



ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

Ask Deanna! Is an advice column known for it's fearless approach to reality-based subjects.

Dear Deanna!

I recently got out of a long marriage. My wife cheated and destroyed what we had. I want to go back but knowing she was with someone else has destroyed my trust, my love and my heart. I also found out she's cheated several times. Would I be considered a fool to take her back?

Dominique
Phoenix AFB, AZ

Dear Dominique:

Yes you'd be a fool to take her back. Wife or no wife, adultery and cheating are two of the biggest violations in a relationship. You'll have to worry about watching your back, you'll worry when she gets home late and you'll always be suspicious. If this alone doesn't convince you, stand on Gods word in Exodus 20:14 that brings it home by saying "You shall not commit adultery."

Dear Deanna!

The last time I had a relationship was almost two years ago. I had a bad experience with a man that crushed my heart and I've had a hard time trusting again. I look at every guy as if they'll do the same thing. I was lied to, cheated on, used and everything else in between. I have myself together and I'm ready to get back into the dating scene but feel no man will want me.

Paulette
Winston Salem, NC

Dear Paulette:

Prepare yourself to be a wife looking for a husband instead of just another woman looking for a date. Elevate your morals, your faith and your confidence by looking in the mirror and seeing a woman that's special and deserves the best in life. You need to be patient and pray for what you want. You don't have to settle for less, and you can do bad by yourself. It's best to be alone and happy than involved and miserable.

Dear Deanna!

We've been around this issue a few times but I want to ask your opinion. My cousin dated a girl a year ago and they broke up. I'm in a situation where she's going to become my girlfriend. My family doesn't agree and my cousin thinks it's wrong. They broke up because of some issues regarding stealing, a few lies here and there but, actually, they weren't compatible. What do I do?

Joseph
Dover, DE

Dear Joseph:

Make it easy on yourself and find another girlfriend. I could see if you were on the way to a commitment or had a baby involved. It's not that serious to risk the family for the sake of someone you already know may be dishonest. It would be safe to remain friends and be proud that you didn't scoop up your cousin's leftovers.

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Kravitz starts design company

NEW YORK (AP) - Lenny Kravitz's love of all things retro is evident in everything from his style to his sound. Now, the rocker is showcasing it in his newest venture — a design firm.

"We started about two years ago," Kravitz told The Associated Press of the Miami-based Kravitz Design.

"We were quiet at first, just doing some private homes, and then moved into doing a penthouse recording studio," the 41-year-old

singer said of his two partners. "(Now) we're doing hotels. We've got three or four things on the table now."

Kravitz's love of architecture and interior design is an old love. "I was always changing things and moving things around," said Kravitz. "When I started touring 16 years ago, going around the world, I got into architecture."

But it was his opulent decor of his own homes, including one in New Orleans,

which started getting notice in magazines such as *Vogue*.

"I've now been asked by people to do their homes," he said. And what is Kravitz's signature style?

"I love things that are rooted in classic styles," he told the AP in a recent interview. "You'll see quite a blend of furniture. You might see an art nouveau chair next to a chair from the '60s."

Still, Kravitz isn't completely stuck in the past when it comes to his designs.

"There's a lot of styles to it, because like in music, I'm well versed in style, so it could be completely modern, it could be classic in different styles," he said. "It has to be comfortable, it has to have sensuality to it."

The rocker expects to launch a line of Kravitz decor in the future. "We have a couple of items that I think are classic and will have an identity," he said. "They have a personality and they'll be unique."

Winfrey, Rusesabagina get Freedom Awards

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Oprah Winfrey and Paul Rusesabagina, whose heroism in the face of genocide inspired the movie "Hotel Rwanda," were announced recently as recipients of the National Civil Rights Museum's top honors.

The museum, built around the former Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968, said Winfrey and Rusesabagina will receive its 2005 Freedom Awards.

Winfrey, who runs a media company that includes her television show, is being recognized for working to improve the lives of poor children in Africa and helping create a U.S. database of convicted child abusers.

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"What the hell do we want to protect those two scumbags for?" Bratton said, noting that LAPD and FBI investigations failed to implicate either man. He added that the department was investigating Katz's "oversight."

Wallace's family claims Death Row Records founder Marion "Suge" Knight ordered Mack to kill the rapper, and that Mack's college roommate was the gunman.

The link to Perez emerged only after an anonymous tip during trial. LAPD documents show that Kenny Boagni, who became friends with Perez in prison, told detectives in 2000 and 2001 that Perez had acknowledged moonlighting in a security role for Death Row on the night Wallace was killed, and had called Mack just before the shooting.

Perez's attorney, Winston McKesson, said that if the Wallace family sues his client, he will respond by suing them for malicious prosecution.

She will receive the museum's National Freedom Award in November. Past recipients include King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and former Presidents Clinton and Carter.

Rusesabagina will receive the International Freedom Award, which also has been given to Nelson Mandela and Bono.

The museum said a new Lifetime Achievement Award for civil rights activism will be given to actress Ruby Dee and her late husband, Ossie Davis.

None of the recipients were at the announcement.

Rusesabagina was managing a Belgian hotel in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, when civil war broke out in 1994 between the Tutsi and Hutu ethnic groups. An estimated 600,000 to 800,000 people were killed, most of them Tutsis.


He hid more than 1,200 people in the hotel for over three months to prevent their slaughter by Hutu militias.

Museum Director Beverly Robertson described Winfrey as "a great humanitarian"

who has used her Oprah Winfrey Foundation to provide scholarships and grants to help educate poor children in the United States and abroad.

"She has provided resources and money to build schools for at least 50,000 children in South Africa," Robertson said. "That is phenomenal. She doesn't have to do that."

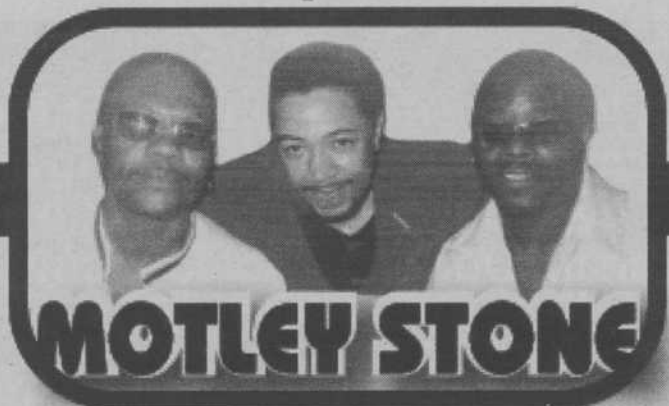
The museum said it also was honoring Winfrey for her outspoken advocacy of the 1993 National Child Protection Act.



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