mitment for voting rights reauthorization,"

Every president for

the past several de-

cades has spoken to the group. Until now,

Bush had been the ex-

he said.

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Invitation Finally Accepted

Bush to address **NAACP**

(AP) - President Bush plans to speak to the NAACP for the first time since he was a candidate, with the White House announcing the appearance days after the chairman of the civil rights group publicly urged him to attend.

The president had declined invitations to the NAACP's annual meeting for five years in a row, and



speeches by the group's leaders.

Presidential spokesman Tony

Bush's decision comes in a criti-

cal midterm election year, when Re-

Congress and Bush has been work-

ing to get more votes for the GOP.

Bush received just 11 percent of the

In a speech to the convention

Sunday, NAACP Chairman Julian

Bond blasted the war in Iraq and

attacks on voting rights even as he

urged Bush to attend the gather-

ing. "This year the convention has

come to the president and we hope

and pray he is coming to us," Bond

Gordon said he was glad Bush is

going to speak to the group, espe-

cially with renewal of the 1965 Vot-

ing Rights Act still before the Sen-

ate. "This is a great opportunity for

the president to express his com-

ated from Corvallis High School

and lived in Salem for part of his

Ask Deanna!

Ever since childhood, my best friend

has played games and told lies to

blackmail people or get money. Now

she's married and still doing the

same thing. Her husband doesn't

want children and she knows it. Her

latest stunt is too much for me to

she's pregnant and she plans to go

shopping with the money she's

supposed to use for pregnancy

termination. I feel this is too much

and should tell her husband. -- No

At what point did you decide to

stop benefiting from your friends

financial gain? If you've been a part

of her scams for so long, I'm sure

she gave you a cut of her shady

earnings. You've co-signed with

her for so long it's obvious she

doesn't listen to you. Your best

advice is to pull away and stop

being a witness to her dishonesty.

You'll cause too much drama if you

stick your nose in the hornets' nest

now. In other words, mind your

More Lies; Dallas, Texas

Dear No More Lies:

Dear Deanna!

Real People,

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column

known for

reality based

subjects!

Soldier Tied to Oregon Killed

life was killed this week in a office. Evey would be the 64th Baghdad bomb blast, the Army person either from Oregon or

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Evey, 29, have been killed in the war in Iraq of Stockton, Calif., was the son or in Operation Enduring Free-

of former lobbyist John Evey, dom, which was launched in

who later worked in the develop- Afganistan as a result of the atment department at Oregon State tacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

(AP) — A soldier who gradu- University in the 1990s.

black vote in the 2004 election.

George Bush

the White House.

record and mend fences.

improved.



Bruce S. Gordon

ception. Willis Edwards, an NAACP board member from Los Angeles, said Gordon should get

has often been criticized in credit for Bush's planned visit. Gordon has had three meetings But under new NAACP President with Bush in the year he's headed Bruce S. Gordon relations have the civil rights group - compared to one meeting in nine years Bush had The National Association for the with his predecessor, Kweisi Advancement of Colored People is Mfume, a former Democratic conholding its 97th annual gathering at gressman. "The White House has aconvention center just a mile from evidently listened to (Gordon)," Edwards said.

But Rep. Diane Watson, a Demo-Snow said Bush decided to speak crat from California, was more skepto the group Thursday because of tical about Bush's visit.

'a moment of opportunity" for the The president is "reading the president to tout his civil rights polls," she said. "He says he doesn't pay attention to them, but when he was flying high, he didn't come."

There is a history of bad blood publicans fear losing control of between Bush and the NAACP. During the 2000 presidential campaign, the NAACP's National Voter Fund ran a television ad against Bush. It featured the daughter of James Byrd, a black man dragged to death by three white men in a pickup truck, blaming Bush for refusing her pleas for a hate-crime law when he was Texas governor.

Then, just before the 2004 election, the Internal Revenue Service began looking into the NAACP's tax-exempt status after a speech by Bond that was critical of Bush's policies. Political campaigning is prohibited under the NAACP's taxexempt status, but the Baltimorebased group called the audit a political smear campaign.

According to the count com-

piled by Gov. Ted Kulongoski's

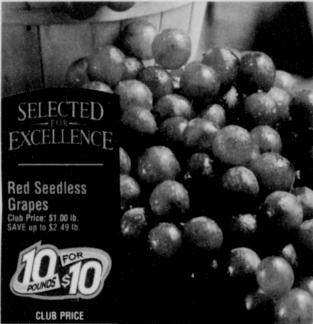
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business.

Dear Deanna! I'm the only 18-year old girl in my group that doesn't have a baby. My friends are treating me differently now that they all have children and try to make me feel abnormal. I'm not interested in a baby, but I still want to be friends with them. They treat me as if I'm not good enough to be around them and they act as if they're so mature

and I'm young and dumb. How do I handle this. -- Shawna; Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Shawna:

You need to find your favorite song on the radio, drink lemonade and enjoy your life until you meet a husband. There's nothing cute about girls fresh out of high school two steps from a welfare office and dirty diapers. You're the winner in this bunch and you should be on your way to college and a blessed life. Go for the gold, shake it off and encourage your friends to achieve as you avoid the baby daddy blues.

Dear Deanna! handle. She told her husband that

I spend a lot of time being friends with women, listening to their problems and just being a great guy. I'm in a situation with a friend that I now want a relationship with but she isn't interested. Once I made my feelings known she has basically kicked me to the curb. I can't understand why she took my money, used my car and came to me with all of her problems but won't date me. What did I do wrong? -- A.J.; San Diego, Calif.

Dear A.J.

You got pimped which is what insecure women, a few wives and silly girls do to the good men out there. You fell victim to a woman that wanted a guidance counselor and financial provider without any loving. These women are fine as long as they get what they want without giving up anything. Consider yourself blessed to be out before your credit was ruined and you were left looking foolish with a broken heart.

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