



ASK DEANNA!
*Real People,
Real Advice*

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

Dear Deanna!

My family is giving me problems over money. I inherited several thousand dollars and now everyone has a sob story, cars breaking down and household issues. Most of these people have never visited me at my home or thought of me during the holidays. I have had arguments with my parents, my cousins and everyone and I can't take it anymore. I want to put my foot down and say no to everybody that's begging, but I'm afraid of isolating myself. What do I do?

Miserable with Money
Omaha, NE

Dear Miserable:

It's amazing how friends and family members can smell money but don't know you when you're broke. You need to take care of your family first, make a donation to your church and invest what's left. If you have a giving spirit, after taking care of your priorities, then be loving and give a few of your close family members a savings bond with love and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I am tired of the hustle and flow of relationships. The dating game is so played out and overrated that I have exhausted my hopes of finding a husband. I cook and clean and do all the domestic things and work full-time. It seems that men aren't attracted to me. What am I possibly doing wrong? Why can't men see that I'm a total package?

Clarice
Chicago, IL

Dear Clarice:

You need to get off of the "me, me, me" trip and start focusing on what you can bring to a relationship and form a loving partnership. Your boast of cooking and cleaning isn't impressive because there are many services out there that will come and do these things. You need to demonstrate relationship qualities, such as trust, integrity, and loyalty and be willing to be part of a team. Men aren't seeing you as a total package and they'll continue to look at you like a ribbon on a box if you don't change your thinking.

Dear Deanna!

I was at the mall with my friends and they got caught stealing. Lucky for me, I had to go to the car to get some change when everything was happening in the store. They were caught on camera and were arrested. When the cops got there, they tried to pull me into it, but the cops didn't agree with them because I was outside. My friends are now trying to get me to lie and they've turned against me. Have I made the right decision by staying away from them?

Anonymous
Online Reader

Dear Anonymous:

Birds of a feather stick together and it's to your advantage that you're not viewed as a thief or a liar. If these are your friends, then you need to think about doing better. You should not lose any sleep, but be thankful your guardian angel was watching out for you and you avoided this drama. If these are true friends, they'll be mature enough to realize they have to pay for their actions. If not, you don't need them and should keep rolling.

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Latifah to sing at King benefit

WASHINGTON (AP) - Queen Latifah, Garth Brooks and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds will perform at a concert to raise money for a memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to be built on the National Mall.

Quincy Jones, Russell Simmons and Tommy Hilfiger are organizing the Dream Concert, which will be held Sept. 18 at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Tickets go on sale July 30 through TicketMaster, the memorial fund also announced Monday. Prices range from \$250 to \$1,000.

The memorial fund had previously announced that



Rapper-actress Queen Latifah, who plays Motormouth Maybelle in the new 'Hairspray' movie will be one of the many celebrities who are scheduled to help raise money for the Martin Luther King Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and Carlos Santana would be among the headliners. NBC "Today" show weatherman Al Roker will be a special guest presenter.

The group working to build the King Memorial has raised \$81 million of the \$100 million needed to complete and maintain the memorial.

It is slated for a space on the Tidal Basin between the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials and will include a sculpture of King and 14 quotations from the slain civil rights leader. The memorial is scheduled to be completed next year.

Shakur estate targets songs' sale

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Tupac Shakur's mother is seeking to prevent his former label, Death Row Records Inc., from selling the late rapper's unreleased recordings as part of a bankruptcy settlement.

Afeni Shakur sought an injunction in federal bankruptcy court Friday claiming Death Row was attempting to sell Shakur material that belonged to the rapper's estate.

Unreleased recordings should have been turned over to the estate as part of a 1997 agreement with the record label, said attorney Donald N. David, who represents the estate.

But during Death Row's bankruptcy proceedings, "it was revealed that an album's worth of unreleased Tupac material was being advertised to potential buyers as the jewel in the crown of the Death Row assets," David said.

Afeni Shakur and the company she established, Amur Entertainment, requested an injunction after the label failed to confirm the songs would not be included in the bankruptcy settlement, David said.

The court was expected to consider the request within a month when it decides whether to permit the label to release an album with the unreleased tracks to help pay off its debts, David said.

A call to Ronald L. Leibow, an attorney representing Death Row in bankruptcy proceedings, was not

immediately returned Monday.

In the 1990s, Death Row was home to superstar rappers such as Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre, as well as Shakur.

The label's fortunes — and those of its owner, Marion "Suge" Knight — started to slide when Shakur was shot and killed in 1996 while riding in the passenger seat of Knight's car.

The shooting took place after the pair was involved in a fight in a local hotel. The attack resulted in Knight being sent to prison for violating his parole.

After Shakur's death, Death Row and the rapper's family settled for an undisclosed sum amid allegations that the label had defrauded Shakur, David said.

Knight sought bankruptcy

protection for himself and the company in April 2006.

He claimed debts of more than \$100 million in each filing.

At the time, Knight estimated personal assets of zero to \$50,000.

Last month, the rap mogul placed his seven-bedroom, 9 1/2-bath home on the market for \$6.2 million as part of his financial overhaul.

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