



ASK DEANNA!
*Real People,
Real Advice*

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

Dear Deanna!

I have a roommate in college who disrespects the fact that I have allergies. I'm sensitive to air fresheners, perfume, cigarette smoke and a lot of other stuff. I'm on the waiting list to move, but she's beginning to do things on purpose like using sprays, powders and things that make me sick. She does these things and pretends she didn't know. Meanwhile, my eyes are watery; I'm sick and missing class because of allergy attacks. How do I get her to stop this behavior?

Allergic and Sad
Tampa, FL

Dear Allergic:

You should take your roommate to lunch, have a sincere conversation with her, and give her further insight into your allergies. Let her know that you're entitled to peace in your living space because you pay to be there. You need to let her know that her actions are abusive, and if she doesn't stop, you'll take action with the housing office. If it's too bad while you're waiting for the system to work, see if you can change rooms on a temporary basis and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I've been in a relationship with a guy I met at the club. When I first started dating him, I thought he was the man of my dreams. He turned out to be a smooth talker and a user, and now I'm in debt; my bank account is empty, and I have a broken heart. He's moved in with me, and now he can't move out because he doesn't have any money and nowhere to go. I'm a prisoner in my own home, and I don't know how to get rid of this man. Any suggestions?

Embarrassed
Lanham, MD

Dear Embarrassed:

You gave yourself three strikes in a row by looking for love in the club, being fooled by a smooth operator and then bringing him into your house. You asked him to move in with you, and you can also ask him to move out. It's not your problem if he's broke and homeless. If you keep messing around with this guy, you'll be just like him. You can handle this problem by breaking your lease and moving somewhere else or simply ask him to move — and mean it.

Dear Deanna!

My new girlfriend is moving too fast. I met her mother as a courtesy, and now my friend wants to commit me to dinner every week. She acts as if I'm going to marry her. At first, it was cute and I could go along with a few things, but now it's creepy. She's started buying wedding books, and I have to draw the line. I need to get out of this relationship, because I'm turned off completely. How do I get out of this before it's too late?

Mark T.
Online Reader

Dear Mark:

There is something you did or something you said to this girl to give her the idea that your relationship is more than it is. You made it worse by playing along, and now it's become too much for you. You need to man up and be honest. Tell your girlfriend how you really feel, how her actions are affecting you personally and the overall relationship. If you choose not to be with her, you need to at least respect her and end the relationship in a cordial manner.

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Joyner, NAACP seek to help voters

Special to Sentinel-Voice
The "Tom Joyner Morning Show" and the NAACP National Voter Fund have partnered to launch 1-866-MYVOTE1 as part of a year-long voter registration, education and empowerment campaign.



Radio show host Tom Joyner has teamed with the NAACP on a hotline (1-866-MYVOTE1) for voter empowerment.

"This is truly one of the most exciting and important presidential election years we've ever had," said Joyner, the nationally syndicated radio personality whose radio show is aired in 115 markets reaching nearly eight million listeners. "This partnership with the NAACP National Voter Fund is our way to make sure we register as many voters as possible and give our community the tools to become active players in this year's election."

Julian Bond, chairman of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, said that "the stakes in this year's elections are extremely high and, for the first time in U.S. History, the African-American vote will be decisive in both the Primary and General Elections."

Bond added, "The NAACP and NAACP National Voter Fund's Partnership with the 'Tom Joyner Morning Show' could not come at a better time.

The [show's] national promotion will play a major role in our efforts to register and empower hundreds of thousands of African-Americans and, especially, young voters throughout the United

States."

The toll-free number can be used by callers around the country and will operate through the November 2008 election.

After callers dial the 866-MYVOTE1 (866-698-6831), they can enter a zip code or select from one of several options:

- 1) Request a voter registration application, which they can sign and return to their local county elections board;
- 2) Find the closest polling place to their home;
- 3) Record up to a 60-second complaint if they have encountered any problems, or
- 4) Transfer to a person at the local county elections office.

Throughout the primary season and Election Day, Joyner and the NAACP will be encouraging tens of thousands to register, vote and

monitor any problems voters might have at their polling places.

The voter hotline is a part of Joyner's and the NAACP broader initiatives to educate and inform residents to get involved in what is one of the most racially diverse presidential campaigns ever. Joyner's established site, BlackAmericaWeb.com, will feature a special "Moving America" section that will exclusively be devoted to covering the presidential race as well as other critical issues affecting African-Americans.

"Since the start of this new partnership in late November, 2007, over 10,000 listeners have already responded," according to Greg Moore, executive director of the NAACP National Voter Fund. "Our overall goal is to register 100,000 new voters who will play a decisive role in the 2008 primary and general elections."

REACH Media Inc., founded by radio and television personality, philanthropist and entrepreneur Tom Joyner, is a multimedia company formed in January 2003. As the parent company of "The Tom Joyner Morning Show," its television syndication, the namesake's Web-based foundation, BlackAmericaWeb.com, The Tom Joyner Foundation and Tom Joyner signature events, REACH Media targets African-Americans through radio, television, signature events and the Internet.

The show is aired in more than 115 markets throughout the United States, reaching more than 8 million weekly. BlackAmericaWeb.com, which has more than 1.3 million registered members, is a virtual town square for visitors to get daily news, learn about issues affecting the Black community and listen to the Joyner's show online.

The NAACP National Voter Fund was established by as a free-standing 501c4 corporation in June 2000 to engage in civic participation and community-based mobilization efforts through education and awareness campaigns surrounding key issues in communities of color. The fund's expertise lies in increasing voter turnout in the African-American communities through non-partisan voter registration, voter education, and get-out-the-vote efforts. Their website is www.naacpnvf.net.

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