



ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

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

Dear Deanna!

My friend and I traveled on vacation together. When we got to our destination, she claimed she lost her wallet and didn't have any money. I didn't mind financially supporting her on the trip. When the trip was over and we were back home, she bought a new car. I asked for some of the money back and she refused. Her contact numbers have been changed and she's ignoring me. What should I do about this?

Sharisse
Toledo, OH

Dear Sharisse:

Your friend used you like toilet paper and kicked you to the curb. The moment you realized her funds were low, you should've put her on a bus and sent her packing. Some of the blame for this is on you because if this was your friend, you knew in advance of her capabilities. You've lost your money, but hopefully you'll gain some wisdom. In the future, mind your dollars and sense and don't fall prisoner to someone else's debt.

Dear Deanna!

I had an office relationship with my supervisor. After being together for almost eight months, I later learned that he was engaged to be married. I'm very hurt and upset and find myself trying to get even with him for deceiving me. I confronted him with the information and he laughed in my face and acted as if this was no big deal. I feel humiliated and want to know if it's wrong to let his fiancée know her future husband is a cheater?

Hurt on the Job
Glen Burney, MD

Dear Hurt:

You shouldn't poop in the place that feeds you. The office isn't a playground for lovers and you should be focused on work instead of getting your groove on. You and the supervisor are equally wrong. Decide if you value your job or your pride more. If you can put this in the past, learn from the mistake and continue to excel in your duties. If you're immature, then leave before causing problems for yourself and others by trying to get even.

Dear Deanna!

I've been engaged for almost three years and I'm ready to get married or call it quits. My fiancée keeps using his job as an excuse or he says he wants to save money for the wedding. We don't have any kids and our finances are stable. I'm beginning to feel as if he doesn't want to get married. He denies this each time I bring it up in conversation. Is there anything I can do to force him to make a decision on this?

Patricia
Bossier City, LA

Dear Patricia:

You're wasting time because three years is too long for an engagement. This man has no plans to marry you, especially if you consider his stall tactics as excuses. A relationship is like a new job. It takes six months to learn the job and another six months to decide if you will do the job and stay. Ask him one more time to set a date. If he doesn't, you need to kiss the wedding bells good-bye, give the ring back and keep it moving.

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Ex-worker sues Campbell

NEW YORK (AP) - Naomi Campbell was sued last week by another former employee, this one a young Florida woman who claims the supermodel abused her verbally and physically on three continents.

Amanda Brack, 20, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., accused Campbell of assault, battery, false imprisonment and infliction of emotional distress in incidents that started a month after she began working for her in February 2005, court papers say.

Brack's lawsuit was filed while Campbell, 35, was in plea negotiations with Manhattan prosecutors about an

assault charge. Campbell was accused of throwing a cell phone at one of her employees in January in a dispute over a missing pair of jeans.

Campbell has called that allegation "completely untrue."

But the housekeeper, Ana Scolavino, was treated for an injury to the back of her head, and prosecutor Shanda Strain announced that she and the model's lawyer were in plea talks.

Brack's lawyer, Gerald McCarthy, said his client and the model met in Paris in a nightclub ladies' room where Campbell was upset about a "costume malfunction." He

said Brack helped and impressed the model, who then asked Brack to work for her.

Brack's lawsuit says, "Shortly after being hired, defendant Campbell initiated a series of verbal and physical and emotional attacks against (Brack) such that plaintiff suffered both physical and emotional injuries."

McCarthy said Campbell assaulted his client in several incidents that occurred in 2005 in Brazil, Morocco and in Campbell's apartment on Park Avenue in Manhattan.

McCarthy said his client stayed with Campbell as long as she did "because she was star struck." He said the

model would take his client with her to meet and hang out with the rich and famous and Brack was impressed with the lifestyle.

McCarthy said a July 2005 incident was the last straw.

He said Campbell said something that made Brack believe the model thought she was stealing from her and Brack quit a few days later.

Brack's lawsuit, filed in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, seeks unspecified damages for pain and suffering from Campbell and her North Carolina-incorporated company, OMI Ltd.

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consecutive years.

In the automotive industry, companies such as DaimlerChrysler and Ford earned the highest grades of B-minus, while Mitsubishi and Volkswagen both scored D-plus. General Motors received a C.

Overall, financial institutions scored the best as a group. SunTrust Banks, Inc. and Wachovia Corporation each earned a B. At the bottom, were U.S. Bancorp and Wells Fargo and Co., both with a C-minus.

Adam's Mark, Marriott, Hyatt and Cendant earned top grades of B-minus in the hotel industry, and the lowest scoring company was Best Western with the grade of D-plus.

Several upscale stores received downscale grades. Nordstrom earned a C-minus and Saks got a D-plus.

While Gordon described the survey — a brainchild of former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume — as "brilliant," Gordon said he wanted to revise the questions to get better results and also focus more on how much money companies spend with minority suppliers.

Gordon said companies with billion-dollar budgets may spend only 1 percent of their budget with minority suppliers.

"Those numbers are totally unacceptable," the NAACP president said. Gordon said Black consumers, through their wallets, could encourage large companies to hire more Black-owned law firms, accounting firms and advertising agencies.

With more economic power, Gordon said the NAACP's cornerstone ideals of equality and justice could better be achieved.

"Imagine the difference

between spending 1 percent of \$10 billion versus spending 5 percent of \$10 billion or 10 percent of \$10 billion," Gordon explains. We're talking about driving hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue, in cash, in money, into our minority communities."

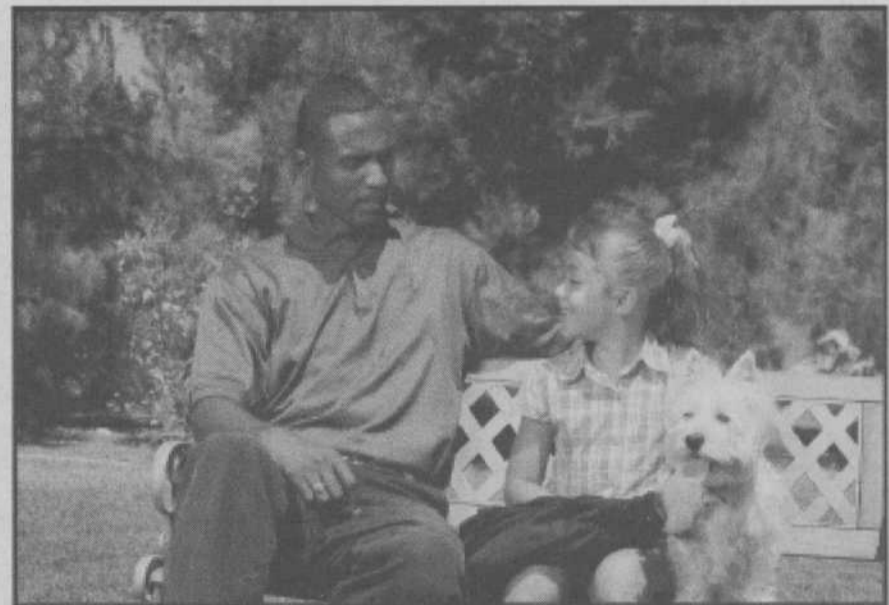
The NAACP's major goal

with the survey now, Gordon said, was to find more effective ways to hold poor performing companies more accountable. For poor performing companies, he said the Black community must stop using their products and services, and for companies that earn positive grades (B and

above), the NAACP will reward them with additional customers.

"There's going to be a consequence system. We gather once a year. We tell you the grade... we do a press release and effectively we go away until next year. That's over."

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