

Ask Deanna!



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

bank account is another story. What do I do before this ruins my marriage which I see happening? --*Insulted Wife; On-Line Reader*

Dear Insulted:
You can solve this problem in five minutes and never leave your home. Call your telephone company and have your telephone service disconnected because without phone service, your husband can't access the internet. Be sure to have a cell phone handy and prepare for the storm. Take this opportunity to suggest counseling and if the phones come back on, your husband has to choose between you or the cyber chicks.

Dear Deanna!
I made the mistake and tried to help a friend that got evicted from her apartment. She has three children and I feel as if I'm living in a tornado. These kids have no home training, constantly spill food and are always dirty. I'm really losing my mind because you would think they were deaf the way the television is on full blast. The way my home looks and the stress I feel makes me willing to lose the friendship if I kick her out. What do I do? --*Anonymous; Jacksonville, Fla.*

Dear Anonymous:
There may be more to the story of why she got evicted in the first place. If you value your sanity and possessions, help her plan her next move. Be mature and have a discussion without placing the blame on the children and express your desire to reclaim your space. Have a few applications available and some cash to speed the process. This approach should save your friendship and also get the tiny terrors out the door quick, fast and in a hurry.

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Dear Deanna!

I work two jobs because my wife got laid off. She's never satisfied and when I think about it, I'm breaking my neck and she spends money left and right. I don't have a problem with this, but if she wants to have her glamorous lifestyle, she needs to get a job. When I approach her, she claims she can't find work but she's not looking. I'm tired and want to rest but also want to keep my wife happy but don't know how. --*Joel; Omaha, Neb.*

Dear Joel:

Shut her down, close your wallet and take the credit cards immediately. If your wife won't work, then you need to make her an item on the budget and give her a monthly allowance. Once her money runs out, then oh well, she's stuck until the next cycle or until she gets a job. This may not make your wife happy but at least you'll still be around to see her.

Dear Deanna!

My husband is addicted to internet pornography. I feel very insulted because it's rude and disrespectful. We've argued often because I've asked him to entertain himself with the computer when I'm not around. He will access things on the screen while I'm in the room and I can't take it. The cost and charges on our credit cards and

Diversity Reach Expands

The Cascade AIDS Project is reaching out to minority populations with a growing message of HIV prevention and education by promoting Kathleen D. Saadat as its Director of Diversity and Human Resources.

Saadat is credited with enhancing CAP's outreach to the African-American and

Latino communities as manager of its Communities of Color initiative.

She is a Reed College graduate who formerly served with the Multnomah County Department of Community and Family Services. She has served as a trainer, facilitator, public speaker and consultant specializing in diversity issues and once served

as state director of affirmative action.

Cascade AIDS Project Executive Director Jean Ann Van Krevelen also announced the promotion of Mary S. Marshall as Director of Finance and Operations.

Marshall is a Certified Public Accountant who has worked with CAP since 2003.



Kathleen D. Saadat

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Tax Would Pay for Teachers, Materials November vote scheduled

The Portland School Board on Monday unanimously decided to seek voter approval for local school funding, referring to the November election ballot a five-year local option property tax levy.

The tax would pay for 380 teaching positions and up-to-date books and learning materials for students and teachers.

School district officials said maintaining teachers' jobs will prevent increases in class sizes, and help protect programs such as art, music and PE, vocational and technical education, support for struggling students and library services.

The money for materials and training will help teachers and students in the classroom, such as science lab materials, math workbooks, literature and reading texts.

The local option mandates independent citizen oversight to ensure that the money is spent as the voters directed. All money raised will be spent directly in the PPS schools, with no money spent on central administration and no money distributed to other parts of the state.

The Oregon Legislature, recognizing that many communities might want to support their

schools beyond the base state funding, allowed communities to pass local option levies for their schools.

Portland voters approved a local option in 2000; that funding expired in 2005. Portland Public Schools also lost a significant source of revenue as a temporary local income tax expired.

During the current school year, the City of Portland, Multnomah County, the business community and the state Legislature have cobbled together \$21 million in one-time-only funding to maintain teaching jobs and a full school year for 2006-07. The school district is also spending \$12 million in reserves.

The new local option would pay for teachers and classroom materials starting in 2007-08.

The proposed levy is \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. A homeowner with a typical home assessed at almost \$124,000 would pay about \$150 a year.

School leaders said the total property tax rate collected by PPS would remain lower than the rate paid in 2004-05, the final year of the previous voter-approved local option levy.

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