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*Real People,  
Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

I went on a beach trip with my closest friends. As married women we agreed that whatever happened while traveling would stay in its place. This agreement went well for two years. One of the ladies in the group went through a divorce and she told our husbands about our sexual affairs and has caused so much drama. I'm concerned about them but my husband is taking things pretty hard and feels he'll never trust me again. How do I repair this damage?

Embarrassed Katie  
Wichita Falls, TX

Dear Katie:

You should've honored your vows instead of running behind your girlfriends. The first thing is to forgive yourself and seek forgiveness from God. From that point, confess to your husband, and ask him to forgive you and to work with you to fix the marriage. You have violated your husband's honor and his heart. You both should be open minded to professional counseling. In the future, if you do dirty things, do them alone so that your secrets won't be released.

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Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend has been promoted to a great management position on his job. However, with his promotion he is becoming arrogant and rude. I never thought of calling him a snob but that is the direction my thoughts are heading. He has become rude, condescending and looks down on people. He hasn't changed towards me but I don't like this new side of him. As he acquires more money, a new car and possessions he gets worse. How do I address this issue?

Tina  
Chicago, IL

Dear Tina:

Your boyfriend has never had anything of great value and now that he's getting a few things, he's losing his mind. This man has always been this way but you never noticed because you're intimate with him. Money is giving him a false sense of security, and he feels he can do anything. You need to bring his actions to his attention and how he is making people feel. You need to do this soon, because you'll be his next target and like his car, you will be traded.

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Dear Deanna!

I'm a recently divorced grandmother enjoying the single life. My husband of 30-years left me for a younger woman. I don't regret the situation and knew that he cheated during most of our marriage. I'm dating and things are great. My adult sons don't mind my new lifestyle, but my daughters are giving me problems. They want me to live as an old grandmother. I look good for my age and want to know how to I convince my daughters to let me live my life.

Sexy Grandma  
Online-Reader

Dear Grandma:

You're grown enough to pay your own bills, mind your personal affairs and live without your daughters henpecking you to death. You need to set them straight and tell them to mind their business. Yes, they're concerned because you're their mom, with a motherly image but you need a life. Assure them that you're making good decisions, feeling good about yourself and you prefer to live than sit down, grow old and bore yourself to death.

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# Jackson greets U.S. troops

TOKYO (AP) - Michael Jackson greeted thousands of U.S. troops and their family members at a U.S. Army base south of Tokyo Saturday, taking a break from days of parties with die-hard fans and well-heeled business people.

About 3,000 troops and their family members gathered at a fitness center at Camp Zama. Jackson walked around shaking hands and exchanging words to thank them for their service.

"Those of you in here today are some of the most spe-

cial people in the world," Jackson told the crowd, reading from a statement. "It is because of you in here today, and others who so valiantly have given their lives to protect us, that we enjoy our freedom."

Jackson, 48, arrived in Japan last Sunday for his second trip in less than a year to attend parties including an extravagant gala held that week in Tokyo.

The reclusive pop icon was the guest of honor at the lavish party aimed at a well-

heeled business crowd — though the roughly 400 people who showed up were mainly die-hard fans, and more than 100 orphans and handicapped children who were invited for free.

The paying guests each laid down \$3,500 for tickets, which included a buffet dinner, a show featuring several Japanese Michael Jackson impersonators and a chance to meet, greet and take photos with Jackson.

On Friday, he made an appearance at another party

for his less affluent fans. More than 1,000 people crowded a popular night club. He did not perform at either party.

Jackson, one of the best-selling artists of all time, has lived abroad since his 2005 acquittal on child molestation charges, forsaking his Neverland Ranch in California for residences in Bahrain, France, and a castle in Ireland. Currently, Jackson has moved to Las Vegas and is reportedly seeking a performance venue.

# Brown's body goes in S.C. crypt

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - James Brown's body was placed in a crypt Saturday at the Beech Island home of one of his daughters, family and friends of the soul singer said.

White balloons were released and Brown's adult children and other family members and friends sang and prayed over the singer's body, said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who presided over the noon ceremony.

Also at the service were Brown's partner, Tomi Rae Hynie, and the couple's young son, who led the procession.

"This is what James wanted, for the family to come together. Everyone really felt like James was there with us," Hynie told The Associated Press by phone.

The service took place more than two months after the singer died in an Atlanta hospital. Brown died Dec. 25 at age 73, and his body had been held at an undisclosed location since then.

The private service at the home of Deanna Brown Thomas, about three miles from Brown's Beech Island home, was in sharp contrast to elaborate funerals for the Godfather of Soul held in New York and Augusta, Ga., immediately after his death.

"He was very private," said Sharpton, a longtime Brown confidant.

The crypt likely will not be Brown's final resting place. A public mausoleum is being built and its location will be announced once it is completed, the family said.

Brown's children decided to use their own money to place his body in the crypt instead of waiting for disputes over his estate to be settled in court, Sharpton said in a statement.

"Where he is now has

nothing to do with court proceedings," Sharpton said.

Hynie, who claims she is Brown's fourth wife, and her son were not included in Brown's will.

Attorneys for Brown said his marriage to his backup singer was annulled because Hynie was still married to another man.

Now that the family has come together, Hynie said she and her son will move back to South Carolina "to carry out James' plans."

"He wanted our marital home to become a Graceland. He wanted us to have a James Brown museum," Hynie said.

Long legal battles between Brown's children, Hynie and Brown's trustees will likely occur before a museum and mausoleum can be built.

Brown's children wanted to consult with Elvis Presley's family to see how they transformed his Memphis, Tenn., home into

Graceland after Presley's death.

A longtime friend of Brown and trustee of his estate was disappointed by the service.

The trustees had made arrangements for Brown to be laid to rest at no cost at a "very prominent memorial garden in Augusta," Buddy Dallas told the AP by phone.

"Mr. Brown's not deserving of anyone's backyard," said Dallas, who was not at Saturday's service.

*Marcia L.*

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