a resident of Concordia, is one of the three volunteers coordinating the linear arboretum project.

"Having an easily accessible avenue of new and interesting street trees will greatly assist people who are trying to choose which tree to plant. Until now, we've had to send people to different locations around the city if they want to see how a particular species looks," said Gersbach.

To learn more about the Nov. 20 planting or about Friends of Trees, call 503-282-8846 ext. 17 or visit www.friendsoftrees.org.

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Art Alexakis, frontman for the band Everclear and State Sen. Margaret Carter, who represents north and northeast Portland, share the spotlight in a Blazer's ad campaign focusing on the team's meaningful relationships.

## Focus on Community

The Portland Trail Blazers kicked off the NBA season with an advertising campaign designed to show the team's connectedness with well-known Portland faces and neighborhood kids.

One of the candid moments of filming for the TV spots brought together native Portlander Art Alexakis, frontman for the band Everclear, State Sen. Margaret Carter and Trail Blazer Point Guard

Damon Stoudamire.

Carter, a talented gospel singer belted out John Denver's "Country Road" while Alexakis strummed on guitar and with a perplexed Stoudamire—apparently not familiar with the 70s-era folk song—joining in only sporadically.

The Trail Blazers will air the commercials during game broadcasts throughout the season.

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