



## ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

Ask Deanna! is a column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

I'm over 50 and dated a guy for six years but we split due to his financial problems and issues. I left his house and moved on. We were separated for two years and recently got back together. He has proposed and now I've learned that he's cheating, lying and doing the same things that led to the initial split. My adult kids despise him and are trying to talk me out of this relationship. What do I do?

J.C.

Inglewood, CA

Dear J.C.

You're a hot mess and you know it. At your age, you don't need to appear desperate as if you have no options. You broke up for a reason and, obviously, you didn't build anything with this man; so, why be a fool and go back. You're setting yourself up to pay all the bills, a lot of heart-break and exposure to sexual diseases. Avoid being pathetic by listening to each of your kids who also confirm this man is a loser.

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Dear Deanna!

My girlfriend and I have dated for a few years but we never made the decision to get serious. I often hang out with my friends and come and go as I please. I don't know what happened, but now she's threatening to break up with me and pushing the issue of marriage. I like her a lot and will marry her, but not yet. What do I do about this?

Brian

Las Vegas, NV

Dear Brian:

You need to grow up. In this corrupt world of values and relationships, you have a woman with morals wanting to do the right thing and you're procrastinating. This should make you love, respect and want to be with her more. The word of the Lord says that he who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord. In a nutshell, this should be your answer from Proverbs 18:22.

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Dear Deanna!

My husband's daughter from a previous marriage will spend the summer with us. Her mother never liked me and has passed this judgment onto her daughter. Her mother has threatened to fight me if I verbally or physically discipline her. My husband has given me authority to discipline as needed, especially since I'm the one that will be spending most of the time with her. What are my options?

Anonymous

Buffalo, NY

Dear Anonymous:

Your husband and his ex-wife need to let the child know that she must behave and act as if she has some sense. If you and your husband are in agreement with the house rules, then nothing else should be said. As for the mother, shut her down and let her know that she can't regulate anything in your house. If she insists, then she can keep the child at home and no one has to deal with any issues.

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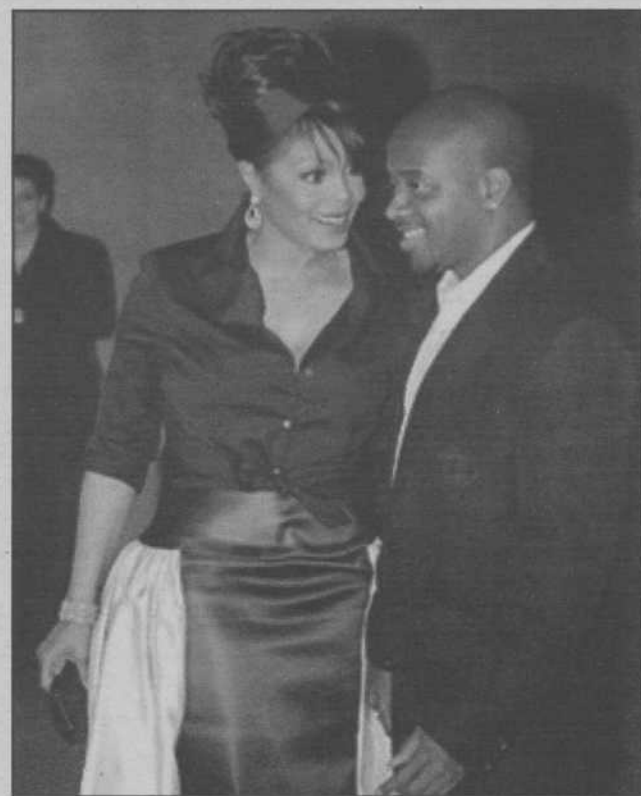
# Jackson sorry for lacking humor

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Janet Jackson was in no mood for jokes when she got a cheeky introduction from actor Alan Cumming as she received a humanitarian award from a gay rights group. After Cumming joked that she was never one for controversy, Jackson apologized for her own lack of humor in her first public appearance since brother Michael Jackson's acquittal on child molestation charges.

"My family and I have just gone through the least humorous chapter of our lives," she explained in accepting the award Saturday night from the Human Rights Campaign. "I'm going to leave the jokes to the late-night (comics), if that's OK."

Michael Jackson was acquitted last week following a four-month trial on charges he molested a 13-year-old cancer survivor at his Neverland Ranch in 2003.

"What I've learned in these recent months is that there is a light at the end of the tunnel," Janet Jackson said. "And it's real, it's a beautiful light that both com-



Superstar songstress Janet Jackson poses with boyfriend, Jermaine Dupri, as they arrive at the Human Rights Campaign gala Saturday night in Beverly Hills, Calif.

forts our minds and strengthens our souls. Tonight my heart is filled with gratitude for that light. I'm so grateful that prayers are answered, that faith is rewarded and tolerance is celebrated as a virtue. I'm grateful that God is

## Cassidy turns himself over to police in Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Rapper Cassidy turned himself in to authorities Friday in connection with a shooting that killed one man and injured two others.

Cassidy (real name: Barry Reese) faces charges of murder, aggravated and simple assault, reckless endangerment, weapons offenses and related counts, police spokesman Jim Pauley said.

Police allege that Cassidy, 22, was one of three men who riddled a car with bullets from assault weapons and handguns as the parked vehicle sat in a driveway April 15 in the rapper's neighborhood.

One of the men in the car, Desmond Hawkins, 22, was killed. The other two men inside, Daniel Irvin, 22, and Bobby Hoyle, 21, were seriously injured. Police said the victims were unarmed and the motive for the shooting was unclear.

Cassidy's lawyer, Michael Giampietro, did not return a call seeking comment. In Friday's editions of the *Philadelphia Daily News*, he said the allegations are untrue.

The up-and-coming rapper's new CD, "I'm a Hustla," will be released June 28. The title track recently hit

No. 5 on the Billboard rap chart.

His debut CD, "Split Personality," peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard album chart and spawned the top 10 single "Hotel" featuring R. Kelly.

of unconditional love."

Jackson was honored for the millions of dollars she has both raised and donated for humanitarian causes, notably the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the Elton John AIDS Foundation and the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation. She received a standing ovation from the hundreds of \$250-\$375-a-plate contributors who crammed the Beverly Hilton Hotel ballroom.

Jackson told the crowd, "Acceptance is right. Kindness is right. Love is right. I pray, right now, that we're moving into a kinder time when prejudice is overcome by understanding; when narrow-mindedness and narrow-minded bigotry is overwhelmed by open-hearted empathy; when the pain of judgment is replaced by the purity of love."

## Destiny's Child set to perform at ESPYs

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Destiny's Child will perform at the ESPY Awards in one of the trio's final national television appearances before the group disbands in the fall.

The sports awards show will be taped July 13 at the Kodak Theatre and will air on the sports cable channel four days later. Actor Matthew Perry is the host.

Earlier this week, Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams announced they would split up when their world tour ends in September.

Currently, they are performing across Europe and will launch the North American leg of the "Destiny Fulfilled...And Lovin' It" tour in St. Louis on July 9.

Nominations for the 13th annual ESPY Awards will be announced June 24. Fans vote for the winners in all categories recognizing major sports achievements, performers and moments of the past year.

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