



Carole's Corner



Should Problems Be Happening Now?

Dear Carole,
Do you think there are any more so-called "ladies" left? I'm talking about "lady" in the real old-fashioned sense of the word. I want someone who hasn't been around everywhere and someone who will give me her undivided attention. I'm a conservative, 32 year old guy who has decided to wait until I find a real "lady" before I get married. Do you know of any?

Searching

Dear Searching,
Yes, I know many ladies. But you and I may have a different opinion about what to expect from a "lady." Many values are changing. Even the most caring, compassionate and conservative lady of today will have some expectations of you, too.

Are you willing to give the lady your undivided attention? Will you try to be sensitive to her needs? If you're searching for someone to treat you like No. 1, you must treat her the same way or you may find yourself searching forever.

Carole

P.S. This is not a column for matchmaking. Sorry.

Dear Carole,
We just got married two months ago. I wasn't expecting our marriage to be perfect, but I sure wasn't expecting to have problems so soon. My husband is tight and stingy. He won't let me buy anything unless I discuss it with him first. He acts like I need his permission. I work just like he does so I don't have to ask him anything. When

I do try to discuss what I want to buy he always says no. He says I want too much. This problem seems to be growing worse each day. What should we do?

A Bride

Dear Bride,
I have enclosed information about sources of budget counseling. Please contact those sources.

However, a few other issues seem apparent. You and your husband need to open up your feelings to each other. He is your husband and you are his (adult) wife. He is not your father with you as his child. It is important for couples to discuss their spending decisions. But it is inappropriate for "permission" to be given by him to you or you to him for making such decisions. It may be helpful if both of you set aside an agreed amount for spending personally that is separate from the money used to pay your bills.

The earlier that problem comes to the surface, the sooner those problems can be corrected. Other issues will occur during the course of your marriage. Try to work together to find a solution by taking each issue as it occurs. May you have a strong and happy marriage.

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Salute Planned For Bobby Jones

WBT Radio and the City of Charlotte will salute former Philadelphia 76er and Charlotte native Bobby Jones. The dinner will be held on Thursday, July 31, at the Adam's Mark at 7 p.m. Special guests will include Jones' four coaches, Dean Smith, Billy Cunningham, Larry Brown and Dave Price, and Pat Williams, former general manager of the 76ers. The cost of the dinner is \$20 with \$15 being tax deductible. Net proceeds from the

dinner will benefit Rebound Christian Rehabilitation programs, a Charlotte-based, non-profit group dealing with alcoholism.

Jones' career encompassed 10 years of professional basketball during which he was known as a very unselfish player. Jones won the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year in the 76ers' 1983 championship season.

At Carolina, Jones was twice the Tar Heels' MVP

and holds the North Carolina record for best field goal percentage in a single season (66.8 percent). Jones also ranks in the top 20 among all Carolina players in points, rebounds and assists. At South Mecklenburg High School, Jones was a two sport athlete, excelling in basketball and track.

Reservations for the dinner can be made by calling WBT Promotions Department at 374-3558 or 374-3562.

Charlotte O's To Appear At Belmont Center

Kids need a break from midsummer heat? Charlotte O's baseball players will be appearing at the Belmont Center Public Library, 700 Parkwood Ave., Thursday, July 24, from 2-2:30 p.m.

Players will talk to the children about how they got into their jobs, and what life is really like for a baseball player.

The O's appearances are part of the Summer Reading Program, "Exercise Your Mind," sponsored by the Library and WBT. Many of the books include sports and game themes.

At the conclusion of the reading program, a sports festival will be held at Independence Park on August 13.

All library programs are

free and open to the public. For more information please call the Belmont Center Library at 336-2740.

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