



**ASK DEANNA!**  
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Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

I'm in a relationship and I think my jealousy is going to ruin things. My girlfriend is attractive, friendly and outgoing. It drives me crazy when I see men misinterpret this as flirting and start trying to get with her. I have to control myself because I've made myself look like a fool several times by jumping on guys when there was no need. How do I deal with this?

Rob  
Detroit, MI

Dear Rob:

I knew a Fatal Attraction movie for a man would be made soon. Quit tripping. Unless this woman is your wife or wearing a diamond, you have no rights. The only thing you can do is share your feelings and work together to pinpoint her behavior that bothers you. You both have to be willing to work on this. If not, I'll see you on the big screen cooking a white rabbit.

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Dear Deanna!

I wanted to drop you a few lines about my ex-girlfriend. We broke up because I didn't want her anymore and just told her the relationship was over. I replaced the locks and changed all my phone numbers. She can't accept the fact it's over and took things to another level when she keyed my car. She keeps harassing me and I keep cursing her out and now I feel like hitting her. What do I do?

Sean  
Astoria, NY

Dear Sean:

The car repair should be easy unless you don't have car insurance. As for your stalker, most of the blame is on you. She is reacting this way because apparently you caught her off guard with the break-up. It was your responsibility to end the relationship with an explanation instead of dumping her cold turkey. Unless you want to go to jail, do what a woman would do. Take out a restraining order and keep your mouth shut.

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Dear Deanna!

I have a neighbor who's an overgrown bully. She stinks, and is big and nasty looking and always harasses the neighborhood kids. She sits on the porch and calls them names, curses them and threatens to beat them up and says she'll beat their parents too. I'm not scared of her, but I don't think the parents know this is going on. How do I get involved without causing too many problems?

Anonymous  
Hickory, NC

Dear Anonymous:

Big Funky needs a beat down with soap and water. This woman has self-esteem problems and gets her rocks off by bullying little kids because an adult would put her in check. You need to step up to the plate and stop being a chicken. Confront her yourself as you see this is happening and then go to the parents so they would know that you at least tried to do something. Trust me, as a group, you can shut her down.

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**Hispanic**

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verse and often-competing ethnic groups. He must now carry through with solutions to the problems he discussed on the campaign trail — gangs, a lack of affordable housing and worsening traffic.

"The challenge isn't getting elected now, the challenge is governing— how is he going to do this when he is under tremendous pressure

from his own community, plus African-Americans who abandoned Hahn?" Gilliam said.

Hahn, the scion of a prominent political family, was turned out of office despite Los Angeles' job growth and falling crime rate. His lackluster first term was tainted by corruption allegations at City Hall. He lost Black support because he backed the ouster of Police

Chief Bernard Parks, who is Black. And he was hurt by his stiff, reserved demeanor.

He becomes the first Los Angeles mayor in 32 years to be bounced from office.

"Once you recognize that you're a public servant, that means you're someone's employee," Hahn said Wednesday at his campaign headquarters. "The employer makes hiring and firing decisions, and I accept that de-

cision."

After Hahn won 80 percent of the Black vote in 2001, Villaraigosa's advisers knew they needed to assure the Black community that their interests would not be overlooked in a Villaraigosa administration. He was helped by a long list of Black endorsements, from basketball legend Magic Johnson to Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Los Angeles.

**AIDS**

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popularity of medications such as Viagra has also contributed to the surge of HIV and AIDS among this group.

"Viagra has contributed a lot to this because there is so much more sexual activity among seniors, and yet, they are not often using contraception because they aren't worried about pregnancy," Hawkins said. "I don't think that our medical community has caught up to the impact of Viagra. Sometimes medical professionals think that older people aren't that sexually active, but what's really happening is people are much more sexually active now than they were 10 years ago — much more," she added.

Nonetheless, because of their age, they may be more at risk than young people. For older women, the use of condoms becomes unimportant after menopause. Not only are older people at risk, the symptoms of HIV are hard to detect because of aging. Sometimes it's difficult for physicians to determine if a person has the flu or if he or she is infected with the virus. Many of the early symptoms such as night sweats, chronic fatigue, weight loss, dementia and swollen lymph nodes mimic the natural aging process.

The National Association on HIV Over Fifty (NAHOF) says that there are specific ways to target older people.

"Specific programs must be implemented for older adults who need to be informed about the transmission and prevention of HIV, more research is needed to study seniors' sexual and drug-using behaviors to determine HIV disease progression and treatments and programs aimed at reaching health care and service providers should cover misdiagnoses, ...treatments, ...support groups and more," according to the organization's information.

There is also an education program in Kansas City called HIV Wisdom for Older Women that is dedicated to the prevention of HIV in older women and to

life enrichment for those who are infected. Hawkins, who runs the Whitman-Walker clinic, says a few programs here and there are not enough.

"HIV/AIDS hasn't been part of their life experiences. Younger people have been learning about HIV ever since they've become sexually active," Hawkins said.

Rydwels agrees, but doesn't want older people to get discouraged.

"Twenty years ago everyone was dying all around us, but because of government intervention and drugs, I was able to, so far, beat it. I want people to realize there is a life after becoming infected. It doesn't mean it is the end."

Because of a general lack of awareness in older adults, they have been omitted from research, trials, prevention and intervention efforts.

**Gangs**

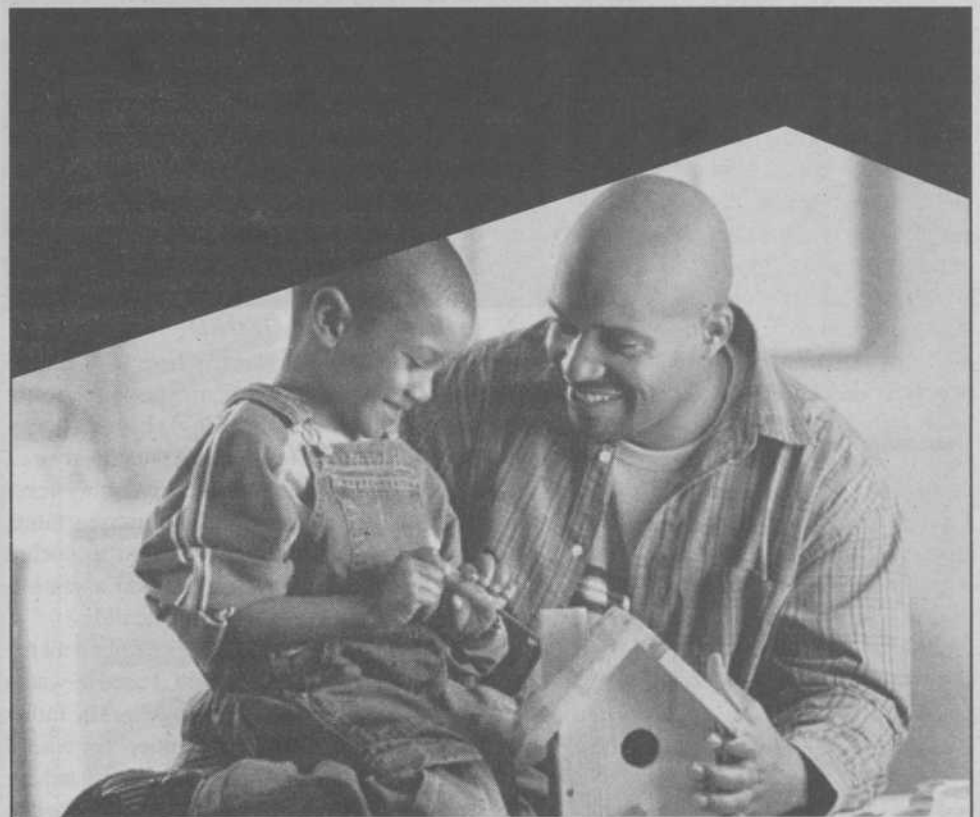
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offenders.

"You're not snitching if there's a terrorist or criminal in our community. We've bought into that for a long time, yet we suffer the most. We can't have anything good in our communities; houses [in our area should be valued much higher than] they are selling for. If you can't give it away, you can't sell it. We need to look at all those things; more importantly, the Black family has got to say no to this —until we stand up collectively."

Terrill trusts that if police knew more, they'd lock up more gang members. "But no, people say, 'That's my baby' and 'That's my Boo.' We have to say no to this. Remember Kevin Brewer? —11-years-old—15 to 20 people saw him get killed, but nobody wants to be a snitch. If a White killed Kevin, we'd burn down Plymouth Avenue."

Rashard Zanders writes for the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder



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