



ASK DEANNA!
*Real People,
Real Advice*

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

Dear Deanna!

I broke up with this girl two years ago. We both moved on but now we've started talking as friends. During this time she had a baby by someone else. I have a girlfriend but I take care of this baby as if it's mine. My ex calls me sometimes, and other times she curses me and dogs me out but I don't say anything. I still have feelings for her as if I want to be with her. What should I do?

Help Me Out
Toledo, OH

Dear Help:

If you want to be a wimpy man with no backbone, keep doing what you're doing. Otherwise, you need to decide if you're going to stay with the woman you're with or go back to your ex for more punishment. It's good you're helping with the baby, but you need to free yourself. You broke up with this woman for a reason. And considering how she treats you, nothing has changed; therefore, son, you need to "man up" and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend hasn't proposed to me yet and I'm tired of waiting. We've been together for five years and have two kids together. I cook, clean and sacrifice for him and feel I should have the title of wife. I know he has commitment issues, but is it wrong for me to set an ultimatum?

Miss J
Queens, NY

Dear Miss J:

God didn't put you here to wear the title of "Miss Fool." You should've given your ultimatum before your first child was born. If he hasn't proposed by now, Valentine's Day won't make a difference. Make your commitment desires known and stress the importance of setting a manly example for his kids. If he doesn't do the right thing after two kids, you're stuck in fornication and only you can decide to stay or set yourself free.

Dear Deanna!

My friend and I decided to share an apartment. In living together I've discovered things about her I don't like. She's dirty and lies about not having her bill money. After six months, I asked her to clean the tub, and she got defensive even more so when I asked her man to take out the trash. She shops and dines every day, but I'm on a budget. I feel like I'm being used, and I'm stuck because her mom watches my son. I don't want this friendship anymore. Should I feel this way?

Anonymous
Online Email

Dear Anonymous:

You're being used like toilet paper. Male or female, you see a person in their true light when living with them. Evict your nasty friend immediately and find a roommate to rent her room. Don't let the relationship with her mom be an excuse. You can always find someone else to help with your son. The aggravation and stress aren't worth it. Again, give her the boot.

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NDOT

(Continued from Page 1) greenlighted it on Sept. 20, 2006. The Federal Highway Administration okayed the environmental assessment proposal on May 18, 2007.

The original project called for the elimination of existing bridge at F Street, connecting it to D Street, as well as maintaining access to Union Park via F Street/City Parkway, eliminating cut-through traffic on residential streets and establishing a cul-de-sac on F and D streets.

Residents are pushing Barlow to change of the original proposal. The City of Las Vegas is seeking to amend the agreement. However, any changes probably will not change plans to close F Street and convert it into a cul-de-sac. Keeping the street open would cost an es-

Alaska

(Continued from Page 4) spokesman for Juneteenth — a state holiday since 2001 — in Alaska, faults Palin for both failing to attend the annual celebration and issuing a proclamation as specified under the law.

"Where past governors have attended [this celebration] Gov. Palin has refused to attend or even send a staff member. They could have sent a gardener as their representative, but they didn't," said Bishop Thomas.

Juneteenth, recognizing the freeing of slaves during the Civil War, receives celebration nationwide. It holds distinction as the oldest African-American celebration. Twenty-nine states including Alaska recognize Juneteenth as an official holiday or an observance.

"For Gov. Palin to blatantly ignore Juneteenth is a tragedy," said Thomas, pastor of the non-denominational Jesus Holy Temple in Anchorage. "We are not criticizing her because Obama is running for president. If Obama was White, we would still criticize Palin due to our treatment here."

Sarah Palin burst on the national stage as Sen. John McCain's running mate during the GOP convention.

Bishop Thomas and many others in Alaska feel "Blacks are not being treated fairly" by Palin. "This governor does not deal with minorities well," Thomas said. "We have to examine how she will act as vice president and if, by chance, she becomes president."

Linn Washington, Jr. writes for the Philadelphia Tribune.



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Deborah Jackson states objections to the closure of F Street during a public forum with state transportation officials.

timated \$13.4 million. This additional cost would only be for a new bridge, and does not include money to account for the delay in the redesign and revision of the environmental report.

Barlow did indicate that the residents were relieved to hear that "D" Street would remain open, but that they also wanted "F" Street to remain open as well. The residents have considered filing an injunction against NDOT if a compromise cannot be developed to cease the closure of "F" Street.

Shondra Armstrong is disappointed that plans weren't communicated more effec-

tively.

"People are upset because there wasn't any widespread notification of the process, and they didn't take into consideration any cultural impact that this decision would have on the community."

Another area resident, Trish Geran, thinks the project was well underway before any information was given to residents. "I have spoken to many of my neighbors and none of them ever recalled receiving any notification about the closure of F and D Streets.

"I'm sick and tired of West Las Vegas being ignored and made to feel like

we're unimportant to anyone," Joanna Wesley said. "I am outraged and livid because I have a barber shop on D and Jackson. This street will not close if my neighbors and I have anything to say about it. We have a chance to fix up the houses and build condominiums, but they want to take that away from us by closing the streets."

Malfabon told the audience he would communicate their concerns to his superiors and get answers as soon as he could, which might take days or weeks. He said he'd be willing to have another community meeting.

"What I learned from the community tonight is that we have to do a better job of informing the public, we cannot rely on the same old way of putting a notice in the newspaper, and leaving postings at public buildings," Malfabon said. "We have to reach out more to neighborhood groups, churches, etc., and tell them that this is the proposed project that we plan to implement and give them the details of the project and its impact. We didn't know that there was this much resistance to the project at this location."

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