



ASK DEANNA!
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Real Advice*

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

Dear Deanna!

I lost weight and now I have a new attitude, a new hairstyle and new outlook on life. All of my friends who should be happy for me are jealous, treating me bad and talking about me behind my back. I noticed they never had a problem when I was the fat chick in the group but now that I'm smaller than they are, it's a problem. I didn't have a boyfriend, never smiled or was happy but now I feel good and want my friends to be the same.

New Skinny Girl
Las Vegas, NV

Dear Skinny:

Plain and simple your friends are jealous because you're getting the attention. Your weight loss has revealed them as the insecure skinny biddies they've always been. You never saw this side of them because they were comfortable with you as the fatty, so you were not any competition to them. Enjoy your new life and if your friends can't see that you're the same person then it's their loss and you need to keep smiling and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I'm complaining about my brother I've lost due to a relationship. He's been dating this girl for a few months and she pulls him by the nose. He does everything she says, ignores the family and tries to be something he's not in order to please her. It's annoying because if I want him to hang out, he says it causes arguments with his girlfriend. How do I let my brother know that blood is thicker than water and he needs to loosen up on his relationship?

Michael
Denver, CO

Dear Michael:

Yes blood is thicker than water but bliss sometimes is better than brotherhood. Let your brother sow his wild oats in peace. If you were the one in a relationship you would understand the happiness during the honeymoon phase of dating. Support your brother and get to know his girlfriend because if their love grows, she'll be your new sister-in-law and you'll never win this battle or any others. In other words, if he's not being mistreated, mind your business.

Dear Deanna:

I want to respond to the advice you gave Anonymous in Seattle whose sister lets her children listen to rap music. I think it was wrong for you to call her ignorant. That was very rude and insensitive. Rap music is fine for all ages and children should be able to listen to it as long as the curse words are edited. I let my children listen to all kinds of music including hardcore rap and we haven't had any problems.

Althea
Columbia, SC

Dear Althea:

You fell and bumped your head and I hope you had a nice trip. Of course hardcore rap music is okay if you want your children to grow up impressed by women dropping it like it's hot or guys being gang bangers. Your children, apparently, are still young and haven't had the opportunity to become destructive but if they ever do, they'll have good old mom to thank as you cry your eyes out and pull your hair from the roots.

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Star erased from 'The View'

NEW YORK (AP) - Star Jones Reynolds was booted from "The View" Wednesday, one day after surprising ABC and Barbara Walters by saying on the air that she wouldn't be returning to the daytime talk show in the fall.

Reynolds was quickly erased from the show's opening credits, now down to three women from the usual five.

"It is becoming uncomfortable for us to pretend that everything is the same at this table," show creator Walters said. "Therefore, regrettably, Star will no longer be on this program."

ABC had decided against renewing Reynolds' contract months ago and Reynolds had been told about two months ago, according to the show's management. The show was planning to let Reynolds announce it herself, reportedly on a mutually agreed day — two days later than the shocking preemptive early announcement of her own — according to Walters.

Reynolds was told that on the agreed day she could say whatever she wanted to about why she was leaving, "and we would back her up," the



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longtime ABC newswoman Walters said.

Instead, Walters said she felt blindsided when Reynolds broke the news Tuesday, then was quoted in *People* magazine as saying she felt like she was fired.

"We gave her time to look for another job and hoped that she would announce it on this program and leave with

dignity," Walters said. "But Star made another choice," Walters said following it up with notice that Star would no longer be on the show.

Reynolds' spokesperson did not return calls and emails seeking comment.

Walters didn't discuss on the air why Reynolds, an original cast member who's been on the show for nine

years, wasn't being asked back. She said in an interview Tuesday that research showed that the "negatives were rising" against Star. A large portion of her audience was turned off by Reynolds' dramatic weight loss — and her refusal to reveal what she did to drop the weight so quickly — combined with her "diva" behavior surrounding her glitzy, highly promoted wedding to banker Al Reynolds in 2004.

Reynolds later retorted that TV ratings and her book sales indicated this wasn't true.

In a surprising statement to an evening celebrity news show, Reynolds expressed regrets that she did not always treat the "gift" of her fame as responsibly as she now understands she should have.

"The View" is bringing on Rosie O'Donnell to replace Meredith Vieira in September, and the hunt is now on for Reynolds' replacement. Walters said Reynolds may still appear on the show in recorded segments.

Reynolds said she is not leaving with any harsh feelings toward Walters.

Gala

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Gaming Control Board and former member of the FBI.

The Doctor William U. Pearson Community Service Award was presented to Clark County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates by State Senator Steven Horsford. Gates was visibly moved.

The Leadership Recognition for Education was awarded to Maureen Peckman of Schafer Company, LLC. She spoke about being from Chicago and her relocation to Las Vegas, "I am the luckiest person to be [now] living in the greatest [city]." Peckman was appointed to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security and sits on the board of the Animal Foundation.

Another award, The Leadership Recognition for Business, was presented to President and CEO Sibella for his work at the Mirage: "I run this little property down the street, but thank you for this honor."

The evening culminated with Brian "Stokes" in "Broadway Meets Las Vegas." The Tony Award-winning singer and arranger recently premiered his one-man show "Love/Life" in New York City. His show hit Broadway tunes, jazz, blues, R&B and standards.



Bubba Knight, left, reminisces with Rose Johnson, a longtime admirer, about the days of Motown's musical dominance. Knight was among more than 600 guests at Sunday's gala at the Bellagio Hotel.

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