



ASK DEANNA! Real People, Real Advice

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

Dear Deanna!

My mother-in-law is causing tension in my marriage. She's sexy, youthful and has implants but I'm not attracted to her. I am happy with my wife. My wife has self-esteem issues because of her weight and sees her mom as competition. I often tell her that her mother is fake because of the plastic surgery. Our marriage is suffering because my wife has it in her mind that I want her mother. Is there anything I can do in order to boost her self-esteem?

James *
Topeka, KS

Dear James:

You have no business commenting on your mother-in-laws implants nor calling her sexy. This makes it look as if you've spent time looking at her and sizing her up. Your wife has been observing your behavior and actions in the presence of her mother and it has made her insecure. If your wife sees her mom as competition, she needs to lose weight, improve her appearance and work on her own happiness. Your encouragement, coupled with her self-improvement is the solution to bringing the happiness back and saving your marriage.

Dear Deanna!

My spouse is trying to force me to quit my stable job of 10 years. I've never had problems and the benefits are great. The issue is a new department secretary. I have no interest in this woman but my wife only sees her as a young, energetic woman climbing the ladder. I've done nothing to make my wife insecure and she's going crazy listening to office gossip. I'm not quitting my job and my wife still insists that I should. What do I do?

Paul R.
Jacksonville, FL

Dear Paul:

If you've had the same job and same spouse with no issues, then something has been triggered with the arrival your new employee. If you've winked or wagged then you've given the office hens something to talk about. Office gossip is 99 percent gossip with a one percent smell of truth. Your wife has an insecurity issue that started before now and this is simply an excuse. You have a choice to fix your marriage, fix your job or fix yourself.

Dear Deanna!

I ended my relationship with my boyfriend because I thought I wanted someone more active, exciting and could give me thrills. I now realize I had everything I needed in the man I was with. My ex-boyfriend has a good job, making a lot of money and he's dating someone else. I want him back and it hurts me looking at this woman living the life I was supposed to have. How do I approach him and let him know that I want another chance?

Anonymous
Charleston, SC

Dear Anonymous:

You didn't miss the water until the well ran dry and now you have to look at the life you missed out on. You got what you deserved because you were selfish and only thought about yourself and your agenda. It appears he's happy in his new relationship. You can call him on the phone or talk to him direct. However, you must remember that you left him for another man. If he rejects you, or hurts your feelings, get over it because the pendulum of karma just swung back.

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Snoop cameos at Savivors Day

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ROSEMONT, Ill. — Entertainer Snoop Dogg made an appearance Sunday at the Nation of Islam's annual Savivors Day convention, praising Min. Louis Farrakhan and suggesting that he is a member of the movement.

Snoop, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, gave a \$1,000 donation to the Nation and said he will always seek the minister out.

Reality star called himself the "leader of the hip-hop community" and said it was his first Savivors Day event. He told followers that he would share the information he gathered with other musicians.

"When you get a speech from Minister Farrakhan it's about a mirror, it's about looking at yourself," the Snoop later told The Associated Press. "It's about seeing yourself and what you can do to better the situation ... We're doing a lot of wrongs among ourselves that need correcting."

When asked by the AP if he planned to convert and become a member of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam, Snoop said he has already joined in the movement.



Entertainer Snoop Dogg addresses the Nation of Islam's Savivors Day convention in Rosemont, Ill., on Sunday.

"I'm already in the Nation, that's why I'm here," he said. "I'm an advocate for

peace. I've been in the peace movement ever since I've been making music. My whole thing is not about really trying to push my thing on you. It's just about the way I live, and I live how I'm supposed to live as far as doing what's right and representing what's right. That's why I was here today."

The Long Beach native did not elaborate on when he'd joined the Nation. Messages left for Nation of Islam officials were not immediately returned Sunday. Attempts to reach the rapper's publicist were unsuccessful.

During the speech Sunday, Snoop sat on stage behind Farrakhan clapping and nodding. Snoop declined to say how long he would be in the Chicago area or whether he was working on any projects. His last album, "Ego Trippin,'" was released in March 2008.

Farrakhan has long held relationships with famous rappers and hip-hop artists. He has hosted and spoken at hip-hop conventions, encouraging peace between rappers.

Rapper Doug E. Fresh also attended the convention but didn't speak publicly. Rapper T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, appeared via recorded video. He told followers that education is the key to success.



MUSIC TO YOUR MOUTH

Food vendors participating in the seventh annual Taste & Sounds of Soul festival served up plates of tasty dishes to hundreds during the three-day event held on downtown's Fremont Street in celebration of Black History Month.

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