



ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

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

Dear Deanna!

My girlfriend has been volunteering to baby sit, run errands and really help me out. I started getting suspicious when she began staying later when my husband came home. I didn't give it much thought until she washed his laundry. I hit the roof when she bought him some cologne. I kicked her out and gave my husband a few choice words. He accused me of overreacting. I decided to put my foot down and end this mess before it started. Am I wrong?

Mona
Portland, OR

Dear Mona:

You acted properly before your girlfriend decided to help herself to your husband. He is innocent, but like most men, he enjoyed the attention and didn't realize he was being set up. You need to give the cologne back to her and let her know that you no longer need her services. If you choose to remain friends, issue new boundaries that don't include your husband. In the meanwhile, continue to run your household, regulate your marriage and keep it moving?

Dear Deanna!

I'm a single mom with five kids, and I've reunited with my boyfriend of two years. I admit we've had problems on both sides. But during this recent make up, he expressed his love; he said that he missed us, and he wants to pick up where we left off. He went to work one day, and I didn't hear from him until two weeks later. He left me a voice mail saying that his job had offered him a training position in another town that and he would be back on the weekend. I didn't hear anything for three days and decided that I love myself and I'm tired of games. What should I do about this man?

Confused
Seattle, WA

Dear Confused:

If a man loves you so much, he will not disappear for two weeks and not contact you. These are signs that he's immature, selfish and not very responsible. Your relationship ended for a reason, and you should move forward instead of two steps back. You have enough kids already and don't need to add an overgrown man to the bunch. Set an example for your kids by taking care of them, loving yourself and waiting for a man that will treat you right.

Dear Deanna!

I'm in college, and me and my peers have the same issues. We're short on money, have to do odd jobs to buy gas, and we pool our money to buy food. Things are working out with the exception of one friend who isn't pulling her load. She rides in the car with us and eats the food, but we noticed that she isn't contributing to the fund. We all have seen her with new clothes and manicures. How do we tell her that she needs to pay her money or she's out of the group?

Carla
Pensacola, FL

Dear Carla:

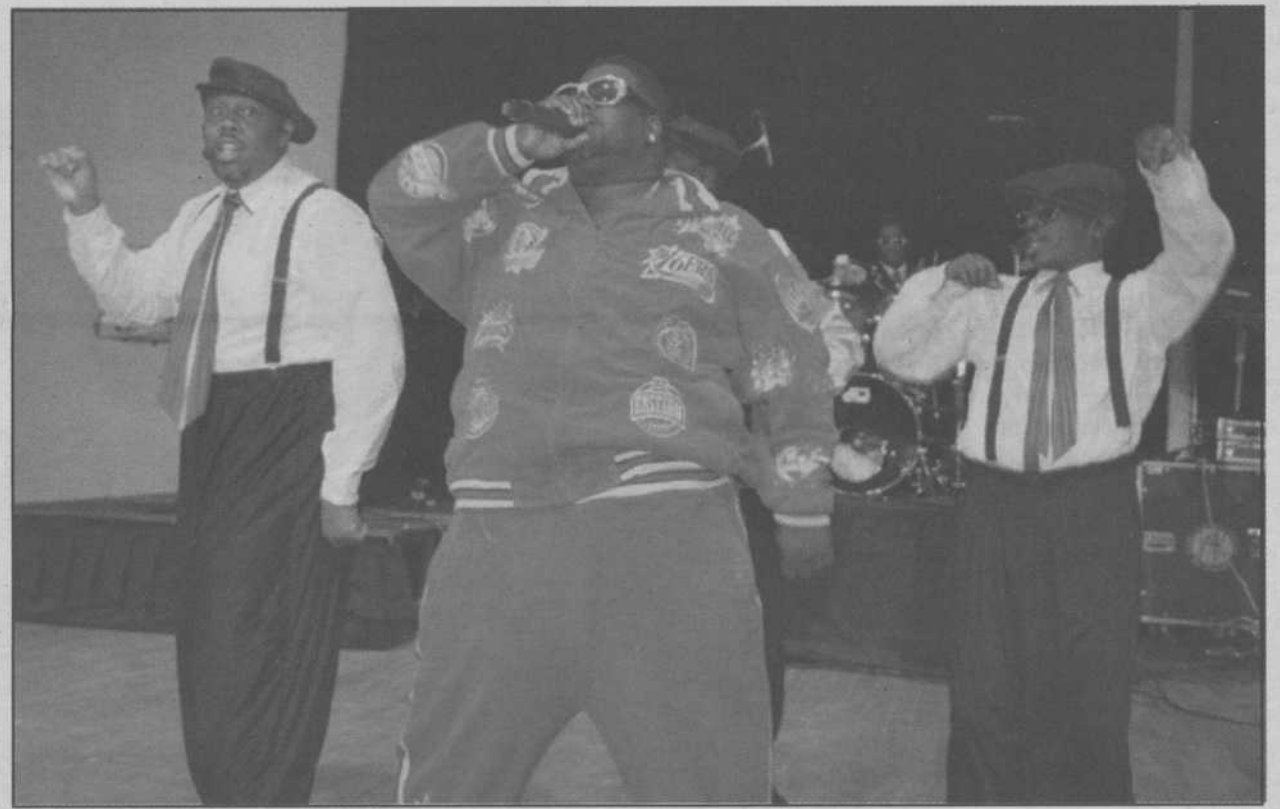
You guys are on the right track as you've realized early on that there is strength in numbers. You need to carefully document all the agreed upon activity within the group and demonstrate her lack of participation. Have a face-to-face discussion once you've verified a few things and can determine if her shortcomings are legit or bogus. If she's been getting over, then your friend is a freeloader. Let her know that she needs to pay her way or get out of the group.

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ZAPPTTEENTH IN LAS VEGAS

The Zapp Band performed during the 8th annual Juneteenth Festival last weekend at the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza at Lorenzi Park. The festival, sponsored by the Dr. Anthony Pollard Foundation, took place on Friday and Saturday. Juneteenth commemorates the day in 1865 when slaves in Texas were informed that they were free. Hundreds attended the festival over two days.

Sentinel-Voice photos by Marty Frierson



R. Kelly

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"I've seen that videotape way too many times," a woman from the panel said, grimacing. "The first time was one too many."

None of the five jurors who spoke after the verdict wanted to be identified.

For Kelly, six years of

pretrial delays came down to an agonizing 10 minutes: As a court official began to slowly read the verdict for each of the 14 counts, Kelly clutched the hands of his lawyers flanking him. He kept his head down and eyes shut tight, barely moving.

As the official got to the last few counts, tears began streaming down Kelly's face.

"Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus," he kept whispering to himself, one of his attorneys, Sam Adam Jr., recalled later Friday.

When it was over, a visibly stunned Kelly dabbed tears from his face with a handkerchief. He stood up and hugged each of his four attorneys.

The South Side native, who had faced up to 15 years

in prison had he been convicted, left the courthouse surrounded by bodyguards. He smiled and waved to dozens of cheering fans before climbing into a waiting SUV.

Kelly, who won the Grammy Award in 1997 for the song "I Believe I Can Fly" and whose biggest hits are raunchy ballads like "Ignition," didn't speak to reporters.

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cious, the biggest culprit being Zooey Deschanel who barely demonstrates the emotional range of one of the zombies everybody around her is turning into. I guess there's a reason why she's previously always been typecast as a sarcastic smart aleck. Equally-wooden is Mark Wahlberg whose countenance never conveys the sense of dread of someone facing the apocalypse.

Then there's the problem of Shyamalan's plagiarizing trademark scenes from other sci-fi thrillers, such as the jumping off buildings employed only last year in the remake of "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers." What's more annoying than when a mediocre movie constantly reminds you of much better pictures? I know, it's when you wait an hour and a half for a solution this pathetic.

Fair (1 star). Rated R for violence and disturbing images.