



ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

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Dear Deanna!

I'm in love with a married man I've known for several years. I know that he and I would be together but he got someone pregnant and had to marry her. He stays in his marriage because of the child, but it's getting hard for him to not commit adultery with me. We've had dates here and there, but we haven't crossed the line. I'm at the point of no return and if we become intimate, he'll leave his marriage. Should I feel bad if this happens?

Legal Mistress
Raleigh, NC

Dear Mistress:

Did you enjoy the trip when you fell and hit your head? He is with the woman he wanted and it isn't you. He is a real man and did the right thing by giving his child a family and a home that doesn't include homewreckers like yourself. He's just as wrong as you, but if you really care about him, stop being a temptation trying to claim forbidden fruit. He's not leaving his wife, so you need to stop the madness before someone gets hurt, and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I have two best friends that are always talking about each other. I listen to what they say, but I never repeat anything that I hear. They're going back and forth right now harder than ever, and I'm being forced to choose sides. I don't have an issue with either one of them, and I think they're being unfair. How do I choose who I want to be friends with, because I can't be friends with both of them?

Nicki
Buffalo, NY

Dear Nicki:

Do yourself a favor and lose some weight by dropping both of them. If they don't value your friendship enough to shield you from their drama and games, then they don't deserve your friendship. You're not part of the problem now, but if you choose one over the other, you become a target from the other one. Before you make a decision, see if you can help your friends resolve their issues, but if not, call it a three-way split and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I walked away from a long marriage, a new home and a family because I wasn't happy. My husband and kids took me for granted and walked over me. I did all I thought was necessary, such as counseling, hiring babysitters for the kids and losing weight. No one in the family has noticed or cared about my pain or cries for help and attention. Now that I'm gone, ignoring everybody, they don't know what to do and are begging me to come home. What do I do?

Torn Wife
St. Louis, MO

Dear Torn Wife:

You need to have a major discussion with your husband who appears to be part of the problem. Your children don't have a choice but to fall in line because they don't pay any bills. Provide a list of your needs and wants and present them to your husband so you can get on the same page. If he's willing to accommodate the important things on your list, then you have a chance of restoring your marriage and regaining personal balance and footing in the household.

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Black docs' story to air on PBS

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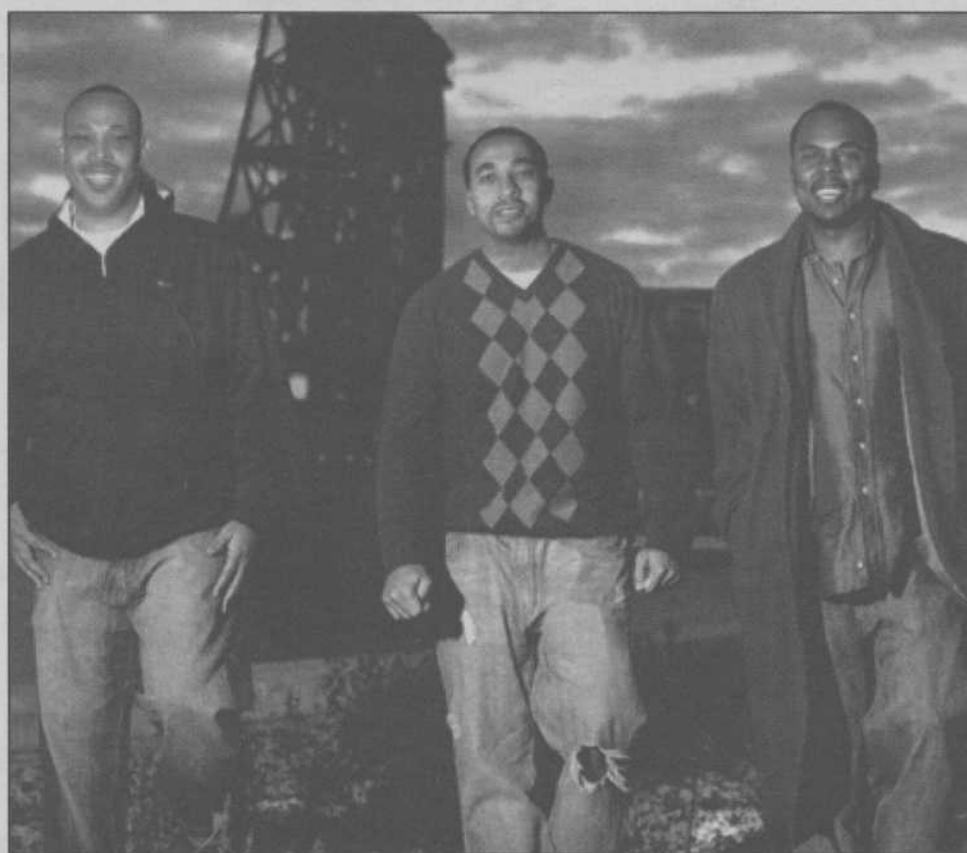
Rameck Hunt, Sampson Davis and George Jenkins grew up in a Newark ghetto where only about 3 percent of the kids went on to college. And their own prospects probably weren't any better, given that they were each raised by a single mom in a broken home in a neighborhood blighted by gang violence, drugs, poverty, unemployment and crime.

Yet, this enterprising trio of best friends had the wherewithal to sense that a ticket out of their bleak surroundings might only be an education away.

So, before the streets could gobble up their future, they made a mutual pact, promising to support each other in their shared dream of becoming doctors.

Against the odds, all three succeeded in that quest, Sampson and Rameck, as MDs, and George, as a dentist, and this uplifting bio-pic highlights the considerable hurdles they had to overcome on the road to success.

For both of Rameck's parents were crackheads, and he recounts how he'd pray to God everyday asking that just one of them be able to kick the habit.



"The Pact" tells a story of three friends who made a promise to overcome their surroundings.

Sampson, we learn in "The Pact," did a stint in juvenile prison for armed robbery and had a sister who was HIV positive. And George talks about how the absence of a male role model meant he never learned how to do many things most boys take for granted, such as how to shave or tie a tie.

But ultimately, all three

came through with flying colors and, despite their busy medical practices, remain very committed to creating academic opportunities for kids still stuck in the slums. In this regard, the film frequently focuses on the fortunes of Malique, their 12-year-old protégé who also serves as narrator.

Overall, an inspiring affir-

mation of the power of friendship, courage, determination, hard work and faith to sustain even those seemingly trapped in the most dire of circumstances.

Excellent (4 stars); Unrated. Inspirational.

"The Pact" will be televised on June 1 at 6 p.m. and June 2 at 1 a.m. on KLVX-TV, Channel 10.

Carey, Cannon spill wedding beans

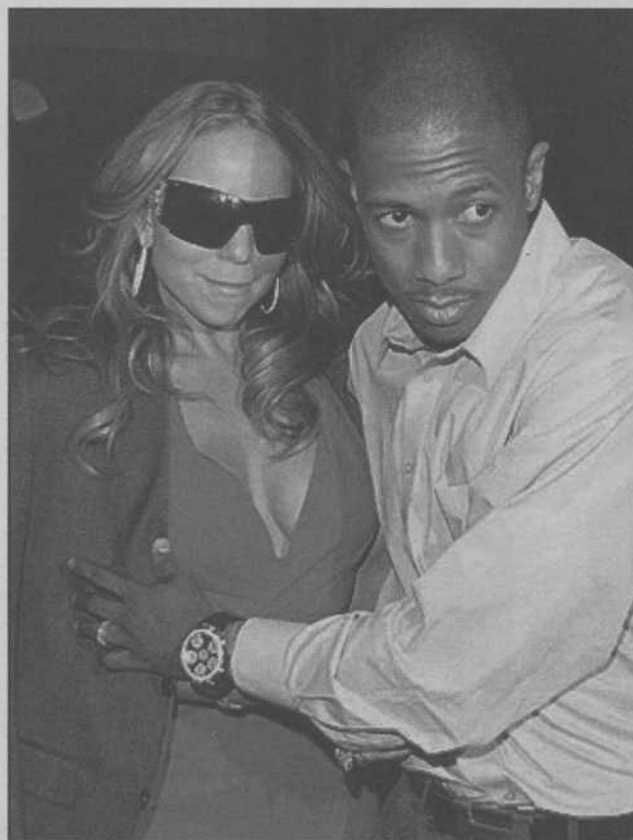
NEW YORK (AP) — Mariah Carey really did get married to Nick Cannon in the Bahamas — and they have the tattoos to prove it.

The 38-year-old singer and the 27-year-old actor confirmed to *People* magazine that they tied the knot at Carey's Bahamian estate April 30 after a courtship that began in late March.

In an interview from the magazine's May 19 issue, Cannon said they clicked instantly when Carey cast him as a lover in the video for her new single, "Bye Bye."

"From the first time we sat down to discuss the video at the Beverly Hills Hotel, we connected," Cannon said. "We had so much in common spiritually, and we laugh at the same things. I didn't have to put on my Mac Daddy suave mode. I was able to be myself with her. We are both eternally 12 years old."

They began a whirlwind romance, and raised eyebrows when Carey was seen sporting a huge diamond ring on her finger at the Tribeca Film Festival premiere of her movie "Tennessee," in which she plays a waitress.



Newlywed Nick Cannon keeps a hold on new wife, singer Mariah Carey, after dining out at a Los Angeles restaurant.

Carey said she told "only about four people" about the wedding.

Were Carey's friends surprised?

"Some were, but some weren't," she said. "One thing (few people) knew was

we got tattoos a few weeks earlier. So anyone who saw my (Mrs. Cannon) tattoo wasn't surprised."

Chiming in, Cannon said, "To me rings are special and exciting, but tattoos mean more than anything. They're

forever and ever. They professed our love."

A dozen guests attended their sunset wedding, where they served Maine lobster and Dom Perignon champagne. The bride wore a gown by Nile Cmylo that showed off her curves and faded from off-white to pale pink.

"My pastor Clarence Keaton flew in from New York," Carey said. "The whole wedding was really beautiful and sweet. Being there with loved ones under the sky ... it was a spiritual moment."

Cannon said he was speechless watching Carey walk down the aisle: "I was elated, but I was thinking, 'Don't pass out.' ... [The pastor] said, 'The eyes are the window to the soul,' then gave us an entire minute to stare into each other's eyes. So I was saying, 'Don't cry.'"

The pair said they've thought about having kids.

"It's part of the whole purpose of getting married," Carey said. "I'd just want our children to have the best childhood and upbringing they possibly could."