

Ask

Deanna!



Real People, Real Advice
An advice column known for its fearless approach to reality based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

I had a date with my boyfriend but he never showed up. The funny thing is I couldn't reach my girlfriend either. There's a rumor they're messing around but other than her number being on his pager and the disappearing act, I have no proof. She said they're friends but he says she likes him. What's going on? -- Kerri; Omaha, Neb.

Dear Kerri:

Helen Keller could see this one coming. There's something fishy going on. Other than an emergency your friend's number shouldn't be on your man's

pager. Don't play games. Go ahead and ask both of them about it. You should know them well enough to tell if they're lying. They have two different stories going so expect two different lies. Life is too sweet for drama so eliminate them both and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend is pressuring me to co-sign for a car loan because his credit is messed up. I don't feel secure doing this because our relationship "isn't all that" if you know what I mean. He hasn't put a ring on my finger and he doesn't pay his bills on time. I love him

but not enough for bad credit. -- Donna; Great Falls, S.C.

Dear Donna:

Don't sign anything for him except a greeting card. If you get this car for him and end up behind the eight ball—stuck with the payments, you'll be ruined. No more credit, hard to open a checking account and what happens if you want a new car? The best thing you can do is steer him to a credit counselor because if he's forcing you, then I smell a rat and you should too.

Dear Deanna!

Two of my friends have been

making me suspicious about my husband because he comes home late from work. They have been filling up my head with stuff and have successfully led me to think he's having an affair. I followed him in a different car, pushed redial on the telephone and checked his pockets for phone numbers. His behavior hasn't changed but my friends keep trying to convince me he's messing around. I can't find anything. Am I losing it? --Paranoid; Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Paranoid,

Grow up and stop doing childish things like playing Inspector Gadget. If your spouse doesn't dis-

play signs of infidelity don't look for any. If your man comes home late and he says he was working—trust him. You are borrowing trouble and setting your marriage up for a downfall by listening to your friends. When your girlfriends start trying to cause drama, stop them dead in their tracks. If they keep at it, tell them to get lost so you can keep your marriage happy and healthy.

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Linking Homebuyers with Transit

For eligible home buyers who choose a home within a half mile of a light rail station or within a quarter mile of a commuter bus stop, participating lenders will add a portion of their potential transportation savings to their qualifying income.



An incentive program to boost home ownership in neighborhoods near public transit is kicked off by Tonya Parker of the Fannie Mae-Oregon Partnership office with Congressman Earl Blumenauer (from left), Kim Duncan of TriMet and Mark Ellsworth of the governor's office. The Portland Regional Smart Commute Initiative helps people convert savings from using mass transit into additional borrowing power for a home mortgages.

Portland residents now have new financial incentives to purchase a home near public transportation.

The Portland Regional Smart Commute Initiative recognizes the potential cost savings available to users of public transit and allows qualified buyers to convert that savings into additional borrowing power for a home mortgage.

For eligible home buyers who choose a home within a half mile of a light rail station or within a quarter mile of a commuter bus stop, participating lenders will add a portion of their potential transportation savings to their qualifying income — which increases their potential borrowing power and helps them buy more home for their money.

In addition, homeowners who obtain a mortgage under the initiative will receive free passes for one month on TriMet buses and light rail trains. Also, Flexcar offers Smart Commute participants who join the car share program \$100 of free initial usage credit.

Partners in the initiative include TriMet, Countrywide Home Loans, the Portland Development Commission, Flexcar, Metro, the city of Portland's Transportation Office, the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors and Fannie Mae.

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