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Real Advice*

Ask Deanna! Is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

My neighbor really upsets me by the way she puts her children on the church bus on Sunday morning. She comes out in her robe with a cigarette in her mouth and sends her kids to church but she doesn't go with them. This makes me so mad that I'm at the point of knocking on her door so I can tell her about herself. Would I be wrong for doing this?

LaTanya

Oklahoma City, OK

Dear LaTanya:

Don't be foolish by going to that woman's house and get yourself knocked out. People tend to be touchy when you come at them the wrong way concerning religion. Her business is her business, but as a Christian, you should invite her and the children to come to church with you instead of judging her current actions. God wants you to do his work by seeking the unsought, teaching the untaught and bringing the unbrought.

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Dear Deanna!

I'm 33 years old and have been in a relationship for 11 years. We both are ready to get married but my boyfriend wants to wait. He says our finances aren't in order, but I think he's lying. What do you think?

Confused

Columbia, SC

Dear Confused:

You both are lying. He's living a lie because after 11 years, there should've been a marriage of love with or without finances. Married couples build together. He's very comfortable and has no plans to marry you and will use excuse after excuse. You're lying to yourself in believing he'll marry you. With your age and the time you've been in the relationship, you should know the status of your finances. You both need to come together, lay your cards on the table and decide to commit or split and keep it moving.

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Dear Deanna!

I just graduated from high school and started college. I haven't gone to class since the first semester began. I'm tired of school, but my family forced me to go to college so I went along with the plan. Now I feel guilty because of the money spent on tuition and the loans. How do I tell them I want to drop out?

Talisha

Atlanta, GA

Dear Talisha:

It's good your conscience is kicking your behind. You need to wake up and realize you're blessed to go to college when so many people can't go because they can't afford it. You need to change your mind and do the right thing and stay in school. Seek assistance from your guidance counselors and talk with your parents and get yourself back on track. In the long run, you'll greatly benefit as an educated adult with a degree. If not, prepare to say, "may I take your order please?"

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Fantasy Springs resort open its doors

By Kathi Overstreet
Sentinel-Voice

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino celebrated the grand opening of its \$200M expansion last week, upping the ante becoming the Coachella Valley's premier gaming, lodging and entertainment destination.

If you want to trade in the loud noises, the crowds and the hustle and bustle big gaming establishments offer, for a more peaceful, tranquil environment with top-of-the-line personal service surrounded by the sounds of nature and water falls in a place where every room in the hotel features unobstructed views of the areas natural surroundings — yet only steps away from the offerings of a full-service casino and entertainment center for the whole family — Fantasy Springs Resort Casino may well be the place for you.

Located 11 miles east of Palms Springs on the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians reservation in Indio, CA, the expansion includes: the newly built 100,000-sq. ft. Special Events Center with seating for more than 4000 patrons which can be reconfigured to handle multiple functions at the same time; 2 new restaurants that complement the 2 existing casino restaurants; a 12-story, 250-room hotel; plus 2 new lounges. One of them is a rooftop lounge, 121-ft. above the ground, with an outdoor



Former California Gov. Gray Davis, left, with Cabazon Chairman John A. James, and his daughter, Brenda Soulliere, former chair of California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA). Davis, who was instrumental in helping the tribe sign its compact in 1999, attended the Jan. 13 Gala opening of the tribe's new Fantasy Springs Casino Resort hotel and special events center that featured "Balagan," a cirque-style extravaganza.

patio offering an unimpeded view overlooking Palm Springs and Indio's natural desert surroundings; it caters to those in the age group of 45 and older. The other overlooks the relaxing outdoor spa area, complete with a view of the oasis pool, beach volleyball court, water features and landscaped gardens.

In addition to these on-site amenities, the concierge service will arrange tee times and transportation for their guest's to off-site activities, including world-class shopping tours to Palms Springs and "Rodeo Drive" and to local attractions such as desert tours and visits to area museums and national parks.

Recently, renovations have been made to the casino which boasts 2000 slot machines, off-track betting, table games, the 750-seat Bingo Palace and the 24-lane Family Bowling Center, a cultural museum and more.

In California, tribal governmental casinos contribute more than \$120 million to state and local taxes each year.

"This new 'hot spot' will quickly become known as the place to visit if you want to relax and enjoy a one-stop full-service luxury resort," said Conni Dylan, one of 2000 invited guest at Thursday's gala.

Tribal members of the Cabazon Band of Mission

Indians are direct descendants of Chief Cabazon, the leader of the Desert Cahuilla Indians from the 1830s until the 1870s. Their ancestors were primarily Cahuilla Indians. Cahuilla (pronounced Kah-we-ah) means "masters" or "powerful one," and are comprised of 2 moieties and approximately twelve patrilineal clans.

The Cabazon Band of Mission Indians is a sovereign nation, recognized under the US Constitution and the owners of the property. They are also the tribe that won the landmark 1987 Supreme Court decision opening the door to Indian gaming (See Fantasy, Page 13)

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