



## ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

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

Dear Deanna!

I was in a marriage for 3 years that didn't last. I am now legally divorced with no strings attached, and I want to live my life. I'm very responsible, but my family accuses me of being an unfit parent. My children are old enough to be left home alone, and I don't bring my relationships in front of them. I don't want to enter another serious relationship and wish everyone would leave me alone. Does it matter what I do as long as my family is taken care of?

Marissa  
Omaha, NE

Dear Marissa:

As a parent, you have moral obligations you must adhere to whether you want to or not. There's nothing wrong with having fun, recreational dating and enjoying the rush of single life. Double check your actions in regards to your parenting skills and the care arrangements for your children while you're out and about. You may not want a relationship, but you want to be careful and not fall into the category of a garden tool.

\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Deanna!

I'm a Christian and there are things that I do that people don't agree with. I feel as if I can drink wine, enjoy music and wear what I want to wear. Don't get me wrong, I love the Lord and do what I'm supposed to do. My life is fine, but other people don't think so. I don't like being judged when other people at church do the same thing but pretend to be super holy. Do I need to go ahead and change churches because these people aren't going to change?

Honest Christian  
Charleston, SC

Dear Honest:

If you were as rooted and tooted in your faith as you pretend to be, you wouldn't worry about what other people think. You need to put your stones away and come out of the same glass house that everyone else is in. You're just as guilty, because you just so happen to know their business, they way they know yours. Do yourself a favor and mind your business, live according to God's word and seek to receive growth and understanding in your worship instead of human acceptance.

\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Deanna!

My wife and I are having financial troubles because she won't stop spending money. We live on a budget but she keeps breaking the rules. It's at the point where our bills are late, my credit rating has become poor and we don't have money to do simple things. I don't mind her spending here and there, but she makes major purchases without my consent, goes on trips and gives money to her family. How do I let her know this is killing our marriage?

Dan  
Long Island City, NY

Dear Dan:

You should bear the responsibility of eliminating her access to cash, bank accounts and credit cards, and pay all the bills yourself. Your immediate goal is to stabilize the finances and your credit rating. The next step is to physically give her a budget and if she messes up, leave her to fend for herself. Once this is done, encourage your wife to get some counseling and stick to the budget you give her or you'll both be looking at each other in the poor house.

\*\*\*\*\*

Write: Ask Deanna! Email: [askdeanna1@yahoo.com](mailto:askdeanna1@yahoo.com) or 264 S. LaCienega Blvd. Suite 1283 Beverly Hills, CA 90211 Website: [www.askdeanna.com](http://www.askdeanna.com).

# Film lacks smarts of TV classic

By Kam Williams  
Sentinel-Voice

"Get Smart," which enjoyed a five-year run on TV from 1965 to 1970, was a reliably sidesplitting spoof of James Bond and the rest of the international espionage genre.

Created by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry, the program starred the late Don Adams in the title role as the bumbling Maxwell Smart, aka Agent 86, and Barbara Feldon as his sultry sidekick, 99. As spies for CONTROL, a CIA-style government agency, their weekly mission was to protect the Free World from their evil, Cold War counterparts working for KAOS.

Now, Steve Carrell has been tapped to play Max in the screen adaptation, a two-hour waste of celluloid with fewer laughs than any one half-hour episode of the original television show. For some unfathomable reason, director Peter Segal opted to overhaul a relentlessly hilarious, over-the-top parody never intended to be taken seriously into a dramatic adventure with only intermittent comic relief.

Yes, Smart still employs stock catchphrases, such as, "Missed it by that much" and "Would you believe...?" periodically, and he also has some of the old gadgetry at his disposal, like the confounding Cone of Silence. In addition, many beloved characters have also been brought back, including The Chief

## Zeta convention to bring throngs

Special to Sentinel-Voice

Thousands of distinguished women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., will descend on Las Vegas this week for the sorority's international convention called The Boule. This weeklong event kicks off with a Sunday morning worship service with actor/singer/composer/minister Rev. Clifton Davis. He will also serve as master of ceremonies for the opening program.

Nearly 6,000 Zetas from around the world are expected for the five-day convention (June 29-July 3) at the Las Vegas Hilton.

National radio host Tom Joyner will be a part of opening-day activities that will also include awards for distinguished community service. Other dignitaries sched-



"Get Smart," the remake starring Steve Carrell, lacks the verve of the 1960s TV show.

(Alan Arkin), Agent Larabee (David Koechner), stowaway specialist Agent 13 (Bill Murray), Hymie the Robot (Patrick Warburton), and KAOS villains Siegfried (Terrence Stamp) and Shtarker (Ken Davitian). Notable cast additions include The Rock as Agent 23, Terry Crews as Agent 91, James Caan as the president of the United States,

However, because this version places more of an emphasis on action and special effects than on humor, the jokes are few and far between, a fact likely to infuriate the franchise's diehard fans. Another irritation is the profanity and off-color content, which will undoubtedly seem inappropriate to anyone familiar with the source material. But the film's biggest failing is that Steve Carrell

doesn't even try to deliver his lines with the same pithy pizzazz which made Adams' embodiment of the character so memorable.

The nostalgia factor aside, perhaps the picture's most offensive indiscretion involves a shameless reenactment of Catherine Zeta Jones' memorable moment from "Entrapment" (1999). Here, we are treated to the sight of curvy 99 (Anne Hathaway) undulating sensuously in a form-fitting outfit to avoid red laser beams. Is the passage of nine years

enough time to plagiarize a famous scene and think no one would notice? How dumb and absolutely unoriginal!

The upshot is that this incarnation of "Get Smart" neither does justice to the TV show nor to any of cinema classics it borrows ideas from, pictures like "True Lies," "The Spy Who Loved Me," "Moonraker" and "Dr. Strangelove." "Get Smart" got stupid.

Fair (1 star). Rated PG-13 for violence, profanity and crude humor.

## Omega hosting 9th wine taste

Special to Sentinel-Voice

The Kappa Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will host its 9th Annual Wine Taste fundraiser from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, June 28, at the Moyer Student Union ballroom on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Parkway.

The public is invited to come out to enjoy a night of delectable wines, tasty hor d'oeuvres, live entertainment, great prizes and good fun.

Advance tickets are \$50 per person; the cost is \$55 at the door. Tables of 10 are \$500.

Proceeds from the event support Kappa Xi's various civic service initiatives, which include but aren't limited to: supporting the scholarship efforts of the nonprofit Omega Psi Phi Charities of Nevada (through a partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities,

OPPCON has awarded \$34,000 in college scholarships since 2002); mentoring to the chapter's 19-year-old youth group for high-school males, the Omega Gentlemen's Club; assisting with an annual economic summit hosted by OPPCON and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; donating supplies to at-risk schools; adopting families during the holiday season; and much more.

Those interested in tickets and more information can call (702) 869-5336.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded Nov. 17, 1911, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Established in 1976 in Las Vegas, the Kappa Xi Chapter strives to live up to the organization's cardinal principles of "Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift" and to improve lives of citizens of the Las Vegas Valley.

(See Boule, Page 7)