



ASK DEANNA!
*Real People,
Real Advice*

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

Dear Deanna!

A good friend and I became lovers and our friendship was ruined in the process. I had high hopes that our friendship was strong enough to bear any storm. Before we started dating I was with someone else sexually. I became pregnant and thought I was certain who the father was. We were all shocked when the paternity test indicated a third man in my life. I am torn inside, have lost my best friend and become a single parent. How can I at least get my friendship back?

Tammie
Richmond, VA

Dear Tammie:

You have made a mess of your life and blazed a trail of destruction. You should be embarrassed and ashamed of yourself with your recreational sex and loose morals. Your friendship was lost the moment you became intimate and completely killed with your pregnancy. Right now your focus is required to raise your child and get yourself together. If your friendship is meant to be, then your pal will return. If not, learn from your silly mistakes, grow up and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My mother and I argue because she tries to tell me how to raise my kids. I'm not strict but I discipline when necessary by spanking or putting my kids on punishment. I was raised with church being crammed down my throat, curfews all over the place and rules on top of rules. My children are teens and I don't mind if they drink, they've been taught about safe sex and they know the basic rules of life. Is it wrong to tell my mom to mind her business?

Mom with a Problem
Online reader

Dear Mom:

You're stuck on stupid and need your head flushed out with a water hose. You're building a road map for your children leading to jail, unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Your parenting skills aren't cute and you should be glad to have a mother interested in helping you have good responsible children. It's to your advantage to wise up, listen to your mom and, perhaps, take a few suggestions here and there. Love your kids enough to lay down your guard, invite your mother in and build a better bridge, so your children will stay on the right track of life.

Dear Deanna!

My mom and dad divorced and I feel everything was my mother's fault. She argued at my dad all the time, accused him of things and never gave him room to breathe. As a result, he cheated, had an affair and left for another woman. My mother is now a nervous wreck and she swears she didn't see it coming. I am in the middle of my two parents and don't know what to do. I need to find peace in the middle but don't know how.

Trina
Atlanta, GA

Dear Trina:

You have two parents that you must love equally regardless of the decisions they make with each other. It's not your responsibility to judge or choose sides based upon their behavior. The only thing you can do is enjoy your time with each one, keep your personal opinions to yourself and don't share business about their individual households. They divorced for reasons beyond your control and you shouldn't feel guilty, nor feel like a peacemaker.

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Blind Boys of Alabama to perform

Special to Sentinel-Voice
The Blind Boys of Alabama will perform Saturday, May 19, in the UNLV Performing Arts Center's season finale. Showtime is at 8 p.m. Joey Williams, Ricky McKinnie, Bobby Butler and Tracy Pierce join founding members Clarence Fountain and Jimmy Carter to spread the spirit and energy of pure gospel soul.

Formed in 1939 at the

Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind, the Blind Boys of Alabama are music industry legends with a long track record. They predate Elvis, Little Richard and Al Green. Even in their 70s they remain at the top of the gospel charts and have won an impressive four consecutive Grammy Awards over the past four years.

In recent years, The Blind Boys have proven them-

selves masters of bringing out the most spiritual aspects of mainstream music, while at the same time bringing the music of the church straight to the roadhouse.

In the past five years, they've recorded moving renditions of songs by everyone from Tom Waits to Prince, along with their traditional material. They have appeared as guests on record and on stage with an equally

diverse array of artists from Peter Gabriel to Ben Harper.

Tickets to The Blind Boys of Alabama are \$45, \$60 and \$90 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Box Office at 895-ARTS (2787) or by visiting www.pac.unlv.edu.

Student rush tickets are \$13.50 each and available one hour prior to each event, based on availability and with valid student ID.

Sharpton

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on FOX News program "Hannity and Colmes": "I think there are differences between different faiths in this country. And there will be battles between different religions. ...That's a great thing about this country. We don't decide who's going to be in office based on what church they go to."

In a tape of the debate, Sharpton can be heard defending the role of religion in the Civil Rights Movement and shunning any suggestion that there wasn't a religious underpinning to the efforts of its leader, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Then Sharpton spoke of Romney, although a tape reviewed by The Associated Press does not reveal why.

In a later interview with the AP, Sharpton denied questioning Romney's belief in God and suggested the Romney camp was trying to stir up a controversy because of their political differences.

"What I said was that we would defeat him, meaning as a Republican," Sharpton said. "A Mormon, by definition, believes in God. They don't believe in God the way I do, but by definition, they believe in God."

He said he was contrasting himself and other believers with Hitchens, who is the author of a new book, "God Is Not Great." Last month, Sharpton led the calls for Imus' ouster after the talk show host referred to members of the Rutgers University women's basketball team in a racially charged, derogatory term.

Clinton

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Prospective candidates who haven't yet said they're going to run were included in the poll, among them, Al Gore, who got 9 percent. Gore may have taken votes that would otherwise have gone to Edwards or Obama, Coker noted.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who has mounted an aggressive push in Nevada, came in fifth in the poll with 6 percent. National polls have generally put him at 2 or 3 percent.

"He's a Westerner. His campaign has been selling us analysts on the idea that he's going to be the regional Western candidate, but so far he's not doing so well," Sabato said. "Six percent is double his national number, but so what? It's still 6 per-

cent."

On the Republican side, former New York City Mayor Giuliani leads most national polls, followed by Arizona Sen. McCain, Thompson and Romney. The NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll put Giuliani at 33 percent, McCain at 22 percent, Thompson at 17 percent and Romney at 12 percent.

Thompson, the "Law & Order" star and former Tennessee senator, has not yet entered the race.

"There is no clear Republican favorite, in Nevada or nationally," Herzik said. "This race is anyone's to win."

Republicans, he said, are behind Democrats in campaign terms, particularly in Nevada, where the decision to hold an early nominating

caucus was made just last month. Democrats have been planning their Jan. 19 caucus, scheduled since last August for after the Iowa caucuses and before the New Hampshire primary.

The Review-Journal poll was taken before last week's debate among Republican candidates. Another candidate who hasn't announced

whether he's running, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, had 7 percent support. Sabato noted that 28 percent of Nevada Republicans said they were undecided, compared to 19 percent of Democrats. "It's a jump ball, nationally and in Nevada," he said. "Republicans are much less decided than Democrats."

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