

**Dear Deanna!**

My boyfriend and I have problems with his baby mama putting their baby in the middle of our relationship. When we make plans, she brings the child over and he baby sits. If the child gets sick she calls him in the middle of the night. The final straw came when we planned to go out-of town and she left him a message to get the baby from daycare. We didn't see her for two days. He needs to choose between our relationship or the baby. --Fed Up; St. Louis, MO

**Dear Fed Up:**

The junk in your trunk isn't so good that you can make a man pick you over his child. If you want the baby mama to stop playing games hit her with reverse psychology. The father should voluntarily start spending so much time with the baby that the mother will become a little lonely. This will slow her up on those bogus drop-ins. Don't force him to choose because you'll come up empty handed and dry as the Grand Canyon.

**Dear Deanna!**

When I met the woman I'm with, I wasn't saved. Now I've given my life to the Lord and she doesn't understand why I won't have sex with her. I asked her to marry me but she said no. I don't feel as if I can continue this relationship because my salvation is more important. What should I do? --Dennis; Memphis, TN

**Dear Dennis:**

You're doing the right thing by avoiding fornication which is a sin. It's not worth it to send your soul to Hell over lust—a moment of passion with someone who isn't your spouse. Lead her to the Lord and help her become saved. God doesn't want you to be unequally yoked so don't sweat the marriage rejection. Pray for her and con-



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tinue to walk with God so she'll see your faith and obedience.

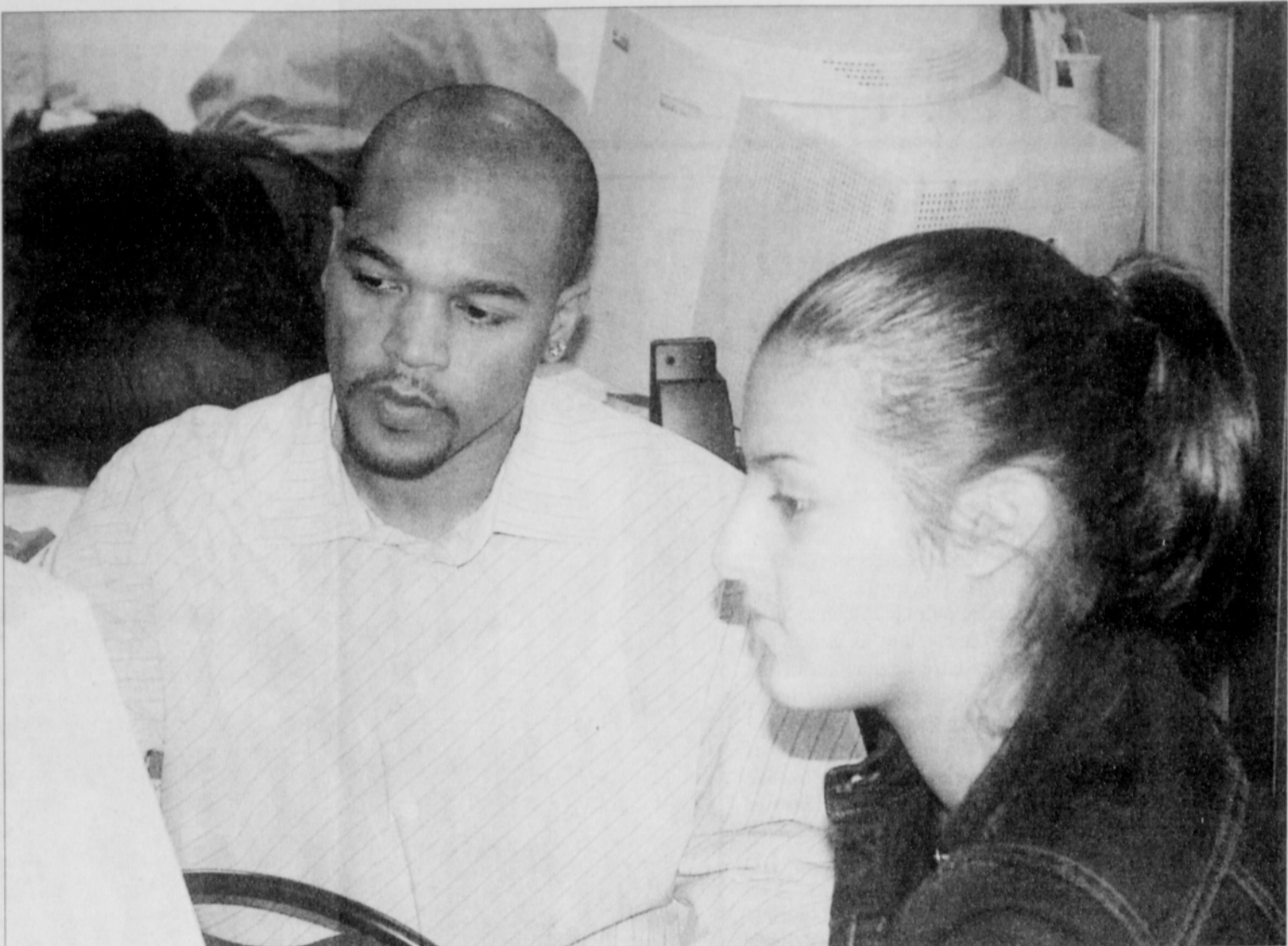
**Dear Deanna!**

Help me fast! My mother's having an affair on my father and I'm in the middle. I've lied for my mother and covered for her but I think she's about to get busted. My dad's real suspicious and he's going to question me soon. I'm loyal to both my parents and I don't want to hurt neither one. My dad's a good man and if he asks me, I can't look him in the eye and lie about it. Help! --Anonymous; Indianapolis, IN

**Dear Anonymous:**

Let your mother know she's wrong and shouldn't be doing this to your dad. Your mother is unfit because she's teaching you adultery, fornication and lying. If your dad asks, don't lie—tell everything you know. Pray for your mother because when that drama harvest comes in that she's sowing it's not going to be pretty. She's going to reap what she sowed in such a way that only the Lord can save her.

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Jermaine Thompson, YO Center resource room coordinator, helps Azucena Hernandez with her resume.

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# Money Runs Out for YO Center

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counselor someday and is now taking her G.E.D practice tests.

"The case managers help us out so much," she said. Ross' career objective is to become a counselor because "people always come and talk to me about their problems, I might as well get paid for it."

Tremaine Murphy started out the New Year in jail. Now he is an intern at the YO Center working as the assistant for case manager Marilyn Gordon, and

in the fall, he plans on attending Portland Community College. Murphy looks forward to someday having his own business, but wants to work with people.

The center serves 1,900 young adults ranging from 14 to 21 years old and 1,300 African Americans. Most are school dropouts. More than 300 homeless youth are served at the center in partnership with Outside In, an organization known for homeless youth advocacy.

The Yo Center building on MLK and Morris Street is situ-

ated in what many consider an ideal location for commercial interests. With all the gentrification in north and northeast Portland, some fear the center will become a restaurant or health club.

"It would be a shame if there's not another community resource located in this building, because it is a central location," Gardner said.

But according to a source at the Architects Forum, the owner of the property, Howard Glazer plans to lease the property to a non-profit organization, specifi-

cally one that benefits north and northeast Portland.

The YO center is sponsoring a youth opportunity fair on June 21, to give honor to staff, youth and agencies that supported YO. This will also be an opportunity to provide information on the other eight agencies. It's going to be a block party to "end on a great note," Gardner said.

The YO center also is having a job fair with 30 companies on Wednesday, April 6 from 3 to 6 p.m. for those aged 16-21. For more information, call 503-528-7500.

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