

RELIGION

Gospel Concert Fills Church

Gospel sensation Tamela Mann performs in front of a packed church on Saturday at Emmanuel Temple, 1033 N. Sumner St. Mann and her husband, David Mann are ministers from Dallas, Texas. Both joined special guests Kevin Moore and Chosen Generation for the Portland concert.



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Ask Deanna!



**Real People,
Real Advice**

An advice column known for reality based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

My daughter is devoted to pursuing a singing career. She is now discouraged because she feels that after 5 years of trying, her prayers are not being answered. She feels a bit distraught when she sees other teenagers her age "breaking in". She has won numerous competitions and has appeared at the Apollo Theater. I see her pain and hurt with her. I know that my faith tends to bend a little, but never in front of her. What else can I do to help? --Concerned in South Carolina

Dear Concerned:

The first step is to make a demo tape and prepare a media kit. Once you have this presentation you're ready to submit her information to record labels, music scouts and other industry professionals. However, be prepared to do some work and ensure she has stage presence and can be entertaining. Her day will come soon as it's meant to be but you have to be prepared for

true luck, which is simply being ready when the opportunity presents itself.

Dear Deanna!

My mother, husband and daughter have been driving me crazy for 3 years. My husband is illiterate and I work two jobs, have to do everything and he only wants to have sex. We got kicked out of our home and had to move in with my mom who hates him and doesn't want me with him in her house. My daughter hates him too. He's cheated but we can't seem to leave each other. I love him and sometimes hate him. What do I do? --Anonymous; On-Line Reader

Dear Anonymous:

Your husband needs to get hooked on phonics so he can help you with some of the financial and household pressure. Your mother and daughter love you and simply can't stand to see your husband put you through so much drama. Issue an ultimatum to your husband that he has to learn to read and write, get a job and stop his cheating. If not, he needs to leave your mother's home while you get yourself together and keep it moving.

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102 Years Old and Going Strong



Rev. John Hart of Portland celebrates his 102nd birthday, May 22, with son John Hart Jr. and daughter Mary Overstreet-Smith. Despite his age, Hart can still lift a dumbbell, even if it is makeshift like this one filled with money.

Hand-In-Hand Festival

The 28th Annual Hand-In-Hand Festival takes place Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Andrew Com-

munity Center, Northeast 8th Avenue and Alberta Street. People with developmental disabilities and those without

are invited to come together for a day of free fun, including games, clowns, lunch, prizes, live music and arts and crafts. The festival is sponsored by St. Andrew Parish, the Archdiocese of Portland, as well as local businesses in northeast Portland. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in the event, contact Kathleen Backman, festival coordinator, at 503-288-4943.

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